

AT A GLANCE

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3: Â'L-E-'IMRÂN

Period of Revelation:

This Sûrah (Chapter), revealed at Madinah, consists of three discourses. The first discourse (vv. 1-32 and vv. 64-120) appears to have been revealed soon after the Battle of Badr. The second discourse (vv. 33-63) was revealed in 9 A.H. when the deputation from the Christians of Najrân visited the Prophet. The third discourse (vv. 121-200) was revealed after the Battle of Uhud.

Major Issues, Divine Laws and Guidance

- * *Allah's testimony about Himself.*
- * *Decisive vs. Allegorical verses of the Qur'an.*
- * *The True religion in the sight of Allah is only Islam.*
- * *The only religion acceptable to Allah is Islam.*
- * *Live Islam and die as a Muslim in order to get salvation.*
- * *Followers of Isa (Jesus) were Muslims.*
- * *Birth of Maryam (Mary), Yahya (John) and Isa (Jesus) peace be upon them.*
- * *'Mubahla' (calling for Allah's decision if the birth of Jesus is disputed). He was born without a father, as Adam (first man) was born without parents and Eve (first woman) was born without a mother.*
- * *Life and death is from Allah.*
- * *There is no escape from death.*
- * *Those who are killed in the path of Allah are not dead, but are alive.*
- * *Muhammad (pbuh) is no more than a Rasool/Prophet of Allah.*
- * *Prohibition to take the unbelievers as protectors.*
- * *Critical review and lessons taught during the Battle of Uhud.*
- * *The first House of Allah ever built on earth is that of Ka'bah at Makkah.*

As in Sûrah Al-Baqarah, the Jews were invited to accept the guidance. Similarly, in this Sûrah, the Christians are admonished to give up their erroneous beliefs and accept the guidance of the Qur'an. At the same time, the Muslims are instructed to nourish the virtues that may enable them to carry out their obligation of spreading the Divine guidance.

The believers had met with all sorts of trials and hardships about which they were forewarned in Sûrah Al-Baqarah. Even though they had come out victorious in the Battle of Badr, they were not out of danger yet. Their victory had aroused the enmity of all those powers in Arabia which were opposed to the Islamic movement. Threatening events had begun to appear on all sides and the Muslims were in a

