

Below, I have highlighted a few, they are:

Reasons of Revelation (Asbaabun Nuzul)

This is the specific reason or circumstance of a verse (ayah) or number of verses of the Holy Qur'an being revealed. The study of the reason behind the revelation will enable us to understand the verses better because we will now know the details of when, how and regarding whom a particular verse was revealed. It will also give clarity as to the legal ruling of an ayah. The 'reasons of revelation' have been related to us from Ahadith. Sometimes there are several reasons for revelation regarding one Surah or verse and sometimes there are several revelations regarding one incident.

Abrogation (Naasigh and Mansoogh)

A very comprehensive example that clearly emphasizes this science, are the verses in the Qur'an with regards to the prohibition of wine. There were 3 verses revealed regarding wine which gradually resulted in its prohibition.

The first verse states: 'We ask you regarding wine and gambling. Say, in them is a great sin and a benefit for Mankind, And the sin is greater than the benefit.' In this verse, Allah (swt) highlighted to the Sahabah that there is sin as well as benefit in wine. Allah Ta'aalaha thereafter re-emphasized the sin over the benefit. So in the back of their minds, what happened is that the idea of drinking wine being a sin started to grow. However, they were not prohibited from wine and so they continued drinking until Hadhrat Ali (ra) was performing salaah one day and he was reciting Surah Kaafirun and he began mixing up the words thereby changing its meaning. Allah Ta'aalaha then revealed the next verse.

The second verse states: 'O' those who believe, do not come near to salaah while you are intoxicated until you are aware of what you are saying.' (S4/V4). Even after this verse was revealed, the Sahaabah continued drinking wine and before the time of salaah, they would begin abstaining. Like this they aimed to perform their salaah in a sober state.

Allah (swt) soon thereafter revealed the last verse. The third verse concludes the prohibition – It states: 'O' those who believe, indeed wine, gambling and throwing lots are evil from the

handiwork of Shaytaan so abstain from it so that you may be successful...' (S5/V90). After this verse was revealed, wine was flowing in the streets of Madinah. It was at this point that it became completely prohibited until the Day of Qiyaamah.

Coming back to our discussion with regards to 'Abrogation'...The third verse revealed regarding wine, abrogated the first two verses. This means that we have to follow the third verse and know that we are obligated to stay away from wine at all times. The verses of abrogation were generally revealed in Makkah and after the hijrah (migration from Makkah to Madinah) another set of verses were revealed, abolishing the rulings of the previous verses revealed in Makkah.

The Qur'an was revealed twice

Did you know that the revelation of the Qur'an took place two times? The Holy Qur'an is under eternal protection on the preserved tablet (Lowhe Mahfooz). From this preserved tablet, its revelation took place twice.

The first revelation of the entire Qur'an was revealed from the preserved tablet in the seventh heaven to the 'Baitul Izzha' in the first heaven which is a place of worship for the angels and lies directly above the Ka'bah in the sky.

The second revelation was revealed onto the heart of Nabi ﷺ through Jibraeel (as) whenever the occasion arose. In this way, the entire Qur'an was revealed to Nabi (saw) over a period of 23 years.

The wisdom of the Qur'an being revealed separately over a period of 23 years

The reasons behind the Qur'an being revealed piecemeal are endless. A few are listed below highlighting Allah's wisdom:

- To strengthen the heart of Nabi ﷺ against persecution and harm of the Polytheists (Mushrikeen)
- To show gentleness and kindness and allow ease towards Nabi ﷺ at the time of revelation. It was indeed a very difficult time for our Prophet ﷺ because he was constantly being rejected by the masses.