

- To introduce the laws of Shariah in stages – They were a completely ignorant nation and they needed to be eased into these perfect laws
- To make the memorization of the Qur'an and the understanding and implementation of it easy, especially since it was revealed in the 'time of ignorance'.
- To play out as a means of advice and caution in different situations thereby giving us the best example to follow.

### ***The preserving of the Qur'an***

The main way of preserving the Qur'an was through memorization but the actual physical recording of the verses were also done at the same time. While the Qur'an was still being revealed, Nabi ﷺ appointed approximately 40 Sahabah to write down the verses that were being revealed.

The famous scribes among them were, Ubai bin Ka'ab, Muaaz bin Jabal, Zaid bin Thabit and Abu Zaid. These scribes used to write the Qur'anic verses on leather, skin, and fine stones like slats and on branches of date trees. This proved to be a very beneficial exercise because during the

Khilafah of Hadhrat Abu Bakr (ra), 70 Sahabah who were all Haafidh (preservers and protectors) of the Quran were martyred in the battle of Yamamah.

It was directly after this incident that Hadhrat Abu Bakr (ra) decided to start compiling the Qur'an. He appointed Zaid bin Thabit to take on this great task. Zaid bin Thabit was to collect all the written pieces of Quranic verses and to verify each and every verse with the remaining Sahabah who were Haafidh. Hadhrat Abu Bakr (ra) kept this copy with him until he passed away. Thereafter, the copy of the Qur'an was left in the care of Hadhrat Umar (ra) until he passed away. It was then passed down to the Daughter of Hadhrat Umar, Hafsah (ra).

In the time of Uthmaan (ra) a dispute arose among the Sahabah regarding the different dialects. Uthmaan (ra) settled this dispute by retaining the Qur'an that was in the dialect of the Quraysh. He used the copy that was kept by Hafsah (ra) and made several copies of that Qur'an. All other copies that were incomplete or in any other dialect were then burnt.

**This great book of Allah (swt) is an instruction manual for living life.**

