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Unit 9: Surah Bani Isra'il

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Surah Bani Isra'il is the 17th surah of the Holy Quran. It is commonly classed as Makki and has 111 ayaat. Its name means **the Children of Israel**, and it is also known as **Al-Isra**, the Night Journey, because it opens with the Night Journey of the Holy Prophet (SAW). The surah reminds people to worship Allah alone and gives a set of moral teachings: kindness to parents, care for relatives, the poor and orphans, honesty in trade, keeping promises and avoiding pride and waste. Your class studies selected ayaat from the textbook: the notes PDF on this page gives their word meanings and translation, so check the exact portion with your teacher.



Topics at a glance

- **9.1 Introduction to the surah** Surah 17, Makki, 111 ayaat
  Surah number, name, Makki classification and background.
- **9.2 Key words to know** Terms used in this surah
  The key Arabic terms in the unit and their simple meanings.
- **9.3 Main themes** Tawheed and good conduct
  The Night Journey, worship of Allah alone and moral teachings.
- **9.4 Lessons for life** Parents, honesty, humility
  How the teachings apply to family, money and daily behaviour.

- **9.5 Questions students ask** Short answers for revision
  Common questions about the surah, with short answers.

Key terms

- **اسراء (Isra)** means a journey by night; here it refers to the Night Journey of the Holy Prophet (SAW).
- **توحید (Tawheed)** means the oneness of Allah: He alone is worshipped.
- **والدین (Walidain)** means parents, the mother and the father.
- **احسان (Ihsan)** means doing good and treating others with kindness and excellence.
- **اسراف (Israf)** means extravagance: spending more than is needed.
- **یتیم (Yateem)** means an orphan, a child whose father has died.

Questions students ask

Q. Why is Surah Bani Isra'il also called Surah Al-Isra?

Because it begins with the Night Journey (Isra) of the Holy Prophet (SAW). Both names are commonly used for the 17th surah.

Q. How many ayaat does Surah Bani Isra'il have?

It has 111 ayaat. The Class 10 book teaches selected ayaat from it, not the whole surah.

Q. What are the main teachings in Surah Bani Isra'il?

Worshipping Allah alone, kindness to parents, helping relatives and the poor, protecting orphans, honesty in weights and measures, keeping promises and avoiding pride and waste.

Q. What is the Night Journey mentioned in Surah Bani Isra'il?

It is the journey by night on which Allah took the Holy Prophet (SAW) from Masjid al-Haram in Makkah to Masjid al-Aqsa. The surah opens with it, which is why it is also called Al-Isra.

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