

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY QURAN IN ARABIA TO AN ARAB PROPHET

1. It is clearly known that the holy Qur'an was revealed in Arabia in the two noble cities of Mecca and Madiina to an Arab prophet and in Arabic language.
2. It should also be noted that in the whole of Arabia, it was largely revealed in Mecca. Out of the 114 chapters in the holy Qur'an, 92 were revealed in Mecca and only 22 were revealed in Madiina.
3. As it is in Islam, there is also justification for the revelation of the holy Qur'an in Arabia to an Arab prophet in Arabic language and largely in Mecca.
4. It was revealed in Arabia because the Arabs of the desert were the worst in disbelief and hypocrisy compared to other peoples of the world.

Allah says in **Q(9:97)**; *“The Arabs of the desert are the worst in disbelief and hypocrisy, and most fitted to be in ignorance of the command which Allah has sent down to His Messenger...”*

5. Allah wanted to fulfill the prophecy in the earlier scriptures in which He promised the Israelites to send to them a prophet from among their brothers. In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, the descendants of Prophet Ismail are the Arabs who are the brothers of the Israelites, the descendants of Prophet Ismail's brother, Isaiah. This justifies the revelation of the holy Qur'an to an Arab prophet.
6. Allah wanted to answer Prophet Ibrahim's prayer because after building the Kaaba together with his son Ismail, Prophet Ibrahim prayed to Allah to raise from among the descendants of Ismail (Arabs) a messenger to recite to them His signs and teach them the book of wisdom and purify them. Hence, a justification for the revelation of the holy Qur'an to an Arab prophet.

Allah says in **Q (2:129)**; *“Our Lord! Send amongst them a messenger of their own, who shall teach your signs to them and instruct them in scripture and wisdom...”*

7. Geographically, Mecca is located in the centre of the world and it was therefore suitable to be the beginning point of the divine revelation. It would be easier to disseminate Islam from the centre of the world than from its outskirts like China or India, hence a justification for the revelation of the holy Qur'an largely in Mecca.
8. The Arabs were excellent in memorialization and were fond of competing in poem recitation. Since the holy Qur'an was a book to be memorized, it became apparently clear that Allah first revealed it among the great memorizers.

9. The nature of Arabia; Arabia is a desert and because of this, Arabs were always on the move looking for water and pasture. So they were seen as perfect agents of spreading Allah's words in the areas where they went.
10. Kaaba, the first house of worship, was built in Arabia in the holy city of Mecca. Therefore, it could have been because of this that Allah decided to reveal the holy Qur'an in Arabia and particularly in Mecca.
11. Mecca is also described in the holy Qur'an as the "mother of cities" or "mother town". This is because it was not only a commercial and political centre at the time of the advent of Islam but also a centre of spiritual eminence from where all humanity sucked the milk of spiritual life.

Allah says in **Q (6:92)**; *“And this is a book which We have sent down, bringing blessings and confirming which came before it: that you may warn the mother of cities and all around her...”*

12. The holy Qur'an was revealed in Arabic because of the known hardheartedness and extreme harshness of the Arabs. They could not have received it if it had been revealed in any other language other than Arabic as per **Q (41:44)**.
13. The prophet to whom the holy Qur'an was revealed was an Arab and he did not know how to read and write. Therefore, it would not be logical for him to receive a message in a medium he could not communicate to the people correctly. Hence, its revelation in Arabic.
14. The holy Qur'an was revealed in Arabic to facilitate its protection and preservation. If it was revealed in any other language well versed with the enemies of Islam, it would be easy for them to copy and change the Qur'anic message.
15. Arabic is also described as the most expressive and comprehensive language with a number of phrases and words that can discuss any topic precisely and thoroughly. It is because of this that it is described as the 'mother of tongues', hence suitable for medium of Allah's revelation.
16. It was revealed in Arabic for man to learn wisdom since at this time the world was generally so low in morality. This is confirmed by Allah in **Q (12:2)**; *“We have sent it down as an Arabic Qur'an, in order that you may learn wisdom.”*
17. It was due to Allah's will to decide the time and place of the revelation of the holy Qur'an and the person to receive it as per **Q (36:82)**.