Episode 23

The Abrogation- Number of verses

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Actually many Islamic scholars divided the chapters containing the abrogator and abrogated into the following divisions:

1) The chapters containing abrogator without abrogated (6 chapters), they are:

1- Surat Al-Fath 2- Surat Al-Hashr 3- Surat Al-Munafiqun

4- Surat At-Taghabun 5- Surat At-Talaaq 6- Surat Al-A'laa

2) The chapters containing abrogator and abrogated (25 chapters), they are:

1- Surat Al- Baqarah 2- Surat Aal-'Imran 3- Surat An- Nisa' 4- Surat Al- Ma'idah' 5- Surat Al- Anfal 6- Surat At-Taubah 7- Surat Ibrahim 8- Surat Al- Kahf 9- Surat Maryam 11-Surat Al-Hajj 10- Surat Al -Bagarah 12- Surat An-Nur 13- Surat Al-Furgan 14- Surat Ash-Shu'ara' 15- Surat Al- Ahzab 16- Surat Saba' 17- Surat Ghafir 18- Surat Ash-Shura 20- Surat At-Tur 19- Surat Adh-Dhariyat 21- Surat Al-Wagi'ah 22- Surat Al-Mujadilah 24- Surat Al-Kauthar 23- Surat Al -Muzzammil

25- Surat Al-Asr

40- Al-Kaafiroon

3) The chapters containing abrogated without abrogator (40 chapters), they are:

1- Al-An'am 2- Al-A'raf 3- Yunus 5- Ar-Ra'd 4- Hud 6- Al-Hijr 7- An-Nahl 8- Al-Isra' 9- Al-Kahf 10- Ta-Ha 11- Al-Mu'minun 12- An-Naml 13- Al-Qasas 14- Al-Ankabut 15- Ar-Rum 17- As-Sajdah 18- Fatir or Al-Mala'ikah 16- Lugman 19- As-Saffaat 20- Saad 21- Az-Zumar 22-Az-Zukhruf 23- Ad-Dukhan 24- Al- Jathiyah 25- Al-Ahqaf 26- Muhammad 27-Qaf 28- An-Najm 29- Al-Qamar 30-Al-Mumtahanah 31- Al-Qalam or Noun 32- Al-Ma'arii 33- Al-Muddathir 34- Al-Qiyamah 35- Al-Insan 36- Abasa 37- At-Tariq 38- Al-Ghaashiyah 39- At-Tin

4) The other chapters containing neither abrogated nor abrogators

They are 43 chapters from the total of 114 chapters of the guran

By a simple calculation we can recognize the chapters containing the abrogator And abrogated

Either by subtracting 114 – 43 = 71 chapters

Or by the summation of the chapters containing abrogation
6 + 25 + 40 = 71 chapters

Actually the issue of abrogation is very serious problem in Islam, as the quran is saying in the women chapter (Surat An-Nisa') 82:" Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found therein much contradiction"

Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Ibiary said about the verses containing abrogator and abrogated "there are around 144 sites had been counted (1)

He mentioned only 60 sites as an example, they are:

1- (20 chapters) in each 1 verse had been changed =	20 verses
2- (18 chapters) in each 2 verses had been changed =	36 verses
3- (6 6chapters) in each 3 verses had been changed =	18 verses
4- (3 chapters) in each 4 verses had been changed =	12 verses
5- (2 chapters) in each 5 verses had been changed =	10 verses
6- (2 chapters) in each 6 verses had been changed =	12 verses
7- (2 chapters) in each 7 verses had been changed =	14 verses
8- (1 chapter) in which 8 verse had been changed =	8 verses
9- (1 chapter) in which 9 verses had been changed =	9 verses
10- (1 chapter) in which 10 verses had been changed =	10verses
11- (1 chapter) in which 11 verses had been changed =	11 verses
12- (1 chapter) in which 15 verses had been changed =	15 verses
13- (1 chapter) in which 24 verses had been changed =	24 verses
14- (1 chapter) in which 30 verses had been changed =	30 verses

The sum 229 verses

For example:

In Surat Yunus: 8 verses
 In Surat Al-Ma'idah': 9 verses
 In Surat Al-An'am: 10 verses
 In Surat Al-An'am: 15 verses
 In Surat Al-Baqarah: 30 verses

Those are the abrogated verses in 60 sites only out of 144 sites mentioned by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Ibiary

Types of the abrogator and abrogated:

- 1) Those with abrogated letter and conserved verdict
- 2) Those with abrogated verdict and conserved letter
- 3) Those with abrogated verdict and letter

1) Those with abrogated letter and conserved verdict

First: the stoning of the adulterous and adulteress verse

Narrated on Ibn Al-Jozy: Omer Ibn Al-Khatab said: God sent Mohammed (PUH) telling the truth, and gave him the book, of the verses revealed to him was the stoning verse:" the sheikh (adulterous man), and sheikhah (adulteress woman) if they had committed adultery, stone them", so we recited, understood and realized it, the prophet had stoned, and we stoned with him "Omer affirmed that saying: "I was about to write it by my own hands, but I didn't do that fearing that one may say that I wrote something in God's book" (2)

Second: the adult sucking verse:

In Sahih Muslim:"Mrs. Aeisha said" among the descended verses there were ten known sucks, they had been abrogated by five known sucks, till the messenger of God died they were among the recited verses of the quran (3)

Imam Abu-Gaafer Al-Nahas confirmed that saying:" Mrs. Aeisha was persistently admitting the existence of the adult sucking" (4)

Ibn-Al-Goosy mentioned the story of adult sucking saying: narrated Mrs. Aeisha,: the adult sucking verse, was in a paper under my bed, when the prophet (PUH) was sick, we were very busy looking after him, a goat came and ate it, then the prophet died, that verse was among the recited quran verses" (5)

Abu-Gaafer Al-Nahas mentioned that:" Sahla, the daughter of Sohil came to the prophet (PUH) saying: my husband (Abe Hozifa) was upset as he was seeing Salem coming to me (Salem was an adopted boy of them, but the adoption was abated by the prophet because of the story of Zaied ibn hartha when the prophet married his wife and cancelled the adoption), the prophet told her :then you suckle him (meaning that to let Salem suck from her, in order to let him be like a son of her so he will be debarred for her, so her husband will not be upset from him anymore), she replied but How could I suckle a grown up man?, the prophet said: I know well that he is a grown up man, she went and allowed that man to suck from her and came back to the prophet saying: I have suckled him, and now my husband is not upset anymore from him when he comes to me" (6)

2) Those with abrogated verdict and conserved letter

Among them were the verses concerning peace and forgiveness those descended while Muhammad was in Makkah as he was a peaceful man, there were about 124 verses inciting

for living in peace and preaching forgiveness, all of those verses were abrogated by two verses of the Repentance chapter (Surat At-Taubah), the sword and fighting verses:

- Repentance chapter (Surat At-Taubah): 5." when the Sacred Months have passed, then kill the disbelievers"
- Repentance chapter (Surat At-Taubah) 29:" Fight against those who believe not in Allah, nor in the last day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and his messenger and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth (Islam) among the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), until they pay the tribute with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued"
- Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Ibiary said: there were about 144 verses into them about 229 abrogated verdicts with conserved text, those were the verses concerning peace and forgiveness
- Ibn Al-Araby said that all what came in the quran of the peace and forgiveness verses had been abrogate by the sward verses (7)
- (1) "The history of the quran" by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Ibiary, page 168
- (2) "Abrogators of the quran" by Ibn Al-Jozy, page 35
- (3) Sahih Muslim, sucking chapter, converse number 3670
- (4) The abrogator and abrogated, by Imam Abu-Gaafer Al-Nahas, page 125
- (5) "Abrogators of the quran" by Ibn Al-Jozy, page 37
- (6) The abrogator and abrogated, by Imam Abu-Gaafer Al-Nahas, page 124
- (7) The perfection in the quran's sciences, by Jalal Al-Din Al-Syouty, part 2, page 24