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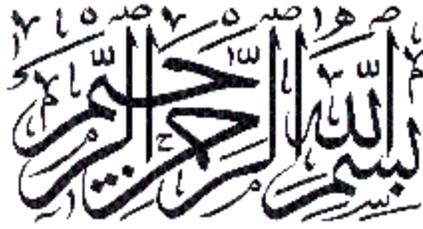
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(In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful)

All praise is for Allah. Darood (Blessings) and Salaam (Peace) on Muhammad, his Family, and his Companions.

**ALLAHUMMA SALLI ALA SAYYIDINA MUHAMMADIN NABEE YIL UMMEE WA ALIHI WA BARIK WA SALLIM
ASTAGHFIR ULLAHA ALLAZI LA ILAHA ILLA HUWAL HAYYUL QAYYUM WA ATUBU ILAYH**



**JEEM - THE ARABIC LETTER
INTRODUCTION**

The Arabic letter Jeem (ج) is equivalent to the letter 'J' in the English alphabet.

It is the fifth letter in the Arabic character set. Jeem (ج) in Arabic numerology which is known as Abjad, has the value of 3. This article is about the spiritual meaning of the letter Jeem (ج).

THE LETTER JEEM

If we turn to the Quran, we find that there are exactly three chapters that have names

starting with the letter Jeem (ج) These three chapters are:

- 1 Chapter 45 - Al Jaasiyat 37 verses
- 2 Chapter 62 - Al Jumaa 11 verses
- 3 Chapter 72 - Al Jinn 28 verses

The first chapter with its name starting with the Letter Jeem (ج) is Al Jaasiyat. Which stands for crouching, bowing. Bowing to Allah our **Rabb**. The name **Jaasiyat** comes from:

28 And you will see each nation crouching, each nation summoned to its record. (And they will be told): This day you are to be repaid what you used to do.

[Quran: Al Jaasiyat Chapter 45]{ 45=9 verse 28 owner of Huroof sir of Meem}

First of all we must die. And each one of us will die without a doubt. When a person dies, we the Muslims have to pray for the deceased. The funeral prayer is called **Janazah**.

JANAZAH - FUNERAL PRAYER

When a Muslim passes away, after the formalities of washing the body, the relatives, friends and acquaintances, gather for the **Janazah** (funeral) prayer. The word **Janazah**

starts with the letter Jeem (ج) and it involves three things which is the numerical value of the letter Jeem (ج).

The **Janazah** (funeral) prayer is a four **Takbir** (**Allahu Akbar** - Allah is Great) **Salah** (prayer).

First of all, why is **Takbir** said four times ?

Remember what was mentioned in the Book on the Letter Ba (ب)?
We are created from 4 elements.



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- These are Earth, Fire, Water and Air (Spirit). Hence the 4 **Takbir** are required to remind the deceased that he/she is made of 4 elements.

The Christians say "Earth to Earth, Dust to Dust...", in Islam, the equivalent could be: "Earth to Earth, Fire to Fire, Water to Water and Spirit to Spirit." Instead we say the **Takbir** 4 times.

Notice here, when a child is born, the **Azan** (Call to Prayer) is said in the ears of the new born. The first words that the new born hears is the **Takbir** repeated 4 times.

Likewise when we die, the last thing we hear is the **Takbir** repeated 4 times. We have completed our physical journey above the earth at death for the time being until the Day of Resurrection.

We have completed one complete circle or 'orbit'. That is all we are allowed unlike the earth which is allowed numerous orbits. Each one of us completes this 'orbit' in their own life spans. And that life span is made of different number of years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds. That is the one side of the **Janazah**. The other side of **Janazah** has 3 parts.

THE OTHER 3 PARTS OF THE JANAHAH

There are three things involved in the **Janazah** prayer. This is equivalent to numerical value of the Letter Jeem (ج).

After the **Niyah** (intention) for prayer, the Imam pronounces first **Takbir** (**Allahu Akbar**).

After the first **Takbir** there is the recitation of **Sana** (Glorification and Praise) for Allah.

After the second **Takbir**, **Darood** (Blessings) are sent upon Muhammad ﷺ.

After the third **Takbir**, **Dua Janazah** (funeral prayer) is recited. The **Dua Janazah** (funeral prayer) is basically asking Allah to forgive everyone, especially the deceased. After the fourth **Takbir**, we say the **Salaam** (Peace) and the prayer is complete. The deceased is then buried.

Overall, three things are required for the deceased.

- 1 Washing the body.
- 2 Saying **Janazah** prayer.
- 3 Burying the body.

Janazah is one form of gathering. The other sort of gathering is the **Jumaa**.

JUMAA - GATHERING

The other form of gathering is the **Jumaa**. This is the Friday prayer. And the day which is Friday is also called **Jumaa** based on the gathering. There is a subtlety here with chapter number !

Al Jaasiyat is Chapter number 45. The chapter number is perfectly divisible by 3 the numerical value of the Letter Jeem (ج).

45 divided by 3 = 15

The chapter number for **Jumaa** (62) cannot be divided by 3 without leaving a remainder. If we reduce the chapter number to single digit we get (6 + 2 =) 8.

The Letter with the numerical value = 8 is the Letter Ha (ح) for **Hamd**.

Why is the Chapter number for **Jumaa** (62) not perfectly divisible by 3 ? Why does it

reduce to 8 for Ha (ح) ? The first verse of Chapter **Jumaa** answers that question.

1 Whatever is in the heavens and on earth does declare the Praises and Glory of Al Malik il Quddus il Azeez il Hakeem (Allah the Sovereign the Holy One the Exalted in Might the Wise).

[Quran: Al Jumaa Chapter 62]

Allah has chosen the day of **Jumaa** (Friday) for the Muslims. It is the day of collective Praise for Allah. It is the day of Gathering. Notice that the Chapter number when divided by 3:

62 divided by 3 = 20 remainder 2.

- Normally afternoon prayer **Zuhr Fard** is 4 Rakah prayer.
- But on **Jumaa** (Friday) the **Fard** Prayer is reduced to 2 Rakah.

- No wonder the chapter number for **Jumaa** has deliberately been placed as 62.
- It was stated at the start of this section that 62 reduces to 8 for **Hamd**.
- The difference between Ha (ح) and Jeem (ج) is one dot.

And speaking of dots, there is another creation about which Allah has informed us in the Quran. They are the Jinn.

JINN - SPIRITS

The third and final chapter named with the initial Letter Jeem (ج) is **Jinn** Chapter 72.

Again this chapter number is perfectly divisible by 3
72 divided by 3 = 24. No remainder.

A lot has been written about **Jinn** by other people. We must understand that the majority of the **Jinn** are evil except for those who have accepted the Guidance of Allah from the Quran and entered Islam. It would suffice to quote a few verses from the Quran.

14 He created man of clay like the potter's,

15 And the Jinn did He create of smokeless fire.

[Quran: Ar Rahman Chapter 55]

130 You assembly of the jinn and humankind! Did there not come to you messengers of your own who recounted to you My tokens and warned you of the meeting of this your Day? They will say: We testify against ourselves. And the life of the world beguiled them. And they testify against themselves that they were disbelievers.

[Quran: Al Anaam Chapter 6]

128 In the day when He will gather them together (He will say): You assembly of the jinn! Many of humankind did you seduce. And their adherents among humankind will say: Our Lord! We enjoyed one another, but now we have arrived at the appointed term which You appointed for us. He will say: Fire is your home. Abide therein for ever, save him whom Allah wills (to deliver). Your Lord is Wise, Aware.

[Quran: Al Anaam Chapter 6]

And speaking of Spirits...

JIBREEL (جبرئيل)

Muhammad ﷺ used to retire to the Cave Hira for contemplation. And then one day ...
... suddenly the Truth descended upon him while he was in the cave of Hira. The angel came to him and asked him to read. The Prophet replied, "I do not know how to read." The Prophet added, "The angel caught me (forcefully) and pressed me so hard that I could not bear it any more. He then released me and again asked me to read and I replied, 'I do not know how to read.' Thereupon he caught me again and pressed me a second time till I could not bear it any more. He then released me and again asked me to read but again I replied, 'I do not know how to read (or what shall I read)?' Thereupon he caught me for the **third** time and pressed me, and then released me and said, 'Read in the name of your **Rabb (Lord)**, who has created (all that exists) has created man from a clot. Read! And your Rabb (Lord) is the Most Generous.'" [Sahih Bukhari]

What was the name of the angel? Jibreel (جبرئيل). Jibreel's name starts with the Letter Jeem (ج).

He pressed Muhammad ﷺ 3 (= ج) times { Iilm Yaqeen, Ayn Yaqeen Haqq Yaqeen}. then could Muhammad ﷺ Recite.

If we turn to the Quran to find the mention of Jibreel (جبرئيل) by Name, he is mentioned exactly 3 (ج) times in 3 verses:

97 Say: Whoever is an enemy to **Jibreel** for he brings down the (revelation) to your heart by Allah's will a confirmation of what went before and guidance and glad tidings for those who believe.

98 Whoever is an enemy to Allah and His angels and Rasools to **Jibreel** and Mikaeel Allah is an enemy to those who reject faith.

[Quran: Al Baqara Chapter 2]

4 If you two turn in repentance to Him your hearts are indeed so inclined; but if you back up each other against him truly Allah is his Protector and **Jibreel** and (every)

righteous one among those who believe and furthermore the angels will back (him) up.
[Quran: At Tahreem Chapter 66]

CONCLUSION

The Letter Jeem (ج) is about **Jumaa** Gathering. The ultimate **Jumaa** (gathering) will take place on the Day of Judgement. Where all the people human and **Jinn** will be gathered awaiting news of their fate. **Jannah** Heaven or **Jahannam** Hell.
May Allah have Mercy on us all. **Ameen.**
Only Allah Knows Best.

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