

Interrogative Hamzah Preceding the Arabic Letters "Waw", "Fa" and "Thumma" in the Noble Qur'an (Study of the Structure and Meaning)

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Abstract

This research addresses a specific phenomenon, which is the act of the interrogative Hamza preceding the Arabic conjunction letters "Waw", "Fa" and "Thumma". It is a phenomenon that is peculiar to the letter Hamzah amongst other interrogative letters.

This phenomenon has drawn my attention particularly when I do not find any antecedent to which the object can be attached. This led me to carry out a research on this phenomenon having made an exhaustive compilation of all the areas where this Hamzah has preceded those conjunctions reaching about (188) places. The letter preceded the conjunction "Waw" in (56) places, "Fa" in (131) places and "Thumma" in one place in the Noble Qur'an.

However, the research came in an introduction, preface, two research chapters and a conclusion. In the introduction, I discussed the reason for selecting this theme stating the research proposal. Under the preface, I talked about the literal and conventional meanings of interrogation and how the interrogative tag comes in the beginning of the sentence. I strictly made chapter one for discussion on the rules of interrogative Hamzah and its meanings, while the second chapter was meant for studying the structural patterns of how the interrogative Hamzah precedes the letters "Waw", "Fa" and "Thumma". In the conclusion, I discussed the major findings attained during the research.

Key words: Hamzah – Interrogation – Conjunction – Waw – Fa-Thumma.