# Negation: لا، ما، لم، لن، ليس

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| ما | past / present | did not / does not |
| لَمْ | present (sukun) | did not |
| لَنْ | present (fatha) | will never |
| لَيْسَ | noun | is not |

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

Quran 112 : 3

لَمْ + present = negative past.

فَاطِرُ ٱلسَّمَٰوَٰتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ جَعَلَ لَكُم مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَزْوَٰجًا وَمِنَ ٱلْأَنْعَٰمِ أَزْوَٰجًا
يَذْرَؤُكُمْ فِيهِ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِۦ شَىْءٌ وَهُوَ ٱلسَّمِيعُ ٱلْبَصِيرُ

Quran 42 : 11

لَيْسَ: “is not”.

ذَٰلِكَ ٱلْكِتَٰبُ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

Quran 2 : 2

لا general negation: “no doubt”.

مَا وَدَّعَكَ رَبُّكَ وَمَا قَلَىٰ

Quran 93 : 3

ما + past: “has not”.

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