Lam shamsiyyah: the silent lam before sun letters

With the article “ال”, if the next letter is a sun letter, the lam is not pronounced and the next letter is doubled: اَلشَّمْسُ is read “ash-shams”.

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1 **Understand**

The 14 sun letters are: ت ث د ذ ر ز س ش ص ض ط ظ ل ن.

2 **Spot it**

The lam of “ال” is written but not pronounced: the next letter carries a shaddah. In the text, the lam has no sukun.

3 **Read it**

Tip: these letters come out near the tongue tip, like the lam. The two sounds meet, so they merge.

ن ل ظ ط ض ص ش س ز ر ذ د ث ت

The 14 sun letters

lam shamsiyyah (silent lam)

وَٱلطُّورِ

Surah 52, verse 1

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وَٱلضُّحَىٰ

Surah 93, verse 1

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ٱلرَّحۡمَٰنُ

Surah 55, verse 1

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مَلِكِ ٱلنَّاسِ

Surah 114, verse 2

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غُلِبَتِ ٱلرُّومُ

Surah 30, verse 2

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ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

Surah 112, verse 2

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Previous rule · Qalqalah: the bounce of ق ط ب ج د **All rules** **Next rule**

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