Qalqalah: the bounce of ق ط ب ج د

Qalqalah is a small bounce of the sound when one of the letters ق ط ب ج د carries a sukun. It is stronger at the end of a verse.

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1 Understand

The 5 qalqalah letters are ق ط ب ج د, summed up as “qutb jad”.

2 Spot it

Qalqalah sughra (minor) happens when the letter is sakin inside a word or mid-verse: يَقْطَعُونَ، وَٱلْفَجْرِ.

3 Read it

Qalqalah kubra (major) happens when the letter ends the verse and you stop on it: the bounce is stronger (ٱلصَّمَدُ).



The qalqalah letters

qalqalah sughra (minor) qalqalah kubra (major)

وَٱلۡفَجۡرِ

Surah 89, verse 1

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مُدۡهَآمَّتَانِ

Surah 55, verse 64

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فَوَسَطۡنَ بِهِۦ جَمۡعًا

Surah 100, verse 5

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ٱللَّهُ ٱلصَّمَدُ

Surah 112, verse 2

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وَمَآءٖ مَّسۡكُوبٖ

Surah 56, verse 31

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مِّنَ ٱللَّهِ ذِى ٱلْمَعَارِجِ

Surah 70, verse 3

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