

Revelation of Very First Part of *Sūrah-e Tobah*  
and its Historical Context:  
A Critical Analysis in the Light of Internal and  
External Evidences

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ABSTRACT

Many Non-Muslim authors are of the view that according to International Islamic Law, the Muslims are in a constant state of war with Non-Muslims until they accept Islam or become subjected to the Islamic Law. Many Muslim thinkers are also of this view. The foundations of this notion are the verses of *Sūrah-e Tobah* in which they are ordered to continue war against pagans until they accept Islam and ahl-e Kitāb until they pay *Jizyah*. This article tries to evaluate the revelation of very first part of *Sūrah-e Tobah* and its historical context. It extensively discusses various opinions of interpreters, raises questions and tries to put forth a clear picture of historical notions.



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