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**KUR'ÂN VE BAĞLAM (THE QUR'ÂN AND CONTEXT)  
-AHMET NEDİM SERINSU, KUR'ÂN VE BAĞLAM  
(İSTANBUL: ŞULE YAYINLARI, 2012), 383 PAGES-**

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**Abstract**

The work titled *Kur'ân ve Bağlam (The Qur'ân and Context)*, which constitutes the main theme of our research and examines the science of *Asbâb an-nuzûl* with its various dimensions is written by Professor Doctor Ahmet Nedim SERINSU. This work consists of three complementary books. These books are as follows: “*Kur'ân'ın Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'ün Rolü (The Role of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân), Sa'lebe Kıssası-Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'e Yeni*

*Bir Yaklaşım (The Parable of Sa'lebe-A New Approach to Asbâb an-nuzûl), Tarihsellik ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl (Historicity and Asbâb an-nuzûl)*” Although the work, which has the volume of three large sequential books, has all concentrated content and bibliography, it stands out from its contemporaries in its analytical methodology, successfully drawing a conceptual boundary, clearly defining the theoretical and practical frameworks, developing a new standard for the subject matter, and providing an up-to-date proposal. Our humble suggestion is that the situation of an updated version of the work as more concise and free of repetition, and an offer of new edition with other up-to-date practical examples, would further enhance the success of this comprehensive work.

**Keywords:** Tafsir, The Qur'ân, Asbâb an-nuzûl, The Parable of Sa'lebe, Historicity.

### Öz

Esbâb-ı Nüzûl ilmini çeşitli boyutlarıyla inceleyen ve araştırmamızın ana temasını oluşturan *Kur'ân ve Bağlam* isimli eser, Prof. Dr. Ahmet Nedim SERİNSU tarafından kaleme alınmıştır. Bu eser, birbirini tamamlayan üç kitaptan oluşmaktadır. Bu kitaplar şunlardır: “*Kur'an'ın Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'ün Rolü, Sa'lebe Kıssası-Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'e Yeni Bir Yaklaşım, Tarihsellik ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl*” Tüm yoğun içeriğine ve kaynakçasına rağmen, birbirinin devamı olan üç büyük kitap hacmini taşıyan bu çalışmanın analiz metodu, başarılı bir seviyede kavramsal bir sınır çizme, teorik ve pratik çerçeveleri net bir şekilde belirleme, konuya dair yeni bir standart geliştirme ve güncel bir teklif sunma bakımlarından çağdaşlarından ayrılmaktadır. Eserin güncellenmiş versiyonunun daha öz ve tekrarlardan arınmış hali, güncel başka pratik örneklerle hazırlanmış yeni bir baskı teklifi, bu kapsamlı eserin başarısının artmasını sağlayacak mütevazı bir önerimizdir.

**Anahtar Kelimeler:** Tefsir, Kur'ân, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl, Sa'lebe Kıssası, Tarihsellik.

## INTRODUCTION

The work titled *Kur'ân ve Bağlam (The Qur'ân and Context)*<sup>1</sup>, which constitutes the main theme of our humble research is written by Professor Ahmet Nedim SERINSU, consists of three valuable separate books and complements each other, in other words, three different books that are the stakeholders of a series is a multidimensional and very comprehensive work.

The books that have been considered in the work in question are:

- *Kur'ân'ın Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'ün Rolü (The Role of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân)* (Serinsu, 2012, pp. 17-266).
- *Sa'lebe Kıssası-Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'e Yeni Bir Yaklaşım (The Parable of Sa'laba-A New Approach to Asbâb an-nuzûl)* (Serinsu, 2012, pp. 269-299).
- *Tarihsellik ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl (Historicity and Asbâb an-nuzûl)* (Serinsu, 2012, pp. 303-356).

In the work titled *Kur'ân ve Bağlam (The Qur'ân and Context)*, the human search for meaning is questioned and it is stated that this search for meaning is answered with a Divine answer, with the basic demand and principle of the Qur'ân “read-think-understand-live”. As a responsible individual and servant, a person can realize this demand and search only within the framework of these basic principles. In the process of building personality, character, and servitude, human beings should consider the basis of the Qur'ân, the various dimensions of its content and teachings, the worlds of the meaning, and the contexts of the verses and the chapters. Asbâb an-nuzûl data, which is a fundamental science that examines this process and context, is an indispensable adviser that will accompany and guide man in his meaningful adventure. In this sense, the addressee of the Divine word and the characteristics

1 Ahmet Nedim Serinsu, *Kur'ân ve Bağlam* (Istanbul: Şule Yayınları, 2012). We have humble research article focusing on evaluation on the work titled *Kur'ân ve Bağlam (The Qur'ân and Context)* in the English language. It is in the process of publishing. We aim to express that the readers can read this study for more information after publishing with our best regards and respects.

of this group, the ideas, attitudes, behaviors, and attitudes of individuals towards this word, and the features of periods and conditions should be evaluated within the scope of meaning elements in the field and the perspective of this science.

### ON KUR'ÂN'IN ANLAŞILMASINDA ESBÂB-I NÜZÛL'ÜN ROLÜ (THE ROLE OF ASBÂB AN-NUZÛL IN UNDERSTANDING THE QUR'ÂN)

*Kur'ân'ın Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'ün Rolü* (*The Role of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân*), which is the first book of three separate studies completing each other under the title of *Kur'ân ve Bağlam* (*The Qur'ân and Context*), firstly determines the meanings of the concepts and other meaning dimensions, and then the place and the importance of the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl discusses in the Qur'anic Sciences. As an introduction to the subject -especially before the practical application- determining the conceptual framework on the level of theoretical knowledge in a clear form will make the other stakeholders of the process more understandable and effective. The fact that the conceptual framework and its boundaries are determined with this attention and importance facilitates the analysis of the other two books under the big title and increases their value.

The main titles of this chapter are as follows: (Serinsu, 2012, pp. 5-8).

**Table 1: The Table of Information about the Main Titles of the First Book**

<b>Kur'ân'ın Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl'ün Rolü (The Role of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân)</b>
Giriş (Araştırmanın Konusu, Araştırmanın Önemi, Araştırmanın Amacı, Araştırmanın Metodu)
(Introduction) (The Subject of the Research, The Importance of the Research, The Purpose of the Research, The Method of the Research)

1. Bölüm: Kur'ân İlimleri ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl İlmi (Chapter 1: The Qur'anic Sciences and the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl)
Genel Mülâhazalar (General Considerations)
A. Kur'ân İlimleri Hakkında (Kur'ân İlimlerinin Doğuşu ve Gelişmesi, Kur'ân İlimleri ve Tefsîr İlimleri Kavramları, Kur'ân İlimleri Arasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl İlminin Yeri) (About the Qur'anic Sciences (The Birth and Development of the Qur'anic Sciences, The Concepts of the Qur'anic Sciences and the Sciences of Tafsîr, The Place of the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl Among the Qur'anic Sciences)
B. Esbâb-ı Nüzûl İlmi (Esbâb-ı Nüzûl İlminin Tanımı, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl İlminin Doğuşu ve Gelişimi, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl İlmine Dair Eserler) (The Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl (The Definition of the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl, The Birth and Development of the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl, The Works on the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl)
C. Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivâyetleri (Esbâb-ı Nüzûlü Bilmenin Yolu, Hadîs Usûlü Açısından Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivâyetleri, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivâyetlerinin Kalıpları, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivâyetlerinin Tasnifi, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivâyetlerinde İhtilaf Edilmesi) (The Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl (The Way of Knowing Asbâb an-nuzûl, The Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Terms of Hâdîth Methodology, the Patterns of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl, the Classification of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl, Dispute in the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl)
D. Esbâb-ı Nüzûlle İlgili Meseleler (Taaddüt Meselesi, Hükmün veya Nüzûlün Taahürü Meselesi, Umum-Husus Meselesi) (The Issues Related to Asbâb an-nuzûl (The Affair of Ta'addut, The Affair of Taaḥḥur of Judgment or Revelation, The Affair of Ūmūm And Khūṣṣūṣ/Public-Specific)

<p>E. Esbâb-ı Nüzûlle İlgili Disiplinler (İlimler) (Hikmet-i Teşriyye İlmi, Mübhemâtu'l-Kur'ân İlmi, Tenâsub ve İncicâm İlmi) (The Disciplines (Sciences) Related to Asbâb an-nuzûl (The Science of Hikma at-Tashrî', The Science of Mubhâmât al-Qur'ân, The Science of Tanâsub and Insijâm)</p>
<p>F. İslâm Kültür Tarihinde Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivayetlerinin Değerlendirilmesine Genel Bir Bakış (An Overview of Evaluation of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl in the History of Islamic Culture)</p>
<p>2. Bölüm: Kur'ân-ı Kerîm'in Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivayetlerinin Değerlendirilmesinin Sonuçları (Chapter 2: The Results of The Evaluation of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân)</p>
<p>Genel Mülâhazalar (General Considerations)</p>
<p>A. Kur'ân-ı Kerîm'in Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûlün Yetersiz Kalma Sebepleri (Rivâyetler Açısından, Umumu Hususîleştirme Açısından, Taaddüt-Taahhür Açısından, Tarih İlminden Yararlanma) (The Reasons for the Inadequacy of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân) (In Terms of the Narrations, In Terms of Specialization of Public, In Terms of Ta'addut-Taaḥḥur, Utilizing the Science of History)</p>
<p>B. Kur'ân-ı Kerîm'in Anlaşılmasında Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivâyetlerinin Doğurduğu Olumsuz Sonuçlar (Yorum Zenginliğine Engel Olması, Kur'ân-ı Kerîm'in Evrensel Hedefi Olan Kur'ân-İnsan-Hayat Bütünleşmesini Önlemesi, Konunun İstismar Edilmesi) (The Negative Consequences of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Understanding the Qur'ân (Preventing the Richness of Interpretation, Preventing the Universal Target of the Qur'ân, the Integration of the Qur'ân-Human-Life, Abuse of the Subject)</p>
<p>3. Bölüm: Esbâb-ı Nüzûle Yeni Bir Yaklaşım (Chapter 3: A New Approach to Asbâb an-nuzûl)</p>

Genel Mülâhazalar (General Considerations)
A. Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivayetlerinin Yeniden Değerlendirilmesi (Esbâb-ı Nüzûle Olan İhtiyacın Sınırlarını Belirleyen İlkeler, Esbâb-ı Nüzûl Rivayetlerinin Hadîs Usûlü Açısından Tenkidi, Rivâyetleri Tasnif Etme) (Re-Evaluation of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl) (The Principles Determining the Limits of the Need for Asbâb an-nuzûl, The Criticism of the Narrations of Asbâb an-nuzûl in Terms of Ḥadîth Methodology, Classifying the Narrations)
B. Kur'ân-ı Kerîm'in Bütünlüğünün Dikkate Alınması (Considering the Integrity of the Qur'ân)
C. Siyak-Sibak'ın Göz Önünde Bulundurulması (The Consideration of Siyâq-Sibâq)
D. Esbâb-ı Nüzûl ve Tarihîlik Kavramı (Asbâb an-nuzûl and the Concept of Historicity)
Sonuç (Conclusion)
Kaynakça (Bibliography)

### ON SA'LEBE KISSASI-ESBÂB-I NÜZUL'E YENİ BİR YAKLAŞIM (THE PARABLE OF SA'LABA-A NEW APPROACH TO ASBÂB AN-NUZÛL)

*Sa'lebe Kıssası-Esbâb-ı Nüzul'e Yeni Bir Yaklaşım (The Parable of Sa'laba-A New Approach to Asbâb an-nuzûl)*, which is the second book of *Kur'ân ve Bağlam (The Qur'ân and Context)*, exemplifies the practical application phase of this theoretical knowledge and context knowledge, that is, the data of the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl. The examination and evaluation of the aforementioned parable provide a concrete example to determine the amount of tafsîr information in tafsîr works and other tafsîr information other than tafsîr sources and its role in understanding different narrations. In addition, the author's method, which

does not prefer a completely affirming or completely rejecting perspective, offers explanatory information and new method recommendations for rich interpretation and accurate trial.

This section of the work questions the principles of a new approach to the role of *Asbāb an-nuzūl* in understanding the *Qur'ān* through the Parable of *Sa'laba*. The chapter aims to propose to reach the current value of the science of *Asbāb an-nuzūl* and to use the knowledge in this field with a correct method.

The main titles of this chapter are as follows: (Serinsu, 2012, p. 8).

**Table 2: The Table of Information about the Main Titles of the Second Book**

<b>Sa'lebe Kıssası-Esbāb-ı Nüzul'e Yeni Bir Yaklaşım (The Parable of Sa'laba-A New Approach to Asbāb an-nuzūl)</b>
Giriş (Esbāb-ı Nüzūl Nedir?, Kur'ân-ı Kerîm'in Anlaşılmasında Esbāb-ı Nüzūle Yeni Bir Yaklaşım İhtiyacı, Araştırmannın Amacı) (Introduction) (What is Asbāb an-nuzūl?, The Need for a New Approach to Asbāb an-nuzūl in Understanding the Qur'ān, The Purpose of the Research)
1. Sa'lebe Hadisi (The Narration of Sa'laba)
2. Sîre, Ricâl ve Tarih Kitaplarında Sa'lebe Kıssası (The Parable of Sa'laba in the Books of Sîra, Rijâl, and History)
3. Hadis Kitaplarında Sa'lebe Kıssası (The Parable of Sa'laba in the Books of Ḥadîth)
4. Tefsir Kitaplarında Sa'lebe Kıssası (The Parable of Sa'laba in the Books of Tafsîr)
5. Esbāb-ı Nüzūle Yeni Bir Yaklaşım Işığında Sa'lebe Kıssasının Değerlendirilmesi (The Evaluation of The Parable of Sa'laba in the Light of a New Approach to Asbāb an-nuzūl)



Sonuç (Conclusion)
Kaynakça (Bibliography)

### ON TARİHSELLİK VE ESBÂB-I NÜZÛL (HISTORICITY AND ASBÂB AN-NUZÛL)

*Tarihsellik ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl (Historicity and Asbâb an-nuzûl)*, which is the third book of *Kur'ân ve Bağlam (The Qur'ân and Context)*, reveals how essential it is to determine the historical knowledge and the history-context relationship in the discovery of context knowledge. By starting from the definition of the concept of historicity in various fields such as philosophy, philosophy of history, epistemology, hermeneutics, and linguistics, it questions this concept again and discusses the role of this term in understanding the Qur'ân. Finally, the nature, whatness, and historical value of the context information are conveyed to the readers with a new perspective -in the name of sound thinking and analysis activity- within the Qur'ânic Sciences.

The main titles of this chapter are as follows: (Serinsu, 2012, pp. 8-9).

**Table 3: The Table of Information about the Main Titles of the Third Book**

<b>Tarihsellik ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl (Historicity and Asbâb an-nuzûl)</b>
Giriş (Tarihsellik Problemi ve Açıklanması, Araştırmanın Amacı ve Metodu) (Introduction) (The Problem of Historicity and Its Explanation, The Purpose and the Method of the Research)

1. Tarihsellik Kavramının Temellendirilmesi (Tarihsellik Kavramının Doğuşu ve Gelişmesi, Tarihsellik Kavramının Kullanım Çerçevesi ve Alanları) (The Basis of the Concept of Historicity) (The Birth and the Development of the Concept of Historicity, The Framework and the Fields of Use of the Concept of Historicity)
2. Tarihsellik ve Esbâb-ı Nüzûl (Historicity and Asbâb an-nuzûl)
Sonuç (Conclusion)
Kaynakça (Bibliography)

## CONCLUSION

This study aims to investigate how the researchers who study on Social Sciences, Basic Islamic Sciences, tafsîr, and various interdisciplinary fields in the scientific journey can benefit from the classical methods and sources, the modern methods and sources, and the Science of Asbâb an-nuzûl at a more efficient style. In addition, it has the purpose to show them how they can evaluate these classical narrations for modern studies in a more correct way.

This work is the first and the pioneer in its scope of the field and it maintains this characteristic by having an unusual structure, plan, language, form of expression, academic wording, the harmony of content, and context. It has so unique features by combining theoretical knowledge and practical application in a classical theory and modern style. This situation and reality are not encountered before, compared to its contemporaries, especially in the field of tafsîr.

This comprehensive study, which handles three separate studies as a continuation of a series successfully, despite its intense content and volume, and offers invaluable suggestions on the benefit of the contemporary,

is a must-read and a reference book for readers, researchers, academics and other aspirants of science and knowledge.

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