

## Unit 1: Ibn Kathir Biography

Suggested duration: 1 – 2 days

Reading:

“The Biography of the Author, Ibn Kathir,” pages 21-24 of Tafsir Ibn Kathir English translation.

Assignment:

1. As you read (or after), fill in a copy of the **Scholar Biography Form** for Ibn Kathir.
2. Ibn Kathir was born in Busra. What present day country is this located in? Find it on a map. Extra: Who founded the city of Basra and when was it founded?
3. How old was Ibn Kathir when he died?
4. Have you read from any of Ibn Kathir’s other books besides the Tafsir? What are some of the subjects of his other books? (List at least 5).
5. Make an Islamic Studies notebook and make a section for Scholars’ biographies. Include this scholar biography form that you have completed. Also, make a table of contents for this section so that you can keep track of the scholars you have studied.

Optional Reading:

**Article: Allah Sent Great Scholars to Protect His Religion"**

Article No. SLF030002 from [www.salafipublications.com](http://www.salafipublications.com)

### Scholar Biography Fact Sheet

Use this sheet to record data about a past or present Muslim scholar.

Name:	
Place of Birth:	
Date of Birth:	
Died: (date/place)	
Facts about childhood/early adulthood:	
Scholar's teachers / those who influenced him.	
Subjects he concentrated in:	
Some of his students:	
Some of his works (title/year published or written)	
Notable events in his life or noteworthy facts about this scholar:	