

| | |
|--|----|
| INTRODUCTION | 9 |
| 1. HERMENEUTICS | 12 |
| 1.1 Muslim Approaches to Hermeneutics | 18 |
| 2. NARRATIVE | 23 |
| 2.1 Muslim Approaches to Narrative | 26 |
| CHAPTER ONE: QUR'ĀNIC HERMENEUTICS | 33 |
| INTRODUCTION | 33 |
| 1.1 Classical understandings | 36 |
| 1.1.1 The Formative Period of Tafsīr | 37 |
| 1.1.2 The Classical Schools of Tafsīr | 40 |
| 1.2 Discussion of the literature: the exegetes and their works | 55 |
| 1.2.1 Hūd Ibn Muḥakkim al-Hawwārī (d. 280 or 290/893 or 902) | 56 |
| 1.2.2 Abū Ja'far Muḥammad b. Jarīr al-Ṭabarī (d. 310/923) | 59 |
| 1.2.3 Abū Ishāq Aḥmad ibn Muḥammad ibn Ibrāhīm al-Tha'labī (d. 427/1035) | 62 |
| 1.2.4 Abū'l-Qāsim Jār Allāh Ma'lm'ūd b. 'Umar al-Zamakhsharī (d. 538/1144) | 67 |
| 1.2.5 Abū 'Alī Faḍl ibn al-Ḥasan ibn al-Faḍl al-Ṭabrisī (d. 548/1154) | 70 |
| 1.2.6 Abū 'Abd Allāh b. 'Umar b. Ḥusayn Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī (d. 606/1209) | 74 |
| 1.2.7 Abū Muḥammad ibn Abī Naṣr Shīrāzī Ruzbihān al-Baqlī (d. 606/1209) | 77 |
| 1.2.8 Nizām al-Dīn b. al-Ḥasan ibn al-Ḥusayn al-Khurāsānī Nisābūrī (d.728/ 1327) | 79 |
| CONCLUSION | 81 |

| | |
|---|------------|
| CHAPTER TWO: THE CLASSICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE QUR'ĀNIC NARRATIVE | 85 |
| INTRODUCTION | 85 |
| 2.1 The exegetical concepts of narrative | 88 |
| 2.1.1 The Semantic Range of <i>qiṣṣah</i> | 89 |
| 2.1.2 The Semantic Range of <i>nabā'</i> | 92 |
| 2.1.3 The Semantic Range of <i>ḥadīth</i> | 94 |
| 2.1.4 The Semantic Range of <i>ustūrah</i> | 96 |
| 2.2 Sources and exegetical methods of narrative | 100 |
| 2.2.1 The Qur'ān | 100 |
| 2.2.2 The Prophetic <i>ḥadīth</i> | 104 |
| 2.2.3 Grammar, Lexicography, and Linguistics | 108 |
| 2.2.4 Mysticism and Theology | 111 |
| 2.3 The essential functions of narrative | 116 |
| CONCLUSION | 120 |
| CHAPTER THREE: LITERARY HERMENEUTICS AND THE QUR'ĀNIC NARRATIVE | 125 |
| INTRODUCTION | 125 |
| 3.1 the functions of the rules of the arabic language | 131 |
| 3.1.1 The Grammatical Hermeneutics | 133 |
| 3.1.2 The Function of the Variant Readings (<i>qirā'āt</i>) | 136 |
| 3.1.3 The Grammatical and Lexicographical Hermeneutics | 140 |
| 3.2 The essential function of <i>i'jāz</i> | 152 |
| 3.2.1 The Function of <i>Nazm</i> | 152 |
| CONCLUSION | 164 |
| CHAPRT FOUR: TEXTUAL NARRATIVE HERMENEUTICS AND THE QUR'ĀNIC NARRATIVE | 169 |
| INTRODUCTION | 169 |
| 4.1 Understanding the textual narratives | 174 |
| 4.2 Historical aspects | 182 |
| 4.3 Theological aspects | 194 |
| CONCLUSION | 208 |

| | |
|---|------------|
| CHAPTER FIVE: THEOLOGICAL AND MYSTICAL HERMENEUTICS AND THE QUR'ĀNIC NARRATIVE | 211 |
| INTRODUCTION | 211 |
| 5.1 theological and mystical hermeneutics of abraham's narrative | 215 |
| 5.1.1 God's Oneness | 218 |
| 5.1.2 God's Reviving The Dead | 237 |
| CONCLUSION | 252 |
| CONCLUSION | 255 |
| BIBLIOGRAPHY | 269 |
| PRIMARY SOURCES | 269 |
| SECONDARY SOURCES | 269 |