

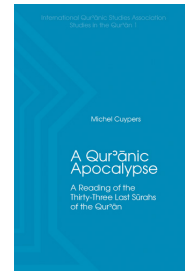
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A Reading of the Thirty-Three Last Sūrah's of the Qur'ān

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