

اللغة العربية

Numbers as *naʿt*



Question

Regarding the sentence:

«فَمَا مَعْنَى هَذِهِ الْكَلِمَاتِ الثَّلَاثِ؟» (from دُرُوسُ اللُّغَةِ Book 2, L9)

I understand the word الثَّلَاثِ is a نَعْتِ of الْكَلِمَاتِ .

But why is الثَّلَاثِ masculine while الْكَلِمَاتِ is feminine?

Faḍīlat al-Shaykh Dr. V. Abdur Rahim (حفظه الله) replies:



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You know the rules of مَعْدُود and عَدَد.

We say :

ثَلَاثَةٌ أَبْنَاءُ، وَثَلَاثُ بَنَاتٍ.

If we use the numbers as نَعْتِ, we follow the same rule.

We say :

أَبْنَائِي الثَّلَاثَةُ، وَبَنَاتِي الثَّلَاثُ.

Hope this is clear.

والسلام,

abdur rahim