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Lesson 76

The 'ال' of Prevalence (غلبة)

Sometimes when 'ال' comes upon a common noun, it makes it a proper noun for a specific thing and that thing will be the meaning that comes to mind when the word is mentioned; such as 'مدينة' (city) that becomes a proper noun for Medina with 'ال'.

An annexation also can become a proper noun by prevalence in usage; such as 'ابن عباس' (son of Abbas) which refers to a specific person.