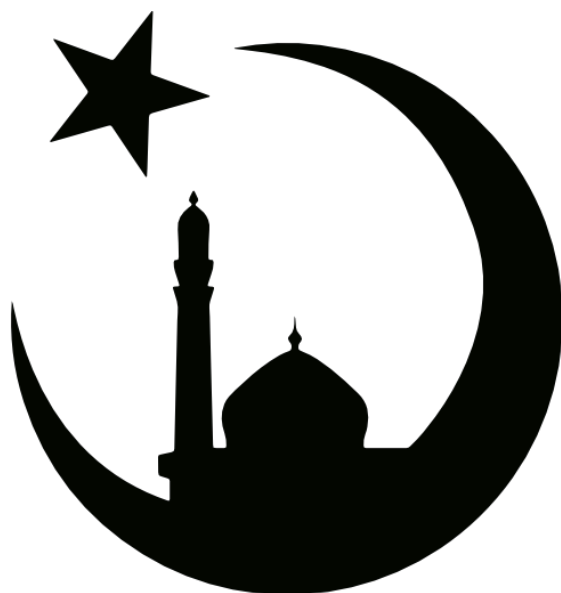


THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM



LESSON 3:

IS MOHAMMED MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE AS A PROPHET?

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MOHAMMED AND THE BIBLE

We thank you for taking the time to complete the first and second course on *The Truth about Islam* and begin the class of this course. You have seen that the Bible is proven to be accurate as the Word of God and that the Quran is not inspired by God. Please remember that the authenticity of every religion can be established **only** on the basis of the source of its authority. The religion of Islam and Christianity will either stand or fall based upon its source of authority.

It is our goal to accurately and honestly give you the facts concerning Islam and Christianity. There are several questions that are important to note and ask as we begin with this lesson:

1. Was Mohammed mentioned in the Bible?
 2. Was Mohammed prophecied in Deuteronomy 18?
 3. Did Jesus speak prophetically of Mohammed?
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We have included all verses that are referenced in this and following studies so that owning a Quran or Bible is not essential at this point. Each course class should take you less than one hour to read and study. At the end of each course is a set of questions. The answers to these are all found in the text of the course. We ask that you answer each question to the best of your ability. On the last page is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have from the current study. Included with each course is a self-addressed envelope that you can send in your course questions and someone will grade it. They will then send you the next course with another self addressed envelope. Included with each study will be the contact information for someone who can be of assistance with this study if you need their help.

It is our goal and prayer that this study is of benefit to you and your soul. We mean no ill-will to anyone or their religious beliefs but rather hope to help you as you strive to reach the ultimate

IS MOHAMMED MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE?

It is not uncommon for those in Islam to assert that their prophet Mohammed is found in the Bible. The question is important to understand the truth about Islam. Many Muslims have been taught that Muhammad was a prophet whose coming was prophesied in the Bible.

This errant belief originated in a twentieth-century movement among Muslim scholars who sought to find verses in the Bible supporting the fulfillment theology of Islam, which is their assertion that Islam is the final successor and completion of the Abrahamic faith.

The short answer to the question at hand, “Is Mohammed mentioned in the Bible?” is simply NO! Not once is the name of Mohammed mentioned in the Bible. No forms of the name are mentioned.

Some Muslims say Solomon refers to Muhammed. The word used is the Hebrew ‘Machmaddim’.

Song of Solomon 5:16 *His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, And this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!*

The word translated here “altogether lovely” is the word “machamadim.” Muslims claim that this word is a reference to Muhammad for two reasons, (1) The word Machmad (singular of Machmad-dim) sounds a bit like the name Mohammed and (2) it means ‘one who is worthy of praise’ so Muslims say this is Mohammed. The context of the passage identifies the person described as Machmad as someone in the time of Solomon (Song 3:11) who is loved by a Shulamite (Song 6:13). He is red-haired (Song 5:10). None of these descriptions fits Muhammad. This is obviously a love song between Solomon and his bride, and to put Muhammad in the place of the bride’s beloved turns the book into nonsense. The context is clearly about the passionate love of a marriage and is sometimes rather descriptive. It could not possibly be about some future prophet bringing a new prophet or a book like the Quran.

IS MOHAMMED THE FULFILLMENT OF DEUTERONOMY 18?

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *“The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’*

Many Muslims believe and teach that the Bible actually predicts the coming of the Prophet Mohammad. Many Muslims believe that the Bible teaches this based on such passages in the Qur’an.

Surah 7:157 *[To-day this mercy is for] those who follow the ummi Prophet, whom they find mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel with them. He enjoins upon them what is good and forbids them what is evil. He makes the clean things lawful to them and prohibits all corrupt things, and removes from them their burdens and the shackles that were upon them. So those who believe in him and assist him, and succour him and follow the Light which has been sent down with him, it is they who shall prosper.*

In spite of the claims of Muslims, there are many reasons why this passage does not refer to prophet Muhammad, one of those reasons we will now examine.

“BRETHREN” IS A REFERENCE TO THE JEWS

According to the Islamic website www.islam101.com, Mohammed is among the brethren of the Jews!

Muhammad is from among the brethren of Moses. Arabs are brethren of Jews. Abraham had two sons: Ishmail and Isaac. The Arabs are the descendants of Ishmail and the Jews are the descendants of Isaac.

In Deuteronomy 18, the word “brethren” is used several times. At the very beginning of the chapter, the Levites, who are descendants of Isaac, not Ishamael, are mentioned and it says:

Deuteronomy 18:2 *They shall have no inheritance among their brethren.*

Also, elsewhere in the book of Deuteronomy the term “brethren” refers to the group of people from whom the first King of Israel would be selected.

Deuteronomy 17:15 *You shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.*

If “brethren” was a reference to the line of Ishmael, why then did Saul, the first King of Israel, descend from the line of Isaac? It is a physical impossibility that Ishmael was “brethren” with the Israelites. The Ishmaelites were the enemies of the Israelites! Muhammad came from Ishmael, as Muslims admit, but heirs to the Jewish throne came from Isaac as the Bible clearly states:

Genesis 17:21 *But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.*

Genesis 21:12 *But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.”*

Since the prophecy of Moses IS NOT a prophecy of Mohammed, who then is the text referring to? There can be little doubt that the Bible is describing the final Prophet, Jesus the Christ.

IS MOHAMMED PROPHECIED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

Mohammed claims he is even the product of New Testament prophecy!

Surah 61:6 *And call to mind when Jesus, son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel, I am Allah's Messenger to you, I verify the Torah which has come before me, and I give you the glad tidings of a Messenger who shall come after me, his name being Ahmad." Yet when he came to them with Clear Signs they said: "This is sheer trickery."*

Is this true? Was Mohammed spoken of prophetically by Jesus while he was on earth? Let's examine the claims of those in Islam to see if they are true:

CLAIM: "HELPER" IS MOHAMMED...

Muslims often claim that Mohammed is the same as the "helper" Jesus spoke of in the New Testament.

John 14:6 *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever*

The alleged equivalent for Ahmad ("praised one" in Surah 61:6) in Arabic is periclytos ("praised one" or "Helper") in Greek. However, *periclytos* does not even occur in John 14:16. Instead, the Greek word *paraclete* ("helper") occurs. Therefore, in order to support their argument, Muslims have to argue that the text of John has been corrupted! There are several problem with this arguement.

First, the arguement that the text of John has been corrupted is that there is absolutely no ancient textual evidence among all of the over 5,600 Greek manuscripts to place the word periclytos ("praised one") in place of paraclete ("helper")!

Second, in the same exact passage of John 14, Jesus specifically identifies the "helper" as the Holy Spirit!

John 14:26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

CLAIM: “THE (THAT) PROPHET” IS MOHAM-

Some Islamic scholars claim that Mohammed is “that prophet” spoken of in John 1:21.

John 1:19-23 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?” He said: “I am The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the Lord,” as the prophet Isaiah said.”

Some Islamic scholars claim that Mohammed is “that prophet” spoken of in John 1:21. The Islamic website www.prophetofislam.com says this concerning this passage:

For centuries Muslims have believed Jesus, peace and blessings be upon him, was "THAT Prophet" mentioned in these words of the Gospel of John. The Quran states one of the important features of Jesus' mission was to give the "bashir" or 'glad tidings' of the coming of the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. During his short missionary career that lasted not more than three years, and which was overshadowed by the hostile attitude of his own people, Jesus gave them the good news of Ahmad, (one of the forms of "Muhammad") the last messenger of God, who would perfect the divine teaching both in theory and in practice.

Peter explained that the prophet being referred to was Christ, of whom Moses was himself an Old Testament type:

Acts 3:20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

Acts 3:22-23 For Moses truly said to the fathers, “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.”

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL
QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF
YOUR ABILITY**

- 1. According to the Bible, is Mohammed ever mentioned?**
- 2. Does the book of Song of Solomon predict the coming of Mohammed?**
- 3. Who is the “Helper” of John 14:6?**
- 4. Why is it not possible for Mohammed to be the prophet spoken of by Moses in Deut. 18?**
- 5. How long has Jesus existed?**

6. Who is “the (that) prophet” spoken of in the book of John?

7. Who are the brethren of “the prophet” in Deuteronomy 18?

8. From what line of people would the King of Israel descend, Ishmaels or Isaacs?

9. Who did God make his covenant with, Ishmael or Isaac?

10. Has the word of God been corrupted?

Many scholars within Islam try to “find” Mohammed in the Bible. The problem for them is that he is not in the Bible at all. Why? Because he is not a prophet. He does not meet the qualifications. He is a descendent of Ishmael who were the enemies of God’s people, the Jews! It is our prayer that you now understand that Jesus is the final prophet that God spoke of in the Old Testament.

