

# FOR THE SERIOUS MUSLIM

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## [The Seed of Abraham](#)

There is only one God, as Jews, Christians and Muslims declare, but is Allah the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob or Yahveh? The Hebrew *Tanach* (“Old Testament”) states, more than 6,800 times, that Yahveh is the personal name of the God of Israel, although in English Yahveh is called ‘the LORD.’ Yet not once in the Koran is Allah called Yahveh. Don’t you find that a little strange?

Yahveh commands Israel to love their neighbor and the stranger.<sup>1</sup> In the Jewish-Christian New Testament, Yeshua (Jesus/Isa) amplifies the commandment to include loving one’s enemy (Matthew 5:43-44), but Allah commands  *Jihad* (war/killing, etc.) against all who are not Muslim and will not convert or bow before Allah.<sup>2</sup> The concept of loving the stranger, as well as one’s enemy, is not taught by Allah. How can this be a greater divine revelation? Any man can murder his enemy. Clearly, the personality and character of Yahveh and Allah are totally different in this area of love and murder. Yahveh and Allah are not the same God.

In the Jewish Bible, Father Abraham offers up his uniquely begotten son Isaac, but as important as this event is, the Koran does not name the son (see Surah 37:99-106). Muslim scholars are actually divided as to whether it was Isaac or Ishmael, yet “many of Muhammad’s companions and their followers were of the opinion that it was Isaac.”<sup>3</sup> Muhammad Haykal, in his classic biography, *The Life of Muhammad*, wrote, “The Qur’an did not mention the name of the sacrificial son, and hence Muslim historians *disagree in this regard*.”<sup>4</sup>

Isaac was *unique* in that Sarah was too old to conceive, yet Yahveh promised Abraham that Sarah would conceive and bear a son from her womb (Genesis 18:1f.). Isaac, not Ishmael, is seen as the son of the promise. It was a real miracle that she conceived. In Gen. 22 Yahveh commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, which the “Angel” (Messenger) of Yahveh<sup>5</sup> stops at the last moment. This is a picture of Yeshua being sacrificed, for forgiveness of sins and eternal life, by God our Father, so that you could know how much They love you. Isaac’s miraculous conception pictures Jesus’ miraculous conception in the virgin Miryam.<sup>6</sup>

This was not the case with Ishmael. He was conceived in the natural way; Abraham went in to Hagar (Gen. 16:1-4f.). Also, the covenant that God made with Abraham would continue through Isaac, not Ishmael (Gen. 17:19-21; 18:1-14). Yahveh promised Israel a uniquely begotten Savior, the Messiah, who would be sacrificed for Israel to atone for her sins (Psalm 2:6-7; Isaiah 53). It was a miracle for Yeshua, God the Son, to be conceived in the womb of Miryam because He was always God the Son, but now Yeshua also became a man.<sup>7</sup> At His resurrection He became the glorified God-Man, the first of many.<sup>8</sup> This is God’s promise for you.

Yahveh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, forbids the eating of any sea creature that does not have fins and scales (e.g. shrimp, swordfish, catfish and lobster, etc.; see Leviticus 11:10-12). Allah allows his people to eat

<sup>1</sup> Lev. 19:10, 33-34; 23:22; 24:22; Dt. 10:18-19; 24:17, etc.

<sup>2</sup> “But when the forbidden months are past then *fight and slay the pagans wherever* you find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)” ([Surah 9:5](#)). “Maim and crucify the infidels if they criticize Islam” (Qur’an 5:33). “Slay the unbelievers wherever you find them” (Qur’an 2:191). “Terrorize and behead those who believe in Scriptures other than the Qur’an” (Qur’an 8:12).

<sup>3</sup> See [Abraham and the Child Sacrifice—Isaac or Ishmael?](#) by Sam Shamoun. This is an excellent article containing the beliefs of Muslim scholars on whether it was Ishmael or Isaac whom Abraham took with him that day to sacrifice.

<sup>4</sup> *The Life of Muhammad*, translator Isma’il Raji al-Faruqi; Islamic Book Trust Kuala Lumpur/American Trust Publishers, 1976), pp. 24-25, at [Abraham and the Child Sacrifice—Isaac or Ishmael?](#)

<sup>5</sup> The “Angel” of the Lord is actually Jesus before He was conceived in Miryam’s womb. See [The Angel of the Lord](#).

<sup>6</sup> See [The Virgin Conception of Messiah and Isaiah 7:14](#).

<sup>7</sup> Islam, as well as Judaism, is wrong about God not having a Son. See [Yeshua—God the Son](#), [Yeshua—His Deity and Sonship](#), [Messiah’s Deity and Micah 5:2](#) and [The Virgin Conception of Messiah and Isaiah 7:14](#).

<sup>8</sup> See [Salvation—The Promise!](#)

these forbidden sea creatures. How can Yahveh and Allah be the same God?

The Koran speaks of Allah, a name that is never used of the God of Israel in either the Hebrew Bible or in the Jewish-Christian New Testament. The designation “Allah” is said by Muslims to be a generic term for “God,” but this means that either Islam has no personal name for its god, which is never seen in any religion, for every peoples’ gods have names; or that “Allah” is actually the name of its god. Either way there is a dilemma for Muslims. If there is no personal name for their god, just “god,” then this can’t be connected to Yahveh, the God of Israel, because obviously He has a personal name and He wants His people to use it.<sup>9</sup> Why would Yahveh not speak of Himself as “Yahveh” in the Koran if Yahveh is Allah? If on the other hand, the generic term “Allah” is the name of the god of Islam, this too proves that Allah is not the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob because Yahveh never uses that for His name in the *Tanach* or the NT. Therefore Yahveh and Allah are not the same God, and the Bible and the Koran were not inspired by the same God.

Turning to another problem, the Jewish-Christian New Testament speaks of Yeshua (Jesus/Isa) as God the Son, but Allah has no Son. Yeshua is crucified, dies and resurrected to glory. His death is seen as God the Father’s sacrifice for the sins of mankind (Matthew 20:28). Islam though, teaches that Isa (Arabic for Yeshua), was not God’s Son. Obviously the two holy Books were not inspired by the same God.

With these major discrepancies between the Jewish-Christian Bible and the Koran, which book and which God is the true God? Islam teaches that the Jewish-Christian Bible has been altered and is totally wrong in the areas listed above, but the Koran is the correct and true version. The Koran alone has all the facts right about God and Jesus/Isa. Yet Moses wrote Torah (Mosaic Law), which contains the 7th day Sabbath as the holy day of the week, and the Feasts of Israel, and the Mosaic dietary laws, etc., 2,000 years *before* the Koran was written by Muhammad.<sup>10</sup> The *entire Tanach* centers around the Jews—the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, not Ishmael nor his descendants (although they are mentioned). The New Testament, written 44-95 AD, states that Jesus is God the Son who was crucified so that our sins could be forgiven and have eternal life, but the Koran says Isa was only a prophet—not the Son of God and that He didn’t die on the cross, but that another died in his place.<sup>11</sup> The Koran, written 1,400 years ago (609-632 AD), is the new religion of the three religions. It’s very easy for Islam, to say that the Jewish-Christian Bible was altered (e.g. the Sabbath, and Jesus isn’t God the Son), but where is Islam’s proof? Other than accusing both religions (Judaism and Christianity) of altering their Scriptures, what actual historical proof does Islam have that the Koran actually came from the God of the Universe?

There is nothing in religious nor secular history that supports Islam’s position that the Jews changed the holy Days and Ways of Yahveh, nor that Christians “made up” a Jesus that was God the Son. Islam accuses the Jews and Christians *so it can claim authority and validation for the Koran over the Jewish-Christian Bible*. “Allah” though, was the moon god *before* Muhammad was born. This too, reveals that Islam is a false religion:

“Al-Kindi...pointed out that Islam and its god Allah” came “from the paganism of the Sabeans.” They worshipped “the moon-god and his daughters al-Uzza, al-Lat and Manat...Now that we have the actual idols of the moon-god, *it is no longer possible to avoid the fact that Allah was a pagan god in pre-Islamic times.*”<sup>12</sup> (Muhammad took “Allah” and made him the god of Islam.)

There are many Muslims today who have sought out the Truth in this vital matter and have given their lives to Jesus, God the Son. Former Muslims like [Zak Gariba](#), [Ali](#), [Nabil](#), [Mario Joseph](#), an Imam from India, [Al Fadi](#) a former Wahabbi Muslim from Saudi Arabia and [Nabeel Qureshi](#) on Mohamed’s murderous ruthlessness.

<sup>9</sup> For example, Genesis 4:26; 9:26; 10:9; 12:8; 13:4; Exodus 3:15, 16, 18 (2x); 5:2 (2x); 6:2,3, 8; 12:12; 15:1, etc.

<sup>10</sup> Moses wrote the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Torah) about 1400 BC. Jesus lived 600 years before the Koran was written: Islam teaches that the Koran was verbally given by Allah to Muhammad “through the angel Gabriel (Jibril), gradually over a period of approximately 23 years, beginning on December 22, 609 AD, when Muhammad was 40, and concluded in 632, the year of his death.” From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quran>.

<sup>11</sup> Qur’an 4:157-159. “That they said (in boast), ‘We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the apostle of Allah,’ but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but so it was made to appear to them, and those who differ therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge, but only conjecture to follow. For of a surety, they killed him not.”

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.biblebelievers.org.au/moongod.htm>. See also <http://www.billionbibles.org/sharia/allah-moon-god.html> and <http://www.faithfreedom.org/Articles/skm30804.htm>. Revised on Sunday, March 12, 2023