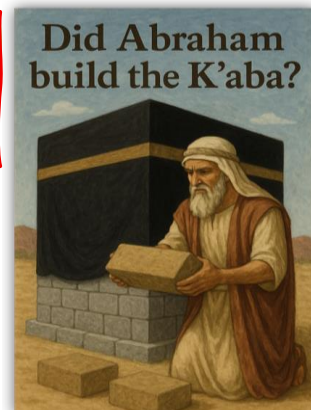




Did Abraham build the K'aba?

Dear Friend of Jesus to Muslims! In political discussions about the Abrahamic Peace Accord in the Middle East, some Muslims advocate for replacing “Judeo-Christian heritage” with “Abrahamic heritage” in the West. This aims to recognize Islam on equal standing as a faith alongside Judaism and Christianity.

In discussions with our Muslim friends, we are told that Abraham and Ishmael built the Ka'ba in Mecca, and they feel it deserves our reverence as part of the Abrahamic tradition. During a teaching session, I was asked for my thoughts on this topic. Although I have addressed the question of Abraham being in Mecca in my book “Jesus or Muhammad? A Question of Assurance.” Here's our brief response to that claim with a Biblical perspective.



1. What Does the Bible Say About Abraham and Ishmael's Locations?



There is no mention in the Bible of Abraham or Ishmael ever traveling to Mecca, 840 miles to the south of Beersheba. Abraham lived in Mesopotamia (Ur), then Canaan (modern Israel). After Hagar and Ishmael were sent away (Genesis 21), Ishmael lived in the Desert of Paran (Genesis 21:21) in the Sinai Peninsula, extending into what is now southern Israel and western Jordan, but not near Mecca in Arabia. The Bible does not mention Abraham or Ishmael in Mecca and provides no evidence of any structures they built there.

2. Is the Ka'ba Ever Mentioned in the Bible?

No. The Ka'ba is not mentioned in the Bible, neither in the Old nor the New Testaments. If Abraham and Ishmael had built a sacred house for God in Mecca, it would likely be referenced in Abraham's life (Genesis 12–25), but it is not.

3. Is the Bible Corrupted, as Claimed?

When pointing to this Biblical fact, Muslims often claim corruption of the Bible. This is a serious and common claim, but it contradicts the Qur'an itself, which affirms the Bible's authority. For example, in Sura 5:46 it is stated: “We gave him [Jesus] the Gospel... containing guidance and light and confirming the Torah that had come before it.” Elsewhere, it states in Sura 10:94: “If you are in doubt about what We have revealed to you, then ask those who have been reading the Book before you.”

So, the Qur'an refers to the Torah (Tawrat) and the Gospel (Injil) as guidance and light, not corrupted books. The Historical facts are that we have thousands of Old and New Testament manuscripts from before the time of Muhammad (7th century), including the Dead Sea Scrolls (2nd century BC – 1st century AD) for the Old Testament and Codex Sinaiticus and Vaticanus (4th century AD) for the New Testament. These texts match today's Bible, showing there was no corruption after Muhammad's time.

4. What is the Biblical Response for our Muslim friends?

“The Bible, predating the Qur'an, does not mention Mecca or that Abraham and Ishmael traveled there. It states that Abraham lived in Canaan and Ishmael settled in Paran, not Arabia. God's Covenant was through Isaac, though Ishmael was also blessed. The Bible is a reliable and well-supported text, backed by ancient manuscripts. We encourage studying it to understand God's plan through Abraham's descendants, leading to Jesus Christ.”

5. Conclusion

As for the 'Abrahamic Accords', while it is a nice gesture to pursue a 'peace treaty' between Muslims and Jews, it is highly unlikely to be truly successful. The reason is clearly stated in 2 Corinthians 6:14-15: *"For what fellowship does light have with darkness? What harmony does Messiah have with Belial? Or what part does a Believer have in common with an unbeliever?"*

Islam's ideology teaches its followers that their closest assurance of paradise after death is martyrdom. In contrast, Christ followers are taught that Jesus came to die once for all mankind. Believe in Him and you have assurance of eternal life after death.

Islam's ideology teaches to follow a LAW (*Shari'a*) of works (5 Pillars and live like Muhammad), and maybe you may earn your way to Paradise – still, if Allah is in a good mood. In Christianity, Jesus is the 'end of the LAW' for righteousness to those who believe so through the unconditional love of our Father God, eternal life is His 'gift' (Rom. 10:4).

These two ways to eternity are opposite! 1 John 4 teaches us to test the Spirits and if they do not believe that God sent Jesus in the flesh and is the Son of God, that is the Anti-Christ Spirit. Islam teaches that Jesus is NOT the Son of God, and is NOT God, and did NOT die on the cross, and cannot forgive sins. Therefore, these two FAITHS are opposite and cannot be in ONE ACCORD. Yeshua, the Prince of PEACE, is the only answer! – Steven & Karen Masood

Other activities: We travel to conduct seminars and have discussions, as well as teach, including locally, to equip the body of Christ for outreach to Muslims. We support believers through counseling and Bible studies, which can be conducted in person or via Zoom and other media platforms.

We also conduct regular Zoom meetings to support Christians in their outreach efforts to Muslims in the U.S., Africa, and globally. Additionally, we respond to inquiries from both Muslims and Christians and continue to write articles, books, and leaflets in alignment with Jesus' Great Commission.

Prayer and praise points:

- ❖ We pray that all who oppose God will discover true peace in submitting to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
- ❖ We thank God for our meetings on Zoom, Skype/Microsoft Teams, and WhatsApp, as well as for our teaching sessions. We are grateful for the resources provided by His generous people. We pray for wisdom in using our time and energy to continue sharing messages from a biblical perspective.
- ❖ Pray that the resources from seminars, conferences, and our websites are utilized effectively, yielding abundant fruit!
- ❖ Please pray for the Holy Spirit to empower us in sharing the Gospel and grant us wisdom, love, and boldness as we disciple believers among Muslims.
- ❖ Please pray for protection for Christians, those who have left Islam, and other minority groups in the Middle East facing danger from extremists who interpret Islamic teachings literally.
- ❖ We financially support 5 Missionaries & equip believers who are serving in the mission field and reaching Muslims. Please join us in prayer & finance for those in North America, Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia, and for a breakthrough in the Arabian Peninsula.

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