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The Bible & the Qur'an: Anything familiar?



Dear Friends, Is there anything common between the Bible and the Qur'an that we may use to help Muslims know more about Jesus and the assurance of salvation he grants? Yes, there are many. God is the central reality for both Muslims and Christians. The Qur'an claims to refer to the same God who revealed himself to all the prophets and apostles: Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, and Jesus. Condensed and skewed versions of their accounts can be found in the Qur'an. Some chapters of the Qur'an are named after Noah (Nuh), Abraham (Ibrahim), Joseph (Yusuf), and even Jonah (Yunas). Then there is the story of Isaac, Ishmael, Jacob (also called Israel), and his descendants (known as Bani Israel, the Children of Israel). Their story is one of



the Old Testament history's colorful and memorable phases (Genesis 25 - 36). The link between the patriarchs and the establishment of the people of Israel is provided by the story of Joseph (Genesis 37 - 50) and remembered in the retellings in the Qur'an with glaring shortcomings (Sura 12).

During the time of Moses, God's revelation focused on the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt and the giving of the law (Exodus 1 - 40). Some of these events are also mentioned in the Qur'an but only in passing (Sura 2:51-53; 3:3; 7:103-157, etc.).

There are some ninety verses about the birth of Jesus and his mission in the Qur'an. However, a Muslim can only know a complete narrative through the New Testament. As believers, we must help guide Muslims into these truths with love while building relationships.

The aim of God's message

We can share with Muslim friends that the need to surrender to God's will has always been central to God's message, and we see good examples of it in the lives of his people.

Abraham surrendered and obeyed God's call to migrate to a foreign land. It was because of his faith in God, obedience in submission to God, and righteousness that Abraham was called Khalil ul-llah, the friend of God (Sura 4:125; James 2:23).

Moses, who could have lived an easy life, refused to remain in luxury as a member of Pharaoh's family. He

surrendered himself to God and led the Israelites to freedom, out of their bondage to Jesus, in the garden of Gethsemane, prayed,

Egypt (Sura 7:103 ff.; 26:18 ff.; Hebrews 11:24).

"Not my will, but yours be done" and submitted to the father's will (Luke 22:42).

Jesus in the Qur'an and the Bible Sharing the Truth with Muslims

Did you know that 90 verses spread across 15 chapters in the Qur'an refer to Jesus? But none of them show Jesus being sent as Savior, Redeemer, and Restorer. Our last Seminar session taught 'how to use the Qur'anic Jesus to lead them to the Biblical Jesus'.

This video teaching shows such examples:

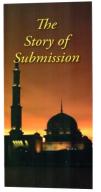
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The whole story of submission

In straightforward words, we must point to the fact that the Qur'an does not go into the essential detail that God has revealed in the scriptures of the people of the Book, Christians, and Jews. Thus, to completely understand God's message, our Muslim friends must study the Bible to discover the truth and the whole truth. Here, one finds why God has given creation to us as a divine trust,

amanah, and why he wants us to surrender to him. The Bible, above all, reveals why God himself took the initiative to help us to be united with him in his fellowship through Jesus as it was in the beginning.



To show sincere love for others and our enemies, which includes Muslims, we need to care more about their souls and where they will spend eternity than we do about pleasing them in this earthly life. Being forthright in our communications with Muslims is what Jesus would do and what we, as Ambassadors of Christ, are commissioned to do. Let's not waste another moment of precious time and begin today to get equipped to guide Muslims to the complete truth about their eternal salvation – through Jesus. – **Steven Masood.**

Needs, Prayer, and praise points

- We thank God for our loyal financial supporters. We pray God blesses you all abundantly.
- We do not have an advertising budget and rely on our readers to open doors at their churches and circles of influence. Considering open borders, Muslims are taking U.S. territory for Islam but have no assurance of eternal life, but WE DO! Jesus is the only answer to change Muslim's hearts from death to eternal life. Pray & get equipped to share our hope in Christ with a Muslim today.
- We ask you to join us in Prayer for the unity of the body and a revival worldwide to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Karen needs an Administrative Assistant P/T (3 days or 12 hrs wk) = office/secretarial duties; apt in using WORD, EXCEL, POWERPOINT; organized, making appointments, correspondence, filing, emails, operational tasks like Seminar preparations, data input. Above all, she must be mission-minded.
- We receive many requests for the distribution of our published evangelism material. To meet these requests, we need financial resources to publish and disseminate (\$8,000 for reprinting).
- Financial support for new office equipment for the ministry, printers, computers, and updating software as technology evolves, we are forced to upgrade to keep our resources intact and functioning. The estimate is around \$10,000.
- Please pray for the 'safety' of new Muslim converts and those who disciple them worldwide.
- We are thankful for our resources being translated into several Muslim languages. Pray for more translations.
- We are thankful for friends financially supporting mailings of Steven's books, leaflets, and a new evangelizing postcard to Muslim contacts. Get a packet of 5 when you order our resources or attend one of our seminars.
- Please pray for fruit from Muslim communications and for those we have equipped for outreach over the years. Pray for more laborers into the harvest field.
- Please pray for MBB (Muslim Background Believers) families, including Steven's, to know the real Jesus through Angels, visions, dreams, and servants as the Scriptures promise that salvation is for us and our households!
- Please pray for the PEACE of all of Israel through Jesus. Please pray for Israel's enemies, the Islamic regimes, to surrender to Jesus as LORD and Savior and the only source of PEACE.

Jesus to Muslims: Financial Aspects

This ministry relies solely on the generosity of our donors to continue daily operations, expand outreach, do seminars to equip Christians, and research and publish material to reach truth seekers.

We thank you and praise God for those dedicated in support and being steadfast in your calling as we fulfill our calling in reaching Muslims and equipping Christians. Please pray for God to make up for the shortfall.

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The Father's heart is that all be saved, including Muslim descendants of Ishmael, physically or by association. How will they know unless we are sent to them to share the good news? The Great Commission compels us to reach and share the Truth with all the lost, including Muslims. Some Go, and some send so all will know the Truth that sets us free! - Karen Masood.