

What the Bible says about Muhammad (pbuh)

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Outline of the Course

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Course objectives:

1. To be able to prove the prophethood of Muhammad from the bible
2. To be able to prove the human intervention in the biblical text
3. To learn some of the techniques of defending Islam against Christian attack

QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

TRANSCRIPTS

ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Match the Columns

True or False

COURSE DURATION

Video	–	1 hours 50 min
Study Guide	–	30 min
Assessment	–	15 min
Total Duration	–	2 hours 35 mins

Lesson 1: What The Bible Says About Muhammad

1. An Israelite prophet testifies to the veracity of Muhammad's message

Allah said in chapter 46, verse number 10, "Say: "See you? If (this teaching) be from Allah, and you reject it, and a witness from among the Children of Israel testifies to its similarity (with earlier scripture), and has believed while ye are arrogant, (how unjust you are!) truly, Allah guides not a people unjust". "

It means, if you read this book, with an open mind, you will be able to recognise that this is from your Creator. It's self-appealing, self-proving.

The witness from among the children of Israel referred to here is Musa Alaihi Salaam, the Holy Prophet Moses, that he bore witness of one like him.

2. Using the Bible to fight back the Christian missionaries?

Ahmad Deedat happened to work in a country shop at a place called Adams mission station near an American college wherein secular education is offered alongside training missionaries. The students used to apply what they learned against Islam on the young men working in the shop, who could not defend their religion. Ahmad Deedat suffered a lot but finally came across an old book called izhaarul haqq which means 'The Truth Revealed'.

And when I read this book, it dealt with the problems the Muslims in India faced when the British conquered India. The invaders realised that anytime anybody will give them trouble, it will be the Muslims.

The Hindus, the overwhelming majority of the people of India, were as docile as the cows that they were worshipping. There was no fear from that quarter, but they feared the Muslims. So they started pouring in the missionaries into India like frogs in the rainy season, with the mission 'change the Muslims and teach them to turn the other cheek, and you can rule them for a 1000 years'.

This was the theme of the book and how we were to defend ourselves against the Christian missionary attacks.

Lesson 2: What does the Bible says about Muhammad

3. False interpretation of prophecies

So I read the book. And as a result of that, I started reasoning with these missionary students. And when I went to Durban it became a hobby with me attending religious lectures on comparative religion on biblical prophecies.

And one of the lectures which put me really into this field, actively, was one delivered by a certain Reverend Heighten, who was dealing with biblical prophecies in the book of revelation, also called Apocalypse by the Roman Catholics.

In chapter 13, verse 18, there is a prophecy about a beast. Beast means an animal.

And the number of that beast is 666 triple six. He said that the beast, mentioned in the book is the Pope of the Roman Catholics. He could make this conclusion only through the numerical values of some letters.

Since it speaks about the beast, which was interpreted differently, why does the Bible not speak about the mighty massager of Allah who had this massive followership?

Ahmad Deedat wanted to find someone well-versed in the Bible so as to ask him; so, he tried to call as many as 12 clergymen but none accepted to spare some time for him. Number 13 call was the lucky number. He went there and asked the dominee this question, what does the Bible say about Muhammad?

"Nothing" was the answer. But Ahmad Deedat insisted that since it is claimed that it speaks about the Soviet Union, the rise of Israel, the coming of Christ and so on, then it must have something to say about the man who transformed billions of people. The dominee denied any reference to Muhammad in the Bible, although he affirmed the existence of thousands of prophecies in the Bible.

4. Jesus not in the Old Testament

Ahmad Deedat asked the dominee, Can you show me one place out of the 1000 prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of Christ? Show me one place where it mentions the name of Christ — Christ is a title, Isa is the name. He was named Jesus by the angel and was circumcised.

According to the Bible, actually, Esau in Hebrew, Isa in Arabic, Esus in Afrikaans. They have Latinised it by adding a J.

So, the prophecies are about the coming of a Messiah, translated Christ.

Is there a single place where he's mentioned by name? the dominee said, No. Deedat asked then how do you know that those 1000 prophecies refer to Jesus? The reply was "through reasoning".

Lesson 3: What does the Bible say about Muhammad

5. Muhammad in the Bible

On the contrary, you see in the Song of Solomon, in the Bible 5:16 in Hebrew — Hebrew is supposed to be the original language of the Old Testament: “Hikko Mamittakim We Kullo Muhammadim Zehdoodeh Wa Zehraee Bayna Jerusalem”

In "Muhammadim", "-Im" is the plural of respect in Hebrew. You take that out, what remains is Muhammad.

Furthermore, in Deuteronomy 18:18 who is that Prophet referred to in the English version which reads, "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him"?

The dominee replied, "This is Jesus". But I said it doesn't say Jesus. He says, you see prophecies are word pictures of something that is going to happen in the future. And when that thing actually comes to happen, you say this is the fulfillment of that what was said; it is now being completely accomplished.

It says, like unto thee. like you, like Moses. And Jesus is like Moses in being a Jew and being a prophet.

Deedat argued: if these are the only two standards of finding a candidate for that prophecy, then this prophecy will fit every Jewish prophet after Moses, such as David, Solomon, Ezekiel, Elisha, Elijah, Zechariah, Maika, Zephaniah; there are 70 different prophets mentioned in the Old Testament.

Why should not this prophecy fit any one of those other prophets and why to Jesus because they were all Jews, and they were all prophets?

Deedat added, Jesus is not like Moses, for three reasons: Number one, according to Christians, Jesus is a god. But Moses is not God. He said, yes. I said, Therefore Jesus is not like Moses.

Number two, according to Christianity, Jesus died for the sins of the world, but Moses didn't die for anybody's sins. The dominee agreed. Therefore, Jesus is not like Moses. Number three, according to you, Jesus went to Hell for three days. Moses didn't have to go there. The dominee said, yes. I said therefore Jesus is not like Moses.

Lesson 4: What does the Bible say about Muhammad

6. Muhammad like unto Moses

Muhammad is like Moses in many ways:

i. Moses had a father and a mother. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) also had a father and a mother. But Jesus had only a mother. He had no father; he was born miraculously.

Moses and Muhammad were both born in the normal course of things: a man and a woman coming together. But Jesus was created by a special miracle.

ii. Number two, Moses and Muhammad both married and they begot children. But Jesus remained a bachelor all his life. Is it true? Of course, the Mormons say Jesus had two wives, Mary Magdalene and Martha were his wives. We won't go into that. The bulk of Christian then say Jesus was a bachelor all his life.

iii. Number four, Moses and Muhammad are acknowledged as prophets by their people in their lifetime although they suffered a lot at the hands of their people.

iv. Number four, Moses and Muhammad were prophets as well as kings, whereas Jesus was only a prophet.

He might not have the power of backing up and implementing the laws that he received.

When he came, he was accused by the Romans and the Jews of treason.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) had a spiritual as well as a material kingdom. Jesus had only a spiritual kingdom.

Therefore, Jesus is not like Moses, but Muhammad is like Moses.

v. Number five, Moses and Muhammad (pbuh) brought new laws and regulations for the people.

Jesus assures them according to the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter five was 17,18 and 19, saying "Think not that I'm coming to destroy the law of the prophets; am come not to destroy but to fulfill. So Jesus is not like Moses, but Muhammad is like Moses.

vi. Number six, Moses and Muhammad died natural deaths. But according to Christians, Jesus was violently killed on the cross. Therefore, Jesus is not like Moses, but Muhammad is like Moses.

vii. Number seven, Moses and Muhammad both lived, buried on earth. But Jesus is resting in heaven.

7. A Prophet from among their brethren

I will raise from among their brethren a prophet like unto thee, from among their brethren and not from among themselves.

Father Abraham had two wives, Sarah and Hagar. From Hagar he had the first son in his old age after he prayed Allah. Allah heard his prayer. And a son was born, whose name was Ismail, in Hebrew, Ishmael. In Hebrew Shamia and Sami'a in Arabic means the same; it means to hear.

In Arabic and Hebrew Illa both means God. So Ishmaa il means God heard [the prayer of Abraham].

From among the brethren, the children of Ishaq are the Jews. The children of Ismail Alaihi Salaam are the Arabs, they are brothers.

And I will put my words in his mouth

How do I put my words in your mouth? You mean I make you repeat.

The whole Quran was revealed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh); the very first revelation that was given to him by the Archangel Gabriel in his mother tongue, Iqra, read or recite, or rehearse.

Moreover, in the Quran every chapter starts with Bismillahir Rahmaanir Raheem (In the name of God Most Gracious Most Merciful).

Look how this prophecy is fitting the Holy Prophet Muhammad like a glove.

Lesson 5: What does the Bible say about Muhammad

8. Muhammad is the greatest with the greatest miracle

Questioner: Muhammad was a great person. But why did God give him that greatness which was so short-lived? Why did he achieve the greatness only for 23 years of his life? Why wasn't he a great man from the time he was born? Why did he achieve world popularity, only years after his birth?

Deedat: Even if Allah chose to reveal to him at the age of 30, people may still ask why? He revealed to different prophets at different times in their life. Allah knows why.

A certain Michael H Hart has written a book called the Top 100, The most influential men in history. And you see there, number one is Muhammad (pbuh). In the Time Magazine, he is described as the greatest leader of all times.

Jules Masserman, a United States psychoanalyst, admitted that the greatest leader of all time was Muhammad. La Martin, in his History of the Turks wrote, the greatest man that ever lived was Muhammad.

You said, Jesus was a great success. What was his end? According to the Christians, what they say is that the man was killed on the cross, is that greatness? Is that success? And all his disciples forsook him and fled. 100% failure. And today, the Christian are not following Jesus at all.

According to Michael H Hart, he says that the honor for Christianity should be divided between Jesus and Paul. And actually Paul is a real founder of Christianity, not Jesus Christ. So even as a religion, the religion that is carrying his name Christ, (Christianity) is not his religion.

Questioner : Moses performed miracles. Jesus performed an abundance of miracles. In connection, they are alike. But I have no knowledge of Muhammad performing miracles.

In the book of tradition, more than 300 Miracles are ascribed to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) refers to the Quran as a living miracle. You see the miracles of Moses, crossing the Red Sea, striking the rock and rivers gushing forth, miracles of Jesus turning water into wine, killing those 2000 Pigs, are are things in books. We are not sure if they really took place. But the Quran is a living miracle that anyone can verify its origin even today.

Lesson 6: What does the Bible say about Muhammad

9. Trinitarian texts expunged from the up-to-date versions of the Bible

Questioner: Could you tell me is the God or Allah you serve, and the God I serve the same God?

Deedat: In principle, we all believe in the same God. But you have a certain concept of God Almighty, if you are a Christian, are you a Christian?

Questioner: Yeah,

Deedat: Are you a Trinitarian?

Questioner: Yes. Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.

Deedat: Right, you see, now that is your concept of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, which we say is not the teaching of Christ.

In Mark, chapter 12, verse 29, a learned man of the Jews comes to him and says, Master, what commandment is the first of all? And Jesus answers, The first is "hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One".

Besides, no man can see God while alive; God is not seen at any time; God is Spirit, and those that worship Him must worship Him in truth and in spirit, not in form, not in shape, not in size.

The verse about the Trinity, "for there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one" in the Bible that that brother is carrying, is no more in all the modern translations, including the RSV, the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which is the most up to date Bible in the world today. This was brought about by 32, scholars of the highest eminence, backed by 50 cooperating denominations, and they have as a whole thrown it out of the Bible, as a fabrication, as an interpolation.

Questioner: You said that the that is the Revised Standard Bible, right. So you see that the Revised Standard Bible has been taken out of the Trinity, right, the Trinity has been taken out. Right. So, what Christians took that question out throw that portion of the Bible of the Trinity what Christian did it.

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Shaikh Deedat: They were the Trinitarian Christians, people themselves were Trinitarians. There was a church Synod. And in that church Synod, they were asking themselves, the question, how many of them that preach Trinity in the church, believe in the Trinity. Those who preach it, and 85% of the people that were there who preach Trinity, they say they didn't believe in the Trinity. This is how good it is. So it has no biblical basis. Your Trinity is not there.

Jesus is not God. He never claimed to be God. Nowhere does he say I'm God. Nowhere did he say worship me. So this is a creation of the church.

Question and Answer Bucket

1. Why is it wrong to believe that Jesus died for our sins?

Ans. This means that you don't have to exert. You don't have to sweat. You don't have to pray five times a day. You don't have to fast for one whole month.

You just have to believe that Christ died for your sins and salvation is yours. Doing, worshipping is a waste of time. You do not have to be cautious not to do sins, because somebody else died for your sins.

2. In what way are the Muslims better guided since they have all sorts of sinners among them?

Ans. Let's admit it that we have our black sheep like any other community, but I can boast and I have been boasting and I have not been contradicted that my people the Muslims of South Africa. We have the lowest alcoholic consumption in the country. We have the lowest gambling rate in the country. We have the lowest prison rate in the country. We have the lowest divorce rate in the country. We have the lowest suicide rate in the country, and we have the highest charity rate in the country, with what God has given us. We are the most charitable of people. We are the most hospitable of people. We are the most sober people.

Worldwide, we are one billion. And we as a people as a whole, we don't drink alcohol. We are the biggest Society of teetotalers in the world.

3. Having quoted the Quran, chapter 46, verse number 10, can you quote a particular verse whereby Mohammed claimed himself to be that particular prophet?

Ans. The Quran is not the words of Muhammad. Quran is the word of God. And God Almighty is testifying. This is not Muhammad's story book

And a witness from among the children of Israel, bore witness of one like him. And word for word, we find fulfillment, that through the mouth of Moses, God Almighty speaks, this is like unto thee, like you.

So, we hope this, I have given you more than 20 different reasons to say that this prophecy refers to the Holy Prophet Muhammad. You read that in that booklet "What the Bible says about Muhammad".

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him."