

**DID YOU KNOW**

**THAT PROPHET  
MUHAMMED**

**(PEACE BE UPON HIM)**

**WAS PROPHESISED IN THE  
HOLY BIBLE?**

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### “Muhammad in the Gospel”

Then said the Priest, “How shall the Messiah be called, and what sign shall reveal his coming?”

Jesus answered: The name of the messiah is admirable, for God Himself gave him the name when he had created his soul and place it in Celestial Splendour. God said: Wait Muhammad, for thy sake I will create paradise, the world, and a great multitude of creatures, whereof I make thee a present, in so much that who so shall bless thee, shall be blessed, and who so shall curse thee, shall be accursed. When I shall send thee into the world, I shall send thee as my messenger of salvation, and thy word shall be true, insomuch that heaven and earth shall fail, but thy faith shall never fail.

Muhammad is his blessed name.

Then the crowd lifted up their voices saying: O God, send us thy messenger. O Muhammad, come quickly for the salvation of the world!

From “The Gospel of Barnabas”, Edited and translated from the Italian Manuscript in the Imperial Library at Vienna, by Lonsdale and Laura Ragg

## ***In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful***

### God tells Moses of the advent of Prophet Muhammad

Holy Bible – Deuteronomy 18:18-20

*“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. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that Prophet shall die.”*

From the above passages it is evident that Moses prophesized about a Law-giving Prophet who was to appear after him and who was to be from among the brethren of Israel. Christians have vainly striven to apply the above prophesy to Jesus, but if we keep in view all the terms of the prophecy, we are bound to conclude that until at least the time of Jesus no prophet had appeared in the world who could be said to have been “like unto Moses.”. Blessed indeed are the Jews and Christians who recognised Muhammad as the fulfilment of this prophecy and accepted Islam in the early days.

### Come to the truth by analysing the prophecy!

The main distinguishing feature of the promised prophet is that he should be like Moses, “like unto thee”, says God to Moses. In the first place, according to the majority of the Christians, Jesus was God whereas Moses was only a servant of God. Secondly, Jesus was cursed for the redemption of the sins of the world, but Moses was not cursed for the redemption of their sins; thirdly, Jesus was supposed to have to hell for three days but Moses had no need to go there. However these are matters of mere belief; but let us inspect, let us scrutinise, the actual, factual and incontrovertible differences between Moses and Jesus and the exactness of Moses and Muhammad.

### The promised prophet will be “like unto Moses”

1. Moses had a father and mother, and so had Muhammad – but Jesus only had a mother
2. Moses and Muhammad were born in the normal course of events – but Jesus was born by a special miracle.
3. Moses and Muhammad married and begot children, but Jesus remained a bachelor all his life.

4. Moses and Muhammad were the temporal as well as spiritual heads of their people – they were “prophets” as well as “leaders”- but Jesus only claimed spiritual leadership for he said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” (John 18:36)
5. Moses and Muhammad brought new laws and ordinances for their people but Jesus never claimed to have brought a new law; on the contrary he said: Think not that I came to destroy the law, or the Prophets: I come not to destroy, but to fulfil.” (Mat. 5:17)
6. Moses and Muhammad were acknowledged as prophets of their people in their very lifetime, but Jesus was “despised” and “rejected” by his people – the Jews – and even 2000 years after his coming, the Jews still remained unconvinced.
7. Moses and Muhammad died natural deaths, but Jesus according to Mark 15:37 and John 19:30 was killed on the cross
8. Moses and Muhammad lie buried on earth while Jesus rests in heaven.

### The following facts may prove fruitful

- a. Both Moses and Muhammad had to take to flight at the hands of their enemies; each found a companion in his own father in law. Jethro had to solace his son in law, Moses, in the hour of need, while Muhammad was comforted by his companion and father in law, Abu Bakr, in the cave.
- b. Moses was given a comprehensive Code for his people, while Muhammad received a perfect Code, complete in itself for all people and for all time
- c. “The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying this month shall be unto you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you” (Exodus 12:1-2). Similarly, with the Muslim, the month and year of the flight of Muhammad (Hijira) became the month and year of the Muslim Era.
- d. Moses preached for ten years in Medina, so did Muhammad in Medina.
- e. Moses sat to judge his people, Muhammad too was the supreme judge of his people and even the Jews accepted him as such.
- f. When the companions of Moses saw the enemy they cried out: “Surely we are being overtaken” – to which Moses replied – “By no means, surely my Lord is with me; He will show me a way out.” In a similar situation in the Cave of Hira, Muhammad’s reply was: “Do not grieve, surely Allah (God) is with us.”
- g. Moses was the law-giver, general and guide of his people; Muhammad too was a victorious general, a perfect guide for all mankind and a promulgator of a Universal Code which was never to be abrogated.

- h. Moses set his people free from the bondage of Pharaoh, while Muhammad saved his people from the bondage of idol worship and won them over to his faith.

Now by what stretch of imagination can one make believe that Jesus is like Moses and that this prophecy applies to him? Search as you may, there has not been another prophet like Moses except Muhammad. The Holy Quran confirms the fact that Muhammad is like Moses in the following verse: “Verily We have sent to you a Messenger, who is a witness over you, even as we sent a messenger to Pharaoh.” (73:16)

### He was to be “From among their brethren”

Muhammad was the Arab descent and the Arabs are the brethren of the Israelites because these two nations are the descendants of Abraham’s two sons –Ishmael and Isaac Respectively. While the Israelites are the descendants of Isaac. The Arabs are the descendants of Ishmael. Thus Muhammad was from among the brethren of the Israelites-but Jesus being an Israelite was from among themselves. This part of the prophecy is fulfilled in Muhammad

### The prophecy says “I will put my words in this mouth”

The gospels do not contain any such words. On the contrary. The holy prophet Muhammad brought to the world the Quran which is from beginning to end only the word of god which god put into his mouth. The gospels only tell us the story of Jesus and what he said in some of his public addresses and what his disciples said or did on different occasions. The Holy Quran describes itself as the word of god in 86:13 “Behold this is the word that distinguishes (Good from evil)”

### The prophecy says: “He shall speak unto them all that I shall command him”

The promised prophet, according to this, was to give to the world a complete and comprehensive teaching. But Jesus claimed no such mission for himself. He regarded himself as the forerunner of a greater Teacher yet to come. Thus he did not impart everything he received from God to mankind, as the following verses of the Bible prove (John 16:12-13) “I have yet many things to say unto you but you cannot hear them now. Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you unto all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.”

According to the above verses Jesus did not “speak unto them all that he was commanded” by God and there was to be another after him, who was to do so. The holy prophet of Islam fully answers to this description. We have in the Quran (5:70) “O messenger, convey to the people what has been revealed to thee from thy lord.” Similarly, the verse revealed on the completion of the revelation of the Quran says: “This day have I perfected for you your religion and completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as a religion.” (5:4) that is to say, “Through the revelation of the Quran faith has been made perfect and the gift of guidance made complete for you and peace and tranquillity have been appointed for you as your religion.” It was the holy prophet of Islam, therefore, who taught everything and kept back nothing. In the time of Jesus, people were not ready to receive and to believe in everything that was worthwhile. But in the time of the holy prophet of Islam, man had traversed all the stages of spiritual evolution and the time had come for all the truths to be revealed to the world.

We have in the prophecy: “Words which he shall speak in my name”

Strange as it may seem, there is in the gospels not a single example of words which Jesus may be said to have received from God with the *command* to pass them onto the people whom he taught. This part of the prophecy was fulfilled in the holy prophet Muhammad. He spoke in the name of god, because every chapter of the revealed book, the Holy Quran, brought by him begins with the words: “In the name of God, most gracious, most merciful.” This great sign, duly incorporated in the Quran, also proves that the last stride in the spiritual advance of humanity, foretold by Moses, was registered with the advent of the holy prophet of Islam.

“But the prophet which presumes to speak a word in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, even that Prophet shall die”

This part of the prophecy gives a sure criterion to test a prophet. We are told here that god shall destroy any prophet who is presumptuous enough even to fabricate a single revelation. The wrath of god is kindled so furiously against a false pretender that he is consumed to ashes even if he speaks a single sentence, nay, even a single word in the name of God which he has not commanded him to speak. Now let the Christians, if they are sincere believers in the word of god revealed to Moses, test the claim of the holy prophet Muhammad by this criterion. The holy prophet spoke these words in the name of god and continued to do so for twenty-three years, far

from being brought to naught, he prospered every day. He did not pass away from this world until his mission was firmly established in the land. The seed which he sowed, grew and prospered until it became a thriving tree in his own life-time and bore fruit in abundance. He won a success which is admittedly in the annals of history. So according to the word of god already quoted, he was a true prophet of god.

If Christians believe that it was god who spoke to Moses and that the criterion given in the word of god, is a true criterion, then they must also believe that the prophet who rose at mecca was a true prophet. He was not brought to naught like a false prophet. On the other hand he won a glorious success such as was never won before him by any claimant to prophethood. Hence the Christians, and the Jews, as well, cannot escape either of two conclusions: - Wither they must accept the holy prophet Muhammad as a true prophet, or they must reject the word of god revealed to Moses as false. They could not call the holy prophet Muhammad a false prophet and believe the revelation of Moses as the true word of god. That god should destroy every false pretender and grant his assistance to every true reasonable man. In this age of reason and enlightenment, in this age of tolerance and broadmindedness, we ask you nothing more than this: that you apply to Muhammad the same acid test which Jesus commanded you to apply to every claimant of prophethood:

“By their fruits ye shall know them

Do men gather grapes from the thorns,

Or figs from the thistles?

Always the good tree bears good fruit;

But the evil tree (the corrupt tree, the bad tree) bears bad fruit.

Always ye shall know them by their fruits!” (Matt. 7:16-20)

“The advent of the promised prophet was even awaited during the lifetime of Jesus” (Deut. 18:18-20)

During the time of John the Baptist, the Jews were expecting three prophets to come namely, (1) JESUS, (2) ELIAS, (3) THAT PROPHET (prophesied in Deut. 18:18-20). Refer to John 1:19-21 where the Jews asked John the Baptist “who art thou?” and he (John) confessed and denied not; but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “Art thou Elias?” and he (John) saith, “I am not.” Then they asked him the third question, “Art thou that Prophet?” and he answered “No!”

You must have noted that three distinct questions were asked, and John replied to all of them with an emphatic NO. But if you still have any doubts as to the number of questions asked, please listen to this: “|And they that had been sent by the Pharisees asked him further, “Why baptisest thou then, if thou art not the Christ, neither Elias nor that prophet?” (John 1:25). The third question clearly indicates that even during the time of Jesus, the Jews were expecting another prophet, besides CHRIST, besides ELIAS; they called him that prophet, because no explanation was necessary. It was understood that THAT PROPHET was the one prophesied in the OLD TESTAMENT, in Deuteronomy chap. 18, verses 18-20.

## What the Peake’s Commentary on the Bible says...?

The “Peake’s commentary on the Bible” confirms the fact that this prophecy (Deut. 18:18) does not refer to Christ, in the following words:—“Deut. 18:18, contains no primary reference to the messiah, though the words naturally suggest to Christian readers the Great Prophet.”

Muhammad thus fulfilled this prophecy and his greatness is proved by the “Encyclopaedia Britannica”, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition “Koran”, when it says that Muhammad was “the most successful of all the prophets.”

**IF YOU ARE A TRUE BELIEVER OF THE BIBLE, THEN YOU MUST ACCEPT MUHAMMAD AND THE MESSAGE WHICH HE BROUGHT TO YOU FROM GOD!**

*“Those who follow the Apostle, the unlettered Prophet (Muhammad), whom they (the Jews and Christians) find mentioned in their own (Scriptures); in the Law (Torah) and the Gospel; - for he commands them what is just and forbids them what is evil; he allows them as lawful what is good (and pure) and prohibits them from what is bad (and impure); he releases them from their heavy burdens and from the yokes that are upon them. So it is those who believe in him, honour him, help him, and follow the Light which is sent down with him, - It is they who will prosper.”*

- Holy Quran.
- Chapter 7, Verse 157

*“It is He (God) who has sent his Apostle (Muhammad) with guidance and the religion of truth, to proclaim it over all religion: And enough is God for a Witness.”*

- Holy Quran
- Chapter 48, Verse 28



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