



### What does the Qur'an say about the Torah, the Psalms of David, and the Gospel?

Sura 4:163-164 "Lo! We inspire thee as We inspired Noah and the prophets after him, as We inspired **Abraham** and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and **Jesus** and Job and Jonah and Aaron and Solomon, and as We imparted unto **David** the **Psalms**; And messengers We have mentioned unto thee before and messengers We have not mentioned unto thee; and Allah spake directly unto **Moses**..."

Sura 5:46 "And We caused **Jesus**, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, confirming that which was (revealed) before him in the **Torah**, and We bestowed on him the **Gospel** wherein is guidance and a light, confirming that which was (revealed) before it in the **Torah** - a guidance and an admonition unto those who ward off (evil)."

Sura 6:91-92 "... Who revealed the Book which Moses brought, a light and guidance for mankind ... And this is a blessed Scripture which We have revealed, confirming that which (was revealed) before it ..."



### What does the Qur'an say about judging the truth using the Torah and the Gospel?

Sura 3:93-95 "... Produce the **Torah** and read it (unto us) if ye are truthful. And whoever shall invent a falsehood after that concerning Allah, such will be wrong-doers. Say: Allah speaketh truth. So follow the religion of Abraham, the upright. He was not of the idolaters."

Sura 5:47-48 "Let the People of the **Gospel** judge by that which Allah hath revealed therein. Whoso judgeth not by that which Allah hath revealed: such are evil-livers. And unto thee have We revealed the Scripture with the truth, confirming whatever Scripture was before it, and a watcher over it ..."

Sura 10:94 "And if thou (Muhammad) art in doubt concerning that which We reveal unto thee, then question those who read the Scripture (that was) before thee. Verily the Truth from thy Lord hath come unto thee. So be not thou of the waverers."



### What did Moses say in the Torah about Jesus?

The writings of Moses point to a Messiah who was to come who would save men from their sins.

In Genesis, Moses wrote that, after Adam and Eve sinned, God covered their bodies with animal skins. This required that animals had to be sacrificed, that is, it required the shedding of blood. (Genesis 3:21)

God also promised to send a Savior (Messiah) who would crush the head of Satan, but whose heel would be wounded. (Genesis 3:15) Jesus was mortally wounded at Calvary, but He proved that He crushed the head of Satan when He rose from the dead.

After Adam and Eve had Cain and Abel, God was pleased with Abel's animal sacrifice (that required the shedding of blood) but was displeased with Cain's sacrifice of the fruits of the field. (Genesis 4:3-5)

The names of the Patriarchs from Adam to Noah provide a summary of God's plan of redemption and point directly to the Messiah. Adam means "man." Seth means "appointed." Enosh means "mortal." Kenan means "sorrow." Mahalalel means "the Blessed God." Jared means "shall come down." Enoch means "teaching." Methuselah means "His death shall bring." Lamech means "the despairing." Noah means "rest or comfort." When the meanings of these names are read one after the other in sequence, we get the following message:

"Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow, (but) the Blessed God (Jesus/Messiah) shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest (comfort)."

Moses recorded that Noah came out of the darkness and confines of the ark "in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month" to begin a new life on earth. (Genesis 8:14) This day of the year is the same day of the year that Jesus rose from the dead and came out of the tomb. Jesus gave men new life, eternal life as children of God, by demonstrating that He conquered death and provided a pathway to heaven for those who would believe in Him.

To test Abraham's faith, God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac on Mount Moriah (Jerusalem's current location). Abraham had so much faith in God that he believed that, even if he sacrificed Isaac, God would raise Isaac from the dead. But God restrained Abraham and provided a ram as a sacrifice instead. This event pointed to the sacrifice of the Messiah whose actual death would save men from their sins. (Genesis 22)

When Moses was in Egypt, God sent ten plagues upon the Egyptians to force Pharaoh to release God's people from slavery. The tenth plague was the death of all the first-born males in Egypt. But Moses told his people that each household should kill an unblemished lamb, the **Passover Lamb**, and put the blood of the lamb on their door posts. Then, when the LORD would come, he would see the blood and would pass over that house, saving those inside. (Exodus 12:3-30) In addition, the bones of the unblemished **Passover Lamb** were not to be broken. (Exodus 12:46) This event pointed directly to the Messiah (Jesus) as the unblemished Lamb of God whose shedding of blood on Calvary would cover the sins of those who believed in Him as the Messiah. When Jesus started his ministry, John the Baptist called Jesus "The **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) At the Feast of Passover, Jesus did shed His blood on Calvary, but (as Moses foretold) none of His bones were broken.

When Moses led God's people through the desert, the LORD twice provided water for them. The first time, God told Moses to strike the rock with his staff, and water flowed out. (Exodus 17:1-7) The second time, God told Moses to speak to the rock to bring forth water, but instead Moses struck the rock twice with his staff. Water still came out of the rock, but the LORD was displeased with Moses because Moses disobeyed God's instructions. (Numbers 20:7-12) Because Moses disobeyed God, God prevented Moses from entering the Promised Land. These two separate events point to the Messiah who is called the **Rock** in the Gospel. The Messiah (Jesus) was struck once; that is, He was crucified once. His death and shed blood cover men's sins and provide the living water of eternal life to those who believe in Him. After Jesus rose from the dead, men only need to speak to Jesus in repentance for their sins and in faith in Him to receive the living water of eternal life. Jesus did not need to be struck twice. God wanted to teach Moses and his followers that there only had to be one perfect sacrifice of the unblemished Lamb of God to cover men's sins, not two or three or more.

In the desert, God told Moses to build the Ark of the Covenant. The top of the Ark was covered with a lid, called the Mercy Seat. Inside the Ark, Moses placed the tablets of the Ten Commandments. God told Moses that every year, on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest had to sacrifice an animal and sprinkle its blood on the Mercy Seat to make atonement for all the sins of the people. (Leviticus 16:13-15) Then, when God looked down from heaven onto the Mercy Seat, He would see only the blood of the sacrifice but would not see the Ten Commandments (representing the sins of the people) within the Ark. This ceremony pointed to the final perfect sacrifice that was made by Jesus when He shed his blood on Calvary to cover all the sins of the people once and for all. So now, when God looks down from heaven onto those who believe in Jesus as their Savior Messiah, He no longer sees their sins (the broken Commandments) but only the blood of Jesus that covers their sins. It is their faith in Jesus that saves people from perishing in hell and destines them for eternal life in heaven.

As Moses led God's people through the desert, they spoke against God and against Moses, and complained about the hardships in the wilderness. So the LORD sent poisonous serpents to punish the people, and many people died. The people then repented and asked Moses to pray to God to remove the serpents. God told Moses to make a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole. Then, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when the person looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. (Numbers 21:4-9) This event points to Jesus' death on the cross where Jesus was lifted up. The apostle John recorded Jesus' prophecy about His own death when Jesus said: *"And as Moses lifted up the (bronze) serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man (Jesus Himself) be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not perish (in hell) but have eternal life (in heaven). For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."* (John 3:14-18)

Moses told the people that the LORD would raise up a great Prophet like himself (Moses) and would put His (the LORD's) words into the Prophet's mouth. (Deuteronomy 18:15-18)

Fourteen centuries later, the apostle Luke wrote that Jesus was anointed by God to preach the Gospel, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, to give sight to the blind, and to set at liberty those who are oppressed. (Luke 4:16-21)

#### ***What do the Psalms of David say about Jesus?***

Psalm 22 prophesies the Messiah's crucifixion and death. The apostle John wrote; *"... they crucified Him (Jesus) ... and bowing His head, He (Jesus) gave up His spirit."* (John 19:17-30)

Psalm 69:21 says the Messiah will be given vinegar and gall. This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus was crucified on the cross. (John 19:29-30)

Psalm 16:10-11 foretells the Messiah's resurrection. The Gospel records Jesus' resurrection. (Matthew 28. Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20)

Psalm 23 describes Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Jesus said: *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."* (John 10:11)

#### ***What does the Gospel say about Jesus?***

Jesus said *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (gets to heaven) except through Me."* (John 14:6) Jesus also said *"...I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life."* (John 6:47)

#### ***What will you do right now?***

Will you accept Jesus today as your Savior? Will you believe that He died on the cross for your sins? Will you believe that He rose from the dead to show that He has the power to overcome death and provide eternal life to those who believe in Him?

Right now, say to Jesus: "Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I do not deserve eternal life. I believe that You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me. Lord Jesus, come into my life, take control of my life, forgive my sins, and save me. I repent of my sins and now place my trust in You for my eternal salvation. I accept Your free gift of eternal life."

