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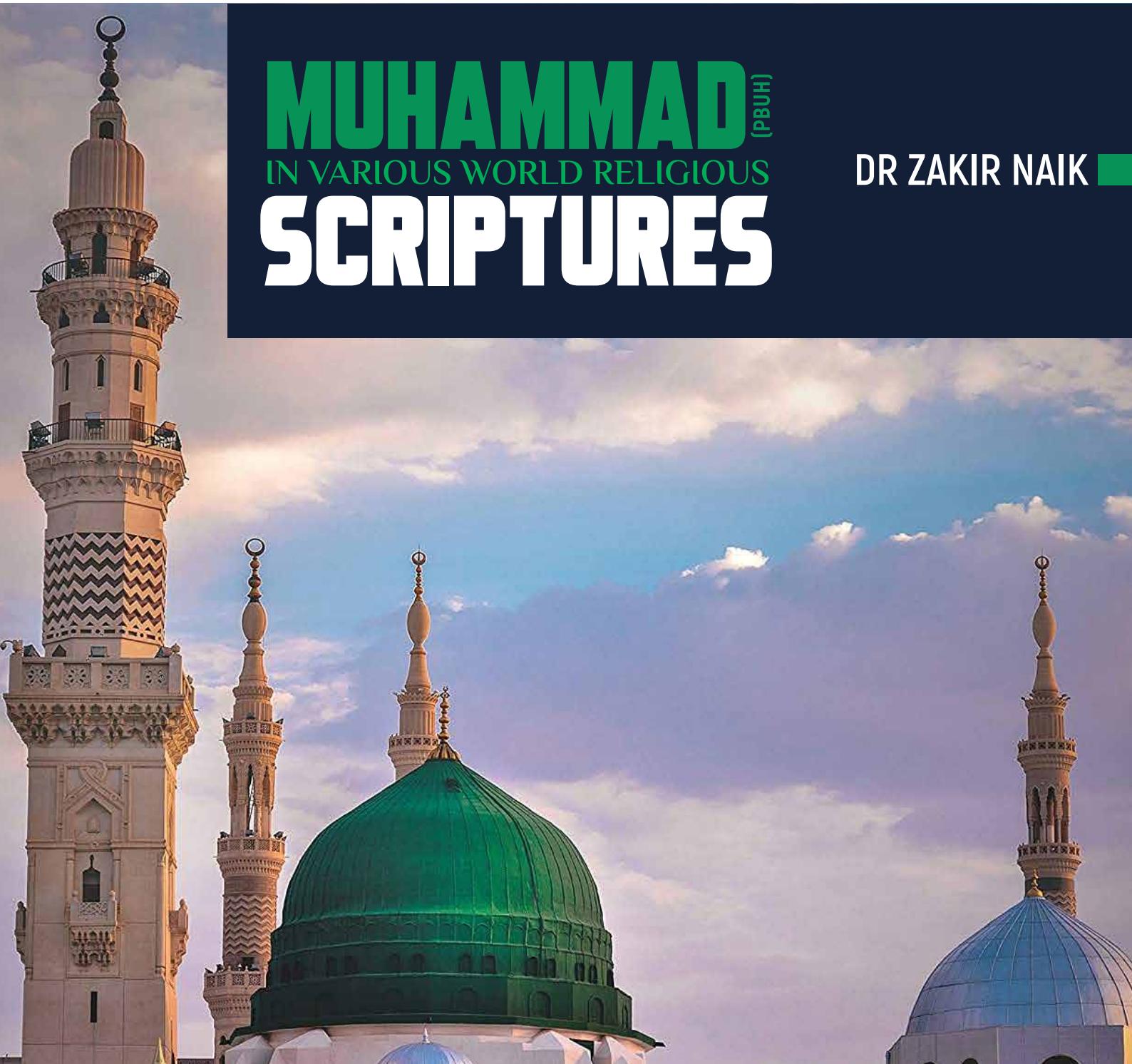
# STUDY GUIDE

# MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

IN VARIOUS WORLD RELIGIOUS

# SCRIPTURES

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# COURSE OUTLINE

## COURSE TOPICS

1. Muhammad (pbuh) – the last and final messenger of Allah (swt) sent for all humankind
2. Muhammad (pbuh) in the Hindu Scriptures
3. Muhammad (pbuh) in the Parsi Scriptures
4. Muhammad (pbuh) in the Buddhist Scriptures
5. Muhammad (pbuh) in the Jewish Scriptures
6. Muhammad (pbuh) in the Christian Scriptures (New Testament)
7. Qur'anic testimonies on denial of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the concept of prophethood in Islam
2. To know that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the last and final messenger of Allah (swt) sent for all humankind
3. To know about the mention of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in various world religious scriptures



# COURSE OUTLINE

## QUESTION & ANSWER BUCKET

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Transcripts

## ASSESSMENT

Multiple Choice Questions

Matching Columns

True or False

## COURSE DURATION

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Study Guide	– 1 hour
Post	– 5 min
Assessment	– 10 min
Total Duration	– 4 hours 15 min

Lesson 1

**MUHAMMAD (PBUH)**  
– THE LAST AND FINAL  
**MESSENGER OF ALLAH (SWT)**  
SENT FOR ALL HUMANKIND





# 01 MUHAMMAD (PBUH) – THE LAST AND FINAL **MESSENGER OF ALLAH (SWT)** **SENT FOR ALL HUMANKIND**

## 01 ISLAM IS NOT A NEW RELIGION FOUNDED BY MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

Many people have a misconception that Islam is a new religion, which came into existence 1400 years ago and Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the founder of this religion. In fact, Islam is there since time immemorial – since man set foot on this earth. Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is not the founder of this religion, but he is the last and final messenger of Allah (swt), of Almighty God, sent for all of humankind.

## 02 TO EVERY NATION WAS SENT A WARNER OR A GUIDE OR A MESSENGER

وَإِن مِّنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَّا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ



“And there never was a people, without a warner having lived among them (in the past).”

Al Qur'an 35:24



وَلِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ هَادِ



**“And to every people (We have sent) a guide.”**

Al Qur'an 13:7

03

**25 PROPHETS ARE MENTIONED BY NAME IN THE QUR'AN**

BY NAME, THERE ARE 25 PROPHETS OF ALMIGHTY GOD MENTIONED IN THE QUR'AN. FOR EXAMPLE, ADAM, NOAH, ABRAHAM, MOSES, JESUS, MUHAMMAD (PEACE BE UPON THEM ALL).

04

**ALL THE PROPHETS HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY NAME IN THE QUR'AN**

وَرُسُلاً قَدْ قَصَصْنَاهُمْ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ قَبْلٍ وَرُسُلاً لَمْ نَقْصُصْنَاهُمْ عَلَيْكَ



**“Of some messengers We have already told you the story; of others We have not.”**

Al Qur'an 4:164 & 40:78



## 05 MORE THAN 124,000 PROPHETS HAVE BEEN SENT BY ALLAH (SWT)



The Prophet (pbuh) said:  
**“Allah (swt) has sent about 124,000 Prophets on the face of the earth.”**

Mishkat Al Masabih, Vol 3, Hadith No. 5737

## 06 MESSENGERS SENT BEFORE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) WERE SENT FOR A PARTICULAR PEOPLE AND TIME PERIOD

All the messengers that came before the last and final messenger, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), they were only sent for their people, and their complete message which they brought was only meant to be followed in totality till a particular time period.



07

## JESUS (PBUH) WAS SENT AS A MESSENGER ONLY TO THE BANI ISRAEL

All the messengers that came before Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) were only meant for a particular group of people. For example Isa (as), Jesus Christ (pbuh) was only sent for the Jews, for the Bani Israel.



وَرَسُولًا إِلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ



**"And (appoint him) a messenger to the Children of Israel."**

Al Qur'an 3:49

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ



**"And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah (sent) to you."**

Al Qur'an 61:6



## BIBLE

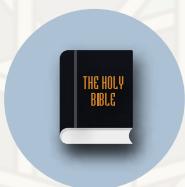
B

And the same message is even repeated in the Bible. Jesus Christ (pbuh) tells to his Apostles:



**"Go ye not into the way of the Gentiles..."**  
Who are the Gentiles? The 'Non Jews', the Hindus, the Muslims. "Go ye not into the way of the Gentiles, enter ye not into the city of the Samaritans: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

The Bible – Matthew 10:5&6



**"I have not been sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."**

The Bible – Matthew 15:24

That means according to the Qur'an and the Bible, Jesus Christ (pbuh) was only sent for the Bani Israel, only for the Jews.



08

## PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) WAS THE LAST AND FINAL MESSENGER SENT FOR ALL OF HUMANKIND

A

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was the last and final Messenger of Allah

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمُ النَّبِيِّنَ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا



**"Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Messenger of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets: and Allah has full knowledge of all things."**

Al Qur'an 33:40

B

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was sent for all of humankind

Since Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was the last and final Messenger of Almighty God, he was not sent only for the Muslims or only for the Arabs but for all of humankind.



وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ



**"We sent thee not, but as a mercy for all creatures."**

Al Qur'an 21:107

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَةً لِلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ



**"We have not sent thee but as a universal (Messenger) to men, giving them glad tidings, and warning them (against sin), but most men understand not."**

Al Qur'an 34:28

BECAUSE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) WAS THE LAST AND FINAL MESSENGER, AND NO OTHER MESSENGER, OR PROPHET IS GOING TO COME AFTER HIM THAT'S THE REASON HE WAS NOT SENT ONLY FOR THE MUSLIMS OR FOR THE ARABS, HE WAS SENT FOR ALL OF HUMANKIND.



09

## MUSLIMS BELIEVE IN THE QUR'AN AND THUS IN THE FINALITY OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

Muslims believe that the Glorious Qur'an is the Word of Allah (swt) and the last and final revelation of Almighty God. Thus, whatever the Qur'an says, the Muslims believe. Therefore, the Muslims also believe that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the last and final messenger and they also believe that he was sent for all of humankind.

10

## THE MASTER KEY FOR DA'WAH – AL QUR'AN 3:64

Most of the non-Muslims – the non-Muslims in general – do not believe that the Qur'an is the word of God, thus they may not agree that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the last and final messenger of God and was sent for the whole of humanity. Therefore, to convince the non-Muslims let us take the help and guidance of one of the verses of the Qur'an, which I consider as the 'Master key for Da'wah' for conveying the message of Islam to the non-Muslims.



قُلْ يَأَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ تَعَالَوْا إِلَىٰ كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ أَلَا نَعْبُدَ  
إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَا نُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا وَلَا يَتَّخِذَ بَعْضُنَا بَعْضًا أَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُونِ  
اللَّهِ فَإِنْ تَوَلُّوْا فَقُولُوا أَشْهَدُوْا بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُوْنَ



**“Say: ‘O People of the Book! Come to common terms as between us and you: That we worship none but Allah; that we associate no partners with him; that we erect not, from among ourselves, Lords and patrons other than Allah.’ If then they turn back, say ye: ‘Bear witness that we (at least) are Muslims (bowing to Allah's Will).’”**

Al Qur'an 3:64

When we are speaking with different types of people the best way is as the Qur'an says:

تَعَالَوْا إِلَىٰ كَلِمَةٍ سَوَاءٍ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ



**“Come to common terms as between us and you”**

Al Qur'an 3:64



Therefore, let us analyze what do the various world religious scriptures have to speak about Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The non-Muslims, if they believe in their scriptures which they follow, and consider it to be the word of God, then they have to even believe in the message of these scriptures, including about the mention of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Lesson 2

# **MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE HINDU SCRIPTURES**

– BHAVISHYA PURANA





## 02 MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE HINDU SCRIPTURES

### 01 INTRODUCTION

There are several Holy Scriptures of the Hindus. Among them are the Vedas, Upanishads and the Puranas.

#### A Vedas

***The word Veda is derived from 'Vid', which means to know, knowledge par excellence, sacred wisdom.***

i There are 4 principal divisions of the Vedas (Although according to their number, they amount to 1131 out of which about a dozen are available. According to Mahabhashya of Patanjali, there are 21 branches of Rig Veda, 9 types of Atharva Veda, 101 branches of Yajur Veda and 1000 of Sam Veda)

ii The Rig Veda, the Yajur Veda and Sam Veda are considered to be more ancient books and are known as "Trai Vidya" or the "Triple Sciences". The Rig Veda is the oldest and has been compiled in 3 long and different periods of time. The 4th Veda is the Atharva Veda which is of a later date.



iii

There is no unanimous opinion regarding the date of compilation of the 4 Vedas. According to Swami Dayanand, who is the founder of the Arya Samaj, the Vedas were compiled 1310 millions of years ago and according to other scholars they are not more than 4000 years old.

iv

Similarly there is a difference of opinion regarding the places where these scriptures appeared and the Rishis who recorded them. In spite of these differences the Vedas are the most authentic of the Hindu scriptures and the real foundations of the Hindu Dharma.

## B

### Upanishads

i

The word Upanishad is derived from 'Upa' meaning near, 'ni' which means down and 'shad' means to sit. Therefore Upanishad means sitting down near; groups of pupils sit near the teacher to learn from him the secret doctrines.

ACCORDING TO SAMKARA, UPANISHAD IS DERIVED FROM THE ROOT WORD 'SAD' WHICH MEANS 'TO LOOSEN' 'TO REACH' OR 'TO DESTROY' WITH 'UPA' AND 'NI' AS PREFIX, THEREFORE UPANISHAD MEANS BRAHMA-KNOWLEDGE BY WHICH IGNORANCE IS LOOSENERED OR DESTROYED.

ii

The number of Upanishads exceeds 200 though the Indian tradition puts it at 108. There are 10 principal Upanishads, however some consider them to be more than 10, while others 18.



iii

The ‘Vedanta’ originally meant the Upanishads, though the word is now used for the system of philosophy based on the Upanishads. Literally, Vedanta means the end of the Veda, ‘Vedasya Antah’, the conclusion as well as the goal of Vedas. The Upanishads are the concluding portion of the Vedas and chronologically they come at the end of the Vedic period.

iv

Some Pandits consider the Upanishads to be more superior to the Vedas.

## C

## Puranas

Next in order of authenticity are the Puranas, which are the most widely read scriptures. The Purana contains the history of the creation of the universe, history of the early Aryan tribes and life stories of the divines and deities of the Hindus. The Puranas were written during the same time as that of the Vedas or somewhere close to it.

Maharishi Vyas has divided the Puranas into 18 voluminous parts. He also arranged the Vedas under various heads. The Gita and Mahabharata were productions of his masterly pen.

Chief among the Puranas is a book known as Bhavishya Purana. It is called so because it gives an account of future events. The Hindus consider it to be the word of God. Maharishi Vyas was just the compiler of the book, the real author being God himself.



02

## MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHESIED IN BHAVISHYA PURANA

महामद

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) will appear from the desert along with his companions

A



**“A Maleccha (belonging to a foreign country and speaking foreign language) spiritual teacher will appear with his companions. His name will be Mahamad, Raja (Bhoj) after giving this Maha Dev Arab (of angelic disposition) a bath in the ‘Panchgavya’ and the Ganges water, (i.e. purging him of all sins) will offer him the presents of his sincere devotion and showing him all reverence will say, “I make obeisance to thee. ‘O ye! the pride of mankind’, the dweller in Arabia, Ye have collected a great force to kill the Devil and you yourself have been protected from the Maleccha opponents.”**

Bhavishya Purana, Prati Sarg Parv III, Khand 3, Adhyay 3, Shlokas 5 to 8



***The Prophecy clearly states:***

- i** The name of the Prophet as 'Mahamad' (Muhammad).
- ii** He will belong to Arabia, the Sanskrit word used here, 'Marusthal' means a sandy tree track of land or a desert.
- iii** Special mention is made of the companions of the Prophet i.e. the Sahabah. No other Prophet had as many companions as Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).
- iv** He is referred as the pride of mankind, 'Parbatis Nath'.

***The Glorious Qur'an reconfirms this in 2 verses:***

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ حُلْقٍ عَظِيمٍ



"And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character."

Al Qur'an 68:4

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ



"You have indeed in the Messenger of Allah, a beautiful pattern (of conduct)."

Al Qur'an 33:21



v

**He will kill the devil i.e. abolish idol worship and all sorts of vices.**

vi

**The Prophet (pbuh) will be given protection against his enemies.**

Some people argue that Raja Bhoj mentioned in the prophecy lived in the 11th Century C.E, 500 years after the advent of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and was the descendant in the 10th generation of Raja Shalivahan. These people fail to realize that there was not only one Raja of the name 'Bhoj'. The Egyptian Monarchs were called as 'Pharaohs' and the Roman Kings were known as 'Caesars', similarly, the Indian Rajas were given the title of 'Bhoj'. There were several Raja Bhoj who came before the one in the 11th Century C.E.

The Prophet (pbuh) did not physically take a bath in Panchgavya and the water of Ganges. Since the water of Ganges is considered holy, taking bath in the Ganges is an idiom meaning washing away or made immune from all sorts of sins. Here the prophecy implies that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was sinless i.e. 'Maasoom'.



Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) will guide the enemies to the right path

B

"The Maleccha have spoiled the well-known land of the Arabs. Arya Dharma is not to be found in the country. Before also there appeared a misguided fiend whom I had killed; he has now again appeared being sent by a powerful enemy. To show these enemies the right path and to give them guidance the well-known Mahamad (Muhammad), who has been given by me the epithet of Brahma, is busy in bringing the 'Pishachas' to the right path. O Raja, You need not go to the land of the foolish Pishachas, you will be purified through my kindness even where you are. At night, he of the angelic disposition, the shrewd man, in the guise of a Pishacha said to Raja Bhoj, "O Raja your Arya Dharma has been made to prevail over all religions, but according to the commandments of Ishwar Parmatma, I shall enforce the strong creed of the meat eaters. My followers will be a man circumcised, without a tail (on his head), keeping beard, creating a revolution, announcing Adhan (call for prayer) and will be eating all lawful things. He will eat all sorts of animals except swine. They will not seek purification from the holy shrubs but will be purified through warfare. On account of their fighting the irreligious nations, they will be known as Musalmans. I shall be the originator of this religion of the meat-eating nations."

Bhavishya Purana, Prati Sarg Parv III, Khand 3,  
Shlokas 10 to 27





**The Prophecy states that:**

- [i] The evil doers have corrupted the Arab land.
- [ii] Arya Dharma is not found in that land.
- [iii] The present enemies will be destroyed just as the previous enemy like Abraha had perished.

أَلْمَ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ يَأْصَحِبُ الْفِيلِ  
 أَلْمَ يَجْعَلُ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي نَضْلِيلٍ  
 وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَايِلَ  
 تَرْمِيهِم بِحِجَارَةٍ مِنْ سِجْيلٍ  
 فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَأْكُولٍ



“Did you not see how your Lord dealt with the companions of the elephant?”  
 Did He not make their treacherous plan go astray? And He sent against them flights of birds striking them with stones of baked clay then did He make them like an empty field of stalk, straw, (of which the corn) has been eaten up.”

Al Qur'an 105:1-5



iv

The Indian Raja need not go to Arab land since his purification will take place in India after the Musalmans will arrive in India.

v

The coming Prophet will attest the truth of the Aryan faith i.e monotheism and will reform the misguided people.

vi

The Prophet's followers will be circumcised without a tail on the head keeping a beard and will create a great revolution.

vii

Will announce the Adhaan i.e. "call for prayer".

viii

He will only eat lawful things and animals but will not eat pork.

حَرَّمَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَيْتَةَ وَالدَّمَ وَلَحْمَ الْخِنْزِيرِ وَمَا أُهِلَّ بِهِ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ



"Forbidden to you (for food) are: dead meat, blood, the flesh of swine and that on which has been invoked the name of other than Allah."

Al Qur'an 2:173, 5:3, 6:145 & 16:115

ix

They will not purify with grass like the Hindus but by means of sword they will fight the irreligious people.



**x** They will be called as Musalman.

**xii** They will be a meat-eating nation. The Qur'an confirms the eating of herbivorous animals.

يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُهُودِ أَحْلَتْ لَكُمْ بَهِيمَةُ الْأَنْعَمِ إِلَّا  
مَا يُنَهَا عَلَيْكُمْ غَيْرُ مُحِلٌّ الصَّيْدٍ وَأَنْتُمْ حُرُمٌ



"O you who believe! Fulfill (all) obligations. Lawful unto you (for food) are all four-footed animals with the exceptions named."

Al Qur'an 5:1

وَإِنَّ لَكُمْ فِي الْأَنْعَمِ لَعِبْرَةً نُسْقِيْكُمْ مَمَّا فِي بُطُونِهَا وَلَكُمْ فِيهَا مَنْفَعٌ  
كَثِيرٌ وَمِنْهَا تَأْكُلُونَ



"And in cattle (too) you have an instructive example: From within their bodies We produce (milk) for you to drink; there are, in them, (besides), numerous (other) benefits for you; and of their (meat) you eat."

Al Qur'an 23:21



Muslims have good qualities



**“Corruption and persecution are in seven sacred cities of Kashi etc. India is inhabited by Rakshas, Shabar, Bhil and other foolish people. In the land of ‘Malecchas’ the followers of the ‘Maleccha Dharma’ (Islam) are wise and brave people. All good qualities are found in Musalmans and all sorts of vices have accumulated in the land of Aryas. Islam will rule in India and its Islands. Having known these facts O Muni, glorify the name of thy Lord.”**

Bhavishya Purana Prati Sarg Parv III, Khand 1, Adhyay 3, Shlokas 21 – 23

**The Qur'an confirms this:**

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَىٰ الْأَلْدَىٰ  
كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ



**“It is He Who has sent His messengers with guidance and the Religion of Truth, to proclaim it over all religions, even though the Pagans may detest (it).”**

Al Qur'an 9:33 & 61:9



***And a similar message with a different ending is repeated in the Qur'an:***

وَكَفَىٰ بِاللّٰهِ شَهِيدًا



**“And enough is Allah as a witness.”**

Al Qur'an 48:28

Lesson 3

# MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE HINDU SCRIPTURES

– VEDAS & KALKI PURANA





# 03

## PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHECIED IN ATHARVA VEDA

A

### Kuntap Suktas

Some Suktas (chapters) are known as 'Kuntap Sukt'. Kuntap means the consumer of misery and troubles. Thus, meaning the message of peace and safety and if translated in Arabic means Islam.

Kuntap also means hidden glands in the abdomen. These mantras are called so probably because their true meaning was hidden and was to be revealed in future. Its hidden meaning is also connected with the naval or the middle point of the earth. Makkah is called the 'Ummul Qura', the mother of the towns or the naval of the earth. In many revealed books it was the first house of divine worship where God Almighty gave spiritual nourishment to the world.

إِنَّ أَوَّلَ بَيْتٍ وُضِعَ لِلنَّاسِ لَلَّذِي بِكَثَّةِ مُبَارَّكًا وَهُدًى لِلْعَالَمِينَ



**"The first House (of worship) appointed for men was that at Bakkah (Makkah): Full of blessing and of guidance for all kinds of beings."**

Al Qur'an 3:96



**Another name for Makkah is Bakkah. Thus, Kuntap stands for Makkah or Bakkah.**

**SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE TRANSLATED THESE KUNTAP SUKTAS LIKE M. BLOOMFIELD, PROF RALPH GRIFFITH, PANDIT RAJARAM, PANDIT KHEM KARAN, ETC.**

*The main points mentioned in the Kuntap Suktas that is in Atharva Veda Book 20 Hymn 127 Verses 1-13 are as follows:*

### **MANTRA 01**

He is Narashansah or the praised one (Muhammad)  
He is Kaurama, the prince of peace or the emigrant, who is safe even amongst a host of 60,090 enemies.

### **MANTRA 02**

He is a camel-riding Rishi, whose chariot touches the heaven.

### **MANTRA 03**

He is Mamah Rishi who is given a hundred gold coins, ten chaplets (necklaces), three hundred good steeds and ten thousand cows.

### **MANTRA 04**

Vachyesv rebh, 'Oh! Ye who glorifies'

**MANTRA 05**

The praying ones with their prayers hurry on like powerful bulls.

**MANTRA 06**

Oh you who praises, hold fast the wisdom which earns cows and good things. Disseminate this among the divine.

**MANTRA 07**

He is the king of the worlds, the best of men and a guide for the entire mankind.

**MANTRA 08-09**

He has procured a secure dwelling for the people, gives protection to everybody and has spread peace in the world.

**MANTRA 10**

People thrive happily and prosper under his rule and from the depth of degradation they rise to the height of glory.

**MANTRA 11**

He is asked to wake up and warn the world.

**MANTRA 12**

He is extremely bountiful and very generous.

**MANTRA 13**

His followers have been saved from the hostility and robbery of the enemy and may the Master not be harmed.

**MANTRA 14**

We glorify and praise the great hero with a song of praise and a prayer. Please accept this praise so that evil may not befall us.

**i**

The Sanskrit word ‘Narashansah’ means ‘the Praised one’ which is the literal translation of the Arabic word Muhammad (pbuh). The Sanskrit word ‘Kaurama’ also means an emigrant. The Prophet migrated from Makkah to Madinah and was thus also an emigrant. He will be protected from 60,090 enemies which was the population of Makkah.

**ii**

The Prophet would ride a camel. This clearly indicates that it cannot be an Indian Rishi since it is forbidden for a Brahman to ride a camel.



**“A Brahman is prohibited from riding a camel or an ass and to bathe naked. He should purify himself by suppressing his breath.”**

Sacred Books of the East, volume 25, Laws of Manu, pg 472, chapter 11 verse 202

**iii**

**A** This mantra gave the Rishi’s name as ‘Mamah’. No rishi in India or any other Prophet had this name. ‘Mamah’ is derived from ‘Mah’ which means to esteem highly, to revere, to exalt etc. Some Sanskrit books give the Prophet’s name as “Mahamad” but this word according to Sanskrit grammar can also be used in the bad sense. It is incorrect to apply grammar to an Arabic word. Actually ‘Mamah’ has the same meaning and somewhat similar pronunciation as the word Muhammad (pbuh).

**B**

He is given 100 gold coins which refers to the believers and earlier companions of the Prophet (pbuh) during his turbulent Makkah life. Later on, due to persecution they migrated from Makkah to Abyssinia. Later when the Prophet (pbuh) migrated to Madinah all of them joined him there.

**C**

The 10 chaplets or necklaces were the 10 best companions of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) known as 'Al Asharah Al Mubashshiroon bil Jannah' (The ten bestowed with good news of Paradise). These were foretold in this world of their salvation in the hereafter i.e. they were given the good news of entering paradise by Prophet's (pbuh) own lips and after naming each one he said 'in Paradise'. They were Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali, Talha, Zubair, Abdur Rahman Ibn Awf, Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqas, Saeed bin Zaid and Abu Ubaidah (may Allah be pleased with them).

**D**

The third gift was 300 good steeds. These horses belonged to the Arab breed. The Sanskrit word "Arwah" means swift Arab horse. The 300 steeds refer to the 300 companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) who fought at the battle of Badr and came back victorious even though the enemies were thrice the number.

**D**

The Sanskrit word "Go" is derived from "Gaw" which means "to go to war". A cow is also called "Go" and is a symbol of war as well as peace, the 10,000 cows refer to the 10,000 companions who accompanied the Prophet (pbuh) when he entered Makkah during Fathul Makkah which was a unique victory in the history of mankind in which there was no bloodshed. The 10,000 companions were pious and compassionate like a cow and were at the same time strong and fierce.



مُّحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رَحْمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ



**“Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah and those who are with him are strong against unbelievers (but) compassionate amongst each other.”**

Al Qur'an 48:29

iv

This mantra calls the Prophet as ‘Rebh’ which means one who praises, which when translated into Arabic is ‘Ahmed’ which is another name for Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

v

He and his followers are always mindful of their prayers even in the battlefield.

وَأَسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ



**“Nay, seek (Allah’s) help with patience, perseverance and prayer.”**

Al Qur'an 2:45 & 2:153



وَإِذَا كُنْتَ فِيهِمْ فَاقْمِتْ لَهُمُ الصَّلَاةَ فَلْتَقْمِرْ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ مَعَكَ  
وَلِيَأْخُذُوا أَسْلِحَتَهُمْ فَإِذَا سَجَدُوا فَلِيَكُونُوا مِنْ وَرَائِكُمْ وَلْتَأْتِ طَائِفَةٌ  
أُخْرَى لَمْ يُصْلِلُوا فَلِيُصْلِلُوا مَعَكَ وَلِيَأْخُذُوا حِذْرَهُمْ وَأَسْلِحَتَهُمْ



**“When you (O Messenger) are with them, and stand to lead them in prayer, let one party of them stand up (in prayer) with you, taking their arms with them; when they finish their prostration, let them take their position in the rear. And let the other party come up which has not yet prayed and let them pray with you, taking all precautions and bearing arms.”**

Al Qur'an 4:102

vi

The wisdom mentioned in this mantra refers to the Glorious Qur'an. The Glorious Qur'an earns good not only in this world but also in the hereafter. The Prophet (pbuh) is asked to propagate amongst his companions. Many of whom memorized the Qur'an.

vii

All the attributes in this mantra apply to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).



وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ



"We sent thee not, but as a mercy for all creatures."

Al Qur'an 21:107

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلِكُنَّ أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ



"We have not sent thee but as a universal (Messenger) to men, giving them glad tidings, and warning them (against sin), but most men understand not."

Al Qur'an 34:28

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ



"And thou (standest) on an exalted standard of character"

Al Qur'an 68:4

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ



"You have indeed in the Messenger of Allah, a beautiful pattern (of conduct)."

Al Qur'an 33:21



viii  
& ix

During the reconstruction of Kaaba, the Prophet (pbuh) through his wisdom prevented a war between the Arab tribes. The Prophet (pbuh) not only gave peace to the Arab lands but also to the whole world. Even during the conquest of Makkah, the Prophet (pbuh) established peace without shedding a single drop of blood. He gave peace and shelter to the bitterest enemies and let them go by saying "There shall be no reproof against you this day."

x

The Arabs were the most ignorant people 1400 years ago and it was referred to as "Ayyamul Jahiliyyah". The Prophet (pbuh) with his message brought prosperity and raised these ignorant people and made them the torch bearers.

xi

This mantra gives the translation of a verse of the Glorious Qur'an:

يَا يَاهَا الْمَدْثُرُ قُمْ فَانِذْ رَبَّكَ فَكَبِرْ



"O you wrapped up (in a mantle)! Arise and deliver your warning! And your Lord do you magnify."

Al Qur'an 74:1-3

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THE PROPHET (PBUH) AROSE AND WARNED THE PEOPLE AND GLORIFIED THE LORD.



xii

Prophet's (pbuh) mercy and kindheartedness

فِيمَا رَحْمَةٌ مِّنَ اللَّهِ لِنَتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ  
لَا نَفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلَكَ



**“It is part of the mercy of Allah that you do deal gently with them. Were you severe or harsh-hearted, they would have broken away from about you.”**

Al Qur'an 3:159

It was due to the Prophet's (pbuh) kindheartedness, mercy and generosity that people flocked around him otherwise the stubborn Arabs could have never been won.

xiii

This mantra is a prayer of the Rishi for the Prophet (pbuh), a similar prayer is found in the last chapter of the Glorious Qur'an:

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ  
مَلِكِ النَّاسِ  
إِلَهِ النَّاسِ  
مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ  
الَّذِي يُوَسْوُسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ  
مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ



**“Say: I seek refuge with Lord and Cherisher of mankind, the King (or Ruler) of mankind, the God (or Judge) of mankind from the mischief of the Whisperer (of Evil), who withdraws (after his whisper), – (the same) who whispers into the hearts of mankind, – among jinns and among men.”**

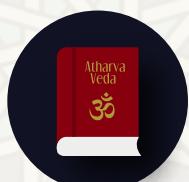
**Al Qur'an 114:1-6**

**xiv**

In this last mantra, the Rishi of the Veda makes it compulsory for the followers of the Veda to praise Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and follow him so that they will be saved from the evil of this world.

**B**

**Battle of the Allies described in the Atharva Veda**



**“Lord of the truthful! These libentious drinks, these feats of bravery and the inspiring songs gladdened thee in the field of battle. When thou rendest vanquished without fight the ten thousand opponents of the praying one, the adoring one.”**

**Atharva Veda 20:21:6**



i

This Prophecy of the Veda describes the well-known battle of Ahzab or the battle of the allies during the time of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Prophet (pbuh) was victorious without an actual conflict which is mentioned in the Quran.

وَلَمَّا رَأَى الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الْأَحَزَابَ قَالُوا هَذَا مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
وَصَدَقَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَمَا زَادُهُمْ إِلَّا إِيمَانًا وَتَسْلِيمًا



**"When the believers saw the Confederate forces, they said: This is what Allah and His Messenger had promised us and Allah and His Messenger told us what was true. And it only added to their faith and their zeal in obedience."**

Al Qur'an 33:22

ii

The Sanskrit word 'karo' in the Mantra means the 'praying one' which when translated into Arabic means 'Ahmed,' another name of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

iii

The 10,000 opponents mentioned in the mantra were the enemies of the Prophet (pbuh) and the Muslims were only 3000 in number.

iv

The last words of the Mantra 'Aprati ni Bashayah' means the defeat was given to the enemies without an actual fight.



C

The enemies defeated in the conquest of Makkah.



**"You have O Indira, overthrown 20 kings and 60,099 men with an outstriping chariot wheel who came to fight the praised one or far famed (Muhammad) orphan."**

Atharva Veda 20:21:7

i

The population of Makkah at the time of Prophet's (pbuh) advent was nearly 60,000.

ii

There were several clans in Makkah each having its own chief. Totally there were about 20 chiefs to rule the population of Makkah.

iii

An 'Abandhu' meaning a helpless man who was far famed and 'Praised one' [Muhammad (pbuh)] overcame his enemies with the help of God.

A similar prophecy is also found in Rig Veda, Book 1 Hymn 53 Verse 9. The Sanskrit word used is 'Sushrama' which means praiseworthy or well praised, which in Arabic means Muhammad (pbuh)



## 04

## MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHESIED IN SAM VEDA



**“Ahmed acquired from his Lord the knowledge of eternal law. I received light from him just as from the sun.”**

**Sam Veda 2:6:8**

### ***The prophecy confirms –***

- i** The name of the Prophet as Ahmed since Ahmed is an Arabic name. Many translators misunderstood it to be ‘Ahm at hi’ and translated the mantra as, “I alone have acquired the real wisdom of my father.”
- ii** The Prophet (pbuh) was given eternal law i.e. Shariah
- ii** The Rishi was enlightened by the Shariah of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).



وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَةً لِلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ



**“We have not sent thee but as a universal (Messenger) to men, giving them glad tidings and warning them (against sin), but most men understand not.”**

Al Qur'an 34:28

05

## MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHESIED IN KALKI PURANA



A Father's name will be Vishnuyash  
– Abdullah (Servant of Allah)

**“He (Kalki) will be born in the home of Vishnuyash (Abdullah) (in the family of) the Head Priest of Shambhal (Land of peace or Darassalam or Makkah)**

Kalki Purana 2:4

**B**

He will have four companions



**"O Deva (God) one along with the four  
companions he will destroy the devil."**

Kalki Purana 2:5

Prophet Muhammad's four main companions are Abu Bakr, Umar, Usman and Ali (may Allah be pleased with them). They became the Caliphs of Islamic empire, one by one after the Prophet (pbuh).

**C**

He will be helped by the angels in  
the battlefield



**"He will be helped in the battlefield by the  
Devatas (angels)."**

Kalki Purana 2:7



D

His mother's name will be Sumati – Aaminah



**"He will be born in the home of Vishnuyash (Abdullah) in the womb of Sumati."**

Kalki Purana 2:11

The name of his mother would be 'Sumati'. The meaning of the word 'Sumati' or Somvati is 'the bearer of peace'. The name of the mother of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was Aaminah which means exactly the same - "the bearer of peace".

E

He will be born on the 12th day of Madhav



**“He will be born on the 12th day of Shukla Pakch of the month of Madhav (Vaisakh).”**

Kalki Purana 2:15

The 12th day of the Shukla Pakch means the 12th day of the moon. Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) birthday is celebrated on the 12th day of Rabiul Awwal by a lunar calendar.

Lesson 4

## **MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE PARSI SCRIPTURES**





## 03 MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE PARSI SCRIPTURES

### 01 INTRODUCTION

A Prophet Zoroaster founded Zoroastrianism or Parsism or Magianism

The Iranian Prophet Zoroaster was the founder of Zoroastrianism also commonly known as Parsism. It is an ancient religion of Persia more than 2500 years old and is also called as the religion of the fire worshippers and Magianism.

B Parsi Scriptures – Dasatir and Vesta

The Parsi Scriptures consist of 'Dasatir' and 'Vesta' or 'Zend Avesta'. Dasatir is further divided into 2 parts, 'Khurda Dasatir' and 'Kalan Dasatir'. Avesta is further divided into 'Khurda Avesta' and 'Kalan Avesta', also known as 'Zend' or 'Maha Zend'. The religious scriptures of the Parsis are found in 2 languages Pahlavi (Pahlavi script resembles the present Persian script) and Zendi. Besides these 2 scripts some literature is found in Cuneiform writing.

**C**

## Concept of God in Parsism

Parsism is a mixture of monotheism and dualism. According to Zoroaster there is only one true God whom he called 'Ahura Mazda'. 'Ahur' means 'Master or Lord' and 'Mazda' means 'Wise'. 'Ahura Mazda' means 'Wise Master' or 'Wise Lord', who encourages righteousness and truthfulness. Parsis also believe in the existence of evil spirits, 'Angra Mainyu' also called 'Ahriman' who represents evil and falsehood.

In the world, there is a constant struggle between the forces of 'Ahura Mazda' and 'Ahriman'. Each individual has a free will to choose whichever side he wishes although in the long run the Parsis believe that 'Ahura Mazda' will win. They also have a strong belief in life after death.

**D**

## Prophecies of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in both Zend Avesta and Dasatir

Some Parsis consider the Zend Avesta to be more authentic than the Dasatir while the others consider Dasatir to be more authentic. To convince both types of Parsis we will discuss the prophecies of Muhammad (pbuh) in both Zend Avesta and Dasatir.



## 02

### PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHECIED IN ZEND AVESTA

***Zend Avesta is divided into 3 parts:***

- i First part contains Vendid
- ii Second part consists of Sirozahs, Yashts and Nyays
- iii The third contains Gathas, Yasna, Visparad, Afrinagan Gahs and miscellaneous

**A**

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and his companions will restore the religious order in the world



**"The most powerful amongst the Fravashis (companions) of the faithful (Muslims), O Spitama (Zoroaster) are those of the men of the primitive law, or those of the 'Soashyant' not yet born, who are to restore the world."**

Zend Avesta – Farvardin Yasht, 13:17; Sacred Books of the East, Volume 23, Zend Avesta – Part II, pg 184

Just as the followers of Zoroaster, by walking in his footsteps, attained the height of glory, similarly, a nation of believers will come into existence at a later date who will give a new life to the world and its religions; and who will stand for the help of their Prophet in the most fearful battles.



## B

Muhammad (pbuh) mentioned by name in Zend Avesta

**"Whose name will be the victorious, 'Soashyant' and whose name will be 'Astvat-ereta'. He will be Soashyant (the beneficent one) because he will benefit the whole bodily world. He will be Astvat-ereta (he who makes the (people) bodily creatures rise up) because as a bodily creature and as a living being he will stand against the destruction of the bodily (being) creatures to withstand the drug of the two footed brood, to withstand the evil done by the faithful (idolaters and the like and the errors of the Mazdanians)."**



Zend Avesta – Farvardin Yasht, 28:129; Sacred Books of the East, Volume 23, Zend Avesta Part II, pg 220

***This prophecy applies to no other person more perfectly than Muhammad (pbuh)***



The Prophet (pbuh) was not only victorious at Fathul Makkah but was also merciful when he let go the blood thirsty opponents by saying, "there shall be no reproof against you this day."



Soashyant means the 'praised one' (refer Hastings Encyclopedia) which translated in Arabic means Muhammad (pbuh)



iii

Astvat-ereta is derived from the root word 'Astu' which in Sanskrit as well as in Zend means 'to praise' the infinitive. 'Sitandan' in present day Persian means praising. It can also be derived from the Persian root word 'Istadan' which would mean 'one who makes a thing rise up'. Therefore, Astvat-ereta means 'the one who praised', which is the exact translation of the Arabic word 'Ahmed' which is another name for Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Prophecy clearly mentions both the names of the Prophet (pbuh) i.e. Muhammad (pbuh) and Ahmed (pbuh).

iv

The prophecy further says that he will benefit the whole bodily world and the Qur'an testifies this:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِلْعَالَمِينَ



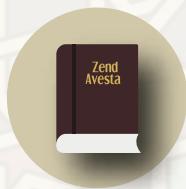
**"We sent thee not, but as a mercy for all creatures."**

Al Qur'an 21:107



## C

## Sanctity of Prophet's (pbuh) companions



**"And there shall his friends come forward,  
the friends of Astvat-ereta who are  
fiend-smiting, well-thinking, well-speaking,  
well-doing, following the good law and  
whose tongues have never uttered a word of  
falsehood."**

Zend Avesta – Zamyad Yasht, 16:95; Sacred Books of the East, Volume 23, Zend Avesta – Part II, pg 308

i

Here too Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) mentioned by name as Astvat-ereta.

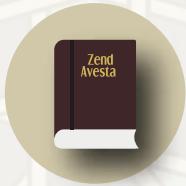
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There is also a mention of the Prophet's friends as companions who will be fighting the evil, pious, holy, having good moral values and always speaking the truth. This is a clear reference to the Sahabah (may Allah be pleased with them).



D

Fire in the temples would cool down  
extinguish with the advent of Prophet  
Muhammad (pbuh)



**“Mayest thou burn in this house! Mayest thou ever burn in this house! Mayest thou blaze in this house! Mayest thou increase in this house! Even for a long time, till the powerful restoration of the world, till the time of the good, powerful restoration of the world.”**

Zend Avesta – Atas Nyayis, 5:9; Sacred Books of the East, Volume 23, Zend Avesta – Part II, pg 359

i

Here Zoroaster prophesies that the fire would seize to burn when the restoration of the world would take place.

ii

Zoroaster had taken a covenant from his followers to burn fire in the house of God as a symbol of the appearance of divine light; and they were to keep it burning till the Promised Prophet, who was to bring about a complete restoration of the world, appeared. And the world has seen that when the Promised Prophet came into the world, the fire in the temples were extinguished.



03

## PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHECIED IN DASATIR

Dasatir means a book of ten parts. 'Das' meaning 'ten' and 'tir' meaning 'a part'. Dasatir is also the plural of Dastur which means law or religious code.

### ***It is mentioned in Dasatir:***

"The sum and substance of the prophecy is, that when the Zoroastrian people will forsake their religion, will become dissolute, a man will rise in Arabia whose followers will conquer Persia and subjugate the arrogant Persian. Instead of worshipping the fire in their own temples, they will turn their faces in prayer towards Kaaba of Abraham which will be cleared of all idols. They (the followers of the Arabian Prophet) will be a mercy unto the world. They will become masters of Persia, Madain, Tus, Balkh, the sacred places of the Zoroastrians and the neighboring territories. Their prophet will be an eloquent man telling miraculous things."

***This prophecy is referring to no other person but to Muhammad (pbuh).***



## 04

## PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHESIED IN BUNDAHISHN



**“Soashyant will be the last Prophet – meaning Muhammad (pbuh) will be the last Prophet.”**

Bundahishn Chapter 30, Verses 6-27

***The Qur'an testifies this fact:***

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّنْ رِجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّنَ  
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا



**“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but (he is) the Messenger of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets: and Allah has full knowledge of all things.”**

Al Qur'an 33:40

Lesson 5

## **MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES**





## 04 MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES

**01**

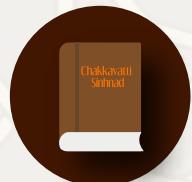
**BUDDHA HAD PROPHESIED THE ADVENT OF A MAITREYA**

**A**

The Maitreya to come will proclaim his glorious religion (Islam) to all

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**"There will arise in the world a Buddha named Maitreya (the benevolent one) a holy one, a supreme one, an enlightened one, endowed with wisdom in conduct, auspicious, knowing the universe; what he has realized by his own supernal knowledge, he will publish to this universe."**



**"He will preach his religion, glorious in its origin, glorious at its climax, glorious at the goal, in the spirit and the letter. He will proclaim a religious life, wholly perfect and thoroughly pure; even as I now preach my religion and a like life do proclaim. He will keep up the society of monks numbering many thousands, even as now keep up a society of monks numbering many hundreds."**

Chakkavatti Sinhnad Suttanta D. III, 76

**B**

The Maitreya to come will establish his leadership over thousands



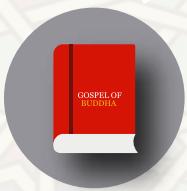
**"Now the Tathagata thinks not, Ananda that is he who should lead the brotherhood, or that the Order is dependent upon him." But on the other hand when describing the nature of Metteyya, the blessed one, he said thus: "He will be the leader of a brotherhood several thousands in number, as I am now the leader of a brotherhood several hundreds in number."**

**"It is said that I am not the only Buddha upon whom the leadership and order is dependent. After me another Buddha named Maitreya of such and such virtues will come. I am now the leader of hundreds, He will be the leader of thousands."**

Sacred Books of the East – Volume 35, 4:2:29,  
pg 225



**C** The Maitreya to come will be the incomparable leader of all mankind and other creation



**"Ananda said to the Blessed one. Who shall teach us when thou art gone?"** And the Blessed one replied, "I am not the first Buddha who came upon the earth, Nor shall I be the last. In due time another Buddha will arise in the world, a holy one, a supremely enlightened one, endowed with wisdom in conduct, auspicious, knowing the universe, an incomparable leader of men, a master of angels and mortals. He will reveal to you the same eternal truths which I have taught you. He will preach his religion, glorious in its origin, glorious at the climax and glorious at the goal, in the spirit and in the letter. He will proclaim a religious life, wholly perfect and pure such as I now proclaim. Ananda said, "How shall we know him? The Blessed one replied, "He will be known as Maitreya, which means he whose name is kindness."

**Gospel of Buddha by Paul Carus, pg 217 and 218 pg 245 (from Ceylon sources)**

i

The Sanskrit word 'Maitreya' or its equivalent in Pali 'Metteyya' means loving, compassionate, merciful and benevolent. It also means kindness and friendliness, sympathy etc.



**One Arabic word which is equivalent to all these words is 'Rahmah'.**

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ



**"We sent thee not, but as a mercy for all creatures."**

Al Qur'an 21:107

**Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was called the merciful which is 'Maitri'.**

ii

The words mercy and merciful are mentioned in the Glorious Qur'an no less than 409 times.

iii

Every chapter of the Glorious Qur'an except Chapter 9 i.e. Surah At Taubah begins with a beautiful formula, 'Bismillah ir Rahman nir Rahim' – In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

iii

The word Muhammad is also spelt as 'Mohamet or Mahomet' and various other ways in different languages. The word 'Maho' or 'Maha' in Pali and Sanskrit means great, illustrious and 'Metta' means mercy. Therefore, 'Mahomet' means 'great mercy'.



## 02

## BUDDHAS' DOCTRINES WAS ARE BOTH EXOTERIC AND ESOTERIC

A

The Tathagatas (Buddhas) don't hide the truth from people



**"I have preached the truth without making any distinction between exoteric and esoteric doctrine. For in respect of truths, Ananda, the Tathagata has no such things as the closed fist of a teacher, who keeps something back."**

Sacred Books of the East, Volume 11, pg 36, Maha Parinibbana Sutta, 2:32

Muhammad (pbuh) on the commandment of God Almighty delivered the message and doctrine without making any distinction between esoteric and exoteric. The Qur'an was recited in public in the days of the Prophet (pbuh) and even today. The Prophet (pbuh) had strictly forbidden the Muslims from hiding the doctrine.



# 03

## DEVOTED SERVITORS OF THE BUDDHAS'



"Then the Blessed one addressed the brethren, and said, 'Whosoever, brethren, have been 'Arahant Buddhas' through the long ages of the past, there were servitors just as devoted to those Blessed ones as Ananda has been to me. And whosoever, brethren, shall be the 'Arahant Buddhas' in the long ages of the future, there shall be servitors as devoted to those Blessed ones as Ananda has been to me.'"

Sacred Books of the East – Volume 11, pg 97, Maha Parinibbana Sutta, 5:36

The servitor of Buddha was Ananda. Muhammad (pbuh) also had a servitor by the name of Anas (ra) who was the son of Malik. Anas (ra) was presented to the Prophet (pbuh) by his parents. Anas (ra) relates: "My mother said to him, 'O Messenger of God, here is your little servant.'" Further Anas (ra) relates: "I served him from the time I was 8 years old and the Prophet (pbuh) called him, his son and his little beloved." Anas (ra) stayed by the Prophet in peace and in war, in safety as well as in danger, up to the end of his life.

**A**

Anas (ra) even though he was only 11 years old stayed besides the Prophet (pbuh) during the battle of Uhud when the Prophet's (pbuh) life was in great danger.

**B**

Even during the battle of Hunain when the Prophet was surrounded by the enemies who were Archers, Anas (ra) who was only 16 years old stood by the Prophet (pbuh).

Anas (ra) can surely be compared with Ananda who stood by Gautam Buddha when the mad elephant approached him.

**04**

## CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING A BUDDHA



The Blessed one said, "There are two occasions on which a Tathagata's appearance becomes clear and exceeding bright. In the night, Ananda, in which a Tathagata attains to the supreme and perfect insight, and in the night in which he finally passes away in that utter passing which leaves nothing whatever of his earthly existence to remain."

*The Gospel of Buddha by Paul Carus, pg 240*



**According to Gautam Buddha, the following are the criteria for identifying a ‘Buddha’:**

- A** A Buddha attains to supreme and perfect insight at nighttime.
  - B** On the occasion of his complete enlightenment he looks exceedingly bright.
  - C** A Buddha dies a natural death.
  - D** After his death a Buddha ceases to exist on earth.

**i** Muhammad (pbuh) attained supreme insight and prophethood at nighttime.

وَالْكِتَبُ الْمُبِينُ  
إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةٍ مُّبَرَّكَةٍ إِنَّا كُنَّا مُنْذِرِينَ



**“Haa Meem. By the book that makes things clear, We sent it down during a blessed night.”**

Al Qur'an 44:1-3



إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ



**"We have indeed revealed this message in  
the night of power."**

Al Qur'an 97:1

ii

Muhammad (pbuh) instantly felt his understanding illumined with celestial light.

iii

Muhammad (pbuh) died a natural death.

iv

After the burial of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) he was never seen again in his bodily form on this earth.



## 05

## BUDDHAS' ARE ONLY PREACHERS



**"The Tathagatas (Buddhas) are only preachers."**

Dhammapada – Sacred Books of the East, Volume 10, 20:276, pg 67

**The Quran says:**

فَذَكِّرْ إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُذَكِّرٌ



**"Therefore do thou give admonition, for thou art one to admonish"**

Al Qur'an 88:21



## 06

## SALVATION

**According to the teachings of Buddhism, a man's own deeds and efforts will obtain him salvation.**



“You yourself must make an effort, the Tathagatas (Buddhas) are only preachers, the thoughtful who enter the way are freed from the bondage of Mara.”

Dhammapada – Sacred Books of the East, Volume 10, 20:276, pg 67

**According to the Glorious Qur'an, the salvation is mentioned in Surah Al Asr.**

وَالْعَصْرِ  
إِنَّ الْإِنْسَنَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ  
إِلَّا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّلِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ



“By (the token of) time (through the ages),  
Verily man is in loss,  
Except such as have faith, And do righteous  
deeds, And (join together) in mutual teaching  
of truth, And of patience and constancy.”

Al Qur'an 103:1-3



## 07

## IDENTIFICATION OF MAITREYA BY BUDDHA

***"The promised one will be:***

- i      Compassionate for the whole creation.
- ii     A Messenger of peace, a peace-maker.
- iii    The most successful in the world and after death near to God."

***"Maitreya as a preacher of morals will be:***

- i      Truthful
- ii     Self-respecting
- iii    Gentle, noble
- iv    Not proud
- v     Kind to creatures
- vi    An example to others in deeds and words."

*Dhammapad – Mattaya Sutta, 151*

Lesson 6

## **MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE JEWISH SCRIPTURES**





## 05 MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE JEWISH SCRIPTURES

01

### INTRODUCTION

#### A The Bible – Old Testament and New Testament

The Bible is divided into 2 parts, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the holy scripture of the Jews and contains records of all the Prophets of the Jews that came before Jesus (pbuh). The New Testament contains records of the life of Jesus (pbuh).

B

#### Protestant Bible vs Catholic Bible

The complete Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament put together contains 73 books. However, the Protestant Bible i.e. the KJV contains only 66 books as they consider 7 books of the Old Testament to be apocryphal i.e. doubtful. Therefore the Old Testament of the Catholics contains 46 books and that of the Protestants 39 books. However, the New Testament of both contains 27 books.

**C**

The Bible is not preserved in the original language it was revealed in

Though the Old and the New Testament both were revealed in Hebrew but the original manuscripts of the Old Testament are present in Greek while those of the New Testament are in Ancient Greek and Aramaic.

**D**

The Qur'an testifies that Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is prophesied in the Bible – Old and New Testament

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ الْنَّبِيَّ الْأَمِينَ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ



**“Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (scriptures), – in the law and the Gospel.”**

Al Qur'an 7:157



02

## MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHESIED IN THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

**A** God Almighty spoke to Moses (pbuh) about the coming of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)



**"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 Bible – Deuteronomy 18:18

**B**

The Christians claim that Deuteronomy 18:18 refers to Jesus (pbuh)

The Christians say that this prophecy refers to Jesus (pbuh) because Jesus (pbuh) was like Moses (pbuh). Since Moses (pbuh) was a Jew as well as Jesus (pbuh) was a Jew. Moses (pbuh) was a Prophet and Jesus (pbuh) was a Prophet.



**C** There were many Jewish Prophets between Moses (pbuh) and Jesus (pbuh)

If these 2 are the only criteria for the Prophecy to be fulfilled then several prophets of the Bible who came after Moses (pbuh) such as Solomon, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Malachi, John the Baptist etc. will fulfill these prophecy since all were Jews as well as Prophets.

**D** Muhammad (pbuh) is like Moses (pbuh)

**i** Both had father and mother. Jesus (pbuh) was born without any male intervention.

إِذْ قَالَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ يَمْرِيمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَشِّرُكِ بِكَلِمَةٍ مِّنْهُ أَسْمُهُ الْمَسِيحُ  
عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ وَجِيَهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ  
وَيُكَلِّمُ النَّاسَ فِي الْمَهْدِ وَكَهْلًا وَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ  
قَالَتْ رَبِّ أَنِّي يَكُونُ لِي وَلَدٌ وَلَمْ يَمْسِسْنِي بَشَرٌ قَالَ كَذَلِكَ اللَّهُ  
يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ إِذَا قَضَى أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا يَقُولُ لَهُ كُنْ فَيَكُونُ



**"Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah gives you glad tidings of a Word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah; "He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity. And he shall be (of the company) of the righteous." She said: "O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?" He said: "Even so: Allah creates what He wills: When He has decreed a plan, He but says to it, 'Be,' and it is!"**

**Al Qur'an 3:45-47**



**"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."**

**The Bible – Luke 1:35 & Matthew 1:18**



**Both were married and had children.**



**Both died a natural death. Jesus (pbuh) has been raised up alive.**



iv

Both brought new laws and new regulations for their people. Jesus (pbuh) did not.

*The Bible – Mathew 5:17-18*

v

Both besides being Prophets were also kings i.e. could inflict capital punishment.

### **Jesus (pbuh) said:**

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**“My kingdom is not of this world.”**

*The Bible – John 18:36*

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vi

Both were accepted as Prophets by their people in their lifetime but Jesus (pbuh) was rejected by his people.



**“He came unto his own, but his own received him not.”**

*The Bible – John 1:11*

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**E**

Muhammad (pbuh) is the brethren of Moses (pbuh)

Arabs are brethren of Jews. Abraham (pbuh) had 2 sons Ismail and Isaac (pbut). The Arabs are the descendants of Ismail (pbuh) and the Jews are the descendants of Isaac (pbuh).

**F**

Words in the mouth

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was unlettered and whatever revelations he received from God Almighty he repeated it verbatim.



**“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.”**

The Bible – Deuteronomy 18:19



03

## MUHAMMAD (PBUH) PROPHESIED IN THE BOOK OF ISAIAH



**“And the book is delivered to him that is not learned saying, read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.”**

The Bible – Isaiah 29:12

***When Archangel Gabriel commanded Muhammad (pbuh) by saying 'Iqra', he replied,***

i.e. ***“I am not learned***

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04

## MUHAMMAD (PBUH) MENTIONED BY NAME



**“Hikko Mamittakim we kullo Muhammadim  
Zehdoodeh wa Zahraee Bayna Jerusalem.”**

**“His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is  
altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and  
this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.”**

The Bible – Song of Solomon 5:16

Lesson 7

## **MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES**





## 06 MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES (NEW TESTAMENT)

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَبْنَى إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ الْتَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي أَسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ

And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said:



"O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad."

Al Qur'an 61:6

01

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES REGARDING MUHAMMAD (PBUH) ALSO APPLY TO CHRISTIANS

All the prophecies mentioned in the Old Testament regarding Muhammad (pbuh) besides applying to the Jews also hold good for the Christians



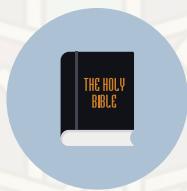
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**JESUS (PBUH) PROPHESIED THE  
COMING OF THE 'COMFORTER'  
– MUHAMMAD (PBUH)**

**"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever."**

The Bible – John 14:16

## 03

**JESUS (PBUH) SAID THAT THE  
'COMFORTER' TO COME WILL TESTIFY  
ABOUT HIM**

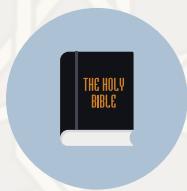
**"But when the comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."**

The Bible – John 15:26



## 04

### JESUS (PBUH) SAID THAT THE 'COMFORTER' WILL COME ONLY AFTER HE DEPARTS



**"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."**

The Bible – John 16:7

'Ahmed' or 'Muhammad' meaning the 'praised one' is almost the translation of the Greek word 'Periclytos'. In Gospel of John – 14:16, 15:26 and 16:7 the word 'comforter' is used in the English translation for the Greek word 'Paracletos' which means advocate or a kind friend rather than comforter. 'Paracletos' is the corrupt reading for 'Periclytos'. Jesus (pbuh) actually prophesied Ahmed by name. Even the Greek word 'Paraclete' implies to Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) who is a mercy for all creatures.



## 05

## JESUS (PBUH) SAID THAT THE 'SPIRIT OF TRUTH' – MUHAMMAD (PBUH), WILL GUIDE EVERYONE UNTO ALL TRUTH



"I have yet many things to say unto you, but Ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into 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, he shall glorify me."

The Bible – John 16:12-14

Lesson 8

## CONCLUSION





## 07 QUR'ANIC TESTIMONIES ON DENIAL OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

01

A WITNESS FROM THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL TESTIFIED AND BELIEVED IN THE QUR'AN AND THUS IN MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ وَكَفَرْتُمْ بِهِ وَشَهَدَ شَاهِدٌ مِّنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَىٰ مِثْلِهِ فَأَمَّنَ وَأَسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ



“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 scriptures), and has believed while you are arrogant, (How unjust you are!) Truly, Allah guides not a people unjust.”

Al Qur'an 46:10



02

## HE WHO HATES PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH) WILL HAVE NO HOPE IN THE HEREAFTER

إِنَّا أَعْطَيْنَاكَ الْكَوْثَرَ  
فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَانْحِرْ  
إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ



**“To you have We have granted the fount (of Abundance). Therefore to your Lord turn in Prayer and Sacrifice. For he who hates you, He will be cut off (from Future Hope).”**

Al Qu’ran 108:1-3

03

## THE QUR’AN MENTIONS THE STORIES OF SOME PREVIOUS MESSENGERS AND OTHERS NOT

وَرُسُلاً قَدْ قَصَصْنَاهُمْ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ قَبْلٍ وَرُسُلاً لَمْ نَقْصُصْهُمْ عَلَيْكَ  
وَكَلَمَ اللَّهُ مُوسَى تَكْلِيمًا



**“Of some messengers We have already told you the story; of others we have not; – and to Moses Allah spoke direct.”**

Al Qur'an 4:164



## 04

MANY NATIONS IN THE PAST PERISHED  
FOR DENYING THEIR MESSENGERS

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ لَمْ نَقْصُصْ  
عَلَيْكَ وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِآيَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَمْرُ اللَّهِ قُضِيَ  
بِالْحَقِّ وَخَسِرَ هُنَالِكَ الْمُبْطَلُونَ



**“We did aforetime send messengers before you: of them there are some whose story we have related to you, and some whose story we have not related to you. It was not (possible) for any messenger to bring a sign except by the leave of Allah: But when the command of Allah issued, the matter was decided in truth and justice, and there perished, there and then, those who stood on falsehoods.”**

Al Qur'an 40:78