

A Christian's Guide to the Koran, Lesson 5 , **The last prophet.**

1. Moses, 2. Jesus, 3. Muhammad, is it really that simple?

The Koran considers itself the final revelation **of** Judeo-Christian thinking, not separate **from** it. The Koran is here, say the Muslims, to purify that thinking, to put it in its final form. Muhammad then must be the last prophet of God.

Not so fast. Would a true prophet utter words that were contrary to the other prophets of the same God? Never. But disciples of Islam are under the distinct impression that the messages of those other prophets have been distorted, and need restoring. This, they say, Muhammad did.

From that starting point, Islam takes off to bring to the world the revised and updated rules and regulations for the planet. It seeks to replace the Holy Books we hold dear, altogether.

So, Christian, what's your problem, asks the devoted Muslim. Why can't the Koran replace the Bible? After all, did not Jesus replace Moses? Why can't Muhammad just replace both of them?

We answer, of course, that Jesus did not replace Moses. Rather, He fulfilled the Mosaic law . The teachings of Moses flow into the teachings of Jesus. Though Christians are not bound to the law of Moses for salvation, they still call it good and holy. We see Old and New as not bad and good, but old and new. Good and better. Right and Redeemed.

But Muhammad attempts to change all and create a new religion, uniquely Arabian, Mohammedan, and for his own purposes.

To affirm Muhammad, we would have to, first, agree that his premise of corruption is correct. As I will show elsewhere in this study, that premise has no documentation to support it.

So, to accept Muhammad, and at the same time believe that the Scriptures we already have are sufficient, is impossible. Jesus, according to our *non-corrupted* texts, is First and Last, Alpha and Omega. The ultimate Revelation of Scripture is the revelation of Jesus Christ Himself.

The Church, in our *accurate* texts, is told to wait for Jesus to return (Acts 1, for example), not for yet another prophet to appear. Jesus, King, Lord, Messiah, is also the Last Prophet.

Add-ons to Scripture are strictly forbidden, as well as subtractions from It . In the book of Revelation alone, which is *not corrupted* in any way, one finds attestations of Jesus' deity, His sacrificial nature, the nature of the antichrist, names for God. All of these items are challenged by those who call our Scriptures perverted, when in fact, theirs are.

Our *tried and true textual account* proclaims that the original Apostles are foundational to the truth and that any who build improperly on the foundation will have to pay dearly for that privilege. The Koran builds only on Muhammad.

But is the New Testament not an addition to the Old? Was not every apostle guilty of disobeying Moses' command (Deuteronomy 4 and 12) not to tamper with his words? No, it is God Who has (Hebrews 10:9) taken away the first to establish the second (which is really the fulfillment of the first). There is a perfect flow of Spirit history that moves from creation to salvation to judgment to new creation. Genesis to Revelation. A perfect accounting of a perfect story.

The New Testament does not deny any facts of the Old. It simply says that some new facts are in play, facts that were hidden in the Old, now manifest. The Koran on the other hand takes a hatchet to it all while claiming to believe it! Quite a trick! It changes truths to fit the new Arabian-centered teachings. It picks and chooses what it likes, and trashes the rest.

Hebrews 1 says that God has in the past spoken to us through the prophets, but has spoken in these last days by His Son. No extension of that program is promised, no final prophet is seen as vital to the program of God. When Jesus said it is finished, He meant it is finished. It's done. I really am the First and the Last. There'll be no more.

Well, that's not totally true, is it? Jesus, Paul, Peter, Jude, they all told of false prophets who will come to deceive and devour. We must with the love of God and boldness born of God's Spirit, confidently affirm that Muhammad is one of these, and not a prophet of God. Period. No political correctness. No apologies. No attempt to save our skin or our status with Islamists. He is either true or he is false. Muhammad is false.