

# How to Discern a True Prophet of God

## Lesson 3

*“Who is more evil than one who fabricates lies about GOD (Allah)” Sura 10:17*



# Islam: From a Christian Perspective

## Lesson 1: (Review)

- Why study Islam: From a Christian Perspective

## Lesson 2:

- Basic Muslim and Christian Beliefs

## Lesson 3:

- How to discern a true Prophet of God

# A History of True and False Prophets

- **1Sa 10:5** ...and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a **company of prophets** coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
- 1Ki 18:4 and when Jez'ebel cut o<sup>o</sup> the prophets of the LORD, Obadi'ah took **a hundred prophets** and hid them by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.
- 1Ki 18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and **the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty**, and the **prophets of the groves four hundred**, which eat at Jezebel's table.
- 1Ki 22:6 Then the king of Israel gathered the **prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them,...**
- Jer 5:31 **The prophets prophesy falsely**, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?
- **Conclusion: Given the literally thousands of false prophets over the years, discerning a false prophet is of utmost importance.**

# The Bible Warns Against False Prophets

- Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.
- Mat 7:15 "Beware of **false prophets**, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.
- Jesus answered: "**Watch out that no one deceives you.** For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many." (Matthew 24:4-5)
- I John 4:1-3 **Do not believe every spirit**, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

# The Prophets in the Qur'an

- Adam the 'Chosen of Allah',
- Noah (Nuh), the 'Prophet of Allah',
- Moses (Musa), the 'Coverser with Allah',
- Abraham (Ibrahim), the 'Friend of Allah',
- Ishmael (Isma'il), the 'Sacrifice of Allah',
- Isaac (Ishaq),
- Jacob (Ya'qub),
- David (Dawud),
- Solomon (Sulaiman),
- Elijah,
- Elisha,
- Jonah (Yunus),
- John the Baptist (Yahya),
- Zechariah (Zakariya), father of John the Baptist.
- Jesus (Isa), the 'Word of Allah' and the 'Spirit of Allah'.
- There are also Salih (al-A'raf 7:73-79; Hud 11:61-68; ash-Shu'ara' 26:141-159; al-Jathiyah - an-Najm), Hud and Shu'aib (al-A'raf 7:85-93; Hud 11:84-95; al-'Ankabut 29:36-37), although it is not clear who they are.

# In Islam you must believe in all the Prophets (Messengers)

- *Those who deny Allah and His **Messengers**, and wish to separate between Allah and His **Messengers**, saying: "We believe in some but reject others": ... They are in truth unbelievers; and We have prepared for Unbelievers a humiliating punishment. Sura 4:150-151*
- *... the men of faith, each one believes in Allah, His angels, His books, and His **Messengers**. "We make no distinction (they say) between one and another of His **Messengers**." ... Sura 2:285*

# The Qur'an points to the Bible

- And this Qur'an is not such as could be forged by those besides Allah, but it is a verification of that which is before it and a clear explanation of the book, there is no doubt in it, from the Lord of the worlds.  
Sura 10:37 [2]
- O ye People of the Book! Believe in what We have (now) revealed, confirming what was (already) with you (4:47 AYA).
- **The false prophet tests from the Bible are valid**
- **There are no false prophet tests in the Qur'an therefore we must look to the Bible**

## Evidences of True and False Prophets

- Evidence #0: True prophets must be consistent with past revelations
  - *Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*
- The burden of proof is on the Qur'an, and Muhammed not the Bible

# Evidence #1: True prophets have prophecies that always come true

- *Deu 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*
- All “prophets” mentioned in the Qur’an had prophecies, **except : Ishmael, and Salih, al-Jathiyah, Hud and Shu’aib**
- **Some Muslims say Muhammed had prophecies.....  
(consider the evidence)**

# Qur'anic Prophecies?

- Q. I. Hingora wrote a book suggesting there to be twenty-two prophecies in the Qur'an
  - **Suras 2:23 and 24, 88 and 89 , 3:10,106,107,144 , 5:70 , 8:7 , 9:14 , 15:9,96 , 24:55 , 28:85 , 30:1-4 41:42, 48:16-21,27,28 , 54:44-45 , 56:1-56 , 110:1,2**
- As described by (<http://answering-islam.org/Nehls/Ask/proofs.html#p69>) these can be categorized by:
  1. Those that refer to Mohammed' s victories (time between prediction and fullfillment was ~nil, not convincing prophecy)
  2. Those relating to the Quran itself (Qur'an would be preserved intact, what about Uthman's burning?)
  3. A prophecy that the Romans would be defeated by the Persians S 30:1-4

***"The Romans have been defeated in the nearest part of the land and they shall conquer in a small number of years after their defeat."***