

The Roman Conquest Prophecy?

In the light of this prediction, Abu-Bakr **undertook a bet** with Ubai-ibn-Khalaf that this prediction would be fulfilled **within three years**, but he was corrected by Mohammed who stated that the '**small number**' is between **three and nine years** (Al-Baizawi).

Muslims tell us that the Byzantines overcame their enemies within seven years. The fact, however, is that the Byzantines defeated Persia in A.D. 628 (Al-Baizawi commentary).

That was twelve years after the prediction of Mohammed. Consequently this passage does not qualify as a prophecy, particularly as the time between prophecy and fulfilment was far too short, and in addition the event was easily predictable." (Gerhard Nehls, Christians Ask Muslims [Life Challenge, SIM International; Africa, 1992], pp. 70-71)

Evidence #2: A true prophet's words do not fall to the ground

- *1Sa 3:19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground*
- What would it mean for a prophet's words to fall to the ground?
 - Has everything that the prophet said from God happened as they said it would?
 - Has the prophet revealed something from God and later backtracked, replaced, or removed the revelation?
- This is a serious problem for Islam:
 - And whenever we change one verse for another, - God knows best what He sends down. They say, 'Thou art but a forger!' - Nay, most of them do not know. Surah 16:101,
 - When We substitute one revelation for another, - and Allah knows best what He reveals (in stages), - they say, "Thou art but a forger": but most of them understand not. Sura 16:101, tr. Yusef Ali
- Changing Verses are words that *fall to the ground!!!*

Qur'anic words that *Fell to the Ground*

Words that fell to the ground: **The Pleasing Verse**

- Narrated Anas bin Malik: For thirty days Allah's Apostle invoked Allah to curse those who had killed the companions of Bir-Mauna; he invoked evil upon the tribes of Ral, Dhakwan, and Usaiya who disobeyed Allah and His Apostle. There was revealed about those who were killed at Bir-Mauna a Quranic Verse we used to recite, but it was cancelled later on. The Verse was: "Inform our people that we have met our Lord. He is pleased with us and He has made us pleased." (Sahih Bukhari 4.69):

Words that fell to the ground: **Suckling verse**

- Narrated Aisha: It had been revealed in the Qur'an that ten clear sucklings make the marriage unlawful, then it was abrogated (and substituted) by five sucklings and Allah's Apostle (peace be upon him) died and it was before that time (found) in the Qur'an (and recited by the Muslims). (Sahih Muslim 8.3421)

Words that fell to the ground: **Temporary marriage**

- It was once revealed to Muhammed that temporary marriage was acceptable, where upon later it was retracted.

The 'infamous' *Satanic Verses*



- *Have ye thought upon al-Lat and al-Uzza And Manat, the third, the other? (Sura 53:19,20),*
- whose verses were originally followed by
- *These are the exalted cranes (intermediaries) Whose intercession is to be hoped for.*

The record of the event...

When the Quraysh heard that, they were delighted and greatly pleased at the way in which he spoke of their gods and they listened to him; while the believers were holding that what their prophet brought from their Lord was true, not suspecting a mistake or a vain desire or slip, and when he reached the prostration and the **end of the Sura in which he prostrated himself the Muslims prostrated themselves** when their prophet prostrated confirming what he brought and obeying his command, and the polytheists of Quraysh and others who were in the mosque prostrated when they heard the mention of their gods, so that everyone in the mosque believer and unbeliever prostrated, except al-Walid b. al-Mughira who was an old man who could not do so, so he took a handful of dirt from the valley and bent over it. Then the people dispersed and the Quraysh went out, delighted at what had been said about their gods, saying, **”Muhammad has spoken of our gods in splendid fashion. He alleged in what he read that they are the exalted Gharaniq whose intercession is approved”**.

The Fix: “The Devil Made Me Do It”

- *“Never have We sent a single prophet or apostle before you (Muhammad) with whose wishes Satan did not tamper. But God abrogates the interjections of Satan and confirms His own revelations.”* (Qur’an 22:52, Dawood)
- **Question:** Is it really possible for a prophet of God to have Satan’s words put into his mouth?
- **Conclusion:** Not only did this last verse fall on the ground as the others, but in this case, it suggested Muslim followers to go after other God’s which is a indication of the 3rd evidence which we shall see next.

Evidence #3: False prophets suggest looking to other Gods

- Deu 13:1 'If a prophet arises among you, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,² and the sign or wonder which he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, Let us go after other gods,³ which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,'³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or to that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you, to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

What is the penalty?

- Deu 13:5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from the midst of you.

How should we consider the “Satanic verses” then?

Evidence #4: A true prophet produces good fruit, a false Prophet produces bad fruit

- Mat 7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Mat 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Mat 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Mat 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them., The Bible, KJV
- **What are the fruits of Islam? (Not covered in this chapter...)**

Evidence #5: A true prophet must acknowledge Jesus

- *1 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. This is **how you can recognize the Spirit of God**. Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.*

But the Qur'an says Jesus came in the flesh right?... Is this consistent (1 Jo 4:14)?

- *1Jo 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. 1Jo 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.*

The Qur'an on the subject:

- *The Jews call 'Uzair a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the son of Allah. That is the saying from their mouth; (In this) they are intimate; what the Unbelievers of the old used to say. Allah's curse be on them: how they are deluded away from the truth. [Qur'an 9:30]*

Chapter Study Questions:

- 1. Does the New Testament (Injil) say there will be no more prophets afterwards? (Matt 7:15, 24:11, I Jo 4:1)**
- 2. Can false prophets have wonders or miracles(Matt 24:24)?**
- 3. Considering the evidences of true prophets (e.g. from Bible), evaluate and provide examples for Jesus on each evidence to determine if he met the prophet status.**
- 4. Considering the evidences of true prophets (e.g. from Bible), evaluate and provide examples for Muhammed on each evidence to determine if he met the prophet status.**
- 5. Was Jesus ever accepted as a prophet to the Jews? What happened that changed their view, was one of the evidences broken? If so what was it?**