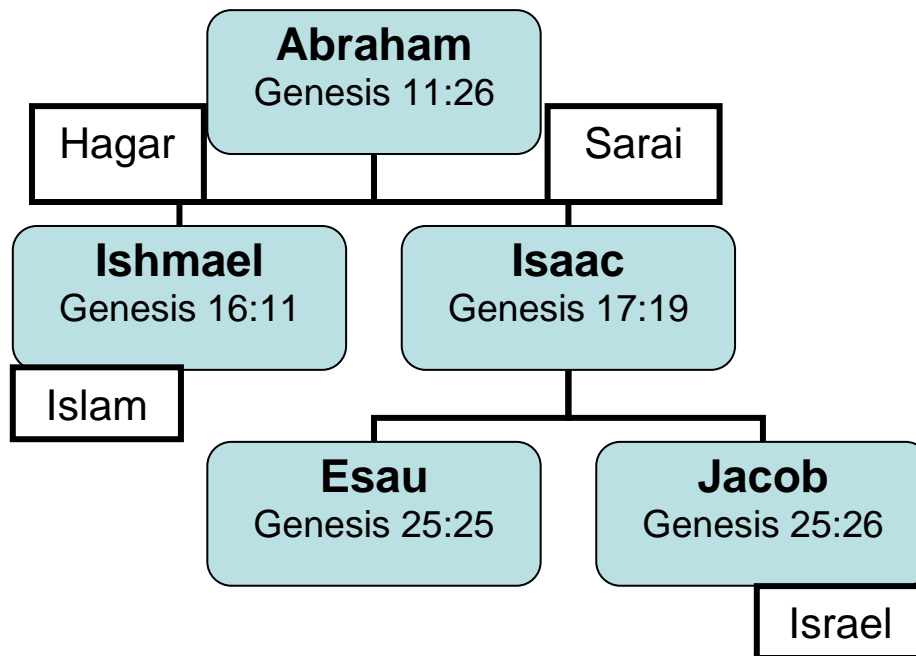


Series: 2009! Could This be the Time?!
Sermon: Islam verses Israel
Scripture: Genesis 25 and 32 (NIV)

Genesis 25:12, 18 (NIV)

12 This is the account of Abraham's son Ishmael, whom Sarah's maidservant, Hagar the Egyptian, bore to Abraham.

18 His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the border of Egypt, as you go toward Asshur. And they lived in hostility toward all their brothers.



Genesis 32:28 (NKJV)

28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Matthew 1:1-2 (NKJV)

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:
2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.

Luke 13:28 (NKJV)

28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.

Islam The name for the religion of Mohammed. The Word Islam means “to submit”.

Muslim The term for a follower of Islam and comes from the present participle of the same verb.

Duties of the Muslim

1. Reciting the Creed of Islam

“There is no God but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet.”

2. Prayer recited 5 times a Day.

*The call to prayer is sounded by a Muslim **muezzin** from a tower called a **minaret**.*

3. Observe the month of fasting called the **Ramadan.**

This fast commemorates the first revelation of the Koran that Mohammed received.

4. Giving of alms to the poor.

They are required to give 2.5 percent of their currency, plus other forms of wealth.

5. Pilgrimage to Mecca.

Mohammed’s birth place. This is required at least once during the lifetime of every Muslim who is physically and financially able.

6. Be involved in the Muslim Holy War - **jihad.**

Anyone who dies in a holy war is supposedly guaranteed eternal life in heaven and is considered a martyr of Islam.

The Law of non-Contradiction

No two contradictory statements can both be true.

1. Allah	1. GOD
<p>Your God is One God; there is no god but He, the All-merciful, the All-compassionate. (Arberry <i>"The Koran Interpreted"</i> pg 65.)</p> <p><u>Sura 20.8</u> Allah -- there is no god but He; His are the very best names.</p>	<p><u>Jeremiah 10:10 (NIV)</u> But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King.</p> <p><u>1 Corinthians 8:4 (NIV)</u> 4 . . . We know that an idol is nothing at all in the world and that there is no God but one. . . .</p> <p><u>1 Corinthians 8:6 (NIV)</u> 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.</p>
<p>A.) Distant God with whom no one can have a personal relationship with.</p>	<p><u>John 1:12 (NIV)</u> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-</p>
<p>B.) Not Ultimately a God of love.</p> <p><u>Sura 3:57</u> . . . and Allah does not love the unjust.</p>	<p><u>1 John 4:16 (NIV)</u> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.</p>
<p>C.) Considered the author of evil.</p> <p><u>Sura 14:27</u> . . . and Allah causes the unjust to go astray, and Allah does what He pleases.</p>	<p><u>Habakkuk 1:13 (NIV)</u> Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrong.</p>
<p>D.) Deny the triune God as revealed in the Bible. (Arberry <i>"The Koran Interpreted"</i> pg 139-140.)</p> <p><u>Sura 4.171</u> O followers of the Book! do not exceed the limits in your religion, and do not speak (lies) against Allah, but (speak) the truth; the Messiah, Isa son of Marium is only an apostle of Allah and His Word which He communicated to Marium and a spirit from Him; believe therefore in Allah and His apostles, and say not, Three. Desist, it is better for you; Allah is only one God; far be It from His glory that He should have a son, whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth is His, and Allah is sufficient for a Protector.</p>	<p><u>Matthew 28:19 (NIV)</u> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,</p>

2. (Jesus) Islam	2. JESUS
<p>A.) That Jesus was only one of God’s prophets and not the Son of God.</p> <p><u>Sura 5.75</u> The Messiah, son of Marium is but an apostle; apostles before him have indeed passed away; and his mother was a truthful woman; . . .</p> <p><u>Sura 9.30</u> And the Jews say: Uzair is the son of Allah; and the Christians say: The Messiah is the son of Allah; these are the words of their mouths; they imitate the saying of those who disbelieved before; may Allah destroy them; how they are turned away!</p>	<p><u>John 3:16 (NIV)</u> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.</p> <p><u>John 19:7 (NIV)</u> The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."</p>
<p>B.) Muslims deny that Jesus was God incarnate. The Koran emphasizes that Jesus was just a man.</p> <p><u>Sura 43.59</u> Jesus was no more than a mortal who [Allah] favored and made an example to the Israelites.</p>	<p><u>John 3:18 (NIV)</u> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.</p>
<p>C.) Muslims do not believe that Jesus was crucified and died on the cross.</p> <p><u>Sura 4.157</u> And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, Isa son of Marium, the apostle of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so (like Isa) and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure.</p>	<p><u>1 Cor. 15:3 (NIV)</u> . . .that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,</p>
<p>D.) Muslims believe that Mohammed was a superior prophet to Jesus.</p> <p>“Mohammed is the last in seal of prophethood. Through him, Islam was completed and perfected. . . . It is he alone to whom Muslims turn for guidance.” (Anderson “Christianity and Comparative Religion” pg 47-306.)</p>	<p><u>John 14:9-10 (NIV)</u> Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. . . .10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?</p>

3. Koran	3. The BIBLE
<p>A.) Islam claims that the Koran is the literal Word of God, received supernaturally by Mohammed from the angel Gabriel.</p> <p><u>Sura 6.19</u> Say: What thing is the weightiest in testimony? Say: Allah is witness between you and me; and this Quran has been revealed to me that with it I may warn you and whomsoever it reaches. Do you really bear witness that there are other gods with Allah? Say: I do not bear witness. Say: He is only one God, and surely I am clear of that which you set up (with Him).</p>	<p><u>2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)</u> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,</p>
<p>B.) Islam claims that the teachings of the Koran are in harmony with those of the Bible.</p> <p><u>Sura 3.3</u> He has revealed to you the Book with the truth, confirming the scriptures which preceded it; for He has already revealed the Torah and the Gospel for the guidance of men, and the distinction between right and wrong.</p>	<p><u>Revelation 22:18 (NIV)</u> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book.</p>
<p>C.) The Koran teaches that the disciples of Christ were Muslims.</p> <p><u>Sura 22.78</u> And strive hard in (the way of) Allah, (such) a striving is due to Him; He has chosen you and has not laid upon you an hardship in religion; the faith of your father Ibrahim; He named you Muslims before and in this, that the Apostle may be a bearer of witness to you, and you may be bearers of witness to the people;</p>	<p><u>Acts 11:26 (NIV)</u> The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.</p>
<p>D.) The Koran contains contrary teachings to the Bible.</p> <p><u>Sura 3.41</u> He said: My Lord! appoint a sign for me. Said He: Your sign is that you should not speak to men for three days except by signs; and remember your Lord much and glorify Him in the evening and the morning.</p>	<p><u>Luke 1:20 (NIV)</u> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time."</p>

4. Salvation (Islam)	4. SALVATION
<p>A.) Salvation is achieved only through submission to the teachings of Islam. Salvation in Islam requires that one must be a member of the Islamic faith.</p> <p><u>Sura 3.85</u> And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the hereafter he shall be one of the losers.</p>	<p><u>John 14:6 (NIV)</u> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."</p>
<p>B.) Islam teaches that forgiveness is conditioned upon good works and Allah's choice of mercy.</p> <p><u>Sura 3.161</u> . . . on the day of resurrection; then shall every soul be paid back fully what it has earned, and they shall not be dealt with unjustly.</p> <p><u>Sura 23.104-105</u> Those whose scales are heavy shall triumph but those whose scales are light shall forfeit their souls and abide in Hell forever.</p>	<p><u>Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)</u> 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9 not by works, . . .</p>
<p>C.) Islam teaches that Christ was neither crucified nor resurrected; therefore salvation cannot possible be had through faith in Christ.</p> <p><u>Sura 4.157</u> And their saying: Surely we have killed the Messiah, Isa son of Marium, the apostle of Allah; and they did not kill him nor did they crucify him, but it appeared to them so (like Isa) and most surely those who differ therein are only in a doubt about it; they have no knowledge respecting it, but only follow a conjecture, and they killed him not for sure.</p> <p>“Throughout . . . 27 books of the New Testament, there is not a single statement made by Jesus Christ that “I was dead, and have come back from the dead.” – Ahmad Dedat (McDowell “Debate” pg 172)</p>	<p><u>Luke 9:22 (NIV)</u> And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."</p> <p><u>Revelation 1:18 (NIV)</u> I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.</p>
<p><u>Sura 8.16</u> And whoever shall turn his back to them on that day-- unless he turn aside for the sake of fighting or withdraws to a company -- then he, indeed, becomes deserving of Allah's wrath, and his abode is hell; and an evil destination shall it be.</p>	