



IS MUHAMMAD

**THE FULFILLMENT
OF PROPHECY
IN THE BIBLE?**

The Quranic Claim: Muhammad is in the Bible

Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, **whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel** (Quran: Al-Araf - 7:157).

Issues:

- 1) It must be in the Bible somewhere
- 2) If he is not found in the Bible, then the Bible must be corrupt or not the original Bible

5 Places Where Muslims See Muhammad in the Bible

- 1) Deut 18:18 - The Prophet to Come
- 2) Song of Solomon 5:16 - Mahmud/Altogether lovely
- 3) Isaiah 29:12 - He couldn't read.
- 4) Isaiah 42:1,11 - Ahmad/Muhammad - By name!
- 5) John 14:6 - The Helper to Come

1) Is Muhammad in Deuteronomy 18:18?

¹⁵ **The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you**, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

¹⁷ The Lord said to me: “What they say is good. ¹⁸ **I will raise up for them a prophet like you** from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

²¹ You may say to yourselves, “How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?” ²² If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed.

The Claim: Since Muhammad had a wife, children, instituted a new religion, made new laws, etc... he must be the fulfillment. And the claim is that he better fulfills this verse than Jesus.

Why Can't This Be Muhammad?

1) The Prophet would be from “among their fellow Israelites” ([Deut 18:15, 18](#))

- Muslims correctly say that this word is “brothers” in the Hebrew. But 100% of the time that this word is used it has always meant a fellow blood brothers and/or countrymen. No exceptions
- In the very same context in [Deuteronomy 17:15](#), the very exact word is used to describe Israel choosing a king, and it makes it clear who this “brother” is — “be sure to appoint over you a king the Lord your God chooses. He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite.”

2) The Prophet came to speak in the name of Yahweh ([Deut 18:18-19](#)).

We never see Muhammad speaking in the name of Yahweh, God of the Jews.

3) The Prophet would perform extraordinary signs and wonders like Moses ([Deut 34:10-12](#)).

The Quran says Muhammad could do no miracles ([Quran 13:7](#); cf [Quran 3:183](#), [6:37](#), [7:203](#)).

4) Jesus himself said that Moses spoke about him ([John 5:46](#)).

5) The apostles says that Jesus is the fulfillment of these verses ([Acts 3:22-23](#))

2) Is Muhammad Named in Song of Solomon 5:16?

¹⁶ His mouth is sweetness itself;
 he is altogether lovely.
 This is my beloved, this is my friend,
 daughters of Jerusalem.

([S.S. 5:16](#))

1790 [e]	2088 [e]	4281 [e]	3695 [a]	4477 [e]	2441 [e]
dō-w-dī	zeh	ma·hā-mad·dīm;	wa·kul-lōw	mam·taq·qīm,	hik-kōw
דודי	זה	מאֲמַדִּים	וְכֻלּוֹ	מִמְתַּקִּים	פִּי כֹה
my beloved	This [is]	lovely	and Yes he [is] altogether	most sweet	His mouth [is]
N-mas 1ca	F-nsfs	N-mp	Qm-j-w N-mas 3ms	N-mp	N-mas 3ms

The Claim: The word lovely (*makh-mawd'*) in the plural is now (*makh-maw-dim*). For many muslims, this is clear proof that this is a prophecy about Muhammad and he is mentioned here by name. They further say that because the lover had a 10,000 man army ([S.S. 5:10](#)) then it must mean Muhammad because he left for Mecca to Medina with 10,000 soldiers ([Bukhari 4276](#)).

Why Can't This Be Muhammad?

1) The Word is Plural

- If it means Muhammad, then it would mean more than 1 person.
- Muslims say that the ending of "im" is the Hebrew form for respect. But any beginner of Hebrew will know that "im" is THE ending for plural words. An example is "servant" is 'e-bed and "servants" is a-ba-dim.

2) If this word means Muhammad, it means he is madly in love with a Jewish woman as we see the rest of [5:16](#) says, "This is my beloved, this is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem."

3) The word is found throughout the Bible and means lovely and desirable, like when it is used for Ezekiel's wife. ([Here](#)).

4) If this is Muhammad, then the lover is saying she is in love with him more than 1500 years before he is born.

5) What proof is there that since Muhammad at one time had 10,000 men for an army that it couldn't be Solomon ([1 Sam 15:4](#)) or David ([2 Sam 18:3](#)) who had armies the same size?

6) The whole context of Song of Solomon is about 2 lovers and they are intimately involved touching one another. This could not happen with 1500 years distance.

3) Is Muhammad Described in Isaiah 29:12?

¹⁰The Lord has brought over you a deep sleep:
He has sealed your eyes (the prophets);
he has covered your heads (the seers).

¹¹For you this whole vision is nothing but words sealed in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say, “Read this, please,” they will answer, “I can’t; it is sealed.” ¹²Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, “Read this, please,” they will answer, “I don’t know how to read.”

¹³The Lord says:

“These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

The Claim: Since Muhammad could not read or write, then this must be a direct reference to him.

Why Can’t This Be Muhammad?

1) The context says clearly that this is about Israel (Ariel) in 29:1

“Woe to you, Ariel, Ariel,
the city where David settled!”

2) The context is about the false prophets who cannot see or hear as God has sealed their eyes and covered their heads. If this is about Muhammad, then it means he is a false prophet.

3) The Lord says they can’t see or hear because their hearts are hardened to God (Is 12:13). If this Muhammad, then it means his heart is hard towards God and he cannot see or hear him.

4) If this is Muhammad, then he would need to join with Isaiah and call God as his “Father”

Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand (Isaiah 64:8).

4) Is Muhammad Named in Isaiah 42:1,11?

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

¹⁰ Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the ends of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,
you islands, and all who live in them.
¹¹ Let the wilderness and its towns raise their voices;
let the settlements where Kedar lives rejoice.
Let the people of Sela sing for joy;
let them shout from the mountaintops.



The Claim: Ahmed is another name for Muhammad and “et-mak” of “whom I uphold” they say sounds like “Ahmad.” Therefore Muhammad is being named in the Bible.

1) It says in Isaiah 42:1 that the Spirit will be upon the servant. The Quran says the Spirit was upon Jesus. It never says this of Muhammad.

Christ Jesus the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger of Allah, and His Word, which He bestowed on Mary, and **a spirit proceeding from Him** ([Quran 4:171](#); cf [2:253](#)).

2) The Quran names Jesus as the Servant of Allah

[Jesus] said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet ([Quran 19:30](#)).

3) In verse 11 it is about singing praises to the Lord, not the servant traveling anywhere in particular. It's calling on all to sing to Yahweh.

4) This Servant will God as his “Father” (Isaiah 64:8) - “Yet you, Lord, are our Father.” Would Muhammad say God is his Father?

5) The Bible says that Jesus is the fulfillment ([Mt 12:15-21](#)).

5) Is Muhammad the “Helper/Advocate” of John 14:6?

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

The Claim: Muhammad is the Helper/Advocate to Come as he came after Jesus.

1) It says clearly that the Helper is the Holy Spirit in this context and in this chapter:

²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

2) The Helper/Advocate is not seen

3) The Helper/Advocate will living in you.

4) The Helper/Advocate is sent by the Father.

What comes Next?

What can you expect is that if Muhammad is not in the Bible, then the Bible must be corrupt or not the original.

BUT.... The Quran says

- 1) Allah's Words cannot be corrupted
- 2) The Bible was "between his hands" (Quran 3:3)

If further says that the Quran confirms that which went before it, that is the Jewish and Christian Scriptures.

And believe in that I have sent down, confirming that which IS with you, and be not the first to disbelieve in it. And sell not My signs for a little price; and fear you Me. S. 2:41

And when there came to them a Book from Allah verifying that which they have, and aforetime they used to pray for victory against those who disbelieve, but when there came to them (Prophet) that which they did not recognize, they disbelieved in him; so Allah's curse is on the unbelievers. S. 2:89 Shakir

And when they were told, 'Believe in that God has sent down,' they said, 'We believe in what was sent down on us'; and they disbelieve in what is beyond that, yet it is the truth confirming what IS with them. Say: 'Why then were you slaying the Prophets of God in former time, if you were believers?' S. 2:91

Say: Whoever is the enemy of Jibreel -- for surely he revealed it to your heart by Allah's command, verifying that which IS before it and guidance and good news for the believers. S. 2:97 Shakir

And when there came to them an Apostle from Allah verifying that which they have, a party of those who were given the Book threw the Book of Allah behind their backs as if they knew nothing. S. 2:101 Shakir

He sent down to you this scripture, truthfully, confirming all previous scriptures, and He sent down the Torah and the Gospel. S. 3:3 Khalifa

And when God took compact with the Prophets: 'That I have given you of Book and Wisdom; then there shall come to you a Messenger confirming what IS with you -- you shall believe in him and you shall help him; do you agree?' He said, 'And do you take My load on you on that condition?' They said, 'We do agree.' God said, 'Bear witness so, and I shall be with you among the witnesses.' S. 3:81

You who have been given the Book, believe in what We have sent down, confirming what IS with you, before We obliterate faces, and turn them upon their backs, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-men, and God's command is done. S. 4:47

And We have revealed to you the Book with the truth, verifying what IS before it of the Book and a guardian over it, therefore judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their low desires (to turn away) from the truth that has come to you; for every one of you did We appoint a law and a way, and if Allah had pleased He would have made you (all) a single people, but that He might try you in what He gave you, therefore strive with one another to hasten to virtuous deeds; to Allah is your return, of all (of you), so He will let you know that in which you differed; S. 5:48 Shakir

And this is a Book We have revealed, blessed, verifying that which IS before it, and that you may warn the metropolis and those around her; and those who believe in the hereafter believe in it, and they attend to their prayers constantly. S. 6:92 Shakir

This Koran could not have been forged apart from God; but it is a confirmation of what IS before it, and a distinguishing of the Book, wherein is no doubt, from the Lord of all Being. S. 10:37

In their stories is surely a lesson to men possessed of minds; it is not a tale forged, but a confirmation of what IS before it, and a distinguishing of every thing, and a guidance, and a mercy to a people who believe. S. 12:111

And that We have revealed to thee of the Book is the truth, confirming what IS before it; God is aware of and sees His servants. S. 35:31

No indeed; but he brought the truth, and confirmed the Envoys. S. 37:37

Yet before it was the Book of Moses for a model and a mercy; and this is a Book confirming, in Arabic tongue, to warn the evildoers, and good tidings to the good-doers. S. 46:12

They said: O our people! we have listened to a Book revealed after Musa verifying that which IS before it, guiding to the truth and to a right path: S. 46:30 Shakir

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