Comparison: Bible vs. Koran

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INTRODUCTION

- Two books. Both claim to be from God. Both claim to be the guidance from God and to God. Can they both be true?
- Does the Quran have the fingerprints of God on it? Does the Bible have the fingerprints of God on it?

1 A Test the Bible Itself Proposes: Predictive Prophecy

Deuteronomy 18:21–22; Isaiah 44:28

- When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken.
- If you have predictive prophecy, it is beyond the shadow of a doubt the signature of God. Because human beings cannot know the future.
- Isaiah predicts that one day a ruler will come along who will be an instrument of God, a servant of God. His name is going to be Cyrus.
- What's remarkable is that Isaiah made this prediction before Cyrus was even born.

2 The Prophecies About the Messiah

Isaiah 53:3–9

- These are the most important and the most impressive prophecies of the Bible. Those about the Messiah.
- But he was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed.
- Can't control your birth, you can't control your death. But there are detailed prophecies about those very things regarding the Christ. And Jesus fulfilled those things.
- When you put the pieces of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament together, the picture you get is of Jesus.

3 Were the Old Testament Writings Changed to Match Jesus?

- It is a fact that the translation was made from the Hebrew Bible by Hellenistic Jews during the period 275 to 100 at Alexandria.
- You can't translate something until it was written.
- The Old Testament prophecies were documented, circulated, even translated at least 200 years before Jesus.
- Jesus fulfilled these things. They weren't doctored.

4 Did the Disciples Make Up the Jesus Story?

- Therefore, let all the house of Israel know, assuredly, that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.
- How soon, after the life and death of Jesus, did his disciples begin to proclaim he was a fulfillment of prophecy, that he was the Christ. Acts says immediately, within weeks.
- You can't pawn off a legend or a myth at the same place in the same time with the same people where it's supposed to take place.
- The disciples didn't make this up to fulfill the prophecies. Because they couldn't have gotten away with it.

5 What About the Quran's Prophecies?

- Muslims claim that in the Quran there are prophecies. Not very many. Actually, few in number.
- Prophecy made, then it happened, and then it's written down.
- In Muslim prophecies, there's not much time between the prediction and the event. And then after the event takes place, then it's recorded.
- Where's the proof? Where's the evidence that these predictions were from God?

6 A Subjective Test and Minuscule Historical Information

- But that's so subjective. And somebody could say that of any kind of writing that is just really quality writing.
- When you read the Bible, it is just filled with historical detail. By the way, detail that's constantly confirmed by archaeology.
- The only way to understand the historical context of the Quran is to allow a Muslim scholar hundreds of years later to explain that to you.
- Can you have confidence in a collection of writings which claim to be historical, but lacks the historical framework.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you will do the searching and do it with an open and honest heart, the Bible will verify itself to you. And you can come to know the very will of God.**

MY NOTES