The Koran vs. the Bible

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INTRODUCTION

- Two collections of writings, both claiming the same thing. Both claim to be from God, to be guidance from God for mankind.
- Realize that there is a true way, and we must find that way.
- If such writings are of God, there's going to be some characteristic about them that bears his mark.

1 How Would You Know Writings Are From God?

- 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.
- Only God can know the future and know it completely and perfectly far off into eternity.
- Predictive prophecy is the signature of God when it comes to writings.

2 Old Testament Prophecies About Nations Came True

Isaiah 44:28

- The Old Testament speaks about Israel itself and Assyria and Egypt and Babylon and Persia.
- Isaiah prophesied that this would take place. And even named the ruler Cyrus, before Persia was a world empire, before Cyrus was even born.
- What we have in the Old Testament is a collection of writings and prophecies which bear the signature of God.

3 Prophecies Involving the Messiah

Micah 5:2; Psalm 22:6–18

- One of the most impressive things about the prophecies of the Old Testament are those involving one called the Messiah.
- There are two things for sure that we human beings have no control over. One is our birth.
- The Messiah was prophesied to be born in Bethlehem. And if you are merely a human being, you have no control over where you're born. But this was predicted of the Messiah. And Jesus fulfilled it.
- They pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones.
- Such fulfilled predictions show that God inspired the Old Testament.

4 What If the Prophecies Were Manufactured After Jesus?

- What if the Old Testament prophecies were really manufactured after Jesus' life and death?
- Before you translate something, it has to be written.
- 200 BC, the Septuagint was made. 200 years before Jesus was born.

- We know for sure we can put a deep stake right there at 200 B.C. that the Old Testament writings were complete.

5 Did Jesus' Followers Manufacture This History?

Acts 26:26–28

- Jesus' followers, maybe they manufactured this history to match him.
- If you're going to promote a legend, you've got to get out of that time period.
- This message was proclaimed 49 days after Jesus' resurrection. And it was proclaimed in the same city in which he was crucified.
- You cannot manufacture a legend or a tale to people who were there, who were living, who saw, who knew people who saw.

6 What About Predictive Prophecies and the Quran?

- There are some statements in the Quran that Muslim people claim to be prophecies.
- Muslims teach that this is in reference to the Romans.
- But is this a prophecy of divine origin?
- When was the Quran put in written form and form into a volume for people to read?

MY NOTES