

Islam



*and
The Quran*

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The Quran: the central religious text of Islam, which Muslims believe to be a revelation from God.



Muslims believe the Quran was ***verbally revealed*** by God to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel (*Jibril*), gradually over a period of approximately 23 years, from December AD 609 when he was 40, ending in AD 632, the year of his death.

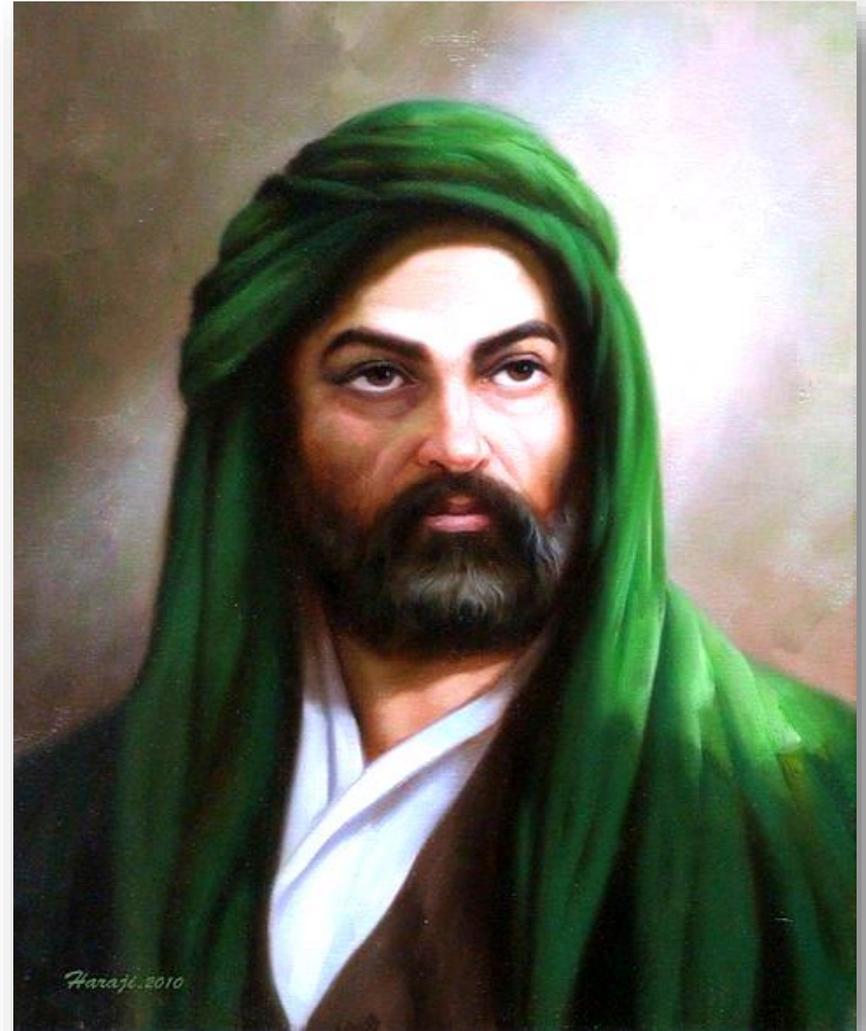
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Early Life:

Muhammed was born in Mecca in AD 570. His parents were both dead by time he turned six.

At age 25 he worked as a camel driver and was proposed to & married the older wealthy widow.

But a *life of affluence did not satisfy him.*



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Islamic tradition relates that Muhammad received his first revelation in the ***Cave of Hira*** (3 miles north of Mecca) during one of his many isolated retreats to spend hours in contemplation and reflection.



After two prior visions Gabriel said "Proclaim! In the name of thy Lord & cherisher Who created man, out of a (mere) ***clot of congealed blood***: Proclaim! And thy Lord is Most Bountiful.." (Quran 96:1-5) ***Contrast (Gen 2:7).***

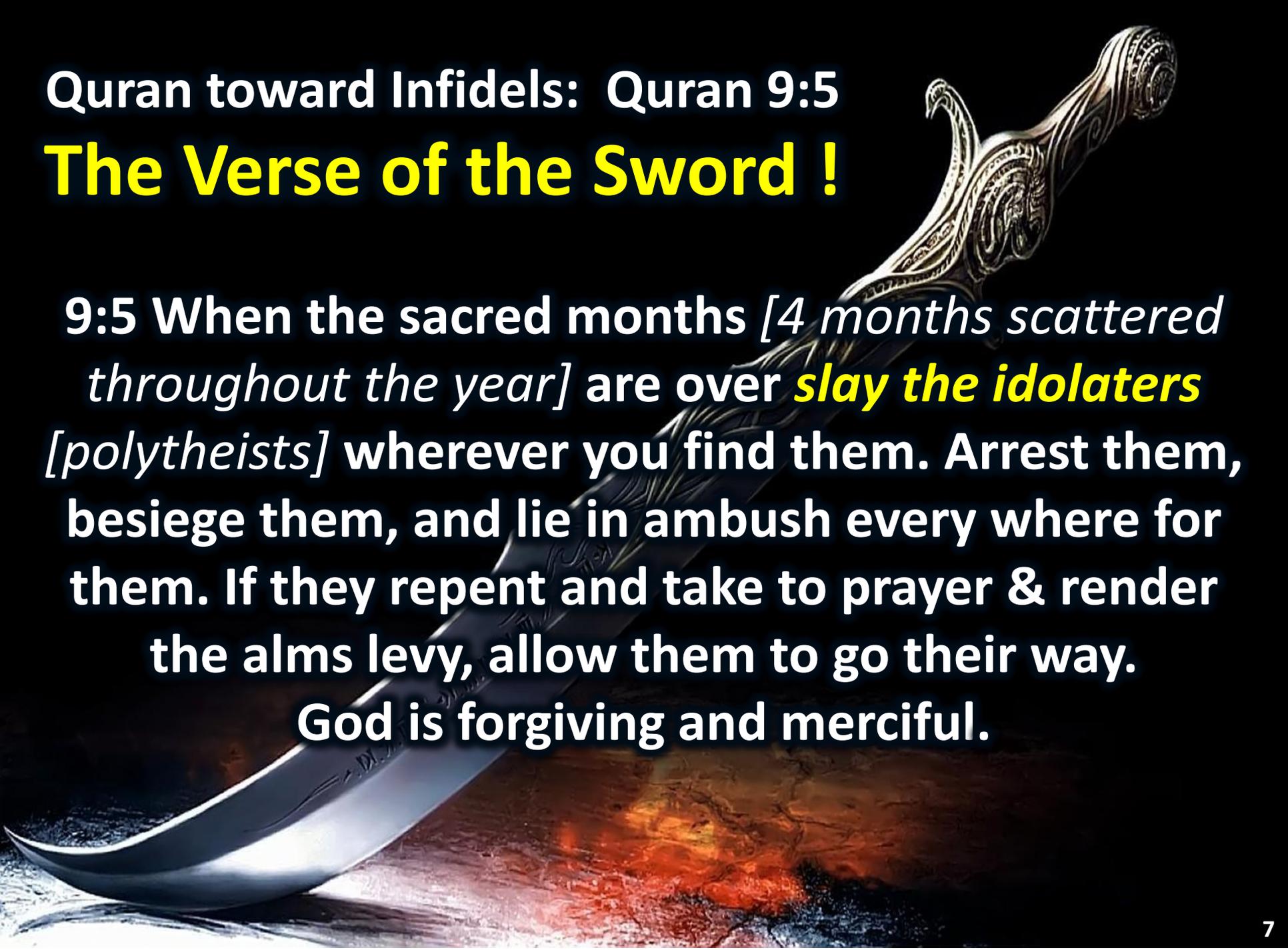
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**As of 2010, over 1.6 billion or about 23.4%
of the world population are Muslims,
including 6 ½ million in
the United States.**

Duty of Muslims

- 1. *Testimony of Faith*:** “There is no true God but Allah & Muhammed is His Messenger.” To convert.
- 2. *Prayer*:** Offer Prayer 5 times a day; dawn, noon, afternoon, sunset and night—facing Mecca.
- 3. *Giving alms*:** charity tax for certain of the needy.
- 4. *Pilgrimage to Mecca*:** Once in a lifetime if possible.
- 5. *Fasting*** the month of Ramadan: dawn to sunset.

5 Pillars of Islam 6



Quran toward Infidels: Quran 9:5
The Verse of the Sword !

9:5 When the sacred months [*4 months scattered throughout the year*] are over **slay the idolaters** [*polytheists*] wherever you find them. Arrest them, besiege them, and lie in ambush every where for them. If they repent and take to prayer & render the alms levy, allow them to go their way.
God is forgiving and merciful.

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Quran toward **Opponents of Islam**: Quran 5:33

“The only reward of those who make war upon Allah and His messenger and strive after corruption in the land will be that they will be killed or **crucified, or have their hands and feet on alternate sides cut off, or will be expelled out of the land..**”

Muslim commentators say this applies to murderers & terrorists against Muslims & gives **forgiveness** in v. 34! [*ie If they repent before apprehension*]

[www. American Muslim article on Quran 5:33](#)

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Jihad is a **Muslim Obligation**: Quran 2:216

“Jihad” means to struggle, to strive in the way of God. Jihad can be internal struggle or external. It can use words, legal means or holy war to accomplish its goals.

Quran2:216. **“Jihad [holy fighting in Allah's Cause] is *ordained for you* [Muslims] though you dislike it, and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allah knows but you do not know.”**

Jihad may be against the *People of the Book*.

9:29 ***Fight against*** those who (1) believe not in Allah, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) ***nor forbid*** that which has been forbidden by Allah & His Messenger (4) and ***those who acknowledge not the religion of truth [i.e. Islam] among the people of the Scripture [Jews and Christians],*** until they pay the *Jizyah [tax on non-Moslem subjects]* with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.

Contrast Islamic Supreme Council of America: “It is worth noting that the Koran specifically refers to Jews and Christians as “people of the book” who should be protected and respected. All three faiths worship the same God.” islamicsupremecouncil.org/understanding-islam

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***Muslim* Against *Muslim* is a Violation of Islam !**

“The concept of jihad has been hijacked by many political and religious groups over the ages in a bid to justify various forms of violence. In most cases, ***Islamic splinter groups*** invoked jihad to fight ***against the established Islamic order***. Scholars say ***THIS*** misuse of jihad contradicts Islam.”

<http://islamicsupremecouncil.org/understanding-islam/legal-rulings/5-jihad-a-misunderstood-concept-from-islam>

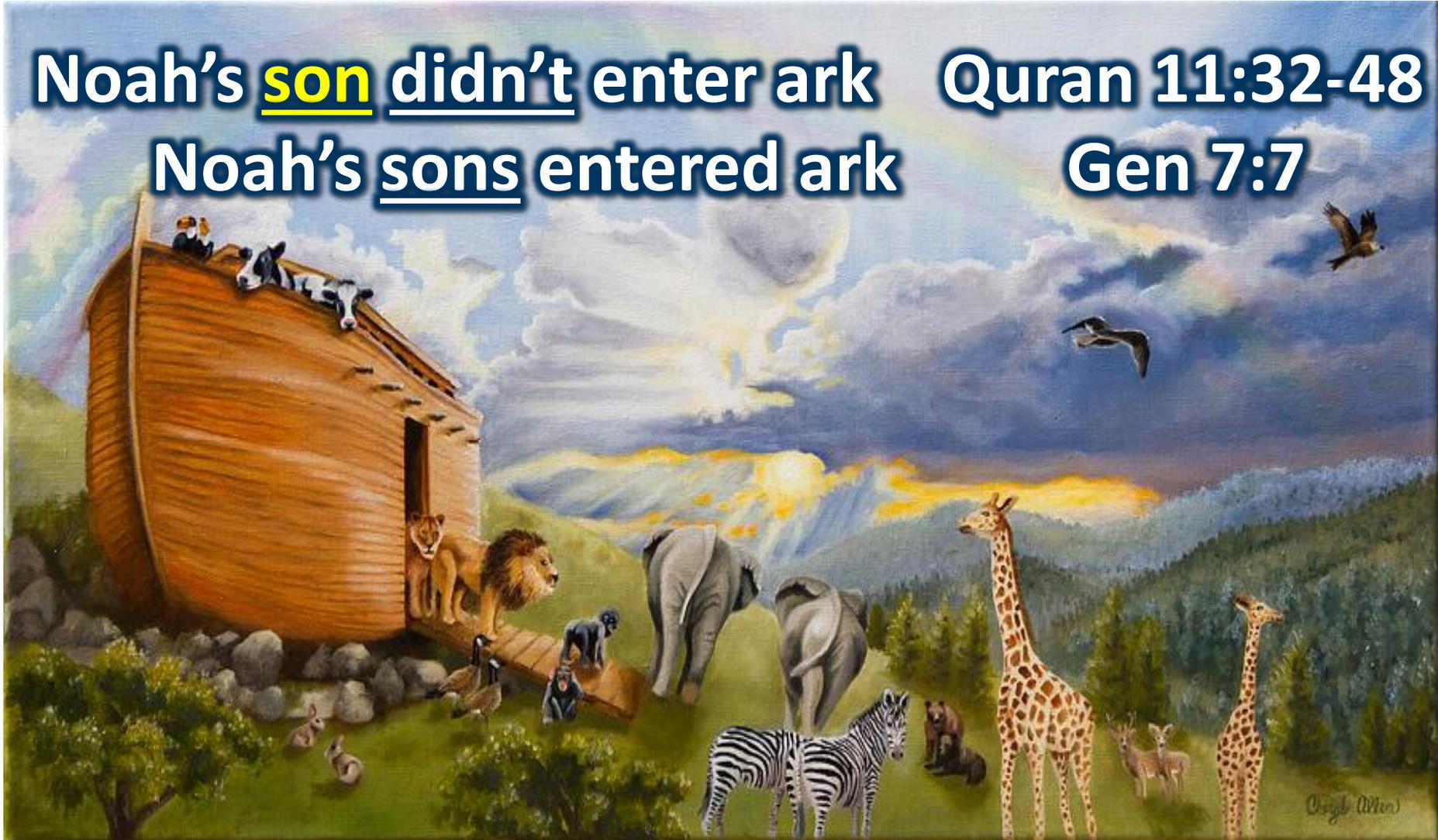
Quran vs Bible

Noah's son didn't enter ark

Quran 11:32-48

Noah's sons entered ark

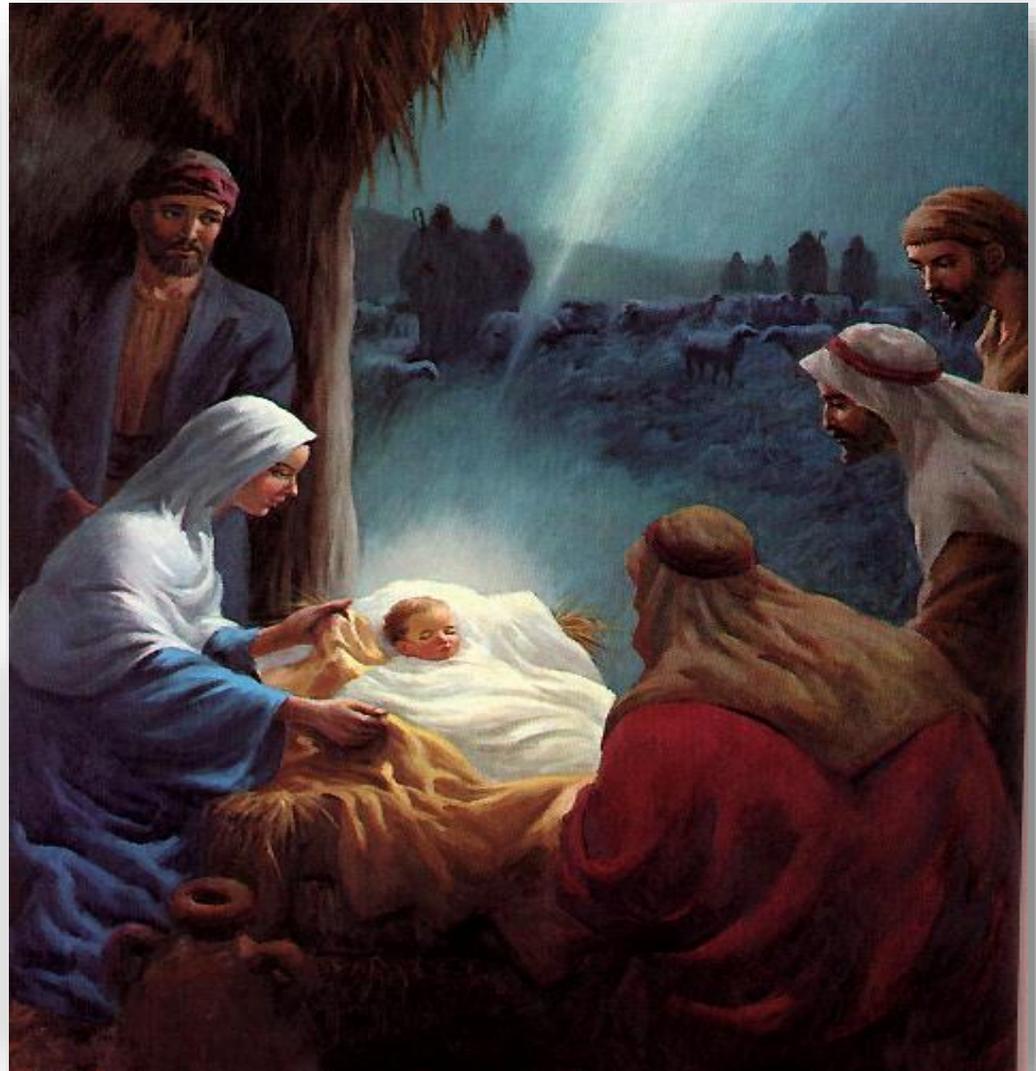
Gen 7:7



Quran vs Bible

**Quran: Jesus
born under
a *palm tree*
Quran 19:23-25**

**Jesus born
in a stable
Luke 2:1-2**



Quran vs Bible

Quran

Jesus was the son of Mary but **NOT** the son of God. 19:30-38

Bible:

Jesus **WAS** the son of Mary And the Son of God !!! LK 1:32



Difficulties with the Quran

Analysis: The Quran is believed to be in *heaven* and protected by the Angels and therefore *preserved from corruption*.

Quran calls itself: ***“The Preserved Tablet”*** 85:21-22

Ibn Kathir highly influential Sunni scholar of 1300's said: “The Preserved Tablet” means, It is among the higher group (i.e., angels), *preserved and protected* from anything being added or taken away, or any alteration or changes.”

Quran vs Quran

CREATION OF MAN

- 1. Out of clot of congealed blood** Quran 96:2
- 2. Out of clay, smooth mud** Quran 15:26
- 3. Out of nothing** Quran 19:67
- 4. Out of water** Quran 21:30

Quran vs Astronomy

Stars are lamps used as **missiles** to drive away devils Quran 67:5

67:5 “And indeed We have adorned the nearest heaven with lamps, and We have made such lamps (as) **missiles to drive away** the *Shayatin* (devils)...” (Noble Quran)

Contrast the Bible (Ps 19:1) “The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”

Quran vs Biology

Ants have language,
recognize Solomon
and talk about him.
Quran 27:18



“When they came to the valley of the ants, *one of the ants said*: "O ants! Enter your dwellings, lest Sulaiman (Solomon) and his hosts crush you, while they perceive not.” Noble Quran

A problem with this is that ants have no vocal chords & seem incapable of abstract thought.

Quran vs Metallurgy

“Then he took out
(of the fire) for them
a statue of a calf
which seemed to low.”

They said: "This is
your *ilah* (god), &
the *ilah* (god) of
Musa (Moses)."

A Cast GOLDEN
STATUE **MOOED**

Quran 20:88



Quran and Intelligence

Solomon could talk to birds and had an Army of Genies, Men & Birds. Quran 27:16-17

He spoke regarding a Hoopoe bird and wanted to punish or slaughter it for its absenteeism unless he brings a clear reason.

Quran 27:20-21



But the Hoopoe bird showed up and explained that he was spying on the Queen of Sheba and she worshipped the sun & Satan. Quran 27:22-24

So Intelligent: this bird could identify *foreign queen*, her *possessions* & analyze what she *worships* !

Reaching Muslims for Christ

**Second Greatest Commandment:
Mat 22:39 “*Love* Your Neighbor as Yourself.”**

**The most effective means of helping a Muslim
find Jesus Christ is still *love*.**

**One Islamic leader stated at a large conference of
Muslim clerics recently "Do not allow your people
to have close contact with Christians because if
you do— the *Christians will LOVE
your people into their faith.*"**

What should be Christians' Attitude?

The kingdom will not be destroyed! Dan 2:44

God's word will never be destroyed! 1 Pet 1:25

Every generation to hear God's Word PS. 78:5-7

Christians will have the final Victory Rev 20:8-9