MANY PROPHETS... ONE MESSAGE

"And [mention, O Muhammad], when We took from the prophets their covenant and from you and from Noah and Abraham and Moses and Jesus the son of Mary; and We took from them a solemn covenant". - Qur'an 46:35

PROPHET NOAH (NUH)

The Second Father of Humanity

The Holy Books of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam speak the same way about Prophet Noah and the Great Flood. The Qur'an tells us that he was a Messenger who lived for 950 years. He selflessly dedicated his life to preaching to his people the belief in One God, to stop worshipping idols and statues, and to be merciful to the weak and needy.

He warned them about the signs of God's Power and Mercy and of the punishment on the Day of Judgment, but they were stubborn and ignored his warnings. As a result, Allah punished them with the great flood and saved only the believers who followed the Prophet.

There is a chapter in the Qur'an named after him, and his story is also detailed in one of the chapters: Surah Hud (11). Key highlights from his story include:

- He called them to serve Allah and keep their duty unto Him, so He may forgive their sins.
- He preached night and day, but the people thrust their fingers into their ears and continued to reject the truth.
- He urged them to seek forgiveness from their Lord, promising that Allah would:
  - Help them with wealth and sons,
  - Grant them gardens and rivers,
  - And provide them a good and prosperous life.
- Allah Almighty told Noah:

  "None of your people will believe except those who have already believed." - Qur'an 11:36
- *He then instructed him to build the ship under divine guidance.*
- As Noah built the ship, his people mocked him. When the ship was completed, Allah commanded Noah to load it with Pairs of each species (male and female), his household, and those who believed.
- Then Allah told:
  "O earth! Swallow your water, O sky! Cease your rain... The waters subsided and the ship came to rest upon Mount Al-Judi." - Qur'an 11:44
- With Noah and the believers saved, humanity was granted a new beginning.

PROPHET ABRAHAM (IBRAHIM)

The Father of Prophets

Prophet Abraham is one of the most brilliant personalities in the history of religion, morals, social life, and fatherhood. He truly is the Father of Prophets, because Allah chose many Prophets from his offspring like Isaac, Jacob, David and their sons, along with Ishmael, the forefather of the last Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon them all).

There are long chapters in the Qur'an about Prophet Abraham. His biography and glorious deeds are mentioned in various places throughout the Qur'an.

- Abraham believed in the Oneness of the Creator from a young age.
- He engaged in serious debates with the monks of his time, refuting idol worship, including the worship of stars and fire.
- He told them that these idols are not worthy of worship, so they tried to burn him alive, but Allah saved him and chose him as a Prophet.
- He was a Prophet, a model father, and a model son.

Some glimpses of his life mentioned in the Qur'an:

"Abraham was a very obedient son to his disbelieving father - kind and very patient." - Qur'an 19:42–47

"Allah did show him the kingdom of the heavens and the earth that he might be of those possessing certainty." - (Qur'an 6:75)

- He debated with his people about the false celestial gods and declared that he cannot worship them because they are not worthy. - Qur'an 6:76–79
- Allah honored him with this praise in the Qur'an:

  "And mention in the Book (the story of) Abraham. Indeed, he was a man of truth and a Prophet." - Qur'an 19:41
- Allah gave him wisdom and the ability to influence others:
- *"And that was Our [conclusive] argument which We gave Abraham against his people. We raise by degrees whom We will. Indeed, your Lord is Wise and Knowing." - Qur'an 6:83*

PROPHET MOSES (MUSA)

Kalimullah (whom the Lord spoke to)

Prophet Moses was a major Prophet and a great leader who freed the Children of Israel from the oppression of Pharaoh. He is a central figure not only in Judaism and Christianity, but also in Islam.

There is extensive information about Prophet Moses in the Qur'an as well as in the Old and New Testaments.

Moses is the most frequently mentioned Prophet in the Qur'an:

He is mentioned 136 times in 34 chapters, and his story is also referenced in the authenticated sayings (Hadith) of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

Major Highlights from the Qur'an about Prophet Moses:

- His birth and survival through divine intervention, and his arrival in Pharaoh's palace.
- His journey to Madyan, and his selection as a Prophet.
- His mission to confront Pharaoh and rescue the Children of Israel from slavery.
- The Exodus from Egypt and the parting of the sea.
- The revelation of the divine commandments on Mount Sinai.
- The challenges and events faced in the desert.
- His role as a spiritual and political leader of the Children of Israel.

Special Mentions in the Qur'an:

- *"And Allah spoke to Moses directly." - Qur'an 7:143*
- *"And I bestowed upon you love from Me so that you would be brought up under My eye." - Qur'an 20:39*
- *"And I have prepared you for Myself." - Qur'an 20:41*

  These verses highlight that Moses was chosen above other men for a divine mission, and was raised under special care by Allah.

Moses also foretold the coming of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):

"Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel..." - Qur'an 7:157

PROPHET JESUS (ʿ ĪSĀ)

The Great Messenger and Sign of Allah

In Islam, Jesus (Isa, peace be upon him) is regarded as a Messenger of God, sent to guide the Children of Israel (Bani Isra'il) with a new scripture—the Injil (Gospel).

Miraculous Birth

The Qur'an states that Mary (Maryam) gave birth to Jesus miraculously, without being touched by any man. This event occurred by the decree of God.

"And mention, [O Muhammad], in the Book [the story of] Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place toward the east... Then We sent to her Our Angel [Gabriel], and he represented himself to her as a well-proportioned man. He said, 'I am only the messenger of your Lord to give you [news of] a pure boy [i.e., son].' She said, 'How can I have a boy while no man has touched me and I have not been unchaste?' He said, 'Thus [it will be]; your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me, and We will make him a sign to the people and a mercy from Us. And it is a matter [already] decreed.'" - Qur'an 19:16–21

Miracles and Message

- Jesus was granted the ability to perform miracles, by the permission of Allah.
- He preached the worship of One God and called people to the straight path.
- He taught submission to the will of God, making him, like all prophets, a Muslim (one who submits to Allah).

Islamic Beliefs About Jesus

- *"Jesus was neither killed nor crucified; rather, Allah raised him alive to heaven." - Quran 4:157*
- He will return before the Day of Judgment, to restore justice and defeat the Antichrist (Dajjal).

Clarification of Status

- Islam rejects the belief that Jesus is God or the son of God.
- He is considered a human Prophet, divinely chosen to deliver God's message.
- Islam strongly emphasizes Tawhid (God's Absolute Oneness) and forbids associating partners with God.

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

The Final Messenger and Mercy to the Worlds

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the last and final Messenger of Allah, sent to all of mankind as a guiding light and a mercy to the worlds. His life and teachings complete the long chain of Prophets beginning with Adam (PBUH).

He was born in Makkah in the year 570 CE, into the noble tribe of Quraysh, and was known from his early life for his truthfulness, honesty, and excellent character—earning him the titles As-Sadiq (The Truthful) and Al-Amin (The Trustworthy).

Revelation and Mission

- At the age of 40, while meditating in the Cave of Hira, he received the first revelation from Allah through Angel Jibreel (Gabriel).
- Over the next 23 years, he received the Qur'an, the final divine scripture.
- He called people to the worship of One God (Allah), compassion, justice, honesty, and ethical living.

"Muhammad (PBUH) is not the father of any of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and the seal of the Prophets. And Allah has full knowledge of all things." - Qur'an 33:40

Character and Legacy

He showed patience in adversity, forgiveness in victory, humility in leadership, and mercy in power.

Universal Message

Unlike previous Prophets sent to specific nations, Muhammad (PBUH) was sent to all humanity. His teachings preserved and clarified the monotheistic message of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus (peace be upon them).

The Final Revelation: The Qur'an

The Qur'an is the final and preserved word of God, revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Farewell Sermon

- All humans are equal, regardless of race or status.
- Life, property, and honor are sacred.
- Follow the Qur'an and Sunnah for a righteous life.

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