



Islam, Judaism, and Christianity

Historical and Spiritual Connections



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

SYRIA

•Damascus

•Bayt al-Quds (Jerusalem)

Karbela

Kufa

IRAQ

•Basra

IRAN

PERSIAN GULF

•Medina

ARABIAN PENINSULA

RED SEA

•Mecca

YEMEN

ARABIAN SEA

Glory be to Him Who carried His servant by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Farthest Mosque, whose precincts We have blessed, that We might show him some of Our signs. Truly He is the Hearer, the Seer. (17:1)





Prophets in the Qur'an

Adam

Noah*

Hud

Salih

Shu`ayb

Abraham*

Lot

Isaac

Ishmael

Jacob

Joseph

Moses*

Aaron

David

Solomon

Jonah

Job

Idris (Enoch)

Dhu'l-Kifl

Ilyas (Elijah)

Al-Yasa' (Elisha)

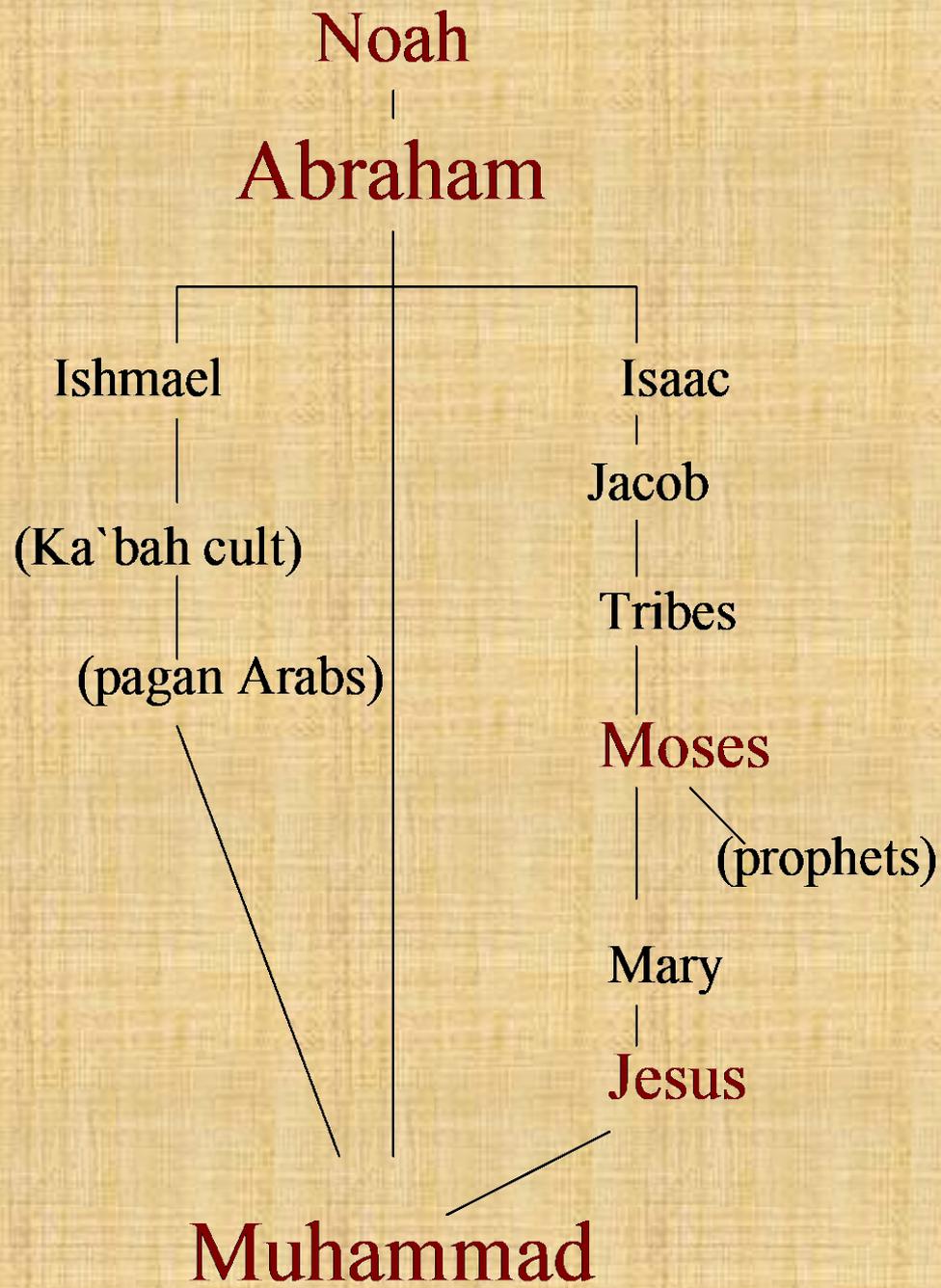
Luqman (?)

Zachariah

John

Jesus*

Muhammad*





[The Prophet is told in the Qur'an]:

*Say: I am no new thing among the messengers...
(46:9)*

Say, "Truly my Lord has guided me unto a straight path, an upright religion, the creed of Abraham, a ḥanīf, and he was not of the idolaters." (6:161)

*O People of the Book! Why do you dispute concerning Abraham, as neither the Torah nor the Gospel were sent down until after him? Do you not understand?
(3:64-65)*



*Truly those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabeans: whosoever believes in God and the Last Day and performs righteous deeds, shall have their reward with their Lord. No fear shall come upon them, nor shall they grieve.
(2:62)*



And dispute not with the People of the Book, save in the most virtuous manner, unless it be those of them who have done wrong. And say, "We believe in that which was sent down unto us and was sent down unto you; our God and your God is one, and unto Him we submit."

(29:46)



Say, "We believe in God, and in that which was sent down unto us, and in that which was sent down unto Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, and in what Moses and Jesus were given, and in what the prophets were given from their Lord. We make no distinction among any of them, and unto Him we submit." (2:136)



Children of Israel

And We raised the Mount over them, at [the taking of] their covenant, and We said to them, “Enter the gate, prostrating,” and We said to them, “Do not transgress the Sabbath.” And We took from them a solemn covenant.

Then for their breaking of their covenant, and their disbelieving in the signs of God, and their slaying of the prophets without right, and their saying: “Our hearts are uncircumcised”...and for their disbelief, and their uttering against Mary a tremendous calumny...

(4:154–156)



On the Christian Trinity

O People of the Book! Do not exaggerate in your religion, nor utter anything concerning God save the truth. Verily the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a messenger of God, and His Word, that He committed to Mary, and a Spirit from Him. So believe in God and His messengers, and say not "Three." Refrain! It is better for you. God is only One God; Glory be to Him that He should have a child. Unto Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is on the earth, and God suffices as a Guardian.

(4:171)



O you who believe! Take not Jews and Christians as protectors. They are the protectors of one another. And whosoever takes them as protectors, surely he is of them...

(5:51)



This day, all good things are made lawful unto you. The food of those who have been given the Book is lawful unto you, and your food is lawful unto them. And likewise the chaste women of the believers, and the chaste women of those who were given the Book before you, when you have given them their bridewealth as married women, not as fornicators, nor as paramours. And whosoever rejects belief, his deeds have come to naught, and in the Hereafter he shall be among the losers. (5:5)



And We have sent down unto you the Book in truth, confirming the Book that came before it, and as a protector over it. So judge between them in accordance with what God has sent down, and do not follow their caprices away from the truth that has come unto you.

For each among you We have appointed a law and a way. And had God willed, He would have made you one community, but that He might try you in that which He has given you. So vie with one another in good deeds. Unto God shall be your return all together, and He will inform you of that wherein you differ.

5:48

Expansion of the Islamic World to 1500



- Islamic world at the end of the Umayyad dynasty
- Extent of the Islamic world 1250
- Extent of the Islamic world 1500
- Area reconquered by Christians 1250
- Area reconquered by Christians 1500
- Extent of Christian crusading principalities in 12th century
- Site and date of important battle





Maimonides



Ibn Rushd/Averroes



“A Common Word”

Say, “O People of the Book! Come to a word common between us and you, that we shall worship none but God, and shall not associate anything with Him... (3:64)