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## What Does God's Word Say About... Jesus Vs. False Prophets

"God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. Moses said, speaking to the Jews, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brethren; to Him you shall give heed to everything He says to you. And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days. It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways." (Acts 3:22-26).

The false prophet Mohammed accepted the books of Moses [the first 5 books of the Old Testament] as being inspired of God. In the book of Deuteronomy, God said He would raise up a prophet like Moses from among his brethren (Deut. 18:15-19). The brethren of Moses were the children of Israel who were later known as the Jews. Mohammed was not a Jew. He was an Arab. Therefore, he could not be the prophet God raised up among His people. Who is the prophet God raised up that every man should heed to His words? When Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on a high mountain a voice came from a cloud and said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!" (Matt. 17:1-5). When Peter later wrote about this experience, he said, "For we [apostles] did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we are eye witnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased' "So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:16-19).

One of the fastest growing religions in the world today, and second to Christianity in the United States is Islam. The false prophet Mohammed began this religion in Arabia in 622 A.D. Mohammed claimed the angel Gabriel came to him. He said Gabriel told him he had been chosen to be the last and greatest prophet of Allah. At a temple in Mecca called "the ka'aba", a black stone was worshiped. Three hundred and sixty idols were also worshiped there. One of these idols was "Allah," the moon god. Mohammed said Allah was the one true god that all men should worship.

Is Islam the true way to God? Is Allah the true god? Is Mohammed the last and greatest prophet? Is the Qu'ran a true revelation from God or is it the words of men? These are important questions. The apostle Paul answered these questions for us when he wrote, "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we [apostles] or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!" (Gal. 1:6-8).

Please notice what Jesus said about Himself: "Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24). Jesus also said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). Peter said, "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Mohammed was a strong leader of men. He formed an army and conquered a great empire. However, he was a false prophet. Therefore, his teachings must be rejected. Mohammed has led millions of people astray. Those who follow him are lost (Matt. 15:13-14). All spiritual blessings are found in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3). He alone can give eternal life (1 John 5:11-12). The Hebrew writer said "...in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world" (Heb. 1:1-2). Jesus became "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

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