

“Those whom we have given the Book recognize him as they recognize their sons; (as for) those who have lost their souls, they will not believe.” (Quran 6:20)

MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES

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INTRODUCTION

ALLAH Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an;

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُمْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

"Those who follow the messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (scriptures), in the law and the Gospel;- for he commands them what is just and forbids them what is evil; he allows them as lawful what is good (and pure) and prohibits them from what is bad (and impure); He releases them from their heavy burdens and from the yokes that are upon them. So it is those who believe in him, honour him, help him, and follow the light which is sent down with him,- it is they who will prosper." {Al-Qur'an 7:157}

Further Qur'an tells us that:

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَا بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنَ التَّوْرَةِ وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِي مِنْ بَعْدِي اسْمُهُ أَحْمَدُ

"And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah (sent) to you, confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad." {Quran 61: 6}

Ahmed is in fact another name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

So lets find out these Prophecies from what is left of the revelation with the Jews & the Christians. For, Muslims it's a must read to refresh their faith and to the Christians it indeeds a great matter of interest. I'll request my Christian readers to consider my points with attention, if for no other reason then only to know as to what we, the Muslim who form one fourth of the human race, have to say about their Holy Scriptures. Please don't think as if I am looking to proselytize but just remember the saying of Jesus Christ (PBUH):

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

I assure my readers, they will learn a lot of new things and that too from such a concise document. You remember what Jesus (PBUH) said?

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the workers are few;" (Matthew 9:37)

And I am sure you, my dear reader, are among those few!

WHY MUSLIMS USE BIBLE FOR PROPHECIES ABOUT PROPHET MUHAMMAD?

As the general Islamic stand point is that previously revealed scriptures like 'Torat' & 'Injeel' mentioned in the Qur'an have been corrupted and the presented Bible is not the revealed word of God, Christians ask why then Muslims use these scriptures which they believe to be corrupt for the Prophecies?

The answer is simple. Undoubtedly we believe as the Qur'an tells us, that previous scriptures have been corrupted. But still there is a chance that may be some words of God or the Holy Prophets may have survived and transmitted down to this day. Thus we take Qur'an as a criterion to judge. Whatever is in consonance with Qur'an and Authentic Ahadith (sayings and deeds of Prophet Muhammad) we believe and else we don't. We are told in the Holy Qur'an;

وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّمًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ
عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا

"To thee We sent the Scripture in truth, confirming the scripture that came before it, and guarding it in safety: so judge between them by what Allah hath revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging from the Truth that hath come to thee. To each among you have we prescribed a law and an open way."

{Al-Qur'an 5:48}

Abdullah Yusuf Ali in his commentary to this verse writes;

"After the corruption of the older revelations, the Qur'an comes with a twofold purpose: (1 to confirm the true and original Message and (2 to guard it, or act as a check to its interpretation. The Arabic word '*Muhaimin*' is very comprehensive in meaning. It means one who safeguards, watches over, stands witness, preserves, and upholds. The Qur'an safeguards "the Book", for it has preserved within it the teachings of all the former Books. It watches over these Books in the sense that it will not let their true teachings to be lost. It supports and upholds these Books in the sense that it corroborates the Word of Allah which has remained intact in them. It stands a witness because it bears testimony to the Word of Allah contained in these Books and helps to sort it out from the interpretations and commentaries of the people which were mixed with it: what is confirmed by the Qur'an is the Word of Allah and what is against it is that of the people."

So as the Qur'an says that Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) has been mentioned in the previous scriptures so we try to find those from whatever is with Jews and Christians today. Thus our endeavor is in this regard.

CAN THERE BE ANY TRUE PROPHET AFTER JESUS?

Every Christian fellow will mostly certainly be interested to know whether or not there is possibility of the advent of another Prophet according to the Bible? Yes, indeed it is possible rather it is a must.

While Jesus warned against the false prophets and impostors he also gave a test to know if a prophet is true thus implicitly telling that advent of a new Prophet is not impossible. Had there been no chance of a true prophet's advent he would have not said anything to that effect? He said;

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Mat 7:18) and "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:20)

Thus informing that both true and false Prophets will appear and they be judged by the fruits of their teachings.

At the time of Jesus humanity was not in fact prepared to receive the Last and Final Testament of God. Thus Jesus says:

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:" (John 16:12-13)

Thus he explicitly stated that somebody was yet to come and guide human kind into the all and ultimate truth. In the course of our discussion we shall see that this 'Spirit of Truth' was to be a human and not the Holy Ghost.

THE PROPHET AFTER JESUS NOT TO BE AN ISRAELITE!

Abraham, the Patriarch, for long had no son and he was grieved for this as he had no heir from his own seed. Then God gave him the glad tidings that his heir will be from 'his own bowels' (Genesis 15: 4). And the promise was fulfilled when Ishmael was born (Genesis 16: 15). Now Abraham had two wives, Hager and Sarah; from Hager his son was Ishmael and through Sarah, Isaac. God not only promised Sarah to be the mother of nations (Genesis 17: 16) but also promised to make Hager's son Ishmael a fruitful man, multiply him exceedingly and make him a great nation (Genesis 17: 20). So we find that these two blood lines become the recipients of great Prophetic character.

There came many Prophets in the House of Israel and the House of Israel was blessed with great spiritual character. God said unto them;

"And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:6)

In fact the Jews were the most blessed nation in the realm of spirituality yet they were made Moses to say;

"Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you." (Deuteronomy 9:24)

And they still continued to be ungrateful despite of the innumerable favours of the Almighty, so much so that even in his will and testament Moses had to say;

"For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?" (Deuteronomy 31:27)

So the God's fury kindled against them and He declared;

"They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation." (Deuteronomy 32:21)

Here the foolish nation refers to the Ishmaelites and anyone with even a little knowledge of the scriptures cannot deny this fact. God says as they have moved Him to jealousy so will He move them to jealousy. And we remember the jealousy of Sarah for Hager (Genesis 16) which was now inherited by the children of Sarah for those of Hager.

But even after such a clear warning the Israelites didn't change their behaviour and continued to be ungrateful to the Mighty Lord. Then came Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth, to make a last try to bring the Israel back to the track but he also failed. In fact his people refused his message (John 1: 11). Thus Jesus (PBUH) told the Israel that the prophetic character was now to be taken away from the House of Israel. This is evident from the following passage;

"And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away." (Matthew 21:19)

Apparently there was no reason for Jesus doing this but indeed there was a deep yet categorical message, the Israel will no more have the spiritual leadership. In fact the fig tree fruit here signifies prophetic heritage. This is even true according to the Apocalypse of Peter wherein it is clearly stated;

'And the Master answered and said unto me: Understandest thou not that the fig-tree is the house of Israel? Even as a man that planted a fig-tree in his garden, and it brought forth no fruit. And he sought the fruit thereof many years and when he found it not, he said to the keeper of his garden:

Root up this fig-tree that it makes not our ground to be unfruitful. And the gardener said unto God: (Suffer us) to rid it of weeds and dig the ground round about it and water it. If then it bear not fruit, we will straightway remove its roots out of the garden and plant another in place of it. Hast thou not understood that the fig-tree is the house of Israel?'¹

If not understood this way, Jesus' words '**Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever**' are rendered void of any purpose which is not expected of a godly person like Jesus. And at last Jesus (PBUH) made an announcement in most explicit words;

"Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matthew 21:43)

Thus we conclude that the Prophetic Character was to be shifted to the House of Ishmael after Jesus (PBUH). Relate it with the fact that Jesus categorically said that the Messiah to come will not be the son of David.

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HOW TO KNOW IF A PROPHET IS TRUE?

Bible sets some criteria to know if the claimant to the status of prophet hood is truthful or a liar. Let's see what all tests the Judeo-Christian scriptures give and see if the Prophet of Islam fulfills those.

1-In Deuteronomy 13:1-5 we are told that a false prophet asks about the worship of other than the True God, he tries to turn one away from the True God. No one with even a little know-how can sense anything like that in the teachings of Holy Prophet Muhammad, not even in the least.

2-Deuteronomy 18: 20-22 tells us that a false prophet speaks of his own and makes prophecies that never come true. But what we find in the case of Holy Prophet Muhammad is that innumerable of his prophecies came true, those contained in the Book that was revealed unto him and those he himself rendered into words with the Divine authority. There is not a single prophecy that Muhammad (PBUH) made and it didn't come true.

3-While Jesus Christ (PBUH) himself warned people to be aware of the false prophets he also gave an acid test to verify if the prophet is true. He said:

"Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."
(Matthew 7:16-20)

Now anybody can make a study and see as to what fruits the teachings of Prophet Muhammad bore for the world. With the blessings of his ministry there has emerged a nation of about one and a half billion people who as a whole are the least racist of all; it is the blessings of his teachings that Muslims are the largest community of teetotalers (i.e. people who give up alcohol) in the world.

It was precisely the teachings of Prophet Muhammad that gave rise to the Mighty Islamic civilization that gave the world so much in terms of peace, prosperity and the basis of all the fields of knowledge, may they be scientific or philosophical. In fact this world today and for the times to come owes too much to this Great Man. Consider all this and remember what Jesus cried; **'neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.'**

4-In the first epistle of John we read:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God."(1 John 4:1-2)

One can see that in this passage the words Spirit and prophet are used as synonyms and then it is told that every spirit, that is to say, every Prophet that believes in Jesus and his being Christ is of God i.e. he is a True Spirit and True Prophet. And we know that Muhammad did the very same. And it is only on his authority that today 1.5 billion Muslims believe in Jesus as Christ and his mother, they believe that he was a mighty Messenger of God born miraculously, who gave life to the dead with God's permission and healed those born blind and lepers with God's permission. All this they believe only on the authority of Prophet Muhammad.

Are these not enough proofs that even according to all the tests of the Bible Muhammad is a True Prophet and there is not in him any sign of the false Prophets? In fact we shall see that he the very Prophet foretold by all the earlier prophets.

MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1-MUHAMMAD (PBUH) IS "SHILOH" (Genesis 49:10):

Prophet Jacob (PBUH) while on his deathbed told his children;

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." (Genesis 49:10)

This practically means that the royal scepter and the office of Prophet Hood will remain in the tribe of Judah only until "Shiloh" comes. Who can Shiloh be?

- Certainly not Moses (PBUH) because he was the first organizer of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.
- Decidedly not David (PBUH) because he was the first King Prophet from the Tribe of Judah and even after him there were Prophets and Kings from this tribe like his own son Solomon (PBUH).
- Surely not Jesus (PBUH) he was also from the same lineage down from Judah (see Matthew 1:1-2). Further he never tasted the (Royal) Scepter.

No doubt the "Shiloh" foretold by Prophet Jacob is Muhammad (PBUH), the Messenger of God because;

- He was an Ishmaelite and not a descendent of Judah which in the light of above verse is the first proof of his being "Shiloh".
- He did taste the royal scepter and before his demise he became the de facto King of Arabia.
- He came with a new Law i.e. Qur'an to replace the old worn-out and impractical Jewish Law.

The second interpretation of this word "Shiloh" is equally important. This word may also be interpreted as "peaceful, tranquil and trustworthy" (see Strong's Hebrew Bible Dictionary Entry # H7886). This interpretation also fits Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as even before Prophethood he was called "Al-Amin" which means exactly the same i.e. "peaceful, tranquil and trustworthy".

2-MUHAMMAD (PBUH), "THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES" (Deuteronomy 18:18-19):

The God said to Prophet Moses (PBUH);

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

Christians claim that this Prophecy refers to Jesus (PBUH). They argue that as God said to Moses (PBUH) that the Prophet will be "like unto thee" and Jesus is like Moses so it is Jesus who has been foretold here. They say that as Moses (PBUH) was a Jew (an Israelite) and a Prophet while Jesus (PBUH) was also a Jew and a Prophet so he is like Moses. We venture to ask them if these are the only two similarities between Jesus and Moses then surely all the Jewish Prophets after Moses like David, Solomon, Ezekiel, Hosea, Jonah, Joel, Zechariah and John the Baptist (Peace Be upon Them All) were all Jews and Prophets. If being a Jew and a Prophet is the only standard to qualify for this Prophecy then why do you ignore the earlier Prophets? Why do you make the fish of one and fowl of another?

SIMILARITIES BETWEEN PROPHET MUHAMMAD AND MOSES:

- Both Muhammad and Moses had a father and a mother but Jesus only had a mother and no father.
- Both Muhammad and Moses were born in a normal, natural course but Jesus was born miraculously without any male intervention.
- Both Muhammad and Moses married and had children while Jesus remained bachelor all his life.
- Although Muhammad and Moses also faced many difficulties during their propagation but before their demise both of them were accepted by their people as Messengers of God. But Jesus was rejected by his own people (John 1:11).
- Both Muhammad and Moses were Prophets as well as Kings. (They were Kings in a sense that they had the power of life and death over their people.) But Jesus never tasted such power. He claimed only a spiritual kingdom for himself. (John 18:36)
- Both Muhammad and Moses died natural deaths but according to Christianity Jesus was violently killed on the Cross.
- Both Muhammad and Moses brought new Laws for their people but Jesus did not come with a new Law. He came only to fulfill the previous Judaic Law. (Matthew 5:17-18)
- Both Muhammad and Moses lie buried on earth, but according to Christians (and even Muslims) Jesus rests in the heaven.

We need to consider the similarities in their Prophetic characters mainly. Many Christians will try to come up with minute common things between Prophet Moses and Jesus but they have no significance considering the major differences between them as stated above. As to small little details we may find even more similarities between Prophet Moses and Muhammad like they both unlike Jesus received their first revelation from God out of cities on some Mountain. Moses received that on Mt. Sinai and Muhammad high up in the cave of Hira in the mountains of Makkah. And they both had to leave their native land for their mission. Moses had to go to Midian and Muhammad to Medina and so on. Thus Muhammad (PBUH) was surely very much like Moses (PBUH). It is to this effect that Qur'an says;

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ رَسُولًا شَاهِدًا عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ رَسُولًا

"We have sent to you, (O men!) a messenger (Muhammad), to be a witness concerning you, even as We sent a messenger (Moses) to Pharaoh." {Al-Qur'an 73:15}

The Arabic word here is 'kama' (كَمَا) which signifies similarity.

These arguments prove that surely Muhammad was like Moses and Jesus was most unlike Moses. Therefore this prophecy refers only to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

“AMONG THEIR BRETHREN”:

As Moses was a Prophet to the Israelites so in this verse they have been referred to as a single entity. And as the Prophet was to be raised among their brethren so he must be raised among the Ishmaelites. Abraham had two sons, Isaac and Ishmael; therefore the children of one are the brethren of the children of the other. Muhammad surely was an Ishmaelite while Jesus was himself an Israelite. Had this prophecy been about Jesus then God should have told the Moses and the Israelites that the Prophet will be raised among their descendents or Sons, not their brethren.

Some Christians may try to argue that 'brethren' refers to the people of Israel themselves but this is other than truth as per Bible. Bible uses this word in the sense we have used. Bible calls Edomites, the children of Esau, the brother of Jacob, as the brethren of Israel. **"Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother:"** (Deuteronomy 23:7). And Bible testifies that Children of Isaac are the brethren of the children of Ishmael. It says; **"and he (Ishmael) shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."** (Genesis 16:12)

Some Christians try to use Deuteronomy 15:12, 17:14-15 and Leviticus 25: 46 to prove that 'brethren' here refers to the people of Israel. But this is very much absurd as looking into these verses one can observe that all these are directed at individuals not the whole Nation. This is only a trick played to mystify something which is very clear.

Some say that even if agreed that brethren here refers to non Israelites, it can't be about Ishmael's progeny as he was the uncle not the brother of Israel (Jacob). This argument also loses its weight when we find in the Bible that even Uncle and nephew are called brothers like in Genesis 13:8 Abraham and Lot are called brothers or in Genesis 29:15 Laban and Jacob are called brothers.

Thus it is clear beyond all doubt that the Prophet described here is none other than Muhammad al-Mustafa.

"HE SHALL SPEAK IN MY NAME":

The God says that "the Prophet" will speak in His name. Muhammad surely spoke in the name of God. Every chapter (except # 9) of the Book i.e. the Qur'an which Muhammad brought starts with the Arabic phrase: بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ which means: "**In The Name Of God, The Most Merciful, The Most Beneficent.**" And Muhammad (PBUH) used to begin his every act with the same phrase, and so do the Muslims in his imitation.

In the light of all the above stated facts we are left with no choice but to accept that the Prophet foretold in this Prophecy is no other than Muhammad (On him be peace and blessings of God).

WARNING FROM GOD:

After giving the good news of the coming of the Great Prophet, God gives a grave warning as well i.e. the one who will not pay attention to the words of the Prophet, God will question him. It is a warning to the Christians and Jews who reject the message and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

3-MUHAMMAD FORETOLD IN DEUTERONOMY 33:2:

The verse 2 of the chapter 33 of the Book of Deuteronomy goes as;

"And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them." (Deuteronomy 33:2)

Here it is told in a bit metaphorical manner that the Glory of God came and rose from Sinai (signifying Moses) and Seir (signifying Jesus) but it shined the most from Mount Paran (Arabic *Faran* i.e. Mecca), which is in Arabia. None of the Israelites including Jesus (PBUH) had anything to do with Paran (Makkah).

WHERE IS PARAN?

Here it is important to know as to what exactly is the location of Paran i.e. the wilderness of Paran. Christians generally argue that it is somewhere in the Sinai Peninsula. But this is not true even considering the Biblical references to Paran. In depth study of Bible also reveals the location of Paran to be in the western part of the mainland Arabian Peninsula and to be clearer in the region called Hijaz.

Bible tells us the place where Lady Hagar and her son Ishmael dwelt was Paran.

"And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt." (Genesis 21: 20-21)

Further about the Children of Ishmael Bible informs us that they occupied the area stretching from Havilah in Yemen to Shur i.e. Syria.

"And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: and he died in the presence of all his brethren." (Genesis 25:18)

This most certainly refers to the region known as Hijaz which includes both Makkah and Medina. And do mark that it no way includes Sinai region. Further we see that Bible uses the words Midianite and Ishmaelite as alternates. Reading the story of prophet Joseph (PBUH) in Genesis 37:36 we read:

"And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard." (Genesis 37:36)

While in Genesis 39:1, we read:

"And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down thither." (Genesis 39:1)

Now see, the Midianites sold him and he was bought from Ishmaelites and it refers to the same event. Interesting! Isn't it? The only possible way to understand this 'anomaly' or confusion is to consider the people who sold Joseph as Ishmaelites by blood, coming from the land of Midian. And Midian, of course, lies in Hijaz near the Gulf of Aqaba close to the Red Sea.

Please consider all the things together. Ishmaelites lived in the land of Midian which is in the northern part of main land Arabia. And the children of Ishmael moving out from the place Prophet Ishmael first dwelt spread in the entire region from Syria down to Yemen. Thus the implication is obvious that Paran where Ishmael first dwelt lies in this region and cannot be anywhere in Sinai.²

Some may try to challenge our view by quoting certain Biblical quotations that give an idea that Paran is located somewhere around Mt. Sinai but the truth is that the traditional view about the location of Mt. Sinai is also erroneous. Mt. Sinai is not in what is today called the Sinai Peninsula, rather it is located in the northwest Saudi Arabia near the ancient Midian. This is even proved from the Bible (Galatians 4: 25). For a detailed study about it one may refer to the research by the BASE Institute and Dr. Allen Kerkeslager etc. who have also proved the same in the light of the Holy Scriptures, Jewish traditions and archaeological findings³. This also substantiates our view.

And another point that must be considered here is that from Paran of Sinai (?) there rose no holy Person like Moses or Jesus; what to talk of someone greater than them?

Prophet Abraham (PBUH) left his wife Hagar and his son Ishmael in this wilderness. Ishmael later married an Egyptian woman and through them descended the Arabs. Muhammad (PBUH) surely was an Arab. And there is no other candidate for this blessed status among the Arabs. He was born in Makkah and received the first revelation in the cave of Mount Paran (Mountain of Makkah). Thus the Glory of God did shine in the

person of Muhammad (PBUH). It is a historical fact that he came with Ten Thousand Companions -- veritable saints-- at the eve of the conquest of Makkah. And he gave the world a Fiery Law i.e. the Qur'an.

Here it may also be noted that the figure Ten Thousand has no mention in the history of Sinai Peninsula thus locating Paran in Sinai is a baseless hypothesis.

4-PROPHET DAVID CALLS MUHAMMAD “MY LORD” (Psalms 110:1):

The words of Prophet David are quoted in his Psalm #110, verse 1;

"The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."
(Psalms 110:1)

This translation provides a room for the Christians to prove that Jesus Christ (PBUH) has been mentioned in this verse. "If the first Lord is God, the second Lord is also God", argue the Christians. Let's refer to the original Hebrew words of the first phrase of this quotation to find the truth. The original Hebrew words are;

"YaH WaH SAID TO MY ADON"

The word "YaH WaH" is used for God in the Old Testament while the word "ADON" signifies a "Commander, Lord and Master" (See Strong's Hebrew Bible Dictionary, Entry # H113).

The correct translation in light of the above explanation must be;

"THE GOD SAID TO MY LORD"

This translation has now been adopted by the Christians as well.

This verse surely does not refer to Jesus (PBUH) for he was a son (a descendent) of David (Matthew 1:1) and he himself repudiated the idea that the Messiah (the Prophet, the Deliverer literally Christ) whom Israel was expecting was a son of David (PBUH).

"While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, how then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then calls him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth asked him any more questions."
(Matthew 22:41-46)

(Also see Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44). Thus our argument is supported by the testimony of Jesus Christ. Had this verse been about Jesus, David should have called him "My Son" for it makes no sense to call a son "My Lord".

This verse evidently refers to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Consider the following points;

- In the eyes of God and man, the "Adon", the greatest Prophet is the one who rendered more service to mankind by bringing them into the light of the One True God. Compare the praiseworthy religious revolution that the Noble son of Ishmael brought about in the world, with what all the thousands of prophets put together have achieved, and you will definitely come to the conclusion that it is alone Muhammad(PBUH) who could deserve the title of the *Adon*, the Lord, the Leader and the Commander.

- As Christ said “David in spirit wrote this”, this mystery of “Sit thou at my right” is hidden from us yet we may safely conjecture that the honour of sitting at the right of the Throne of God was given to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during the famous Night of Ascension (*Mi'raj*) to the Heavens.

5-MUHAMMAD MENTIONED BY NAME (Song of Solomon 5:16):

There are numerous prophecies in the Bible about the Holy Prophet (PBUH). As we saw above and we will see more in the coming lines, there are many that very clearly fit him. But unlike the common trend in prophecies there is one in the Bible that foretells the Prophet of Islam not only with his name but also giving his physical appearance. This indeed is a must read for every truth-seeker.

In the Song of the Solomon chapter 5 we read;

"My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand. His head is as the most fine gold, his locks are bushy, and black as a raven. His eyes are as the eyes of doves by the rivers of waters, washed with milk, and fitly set. His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as sweet flowers: his lips like lilies, dropping sweet smelling myrrh. His hands are as gold rings set with the beryl: his belly is as bright ivory overlaid with sapphires. His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem." (Song of Solomon 5:10-16)

'MY BELOVED': The actual Hebrew word here is for 'beloved' is 'dode' to which Strong's Hebrew Bible Dictionary (Entry # H1730) says; " From an unused root meaning properly to boil, that is, (figuratively) to love; by implication a love token, lover, friend; specifically an uncle: - (well-) beloved, father's brother, love, uncle."

This clearly means that 'beloved; here refers to the lineage of the paternal uncle of the writer. If the writer as the Jews and Christians generally hold is Prophet Solomon then this obviously refers to someone from the family of Ishmael, the brother of the Solomon's great grandfather and the father of Jewish race, Prophet Isaac. (Even if someone else actually wrote this account then he must also be some Jew, from the same lineage and thus we have the same implication.)

And thus there is no possibility of this prophecy being about Prophet Jesus (PBUH) as he firstly had no father and secondly was from the same Jewish race.

'MY BELOVED IS WHITE AND RUDDY': The second phrase of verse 10 describes the features of the 'beloved' as 'white and ruddy'. Now carefully read the following description of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and you will surely not fail to recognize the absolute similarity between the two narrations;

"The Holy Prophet's (PBUH) complexion was fair with a touch of redness."(Shamail Tirmidhi Hadith 3, Narrated by Ali b. Abi Talib}

'THE CHIEFEST AMONG TEN THOUSAND': This most certainly refers to the Last Prophet of Islam, Muhammad (PBUH) who was the Leader at the Conquest of Makkah commanding an army of ten thousand. This by no stretch can be related to Prophet Jesus (PBUH).

'HIS LOCKS ARE BUSHY': The verse 11 describing the features of the 'beloved' says that 'his locks are bushy' (i.e. wavy, somewhat curly). Now just compare this with the description of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as made the Sahabah (his Companions);

"His hair were neither quite straight nor quite curly, but besides being straight were somewhat wavy." (Shamail Tirmidhi Hadith 3, Narrated by Ali b. Abi Talib)

'BLACK AS A RAVEN'-(ARAB): The original Hebrew word used in the second part of verse 11 needs special attention.

The word is generally translated as 'raven' i.e. crow. The word inflect is 'o' ré b / 'a' rab (עֲרַב) which has been figuratively taken to mean 'raven' considering its dusky hue (See Strong's Hebrew Bible Dictionary, Entry # H6158). In fact Arabic and Hebrew are sister languages of Semitic origin. They have many common things but Arabic happens to be more comprehensive. It has six more alphabets to accommodate sounds which are not there in Hebrew alphabets. The Arabic letter (غ) 'ghayn' is not there in Hebrew.

Thus the Arabic words 'Arab' and 'Ghurab'(which means crow/raven as used in the Qur'an 5:31) are both represented by one Hebrew word (עֲרַב). The very same word has been explained under Entry # H6152 of Strong's Hebrew Bible Dictionary as; "in the figuratively sense of sterility; Arab (that is, Arabia), a country East of Palestine: - Arabia." As we see the word refers to an Arab. Thus the proper translation of the Hebrew words should be;

"His locks are wavy. He is an Arab (i.e. inhabitant of Arabia)."

'HE IS ALTOGETHER LOVELY' (MUHAMMAD): The transliteration of the Hebrew words goes like this;

"Hikko Mamittakim we kullo Muhammadim Zehdoodeh wa Zehraee Bayna Jerusalem."

As to the suffix 'IM' we must know that in Hebrew its used to denote greatness and royal ness. It's a plural of respect only and certainly not of numbers.

The last verse of the chapter has the name of the Holy Prophet of Islam preserved in Hebrew language to this day. The Hebrew word is '*muhammadim*' (מַחְמַדִּים) transliterated as '*makh-mawd*' in Strong's Bible Dictionary (Entry # H4261); Though being a noun it should have been retained as it is but still the translation gives the same meanings as the word 'Muhammad' in Arabic as Strong's Dictionary furthers about the word; "delightful; hence a delight, that is, object of affection or desire: - beloved, desire, goodly, lovely, pleasant (thing)".

Some Christian say that it's a female character uttering all these words and may possibly be the wife of Prophet Solomon (PBUH) who said this for husband. But I disagree with. Firstly this is metaphorical way of description and we can't say that surely it's some woman saying this. Further the argument that these are words of the wife of Prophet Solomon (PBUH) also goes against reason. Just a few verses back in Verse 7 we read;

"The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city. They beat me, they bruised me; they took away my cloak, those watchmen of the walls!" (Song of Solomon 5:7)

Now can we imagine the wife of the King Prophet Solomon (PBUH) i.e. the Queen to be beaten by the watchmen? Surely we can never. In fact here the author is showing his eagerness and his yearning to meet the mightiest of the all the Prophets of Allah.

See how clearly have the name and physical features of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) mentioned to the People of Book. Also therein are two checks 'chief of ten thousand' and 'Arab' (as proved above) to refrain people from twisting its interpretation to some other person. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an;

الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَعْرِفُونَهُ كَمَا يَعْرِفُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمُ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

"Those to whom We have given the Book know this (Prophet) as they know their own sons. Those who have lost their own souls refuse therefore to believe." {Al-Qur'an 6:20

6-A DETAILED PROPHECY ABOUT PROPHET MUHAMMAD (Isaiah 21:14-17):

The Book of Isaiah contains a very explicit and detailed prophecy about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH);

"The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty; they prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it." (Isaiah 21:13-17)

It is clear without even an iota of doubt that this Prophecy refers to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) for it indicates some very important events of his life;

‘INHABITANTS OF THE LAND OF TEMA BROUGHT WATER TO HIM THAT WAS THIRSTY’:

It refers to the fact that when Prophet Muhammad was facing all lot of troubles at Makkah, so much so that once he and his tribe were restricted to Sheb-e-Abi Talib (the Valley of Abi Talib), where they lived in destitute and suffered severe thirst and hunger and when Prophet Muhammad’s mission apparently seemed to have failed the people of Medina came to their rescue. They not only offered them to come to Medina but they also provided them with all the necessities of life and a breeding place for the new faith. Tema is a small town in the northern Arabia and the term 'land of Tema' encompasses adjoining areas as well which also includes Medina.

‘THEY FLED FROM THE SWORDS...AND THE BENT BOW, AND FROM THE GRIEVOUSNESS OF WAR’:

This refers to the fact that when Prophet Muhammad migrated to Medina, the heathen Makkans had planned to (God forbid) kill Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) while they continued to inflict cruelties on the believers.

‘WITHIN A YEAR...ALL THE GLORY OF KEDAR SHALL FAIL...’:

This statement refers to the Battle of Badr (which took place about one year after Muhammad’s emigration to Medina) when just 313 poorly armed Muslims, the followers of Muhammad (PBUH) defeated heavily armed 1000 Makkans, who were considered the most respected people among all the Arabs, the descendents of Kedar who was the son of Ishmael (Genesis 25:13).

7-MUHAMMAD, THE UNLEARNED PROPHET (Isaiah 29:12):

In the Book of Isaiah, chapter 29, verse 12 we read;

"And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned." (Isaiah 29:12)

(The words "I PRAY THEE" are not in the Hebrew manuscripts; compare with Roman Catholics' "Douay Version" and the "Revised Standard Version".)

THE PROPHET WHO IS NOT LEARNED: At the age of forty, one day Muhammad (PBUH) was meditating in the cave of Hira on the Mount Paran (*Faran* i.e. Makkah), suddenly he saw the Archangel Gabriel. The angel had come with the first revelation of the Last Heavenly Book i.e. the Qur'an, and he said to Muhammad **اقْرَأْ** meaning "READ" and Muhammad replied **مَا أَنَا بِقَارِيٍّ** which when translated means "I AM NOT LEARNED". This is the exact fulfillment of this Prophecy. We find the verbatim same version in the most authentic Hadith book, Sahih Al-Bukhari; it says;

"The angel came to him and said; 'Read'. The Prophet replied, 'I am not learned' (i.e. I can't read)" (Sahih al-Bukhari, Book 1, Hadith 3)

The Holy Qur'an also calls Prophet Muhammad, the unlettered and unlearned Prophet. It says;

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ الَّذِي يَجِدُونَهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ

"Those who follow the messenger, the unlettered Prophet, whom they find mentioned in their own (scriptures), in the Law and the Gospel..." {Al-Qur'an 7:157}

Prophet Muhammad was surely an unlearned and unlettered Prophet for he had no formal schooling and he was never a student of anyone. But 'Miracle of Miracles', without any human learning "he put to shame the wisdom of the learned".

8-'MINE ELECT', 'HE SHALL BRING FORTH JUDGMENT TO THE GENTILES' (Isaiah 42:1-17):

"Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These

things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods."

(Isaiah 42:1-17)

In this Prophecy The God speaks about His Last Messenger. Carefully consider the following points.

'MY SERVANT': This term fits Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who is frequently called the 'servant' of ALLAH-the God in the Holy Qur'an. And it also proves that the prophecy does not refer to Jesus Christ (PBUH) because Christians consider him 'a God' and the Son of God, not the servant of God.

'MINE ELECT': God calls him mine elect, one of the names of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is 'Mustafa', which means exactly the same, the Chosen One, the Elected One, and the Elect.

'HE SHALL BRING FORTH JUDGMENT TO THE GENTILES': Gentiles are the non Israelites. Prophet Muhammad was sent to all the mankind including Gentiles, unlike Jesus and other Prophets mentioned in

the Bible and (Most of those mentioned in the) Qur'an were sent only to the people of Israel. It is stated in the Qur'an about the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH);

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

"And We have not sent thee (O Muhammad) save as a Bringer of good tidings and a Warner unto all mankind; but most of mankind know not." {Al-Qur'an 34:28}

'HE SHALL NOT CRY, NOR LIFT UP, NOR CAUSE HIS VOICE TO BE HEARD IN THE STREET':

The words 'he shall not cry' here mean that shall not complain about the things befalling him during his Prophetic mission. If one reads the life of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) he will fail to find even a single complaining word uttered by the Prophet. While in case of Prophet Jesus, as Bible records he cried while being on the Cross; "My God, My God; why hast thou forsaken me." (Matthew 27:46 & Mark 15:34).

'HE SHALL NOT FAIL NOR BE DISCOURAGED TILL HE HAVE SET JUDGMENT IN THE EARTH':

This refers to the success of the mission of the Holy Prophet Muhammad that he despite all the troubles and difficulties and after many wars overcame his adversaries and established the Just Rule.

'LIGHT OF THE GENTILES; TO OPEN THE BLIND EYES TO BRING OUT THE PRISONERS FROM THE PRISON, AND THEM THAT SIT IN DARKNESS OUT OF THE PRISON HOUSE': Here once

again the same fact is referred to that Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was sent for the gentiles even. This surely cannot be for Jesus for he came only to 'lost sheep of the house of Israel' and not to the Gentiles. And the Mighty Person, Muhammad (PBUH) also came with a Message to bring those who sit in the darkness out of the prison house which for itself signifies darkness. Remember ALLAH says in the Holy Qur'an;

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتُخْرِجَ النَّاسَ مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى النُّورِ

"A Book which We have revealed unto thee (O Muhammad), in order that thou mightest lead mankind out of depths of darkness into light." {Al-Qur'an 14:1}

'THE FORMER THINGS ARE COME TO PASS, AND NEW THINGS DO I DECLARE': This is a pointing to the New Law (*Shariah*) brought by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) which was brought to replace the old Jewish Law. Jesus didn't come with a New Law but came only to fulfill the old Jewish Law.

'LET THE WILDERNESS AND THE CITIES THEREOF LIFT UP [THEIR VOICE,] THE VILLAGES [THAT] KEDAR DOTH INHABIT: LET THE INHABITANTS OF THE ROCK SING, LET THEM SHOUT FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAINS. LET THEM GIVE GLORY UNTO THE LORD, AND DECLARE HIS PRAISE IN THE ISLANDS': Kedar is the name of the son of Ishmael (Genesis 25:13-16). And Kedar was the father of the Arabs. And the villages they do inhabit are obviously in Arabia. And the phrase 'let them shout from the top of the mountains' refers to ritual of *Hajj* (pilgrimage), an obligation under the New Law (*Shariah*) brought by Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) when people shout and glorify Allah from the top of the mountains especially Mt. Arafat.

'THE LORD SHALL GO FORTH AS A MIGHTY MAN, HE SHALL STIR UP JEALOUSY LIKE A MAN OF WAR: HE SHALL CRY, YEA, ROAR; HE SHALL PREVAIL AGAINST HIS ENEMIES. I HAVE LONG TIME HOLDEN MY PEACE; I HAVE BEEN STILL, [AND] REFRAINED MYSELF: [NOW] WILL I CRY LIKE A TRAVAILING WOMAN; I WILL DESTROY AND DEVOUR AT ONCE': This verse points to the fact that before the coming of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) ALLAH had never ordered His Messengers to take up the evil themselves, they were allowed only to fight in self defense. But ALLAH ordered the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to take on the evil himself and ALLAH promised him that his faith will prevail over all other religions. Qur'an says;

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

"It is He (Allah) Who has sent His Messenger with Guidance and the Religion of Truth, that he may proclaim it over all religion, even though the Pagans may detest (it)." (Qur'an 61: 9)

'AND I WILL BRING THE BLIND BY A WAY THAT THEY KNEW NOT; I WILL LEAD THEM IN PATHS THAT THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN': The God here tells us that He will guide the people who were spiritually blind i.e. they knew no Prophet nor any revelation and they are guided to paths that they had never known before. And all this through His own Elect, Mustafa, the Mighty Messenger: Muhammad (PBUH).

It is worth noting that Qur'an says the very same in the context of the advent of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH);

كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ

"Even as We have sent among you a Messenger from among you who recites to you Our communications and purifies you and teaches you the Book and the wisdom and teaches you that which you did not know." (Al-Qur'an 2:151)

'THEY SHALL BE GREATLY ASHAMED, THAT TRUST IN GRAVEN IMAGES, THAT SAY TO THE MOLTEN IMAGES, YE ARE OUR GODS': This indeed refers to the great eve of the Conquest of Makkah when the people of Makkah, those who worshipped and put their trust in idols had their arrogance razed to earth. This can't be about Prophet Jesus (PBUH) as he never encountered the idol worshippers but indeed the people of Arabia, specially Makkah, the birth place and hometown of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) worshipped the graven and molten images and thought them to be gods.

Thus proved, this is a very detailed prophecy of the bible about our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

9-MUHAMMAD IN THE VISION OF PROPHET DANIEL (Daniel 7:2-14):

In the Book of Daniel we read of a vision that Prophet Daniel saw;

"Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.

The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."(Daniel 7:2-14)

According to the interpretation of the Angel each of the four beasts represents an Empire (Daniel 7:23).

THE FIRST BEAST: The first beast that looks like an eagle-winged lion signifies the Chaldean empire, which was mighty and rapid like a lion to pounce upon the enemy.

THE SECOND BEAST: The second beast that looks like a bear represents the Medeo-Persian Empire, which extended its conquests as far as the Adriatic Sea and Ethiopia, thus holding with its teeth a rib from the body of each of the three continents of Eastern Hemisphere.

THE THIRD BEAST: The third beast refers to the triumphant marches of Alexander the Great which was swift and fierce like a tiger. After the death of Alexander, his vast Empire was divided into four kingdoms.

THE FOURTH BEAST: The fourth beast that looked like a monster and a demon was the Formidable Roman Empire.

THE TEN HORNS: The Ten Horns are the ten Emperors (Daniel 7:24) of Rome who persecuted the early Christians. These are the famous “Ten Persecutors” of the Church history.

THE LITTLE HORN...BEFORE WHICH THREE HORNS BREAK DOWN: The Little Horn represents Constantine the Great, who fought with Maximian and two other (1+2=3) rivals and eventually captured the throne. All the earlier beasts were irrational brutes but the Little Horn had human mouth and eyes i.e. it represented a hideous monster endowed with reason and speech. The enmity of the beasts to the believers in God was brutal and savage, but that of the rational Horn was diabolic and malignant.

THE HORN THAT SPEAKS ‘BIG THING’ AGAINST THE GOD: The Little Horn, Constantine the Great, said ‘big things’ and ‘great words’ against the Most High, the Almighty God. Constantine pretended to profess Christianity but in actual he perverted the true religion of Christ. He blasphemed against God by associating with Him other creatures and ascribing to Him foolish names and attributes such as “begetter” and “begotten”, “unity in trinity” and “incarnation”. He thus denied the Absolute Unity of God.

THE SON OF MAN, TAKEN UP...: The Son of Man cannot be Jesus Christ (PBUH) because he lived before Constantine and the Ten Prosecutors. Muhammad (PBUH) surely came after them. The son of Man was taken up and given the power. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) ascended to the Heavens during his miraculous night journey and he was given the Power to subdue the Evil. So the Muslims, the followers of Muhammad (PBUH) within due course of time conquered all the Kingdoms which were represented as beasts. Therefore it is clear that the *Barnasha*, the Son of Man is definitely Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

HE WAS GIVEN KINGDOM AND GLORY...AND HIS KINGDOM SHALL NOT BE DESTROYED: Yes, indeed Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was given the power and glory so much so that just within few brief years, Muslims, his followers destroyed the Roman Empire in the East and the other beasts were also destroyed. And today people from every nation and language group believe in him and thus serve and pay homage to him.

In fact this prophecy is one of the most explicit prophecies about Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the Bible.

10-MUHAMMAD IS “THE DESIRE OF ALL THE NATIONS” (Haggai 2:7-9):

Prophet Haggai (PBUH) gives the glad tidings of the coming of the Great Messenger, the desire of all the nations;

"And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts." (Haggai 2:7-9)

Prophet Haggai (PBUH) gave these glad tidings when the people of Israel were rebuilding the House of God at Jerusalem after it was destroyed by the Chaldeans, the whole population of Ten Tribes was deported into Assyria and the un-massacred remnants of Judah and Benjamin were transported to Babylon. When the foundations of the new house of God were being laid Prophet Haggai (PBUH) gave this good news. Let's find out as to who was this Great Prophet, the Desire of all the Nations.

- The original Hebrew word that has been translated as ‘the Desire of All the Nations’ is ‘*Himda*’ (Strong's Bible Dictionary, Entry # H2532) which has got the same root as AHMED or MUHAMMAD. ‘HIMDA’, ‘AHMED’ and ‘MUHAMMAD’ all mean the same i.e. ‘the coveted, loved, desired and praised’.

- The phrases “I FILL THIS HOUSE WITH GLORY” and “THE GLORY OF THIS LATTER HOUSE SHALL BE GREATER THAN OF THE FORMER” refer to the miraculous visit of Prophet Muhammad to the Temple of Jerusalem. It was at this eve that the temple was filled with the glory of God as all the Prophets gathered in the temple and offered their prayers in the leadership of Prophet Muhammad.
- The original Hebrew word that has been translated as peace is SHALOM (Strong's Bible Dictionary, Entry # H7965). Every scholar of the Semitic languages knows that SHALOM and ISLAM are derived from the one and the same root and that both mean ‘peace, submission, and resignation (to the will of God)’.

11-MUHAMMAD IS “THE LORD WHOM YOU DESIRE” (Malachi 3:1):

In the last Book of the Old Testament, Malachi, we find yet another prophecy fulfilled in the person of Prophet Muhammad. The God is reported to have said;

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."

(Malachi 3:1)

- Again the first point that needs our attention is ‘THE LORD WHOM YOU SEEK’. Here again the original Hebrew word is ‘*Himda*’ which is identical to the Arabic ‘Ahmed’, another name of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Quite often we find this word ‘*Himda*’ in the Hebrew Scriptures which as proved earlier is identical to the ‘Ahmed’. And it is for this reason that Professor Abdul Ahad Dawood (former Bishop of Urmia) writes in one of his articles;

“That Emina, the non-Muslim widow of Abdullah, should name her orphan son Ahmed, the first proper noun in the history of mankind, is, according to my humble belief, the greatest miracle in favour of Islam”.⁴

- The second important point in this prophecy is that “SUDDENLY HE WILL COME TO HIS TEMPLE”. Certainly Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) did visit the temple at Jerusalem suddenly during his miraculous night journey, first from Makkah to Jerusalem and then to the Heavens.

Christians will most certainly argue that here it’s being told that John, the Baptist will come to prepare the way before Jesus Christ (PBUH). And they will bring certain passages from the New Testament to argue; e.g. Matthew 11:10 & Mark 1:2. Now I request you again pay attention to these wordings in Book of Malachi.

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts." (Malachi 3:1)

This clearly shows that the Messenger of the Covenant is going to come and prepare the way before the “LORD OF THE HOSTS” who is saying these words. And anybody with the minuscule knowledge of the scriptures knows that by the term “LORD OF HOSTS” the Father in the Heavens is meant. So this simply means that only one Prophet is mentioned here who will prepare the way before the God thus Christian argument lacks reason.

MUHAMMAD IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1-JOHN THE BAPTIST FORETOLD A “POWERFUL PROPHET” (Matthew 3:11-12):

Prophet John the Baptist, whom we the Muslims know as Hazrat Yahya (PBUH), used to cry loud and say;

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his flour, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” (Matthew 3:12)

‘THAT COMES AFTER ME’: The clear preposition ‘after’ excludes Jesus from being the foretold Prophet. John the Baptist and Jesus were both contemporaries and were born in the same year. Muhammad (PBUH) surely came well after John the Baptist.

‘...WHO IS STRONGER THAN I’: This statement also excludes Jesus (PBUH) from being the foretold Prophet because just like John the Baptist (PBUH) he was also at the mercy of the unbelieving Jews and according to the Christian belief he was also violently killed. But Muhammad (PBUH) surely was stronger than both of them as all his enemies were at last forced to subdue to him. And he completed his Prophetic mission successfully.

‘HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH SPIRIT AND FIRE’: Baptism is the process of spiritual purification. So the foretold Prophet was to not to use water for this purpose. Muhammad (PBUH) certainly purified his people with the Holy Qur'an, the word of God brought by the Spirit i.e. Archangel Gabriel.

‘HIS FAN’: The ‘fan’ is the Holy Qur'an. The fan is used to separate the grains and the chaff and Qur'an, being Al-Furqan (the separator), separated the good and the evil. To the good Qur'an brought the news of ‘peace and tranquility’ while it warned ‘evil’ of the ever burning Hell Fire.

It may be argued that John the Baptist, on seeing Jesus, himself said; **'This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me:'** (John 1:30). Indeed it is true but seeing the Prophetic character and noble person of the Prophet of Nazarene, John the Baptist perhaps thought to him to be that Great Noble Prophet of whom he spoke but Jesus himself repudiated the idea. This is clear from the fact that Jesus himself came to be baptized by John and John hesitated, whereupon Jesus made the matter clear by saying; **'Permit it to be so now: for thus it fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'** (Mathew 3:15) And Jesus was himself baptized. Now how the righteousness could be fulfilled in Jesus getting baptized except that it dispelled the notion that rose from the confusion of John the Baptist of Jesus' being that Great Strong Prophet. Also we see that John the Baptist never became the disciple of Jesus even after having known him. This indeed clarifies all doubts.

2-MUHAMMAD IS “THE LEAST IN THE HEAVEN” (Matthew 11:11):

Prophet Jesus (PBUH) is reported to have said;

"Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

JESUS NOT THE 'LEAST IN THE HEAVEN': According to the testimony of Jesus (PBUH) no man born of woman was ever greater than John the Baptist. As Jesus was also born of a woman, Mary, so he was also not greater than John and thus he can't be the 'least in the heaven'.

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE 'LEAST IN THE HEAVEN'? In the Greek manuscripts the word is 'mikros' (μικρός) which means 'small or little' and of all its Biblical usages the only one that fits the context here is "of age: less by birth, younger"⁵. Any other meaning of the Greek word if understood here makes the whole statement ridiculous. So in the chronological order the Last of the Prophets would be the 'least' of them. All the Christians will agree that Jesus was not the Last Prophet as according to the Bible not only Apostles of Christ but many other holy men were favoured with prophethood. (Acts 11:27-28, 13:1, 15:32, 21:9-10).

In the Aramaic Peshitta version the word is *Z'ira* (ܙܝܪܐ)⁶. The word *Z'ira* (or *ZEuOReA*) in Aramaic, like Arabic *Saghir* signifies young. Muhammad (PBUH) surely was the Last of all the Prophets and so he is the one whom Jesus called "greater than John."

3-THE JEWS EXPECTED A PROPHET BESIDES CHRIST:

Even a brief but a careful study of the Jewish and the Christian scriptures reveals that almost all the Prophets told their people about the coming of the Most Powerful and the Most Effective of all the Prophets. And even at the time of Prophet Jesus (PBUH) the Jews were waiting that Great Messenger of God. And some of the Jews (Israelites) thought John, the Baptist (PBUH) to be "that Prophet". But he (quite logically and) vociferously refuted this assumption. We are told that the Jews posed three questions to John the Baptist (PBUH);

"And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?"
(John 1:20-25)

This testimony of the Bible confirms that Jews were expecting, besides Elias (in his second coming) and Christ, another Prophet which surely was Muhammad (PBUH) as proved above from the testimony of John, the Baptist himself.

As it is generally believed that the Prophet mentioned here is the same one prophesized in Deuteronomy 18:18. So it may sometimes be asked if that Prophet had to be an Ishmaelite as Muslims claim then why the Jews were asking John the Baptist, an Israelite, if he was that Prophet. Agreed! But the matter of the fact is that Jews hardly understood the scriptures. The Christians boast of hundreds of Prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament, when Jews didn't understand those hundreds of prophecies then little wonder they fail to understand this one as well. In fact this argument has no weight in itself as it stands merely on the understanding of the people who never understood.

4-WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT PROPHET MUHAMMAD (John chapter 14, 15&16):

Prophet Jesus said the following words about Prophet Muhammad;

JOHN CHAPTER 14 VERSE 16:

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;" (John 14:16)

The Comforter will abide with you forever in a way that he will be alive in his teachings forever. It is an irrefutable fact that the teachings of Muhammad (PBUH) have been preserved till today without even an iota of corruption.

Alive in Teachings: Now one may say that Muhammad (PBUH) has already died, how can he fulfill what is written here i.e. "he may abide with you forever;"? The answer to this question is that as we just said it simply refers to his being alive in his teachings. And surely this concept is also Biblical (See Luke 16:31).

JOHN CHAPTER 14 VERSE 26:

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

'Which is the Holy Ghost': These words are dealt with in detail under the heading 'Is the promised Comforter, the Holy Ghost?'

'He shall teach you all things': The teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) cover all spheres of life. There is no matter of human interest about which he has not enlightened us.

'bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you': So we see the through his message he reminded the mankind in general and Christians in particular of the True Teachings of the Christ i.e. Islamic Monotheism, Importance of virtuous deeds and much more.

JOHN CHAPTER 15 VERSE 26:

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:" (John 15:26)

Indeed all the Prophets are Spirits of Truth but this title fits Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) the most as he was called '*Sadiq*' (the Truthful) even before he announced his prophethood and even by his enemies. Muhammad (PBUH) testified Jesus (PBUH) and refuted all the accusations that Jews made against him and his mother.

JOHN CHAPTER 16 VERSE 7:

Jesus said;

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." (John 16:7)

The Greek word found in the manuscripts is *Paracletos* which is the warped reading for *Periklytos* which actually means 'advocate' or a 'kind friend' rather than a 'comforter'. But even then this prophecy refers to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who is a Mercy for all Creation.

JOHN CHAPTER 16 VERSE 13:

Jesus said;

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."
(John 16:13)

'he will guide you into all truth': Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who was sent as the Last of all the Messengers was given a very comprehensive and practical Law. There is no problem to which Islam does not provide a solution.

'he shall not speak of himself...': Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) did not say anything from his own side. The holy Qur'an says;

وَمَا يَنْطِقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ ۖ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ ۖ عَلَّمَهُ شَدِيدُ الْقُوَىٰ ۙ

"He does not speak (aught), of (his own) desire it is no less than inspiration sent down to him he was taught by one mighty in power" (Holy Qur'an 53:3-5).

This also points out to the fact that Holy Ghost is not intended as Holy Ghost is also a divine being according to Christian concept and thus it must speak on its own authority, not after having listened from some other source.

'he will show you things to come': There are many Prophecies that Muhammad (PBUH) brought in the Qur'an and even more which he spoke (i.e. Hadith, his sayings). Even volumes can be written in this context.

'he shall glorify me': It is an irrefutable fact that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) glorified Jesus (PBUH) more than what all the missionaries have been able to do. All the Muslims love and revere Jesus and his mother only on his authority and remember there are about 1.5 billion Muslims around the world.

DOES ALL THIS REFER TO THE PENTOCOST?

Some Christian Missionaries say that the accounts of the Pentecost festival given in the Book of Acts 2:1-12 were the fulfillment of what all Jesus said in John chapters 14, 15 & 16. But its not true because St.Peter, whom the Master had appointed to "FEED MY LAMBS...FEED MY SHEEP" (John 21:15-16) made it crystal clear that;

"But this (Acts 2:1-12) is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;" (Acts 2:16)

IS THE PROMISED COMFORTER, THE HOLY GHOST?

Some Christians say that all these Prophecies refer to the Holy Ghost. They are wrong because;

Comforter To Come After Jesus' Departure: The prophecy (John 16: 7) clearly says that the Comforter will come to you only if Jesus departs but the Holy Ghost was already present on earth before and during the time of Jesus, in the womb of Elizabeth (Luke 1:15 & 1:41), in Zachariah (Luke 1:67) and again when Jesus was being baptized, (Luke 3:22) etc.

Jesus' own disciples had received the Holy Ghost (see John 20:21-22)

Holy Spirit Is Holy Prophet: Now we come to the most important of all these verses in the context of our present discussion, John 14:26. The words that attract our attention here are 'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost'. One need not be a Biblical scholar of any caliber to sense that the expression here, 'which is the Holy Ghost', is an interpolation. Taking this verse together along with other verses reminds one of what John L. Mc Kenzie has written in his Dictionary of the Bible; 'These items, it must be admitted do not give an entirely coherent picture.'⁷ This is evident from the various points mentioned here as well. In fact this expression ought to be in parenthesis. The editors of the R.S.V. also have retained it but they found it necessary to make a change. They have changed the word 'Holy Ghost' to 'Holy Spirit'. The original Greek word here is *pneuma* which they preferred to translate as Holy Spirit.

Even if we accept it here, only for the sake of the argument, we still do make up the case because the same author (of the fourth Gospel) is also supposed to have written some epistles included in the New Testament. And in one of his epistles he has used the term 'Spirit' for 'Prophet'. Here it is, he wrote;

"Beloved; believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

Please compare the Original Greek word here and in John 14:26; it's the same *pneuma* (πνεῦμα) thus supporting our view that Spirit and Prophet are synonymous to the Author of the two books. Here one can see that the word spirit is used synonymous to 'prophet'. A true spirit is a true prophet and a false spirit is a false prophet. So now the verse should rather be translated as;

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Prophet, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

On Some Verbs Associated With The Comforter: Further the verb 'to hear' in the translations is the Greek verb '*akouo*' (ἀκούω) meaning, to perceive sounds. And the verb 'to speak' in the translations is the Greek verb '*laleo*' (λαλέω) which has general meanings to 'emit sounds' and the specific meaning 'to speak'. This

verb is very common in Greek texts of the Gospels but never used for some 'Spirit' or the Holy Ghost. It thus becomes clear that the communication that is proclaimed here does not anyway consist of a statement inspired by the agency of Holy Spirit. It obviously has a material character. The two Greek verbs '*akouo*' and '*laleo*' therefore can only be applied to a being with hearing and speech organs. Hence it is impossible to apply them to the Holy Spirit who is supposed to inspire and not speak in the very literal sense as the Greek wording here suggests.

'You' Of The Time: Further, Christians may argue that the prophecies say about Comforter; 'that he may abide with you for ever', 'he shall teach you all things'. Here the word 'you' is used and Jesus said these words to his disciples and thus it implies that the 'Comforter' will come to the disciples, hence it can only refer to Holy Ghost not Muhammad. But this argument is void and speaks of the lack of scriptural knowledge.

We have discussed the Prophecy from the Book of Deuteronomy about a prophet like Moses. It is also mentioned in the Book of Acts where we read;

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." (Acts 3:22)

Every Christian will say that the Prophecy refers to Jesus (PBUH) but here also the words 'you' and 'your' are used and undoubtedly the immediate listeners of Moses were some 1300 years before Peter and his contemporaries.

Similarly Jesus is also supposed to have said;

“But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.” (Matthew 10:23)

Here again if one takes ‘you’ to refer to immediate listeners then he is blaming Jesus to have lied because it never so happened.

Will Jesus Send The Comforter? Some Christians argue that Comforter was to be ‘sent’ by Jesus on his departure from this world and as Muslims say that Prophet Muhammad was sent by God and not Jesus so the Muslim argument is void. But this again is nothing but perversion of the Truth. Lets again have a look at that verse;

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.” (John 16:7)

Now if one reads the underlined part of the verse then it becomes clear that when Jesus said ‘I will send him unto you’ it only meant that his departure will lead to the coming of the Comforter. The meaning the Christians tend to take is not consistent with first part of the verse. The Comforter was surely to be sent the God-the Father in the Heavens, Jesus himself testified it when he said;

‘And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter’ (John 14:16)

And Muhammad (PBUH) was indeed by the Only True God-Allah.

‘Another’ Comforter: Verse 16 of Chapter 14 quoted above says; ‘...and he shall give you another Comforter.’ Mark the word ‘another’ here, which means a different one, an additional, but still of the same kind and nature, subject to all the conditions of hunger, fatigue and thirst etc. The word ‘another’ rejects Holy Ghost’s claim to the status of the Comforter.

Comforter To Be A Man: In all these verses the Comforter has always been referred to with the pronouns ‘he’ and ‘him’ and not ‘it’. In John 16:13 Jesus (PBUH) speaking about the same Comforter uses six masculine pronouns. There is no other verse in the Bible that uses six pronouns of the same gender. This is very important for it tells about the nature of the promised Comforter. These pronouns point to the fact that the Comforter must be a man and no spirit. Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was surely a human, a man and not a spirit.

Greek Verb Used To Tell About The Coming Of The Comforter: Whenever in the Bible we read of the Holy Ghost, we read it came ‘upon’ or ‘on’ someone but it never came ‘unto’ or ‘to’ someone. This is true for the entire Bible. When Holy Ghost’s coming upon/on somebody is described the Greek verb used is always ‘*epi*’ (ἐπί) while the one used for the ‘Comforter’ is always ‘*pros*’ (πρός) (see John 16:7). The verb ‘*epi*’ is never used for the ‘Comforter’ testifying the fact that Comforter is not the Holy Ghost. ‘*Epi*’ means ‘superimposition upon, over’ (Strong’s Greek Bible Dictionary Entry # G1909) while ‘*pros*’ is a preposition of direction which means ‘towards, accession to etc’ (see Strong’s Bible Dictionary Entry # G4314).

What ‘NEW’ has the Holy Ghost Brought to Christians? And lastly it may be asked, if the ‘promised Comforter’ here is the Holy Ghost then what ‘new’ has it brought to the Christians? In past 2000 years what new truth has the Holy Ghost revealed unto the Christians? What solution has it brought for the problem of surplus women? What solution for alcohol and hundreds of other problems that the Christian world today faces? The answer is; Nothing! Nothing! Nothing! And the conclusion is that Holy Ghost is not the one spoken of here.

These arguments thus make it clear that all what the Holy Prophet Jesus (PBUH) said, recorded in the Gospel of John chapters 14, 15 & 16 is about the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and not the Holy Spirit or so-called Holy Ghost.

DOUBLE REWARD FOR THE CHRISTIANS WHO REVERT TO ISLAM:

Narrated Abu Musa Al-Ash'ari: Allah's Apostle Muhammad (PBUH) said, "If a man believes in Jesus and then believes in me, he will get a double reward".

(Sahih Al-Bukhari Book 55, Hadith 655)

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