

Defending the Prophets from the slander found within the Bible

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The noble scholar al-Qurtubi who was born around the year 1214 C.E. in Córdoba, Spain said: There is consensus that the Prophets and Messengers were infallible with regards to major sins. The Prophets and Messengers never committed major sins, despicable acts or immoral dishonorable deeds. (Tafsir Qurtubi 1/308)

The All-Knowing Creator of the universe selected the best of mankind to convey His message to the people.

Allah chooses Messengers from the angels and from men. (Soorah Al-Ĥaj 22:75)

The distorted versions of the Old and New Testament between the hands of the Jews and Christians are saturated with lies and slanders accusing the Prophets of committing lewd vile acts which the average person would be ashamed to engage in. To believe our Creator would select immoral men to convey His message is blasphemous.

❖ Prophet Adam peace be upon him and the original sin slander

The Bible says when Adam sinned he brought sin and death to the world. **Romans 5:12**

The Quran informs us that Allah selected Adam as one of His noble Prophets: *“Indeed Allah chose Adam, Noah, the family of Abraham and the family of 'Imran above the creation.”* (Soorah 'Āli 'Imrān 3:33)

The Quran informs us that Adam repented from his sin: *“Then Adam received from his Lord [some] words, and He accepted his repentance. Indeed, it is He who is the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful.”* (Soorah Al-Baqarah 2:37)

❖ Prophet Noah peace be upon him and the drunken slander

The Bible says Noah got drunk and naked. **Genesis 9:21**

The Bible says the youngest son of Noah – Canaan; saw him naked, thus when he awoke Noah cursed him. **Genesis 9:25**

The Quran informs us that Noah was from the righteous slaves of Allah. *“Peace upon Noah among all the creation. Indeed, We thus reward the doers of good. Indeed, he was of Our believing servants.”* (Soorah Aṣ-Ṣāffāt 37:79-81)

The Quran informs us that Canaan was Noah's son who refused to board the ship during the flood.

So it (the ship) sailed with them amidst the waves like mountains, and Noah called out to his son, who had separated himself (apart), "O my son! Embark with us and be not with the disbelievers." (Soorah Hūd 11:42)

Ibn Kathir said concerning the verse: "Noah called out to his son" this was his fourth son. His name was Canaan and he was a disbeliever. His father called out to him to believe and board the ship with them, so he would not drown with the disbelievers.

❖ **Prophet Lot** peace be upon him **and the incest slander**

The Bible says Prophet Lot offered his daughters for fornication to the homosexuals. **Genesis 19:8**

The Bible says Prophet Lot got drunk and committing incest with two of his daughters which resulted in both of their pregnancies. **Genesis 19:31-36**

The Quran informs us that Lot was from the noble Prophets, far removed from such evil accusations. *"And Ishmael and Elisha and Jonah and Lot - and all [of them] We preferred over the creation. (Soorah Al-'An`ām 6:86)*

The Quran informs us that Lot advised the homosexuals to marry the women of his nation instead of committing homosexuality. *'(Lot) said: "These (the girls of the nation) are my daughters (to marry lawfully), if you must act (so)."' (Soorah Al-Ĥijr 15:71)*

Shaykh Uthaymeen said Lot referred to the women of his nation as his daughters because the Prophets have a status as the father to their respective nations.

❖ **Prophet David** peace be upon him **and the adultery slander**

The Bible says Prophet David committed adultery, plotted to kill the husband of his mistress; and Prophet Sulayman resulted from that affair. **2 Samuel 11**

The Quran informs us that our Creator bestowed His grace upon Prophet David. *"And indeed We bestowed grace on David from Us (saying): "O you mountains. Glorify (Allah) with him! And you birds (also)! (Soorah Saba' 34:10)*

❖ **Prophet Solomon** peace be upon him **and the idol worship slander**

The Bible says Prophet Solomon apostated at the end of his life and began worshipping idols. **1 Kings 11**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Solomon was a blessed man. *“And to David We gave Solomon. How excellent a slave! Verily, he was ever oft-returning in repentance!”* (Soorah Şād 38:30)

❖ **Prophet Jacob** peace be upon him **and the stealing slander**

The Bible says Prophet Jacob stole and deceived. **Genesis 27**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Jacob was a devoted man with deep religious understanding. *“And remember Our slaves, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all owners of strength (in worship) and also of religious understanding.”* (Soorah Şād 38:45)

❖ **Prophet Aaron** peace be upon him **and the golden calf slander**

The Bible says Prophet Aaron fashioned a golden calf for the Jews to worship. **Exodus 32**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Aaron was sent as a mercy. *“And We bestowed on him his brother Aaron, (also) a Prophet, out of Our Mercy”.* (Soorah Maryam 19:53)

The Bible says the sister of Moses and Aaron slandered Moses for marrying an Ethiopian woman; thus the sister of Moses was cursed and became leprous. **Numbers 12**

The Quran informs us that the sister of Moses was a noble, intelligent, brave woman. *“When your sister went and said: 'Shall I show you one who will nurse him?' So We restored you to your mother, that she might cool her eyes and she should not grieve.”* (Soorah Ṭāhā 20:40)

❖ **Prophet Abraham** peace be upon him **and his wife and the king slander**

The Bible says Prophet Abraham’s wife—Sarah; was his half-sister! And he gave her to the king to take as a wife in exchange for livestock. **Genesis 12**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Abraham was an honorable Prophet such that Allah took him as a close friend. *“And Allah took Abraham as an intimate friend.”* (Soorah An-Nisā' 4:125)

As for the story of Abraham, his wife and the king, the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him narrated the true story.

He said: *“Abraham did not tell a lie except on three occasions. Twice for the Sake of Allah when he said, "I am sick," and he said, "I have not done this but the big idol has done it." The (third*

was) that while Abraham and Sarah (his wife) were going (on a journey) they passed by (the territory of) a tyrant. Someone said to the tyrant, "This man (Abraham) is accompanied by a very charming lady." So, he sent for Abraham and asked him about Sarah saying, "Who is this lady?" Abraham said, "She is my sister." Abraham went to Sarah and said, "O Sarah! There are no believers on the surface of the earth except you and I. This man asked me about you and I have told him that you are my sister, so don't contradict my statement." The tyrant then called Sarah and when she went to him, he tried to take hold of her with his hand, but (his hand got stiff and) he was confounded. He asked Sarah, "Pray to Allah for me, and I shall not harm you." So Sarah asked Allah to cure him and he got cured. He tried to take hold of her for the second time, but (his hand got as stiff as or stiffer than before and) was more confounded. He again requested Sarah, "Pray to Allah for me, and I will not harm you." Sarah asked Allah again and he became alright. He then called one of his guards (who had brought her) and said, "You have not brought me a human being but have brought me a devil." The tyrant then gave Hajar as a girl-servant to Sarah. Sarah came back (to Abraham) while he was praying. Abraham, gesturing with his hand, asked, "What has happened?" She replied, "Allah has spoiled the evil plot of the disbeliever (or immoral person) and gave me Hajar for service." (Sahih al-Bukhari 3358)

❖ **Prophet Jesus peace be upon him and the claim of divinity slander**

The Bible says...the Bible does **NOT** say Jesus claimed divinity! Yet this is the basis for the Christian religion.

The Quran informs us that Prophet Jesus is a blessed Prophet and humble servant of his Creator. "He (Jesus) said: Verily! I am a slave of Allah; He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I am." (Soorah Maryam 19:30-31)

❖ **Prophet Jesus peace be upon him and the disrespecting his mother slander**

The Bible says Prophet Jesus disrespected his mother in front of the disciples. **John 2**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Jesus was dutiful to his mother. "And [He made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant." (Soorah Maryam 19:32)

❖ **Prophet Jesus peace be upon him accusing all Prophets of thievery slander**

The Bible says Prophet Jesus called all the Prophets before him thieves. **John 10**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Jesus confirmed the message of the Prophets before him. "And (remember) when Jesus, son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the Messenger of Allah unto you confirming the Torah which came before me". (Soorah Aş-Şaf 61:6)

❖ **The great slander against Mary the mother of Jesus**

The Jews accuse Mary of being a prostitute. **Talmud: Sanhedrin 106**

The Quran informs us that Mary was a chaste woman and the best woman upon the earth. *“And Mary, the daughter of 'Imran who guarded her chastity”* (Soorah At-Taḥrīm 66:12) and *“And [mention] when the angels said, "O Mary, indeed Allah has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the creation.”* (Soorah 'Āli `Imrān 3:42)

❖ **The denial of Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him**

The Quran informs us that Prophet Muhammad is mentioned in the Torah and the Gospel. *“Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel.”* (Soorah Al-'A`rāf 7:157)

The Torah mentions Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him in the book of Deuteronomy 18:18; as stated by the scholar ibn al Qayyim.

The Gospel mentions him in the book of John 1:21

These slanders further illustrate that the Bible read by the Jews and Christians today is not from the Creator, but rather it is a distortion.

And verily, among them is a party who distort the Book with their tongues, so that you may think it is from the Book, but it is not from the Book, and they say: "This is from Allah," but it is not from Allah; and they speak a lie against Allah while they know it. (Soorah 'Āli `Imrān 3:78)

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