

Prophecies of the Messiah

Some Muslims claim and many are taught that the coming of Muhammad was prophesied in the Bible. One of these claims is taken from Deuteronomy 18:15 in which Moses says to the Israelites, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like unto me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him." Muslims say that the one like unto Moses is Muhammad.

How do you respond to this question? And how do you respond in a way that leads them into greater Biblical truth? Invite them to look at all of God's prophecies concerning the Messiah.

Many Muslims insist that it is not necessary for them to read the Bible since the Qur'an is the last revealed book, thus superseding all previous holy books. The Qur'an itself, however, instructs Muslims to believe in all the holy books that God revealed to the prophets, and not just the Qur'an. Consult the following Qur'anic verses to affirm this fact: 2:136; 2:285; 2:121; 4:56 and 5:10.

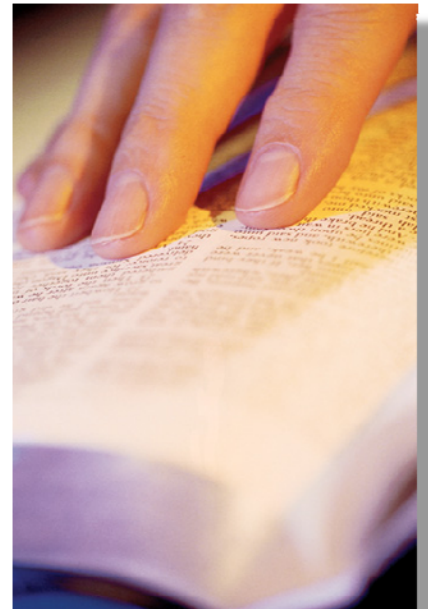
Having gently affirmed from their own scriptures that they should read, study and affirm God's signs (*ayat* – each verse of a Holy Book is called an *ayat*, which is also the word for a *sign* from God), then open a clean and unmarked Bible to begin your search together. You can even write out a list together of each verse, the sign foretold, and the verses in which it was fulfilled by Jesus.

We encourage you to let them read each verse and ask them what it means to them, allowing the Holy Spirit who is alive within the living written Word of God, to do His work in their hearts. Allow time for them to think and for the Holy Spirit to work. You may never make it through the entire list, or it may take some time. Don't rush the process. Let it be a part of your whole relationship with them.

One point that will come to light by the work of the Holy Spirit – no need for us to point this out – is that Muhammad couldn't possibly nor did he fulfill all these prophecies. These prophecies point to someone other than him. Another point of this is that no single person or group of people could have changed/alterd (corrupted) all these Scriptures to point to a single person without any contradiction. It was God who spoke and fulfilled all these things.

As you delve into these things together, remember two things that express a single principle: First, we are told to speak the truth *in love*, because the truth without love can be harsh and offensive. Second, Jesus fulfilled this in His person, the One we are imitating and becoming like, as he was and is the "one and only who came from the Father full of grace and truth," and "the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:14 & 17). Be full of grace and truth as you love and share. The Holy Spirit will do the work of revealing, illuminating and convicting.

God bless you as you open the Word of God together with your Muslim friend!



Prophecies of Isaiah - written 650 years before Christ was born	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Jews would reject the Messiah.	Isaiah 6:9-10	John 12:37-40
The Messiah would teach in parables.	Isaiah 6:9-10	Matthew 13:13-15
The Messiah would be born of a virgin.	Isaiah 7:14	Luke 1:34-35
The Messiah would be called Immanuel, <i>God With Us</i> .	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:21-23
The Messiah would be God.	Isaiah 7:14	John 12:45 1 Timothy 3:16
The Messiah would have wisdom from His childhood.	Isaiah 7:15	Luke 2:40
The Messiah would be a <i>Stumbling Stone</i> for the Jews.	Isaiah 8:14	Matthew 21:43-44
The Messiah would minister in Galilee.	Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:12-17
The Messiah would be a light to the Gentiles.	Isaiah 9:1-2	Luke 2:28-32
The birth of the Messiah.	Isaiah 9:6	Luke 2:11
The Messiah would be the Son of God.	Isaiah 9:6	Luke 1:35
The Messiah would be both man and God.	Isaiah 9:6	John 10:30 John 12:45 John 14:7
The Messiah would be from everlasting.	Isaiah 9:6	Colossians 1:17
The Messiah would come from the lineage of Jesse.	Isaiah 11:1	Luke 3:23-32
The Messiah would grow up in Nazareth.	Isaiah 11:1	Matthew 2:21-23
The Messiah would have the Spirit of God upon Him.	Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 3:16-17
The Messiah would have the Spirit of knowledge and wisdom.	Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 13:54
The Messiah would have the Spirit of knowledge and fear of God.	Isaiah 11:2	Matthew 11:27 John 15:10
The Messiah would have a quick understanding in the fear of the LORD.	Isaiah 11:3	Luke 2:46-47 Luke 2:41-49 Luke 4:31-32 John 14:31
The Messiah would not judge on the basis of outward appearance.	Isaiah 11:3	John 2:24-25 John 7:24 John 5:30
The Messiah would judge the poor with righteousness.	Isaiah 11:4	Mark 12:41-44 Luke 13:30
The Messiah would come from the lineage of Jesse.	Isaiah 11:10	Luke 3:23-32
The Messiah would come for all people.	Isaiah 11:10	Acts 13:47-48

The Messiah would have the key of David.	Isaiah 22:22	Revelation 3:7
The Messiah would defeat death (sin).	Isaiah 25:8	Revelation 1:18 2 Timothy 1:10
Several Saints would rise to life at the resurrection of the Messiah.	Isaiah 26:19	Matthew 27:52-53
The Messiah would be the cornerstone.	Isaiah 28:16	1 Peter 2:4-6
The Messiah would heal the blind.	Isaiah 35:5	Mark 10:51-52 John 9:1-7
The Messiah would heal the deaf.	Isaiah 35:5	Mark 7:32-35
The Messiah would heal the lame.	Isaiah 35:6	Matthew 12:10-13 John 5:5-9
The Messiah would heal the dumb.	Isaiah 35:6	Matthew 9:32-33 Matthew 15:30
The forerunner (John The Baptist) of the Messiah would live in the wilderness.	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1-4
The forerunner (John The Baptist) would prepare people for the coming of the Messiah.	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:11 Luke 1:17 John 1:29 John 3:28
The Messiah would be God.	Isaiah 40:3	John 10:30 Philippians 2:5-7
The Messiah would be as a shepherd.	Isaiah 40:11	John 10:11 Mark 9:36-37
The Messiah would be God's messenger.	Isaiah 42:1	John 4:34 John 5:30
The Messiah would have the Spirit of God upon Him.	Isaiah 42:1	Matthew 3:16-17
The Messiah would please God.	Isaiah 42:1	Matthew 3:16-17 Matthew 17:1-6
The Messiah would not desire personal attention for Himself.	Isaiah 42:2	Matthew 12:15-21
The Messiah would have compassion for the poor and needy.	Isaiah 42:3	Matthew 11:4-5 Matthew 12:15-20
The Messiah would receive direction from God.	Isaiah 42:6	John 5:19-20 John 14:10-11
The Messiah would be ministered to by God.	Isaiah 42:6	John 8:29 Luke 22:42-43
The Messiah would be the "New Covenant".	Isaiah 42:6	Matthew 26:28

The Messiah would be a light to the Gentiles.	Isaiah 42:6	John 8:12 John 1:1-9
The Messiah would heal the blind.	Isaiah 42:7	Matthew 9:27-30 Matthew 21:14
The Messiah would be the <i>First and the Last</i> . (The Amen)	Isaiah 44:6	Rev 1:17-18 Revelation 3:14
The Messiah would be from everlasting.	Isaiah 48:16	John 17:24
The Messiah would come for all people.	Isaiah 49:1	1 Timothy 2:4-6
The Messiah would be called by God while in the womb.	Isaiah 49:1	Matthew 1:20-21
The Messiah would be called by His name before he was born.	Isaiah 49:1	Luke 1:30-31
The Messiah's words would be as sharp as a two-edged sword.	Isaiah 49:2	Rev 2:12-16 John 12:48
The Messiah would be protected by God.	Isaiah 49:2	Matthew 2:13-15
The Messiah would be empowered for the judgment of mankind.	Isaiah 49:2	John 5:22-29
The Messiah would be God's servant.	Isaiah 49:3	John 17:4
The Messiah's life and death would glorify God.	Isaiah 49:3	Matthew 15:30-31 John 12:27-28
The Messiah would be sorrowful because of the Jew's unbelief.	Isaiah 49:4	Luke 19:41-42 Matthew 23:37
The Messiah would be God's servant.	Isaiah 49:5	John 6:38 John 8:29
The Messiah would come to bring Israel back to God.	Isaiah 49:5	Matthew 15:24 Matthew 10:5-7
The Messiah would be God's servant.	Isaiah 49:6	John 1:49-50
The Messiah would be a light to the Gentiles.	Isaiah 49:6	Acts 13:47-48
The Messiah would be despised.	Isaiah 49:7	John 10:20 Matthew 27:22
The Palms of the Messiah would be a witness.	Isaiah 49:16	John 20:25-28
The Messiah would speak with God given knowledge.	Isaiah 50:4	John 12:49 Matthew 7:28-29
The Messiah would not be rebellious to God's will.	Isaiah 50:5	John 12:27
The Messiah's back would be lashed (stripped).	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 27:26
The Messiah's face would be beaten and spit upon.	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
The Messiah would not waver from His mission.	Isaiah 50:7	Luke 9:51-53
The Messiah would be justified by His righteousness.	Isaiah 50:8	1 Timothy 3:16

		Romans 8:32-34
The Messiah would completely trust in God.	Isaiah 50:8-10	John 11:7-10
The Messiah would proclaim the gospel from the mountain tops.	Isaiah 52:7	Matthew 5:1-7:29
The Messiah would be God's servant.	Isaiah 52:13	John 9:4 John 14:31
The Messiah would be highly exalted by God.	Isaiah 52:13	Philippians 2:9-11
The Messiah's face would be disfigured from extreme beatings during His trial.	Isaiah 52:14	Mat 26:67-68 Mat 27:26-30
The Messiah's blood would be shed to make atonement for all mankind.	Isaiah 52:15	Revelation 1:5
The Messiah's own people would reject Him.	Isaiah 53:1	John 12:37-38
The Messiah would grow up in Nazareth.	Isaiah 53:2	Matthew 2:21-23
The Messiah would appear as an ordinary man.	Isaiah 53:2	Philippians 2:7-8
The Messiah would be despised.	Isaiah 53:3	Luke 4:28-29
The Messiah would be rejected.	Isaiah 53:3	Mat 27:21-23
The Messiah would suffer great sorrow and grief.	Isaiah 53:3	Luke 19:41-42 Mat 26:37-38 Matthew 27:46
Men would deny association with the Messiah.	Isaiah 53:3	Mark 14:50-52 Mat 26:73-74
The Messiah would heal many.	Isaiah 53:4-5	Luke 6:17-19 Matthew 8:16-17
The Messiah would bear the sins of the world upon Himself.	Isaiah 53:4-5	1 Peter 2:24 1 Peter 3:18
Many would think the Messiah to be cursed by God.	Isaiah 53:4	Mat 27:41-43
The Messiah would bear the penalty of death for man's sins.	Isaiah 53:5	Luke 23:33 Hebrews 9:28
The Messiah's would be bruised for our iniquities.	Isaiah 53:5	Colossians 1:20 Eph 2:13-18
The Messiah's back would be lashed at His trial.	Isaiah 53:5	Matthew 27:26 1 Peter 2:24
The Messiah would be the sin-bearer for all mankind.	Isaiah 53:6	Galatians 1:4
The Messiah would be oppressed and afflicted.	Isaiah 53:7	Mat 27:27-31
The Messiah would be silent as a lamb before His accusers.	Isaiah 53:7	Mat 27:12-14
The Messiah would be God's sacrificial lamb.	Isaiah 53:7	John 1:29

		John 19:14-18
The Messiah would be condemned and persecuted.	Isaiah 53:8	Mat 26:47-27:31
The Messiah would be judged.	Isaiah 53:8	John 18:13-22 Mat 26:57-66 Matthew 27:1 Matthew 27:22 Luke 23:11
The Messiah would be killed.	Isaiah 53:8	Matthew 27:35
The Messiah would die for the sins of the world.	Isaiah 53:8	1 John 2:2
The Messiah would be buried in a borrowed rich man's tomb.	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60
The Messiah would be completely innocent.	Isaiah 53:9	Mark 15:3 Matthew 27:17-24
The Messiah would have no deceit or guile in His mouth.	Isaiah 53:9	John 18:38 Luke 23:33-34 1 Peter 2:21-22
God's will would be that the Messiah should die for all mankind.	Isaiah 53:10	John 18:11 Romans 3:23-26
The Messiah would be a sin offering.	Isaiah 53:10	Matthew 20:28 Ephesians 5:2
The Messiah would be resurrected and live forever.	Isaiah 53:10	Mat 18:28:1-7 John 21:14 Rev 1:17-18
The Messiah would prosper.	Isaiah 53:10	John 17:1-5 Revelation 5:12
God would be completely satisfied with the suffering of the Messiah.	Isaiah 53:11	John 12:27 Luke 23:46
The Messiah would be God's servant.	Isaiah 53:11	Philippians 2:6-7
The Messiah would justify man before God.	Isaiah 53:11	Romans 5:8-9
The Messiah would be the sin offering for all mankind.	Isaiah 53:11	Hebrews 9:28
The Messiah would be exalted by God for his sacrifice.	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 28:18
The Messiah would freely lay down His life to save mankind.	Isaiah 53:12	John 10:15-18 Luke 23:46
The Messiah would be counted with the criminals.	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:32
The Messiah would be the sin offering for all mankind.	Isaiah 53:12	2 Cor 5:21
The Messiah would intercede for man to God.	Isaiah 53:12	Luke 23:34
The Messiah would be resurrected by God.	Isaiah 55:3	Acts 10:40-41 Acts 13:34

The Messiah would be a witness.	Isaiah 55:4	John 3:10-12 John 18:37
The Messiah would come to provide salvation for all mankind.	Isaiah 59:15-16	John 6:40 1 Thes 5:8-10
The Messiah would intercede between God and man.	Isaiah 59:15-16	Mat 10:32-33 Romans 8:34
The Messiah would come to Zion as their Redeemer.	Isaiah 59:20	Luke 2:23-38 John 10:11
The Messiah would have the Spirit of God upon Him.	Isaiah 61:1	Matthew 3:16-17
The Messiah would preach the gospel of <i>Good News</i> .	Isaiah 61:1-2	Luke 4:16-21
The Messiah would come to provide salvation.	Isaiah 63:5	John 3:17 Col 2:13-15
The Messiah would be revealed to a people who were not seeking Him.	Isaiah 65:1	Mat 15:22-28 Romans 10:18-20
The Messiah would be rejected by His own (Jews).	Isaiah 65:2	John 5:37-40
Jeremiah Prophecies: written 600 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would come from the lineage of David.	Jeremiah 23:5	Luke 3:23-31
The Messiah would be Lord and King.	Jeremiah 23:6	John 13:13
Herod the King would kill many children trying to destroy the Christ Child (Messiah).	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16
The Messiah would be born of a virgin (Mary).	Jeremiah 31:22	Matthew 1:18-20
The Messiah would establish the <i>New Covenant</i> with man.	Jeremiah 31:31	Matthew 26:28
The Messiah would come from the lineage of David.	Jeremiah 33:14-15	Luke 3:23-31
Lamentations Prophecies: written 580 years before Christ's birth.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would be buffeted on the face at His trial.	Lam 3:30	John 18:22
Ezekiel Prophecies: written 580 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would come from the lineage of David and be king of Israel.	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Luke 1:32-33
The Messiah would come from the lineage of David.	Ezekiel 34:23-24	Matthew 1:1

Daniel Prophecies: written 570 years before the birth of Christ .	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would ascend into heaven after His resurrection.	Daniel 7:13-14	Acts 1:9-11
The Messiah would be highly exalted with God.	Daniel 7:13-14	Eph 1:20-22
The Messiah's dominion would be eternal.	Daniel 7:13-14	Luke 1:31-33 Hebrews 1:8
The Messiah would come to condemn sin and conquer death.	Daniel 9:24	Galatians 1:3-5
The Messiah would be God's anointed.	Daniel 9:24	Luke 1:35
The Messiah would be revealed to the Jews 483 years after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem.	Daniel 9:25	John 12:12-13
The Messiah would be put to death.	Daniel 9:26	Matthew 27:35
The Messiah would die to take away the sins of the world.	Daniel 9:26	Hebrews 2:9
The Messiah would die before the temple was destroyed.	Daniel 9:26	Mat 27:50-54
Daniel saw a vision of the Messiah in His glorification.	Daniel 10:5-6	Rev 1:13-16
Hosea Prophecies: written 725 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
God would call His Son (Messiah) out of Egypt.	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-15
The Messiah would defeat sin and death.	Hosea 13:14	1 Cor 15:55-57
Joel Prophecies: written at least 500 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would provide salvation for all mankind.	Joel 2:32	Romans 10:12-13
Amos Prophecies: written 750 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
God would blacken the sky during Jesus' crucifixion.	Amos 8:9	Mat 27:45
Micah Prophecies: written 700 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would be buffeted on the face at His trial.	Micah 5:1	Matthew 27:30
The Messiah would be born in the town of Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1-6
The Messiah would come from the lineage of Judah.	Micah 5:2	Luke 3:23-33
The Messiah would be eternal.	Micah 5:2	Revelation 1:8
Haggai Prophecies: written 520 years before	Old Testament	New Testament

the birth of Christ.	Prophecy	Fulfillment
The Messiah would visit the second temple.	Haggai 2:6-9	Luke 2:27-32
The Messiah would come from the lineage of Zerubbabel.	Haggai 2:23	Luke 3:23-27
Zechariah Prophecies: written 520 years before the birth of Christ.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment
The Messiah would be God and dwell among His people.	Zechariah 2:10-11	John 1:14
The Messiah would be sent by God.	Zechariah 2:10-11	John 8:18-19
The Messiah would be God's chosen messenger.	Zechariah 3:8	John 17:4
The Messiah would be both a High Priest and a King.	Zechariah 6:12-13	Hebrews 5:4-6 Hebrews 8:1 Romans 8:34
The Messiah would enter Jerusalem and be greeted with rejoicing.	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:8-11
The Messiah would be viewed as King.	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:12-13
The Messiah would be just and worthy.	Zechariah 9:9	John 5:30
The Messiah would bring salvation to all mankind.	Zechariah 9:9	Luke 19:10 Titus 2:11-14
The Messiah would be humble in spirit.	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 11:29 John 13:4-14
The Messiah would enter Jerusalem riding on an ass.	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:6-9
The Messiah would be the cornerstone.	Zechariah 10:4	Ephesians 2:20
Israel's rejection of the Messiah would result in God removing His protection of the people (Jews).	Zechariah 11:10	Luke 19:41-44
The Messiah would be betrayed by Judas for thirty pieces of silver.	Zechariah 11:12	Mathew 26:14-15
The thirty pieces of silver would be thrown into the temple.	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:3-5
The thirty pieces of silver would be used to buy the Potter's Field.	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:6-7
The Messiah's body would be pierced (blood/water emitted).	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
The Messiah would be God's co-equal.	Zechariah 13:7	John 14:9-10
The disciples would be "scattered" after the death of the Messiah.	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31-56
Malachi Prophecies: written 420 years before the birth of Jesus.	Old Testament Prophecy	New Testament Fulfillment

A messenger (John The Baptist) would prepare the way for the Messiah.	Malachi 3:1	Matthew 11:7-10
The Messiah would make an unannounced appearance at the Jewish temple.	Malachi 3:1	Mark 11:15-16
The Messiah would communicate the "New Covenant".	Malachi 3:1	Luke 4:43
The Messiah's coming would be announced by a man coming in the spirit of Elijah (John The Baptist).	Malachi 4:5	Matthew 3:1-2 Matthew 11:13-14
The Messiah's announcer would turn many hearts to God.	Malachi 4:6	Luke 1:16-17 Mark 1:1-5

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