

THE SCRIPTURES vs. THE QUR'AN

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Muslim missionaries are attacking the Scriptures (commonly called Bible). They alleged that the Scriptures contain many errors. And they cite many supposedly contradictory Bible verses.

Muslim missionaries want you to reject the Scriptures and accept the Qur'an. They want you to believe that the Qur'an is the Infallible Word of the Almighty and not the Scriptures.

In this literature, we will explain the Bible verses which are cited by the Muslims as contradictory. We will show you that the Scriptures (Bible) is definitely and infinitely superior to the Qur'an. We will also tell you what to do to prove to yourself that the Scriptures or Bible is the Infallible Word of YAHWEH!

Translation Only

Before going further, we must understand that we are **dealing only with translations** of the Scriptures. We do not have the original text. Therefore it is easy to understand that many of these alleged errors in Scriptures were caused by the translators or scribes. It was prophesied in Yeremyah 8:8. The scribes or translators are the ones at fault, not the Scriptures.

But what the many translations cannot alter is the **amazing prophetic value of the Scriptures**. The Bible's many fulfilled specific prophecies and its 100% prophetic accuracy more than compensate the errors of the translators. The Qur'an on the other hand has zero prophetic value. It has no specific prophecies. It has only generalizations very much like the work of Nostradamus.

The Contradictions?

Now let us go directly to the alleged Bible contradictions as enumerated in the Muslim booklet "Is the Bible God's Word?" Each of these alleged contradictions is being followed with our answer or explanation:

1.) Who did the numbering of Israel?

- a) II Samuel 24:1 – Yahweh**
- b) I Chronicles 21:1 – Satan**

answer:

Both Yahweh and Satan. If you are familiar with the story of Iyob (Iyob chapters 1-2), it was both from Yahweh and Satan! The story also of Balaam in Numbers 22, Yahudah 11 and 2 Peter 2:15 clearly implied it was both Yahweh and Satan who made Balaam to go to Balak.

In Iyob's story, Satan was able to secure Yahweh's permission to strike Iyob with a number of plagues: herds and flocks killed, sons and daughters dead, Iyob himself stricken with head-to-foot boils. Satan intended to prove that Iyob was loyal to Yahweh only because of the many blessings. "*Remove the blessings, and Iyob will curse Yahweh*" clearly was Satan's assertion. Yahweh allowed Satan to do his bidding. At the end, Iyob remained loyal to Yahweh, and Satan was proven wrong!

It was a colossal battle for loyalty, and a terrific trial of faith played in the life of Iyob. The point is: Yahweh allowed Satan to try the faith of Iyob. So, in a manner of speaking, it was both Yahweh and Satan, for two distinct objectives that brought about Iyob's terrible sufferings. Please study Iyob chapters 1 and 2.

In the case of Balaam, he was enticed by Satan through King Balak to curse Israel, with promises of monetary and palatial rewards. Yahweh at first did not allow Balaam to go with Balak's emissaries (Numbers 22:12). But then Yahweh saw that Balaam's heart coveted King Balak's promises of rewards! So Yahweh allowed Balaam to go with the men of King Balak (Numbers 22:20, Psalm 81:11-12)

But then Yahweh became angry against Balaam. (Numbers 22:22-23) Why was Yahweh's anger kindled against Balaam when it was He himself who allowed Balaam to go with the men of Balak? (verse 20)

Well, Yahweh will not force anyone to follow His will if the heart of that man or woman is already decided to act against His revealed will (Psalm 81:11-12). Balaam's heart was really in love with the wages of unrighteousness (2 Peter 2:15), so Yahweh allowed him to go. But it does not mean Yahweh approved of Balaam's going with the men of Balak. Jude 11 and 2 Peter 2:15 clearly showed that.

So it was both Yahweh and Satan who made Balaam to go to King Balak. Please study Numbers 22, Jude 11 and 2 Peter 2:15.

And so it was with King David who made the census of Israel. Satan in this case seized upon the growing pride of David's heart (2 Samuel 24:2-3) to incite him into taking the census so that he might have a ground for boasting. Yahweh, the controller of all things, allowed the deed to be done as to humble David. Yahweh allowing or moving David to take a census does not mean Yahweh approved of what David did.

Yahweh and Satan are often involved in the same event, but for different causes and different objectives.

2.) How many years of famine?

a) 2 Samuel 24:13 = 7 years

b) I Chronicles 21:12 = 3 years

Answer:

It's 3 years. The King James Study Bible, 1998 edition, in its footnote on page 548, affirms that the 7 years of famine as recorded in 2 Samuel 24:13 is a miscopy by translators. It goes further to inform us that in the Septuagint it is 3 years.

The Devotional Study Bible, 1987 edition, records "3 years of famine" in 2 Samuel 24:13.

3.) 8 or 18 years old?

a.) II Chronicles 36:9 = 8 years old

b.) II Kings 24:8 = 18 years old

Answer:

It's 18 years old. The King James Study Bible, same edition, in its footnote on page 735, informs us that "8 years old" as recorded in II Chronicles 36:9 is a miscopy by translators/copyists.

The Devotional Study Bible, same edition, records "18 years old" in II Chronicles 36:9.

4.) 700 or 7000?

a.) 2 Samuel 10:18 - 700

b.) I Chronicles 19:18 - 7,000

Answer:

It's 700. Page 266 footnote of the Devotional Study Bible, same edition, informs us that in the Septuagint it's 700. The Septuagint is more reliable compared to the many editions and translations of the Bible now in circulation.

Let's have more on the Septuagint later on the footnote.

5.) 2000 or 3000?

a.) I Kings 7:26 - 2,000

b.) II Chronicles 4:5 - 3,000

Answer:

Page 291 footnote of the Devotional Study Bible informs us that 2,000 is not found in the Septuagint. So it's 3,000. Again the translators/copyists are the reason for this seeming contradiction.

6.) 4000 or 40,000?

a.) II Chronicles 9:25 - 4000

b.) I Kings 4:26 - 40,000

Answer:

It's 4,000. Footnote of the King James Study Bible on page 561 informs us that 40,000 is a miscopy.

Footnote also of the Devotional Study Bible on page 289 informs us that 4,000 is the number recorded in the Septuagint, not 40,000.

- 7.) **How many men did Yahshua expel the demons from?**
a.) **Matthew 8:28 – 2 men**
b.) **Mark 5:2 – 1 man**

Answer:

Both accounts are correct. Matthew emphasizes numerical value; while Mark, together with Luke (Luke 8:27) emphasizes the more predominant one, or shall we say, the leader of the two. There is only one leader. If you read the account of Mark, it's clear that this one was really the predominant one or the leader.

It must be pointed out and understood that the writers of so-called “gospels” (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) were writing from different perspectives and with different emphasis. Their recollection of certain events in the life and ministry of Yahshua were greatly influenced by their different and distinct emphasis and perspectives.

- 8.) **How many blind men?**
a.) **Matthew 20:29-34 – 2 blind men**
b.) **Mark 10:46-52 – 1 blind man**

Answer:

There were 2 blind men. Matthew's emphasis again was on numerical value while Mark and Luke (Luke 18:35-43) recorded just one blind man-the more prominent Bartimeus.

Is there a conflict? None at all! Mark and Luke plainly wrote “a blind man”. They did not write “there was only one blind man”. For them, the other blind man did not merit any recording in their writings. Their emphasis was on the more prominent, blind Bartimeus.


- 9.) **Who came to Yahshua?**
a.) **Matthew 8:5-13 – army officer**
b.) **Luke 7:2-3 – representative**

Answer:

There is actually no contradiction here. Luke's account records that the centurion came to Yahshua through his representatives - the elders of the Jews.

The action of the representatives was actually taken by Matthew as the action of the centurion. This is standard practice even now in business world, in government and in various religious denominations.

The request made by the representatives was actually the request of the centurion. So who made the request after all? Not the representatives, but the centurion through the representatives! Kindly read and ponder the message of Yachanan 12:44-45. It talks about sending a representative.

- 10.) **Who made evil?**
a.) **Amos 3:6**
 Isaiah 45:7
 Yeremyah 25:29  **-- Yahweh**

b.) **Iyob 34:10,12 – Yahweh cannot**

Answer:

There is no contradiction here. Please understand that Yahweh created all things in the universe. (Psalm 121:1-2). He is the CAUSE of everything in existence (Yachanan 1:3) . Therefore He created even the fallen angels and Satan. Thus, in a manner of speaking, Yahweh created evil.

But Yahweh did not create evil thoughts, *per se*. Evil thoughts do not come from Abba Yahweh. This is the essence of Iyob 34:10,12..

When Satan and his angels were created by Yahweh El Elyon, they were **not evil then**. Satan chose what was contrary to Yahweh's will. He became evil by a deliberate decision of his will. (Isaiah 14:12-13, Ezekiel 28:11-17). Thus the angels who followed Satan became fallen angels.

Yahweh does not coerce our will. **In Yahweh Elohim we have freedom of choice!** You can follow Yahweh through Yahshua and reap the blessings. But you can also choose to disobey Yahweh and reap the curses. (Yahushua 24:15, Galatians 6:7, Deuteronomy 11:26-28) That's why Yahweh allowed Satan to follow his evil will. We must understand that Yahweh El Shaddai cannot save us from our deliberate wicked choices!!

11.) How many women came to the tomb?

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| a.) Matthew 28:1 – 2 women | c.) Luke 24:10 – 4 women |
| b.) Mark 16:1 – 3 women | d.) Yachanan 20:1 – 1 woman |

Answer:

All 4 accounts are correct. Please understand that the 4 writers were not at the tomb at the same time. They went to the tomb at different times, they were at the tomb at different times. They were at the tomb at an interval of few minutes apart. Each writer dutifully wrote what he saw at the very specific time he was there.

Yahshua's disciples were scattered when He was arrested. They were frightened of being arrested next. They were in hiding. That's why it was not an Apostle who brought the news of an empty tomb. But a woman - it was Miriam! The Apostles could not believe what they heard from Miriam! They were taken by surprise by the electrifying news. "What empty tomb!" they must have asked. It's easy to imagine certain Apostles and disciples (not all of them) ran towards the tomb to verify Miriam's story. Some ran faster than others. Some went to the tomb later.

This is the reason why the Good News writers arrived at the tomb at different times; at an interval of few minutes apart. Once at the tomb, which was already empty, each one dutifully witnessed what he saw at the very specific time he was there. The 4 writers wrote exactly what each one saw. Read the accounts in Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and Yachanan 20.

The news of an empty tomb was like lightning that struck the Apostles and disciples. At that moment, their thoughts and their heartbeats were moving fast. Imagine their excitement! "What if our Master is no longer dead! What if He is already alive!" These thoughts must have been racing through in their minds. But what if certain people have merely transferred the lifeless body of the Master to another place! Oh, it was a moment of inexplicable thrill and suspense!

Yahshua showed himself to His Apostles to convince them once and for all that He indeed was resurrected from the dead. Please read Yachanan 20:19-20

12.) How many angels did the women see?

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| a.) Matthew 28:2 | } | 1 angel |
| Mark 16:5 | | |
| b.) Luke 24:4 | } | 2 angels |
| John 20:12 | | |

Answer:

The writers witnessed what they saw. They came to the tomb at different times; they arrived at the tomb at different times.

(The same explanation as in # 11)

13.) How did they describe these angels?

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| a.) Matthew 28:2 – sitting on the stone outside |
| b.) Mark 16:5 – sitting on the right side inside |
| c.) Luke 24:3,4 – standing by the woman inside |

Answer:

All are correct, no contradictions because the writers were at the tomb at different times. (The same explanation as in # 11)

14.) Did they hear the voice?

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| a.) Acts 9:7 – yes |
| b.) Acts 22:9 – no |

Answer:

There is no contradiction. Let's consider the Greek grammar used in these two accounts. Acts 9:7 says that the witness heard a voice (Greek phōnēs, genitive case). Acts 22:9 says that they did not hear a voice (Greek phōnēn, accusative case). The first form used in Acts 9:7 allows hearing that may or may not involve understanding. The second form used in Acts 22:9 involves hearing with understanding.

Hence, Acts 9:7 apparently says that the witnesses heard without understanding the voice of the one who spoke to Saul. Acts 22:9 says they did not hear with understanding. Thus they were saying the same thing. A comparative situation occurred when Yahweh spoke from heaven to Yahshua, but many in the crowd only discerned it as thunder. See Yachanan 12:28, 29.

The Devotional Study Bible and the New International Version Bible in Acts 22:9 record "they did not understand".

- 15.) **Is there any righteous?**
a.) **Romans 3:10 – no one**
b.) **Mark 6:20 – yes**

Answer:

Romans 3:10 is about absolute righteousness. While Mark 6:20 is about imputed righteousness. So we say: - Absolutely, no one is righteous. But imputably, yes, there are. Thus, there is no contradiction.

For further light on these, please study Romans 4:7-8,11, Psalms 32:1-2, Ezekiel 33:13-16 and Isaiah 43:25.

- 16.) **Does Yahweh repent?**
a. **Genesis 6:6 – yes**
b. **I Samuel 15:29 – no**

Answer:

Yahweh does not repent because He cannot make a sin or mistake. That's the essence of I Samuel 15:29.

Repent as used in Genesis 6:6 means another thing. It means extreme grieving in the Heart of the Creator as He witnessed the destructiveness of His creatures whose imaginations have become evil continually (Genesis 6:5). It is like a parent grieving for the destructiveness of His wayward child! This meaning is further enhanced by Ezekiel 33:11 and 2 Peter 3:9 where Yahweh declares that He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked; that He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance of their sins.

So, there is no contradiction.

- 17.) **Jehoakim's Kingship?**
a. **Daniel 1:1 – 3rd year**
b. **Yeremyah 25:1– 4th year**

Answer:

According to the footnote of King James Study Bible on page 1268 this seeming conflict is resolved by understanding the difference between the Jewish system of counting regnal years, which Yeremyah used, and the Babylonian system, which Daniel used. Let's not forget that Daniel, together with thousands of Jews, was in captivity in Babylon when he wrote the book bearing his name.

Yeremyah used the Jewish System of counting regnal years; that is, any position of a king's reign before the first New Year, however short, was counted as Year One. Daniel, on the other hand, evidently used the Babylonian System in which the first year (or position of a year) was counted as the Accession Year and the next year as the First Year.

The difference centers on the treatment of the year when the king ascended the throne. Under the Jewish system this is already counted as **Year One** but under the Babylonian system, this is counted as the **Accession Year** and Year One begins on the following year.

Critics of the Scriptures love to find anything to discredit the Word of Yahweh. But what they have found, further confirms the truthfulness, reliability, validity, accuracy, and authenticity of the Scriptures/Bible.

So, there is no contradiction again!

18.) The place of Yahshua in heaven?

a.) Acts 7:55, 56 – right side of Abba Yahweh

b.) Yachanan 1:18 – in the bosom of Father Yahweh

Answer:

No contradiction, no conflict. Yachanan 1:18 is about the time before Yahshua was brought forth from the Father. Yahshua really was in the bosom of the Father before the creation of the universe. So Yachanan 1:18 was about the time before the universe was created.

Acts 7:55, 56 and many other verses refer to the time when Yahshua Ha Mashiach ascended into Heaven 40 days after his bodily resurrection.

Thus, Yachanan 1:18 and Acts 7:55, 56 refer to two different timelines.

Satan is Doing It

Brothers and sisters, Satan is the spirit behind all these attacks against the Scriptures. He has been attacking the Bible since the beginning, and he will certainly continue to attack it with more intensity as the second coming of Yahshua Ha Mashiach approaches ever nearer.

Satan's attacks are varied. He uses people to discredit the Scriptures/Bible. He uses religious leaders to convince people to reject the Scriptures, in whole or in part. Have you noticed that many Christians are teaching that only the New Testament is binding? They are in effect rejecting the Word of Yahweh contained in the Old Testament! On the other hand the Orthodox Jews reject the New Testament completely. They only accept the Old Testament.

Then we have the Muslims who reject the entire Scriptures. They reject the entire Bible as not valid. In its place, they extol the Qur'an.

Prophecy and Archaeology

The Scriptures should be viewed as The Book like no other. Written by the servants of Yahweh spanning hundreds, even thousands of years; still its message is the same and there is perfect harmony. The entire Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, contain the Infallible Word of Yahweh the Father and Yahshua our Master.

Proving the Bible to skeptics, infidels and atheists is a work that will end only upon Yahshua's second coming. But to people who really want to know the "real score" our labors are for you.

Two very reliable and amazing ways of proving the Scriptures' authority and truthfulness are **prophecy** and **archaeology**. We invite you dear reader, to study **Bible Prophecy**! You will surely be amazed of the Scriptures' infinite and accurate knowledge of the future!

We also invite you, dear reader, to study the discoveries of archaeology. There has not been a single established archaeological fact that contradicts Biblical truth! **Archaeology confirms the Scriptures.**

Archaeology is the voice from the past that witnesses to the authenticity and validity of the Scriptures. Prophecy is the voice of the future that confirms the accuracy and authority of the Scriptures. Archaeology and prophecy are the two powerful witnesses of the Scripture's 100% dependability, reliability, authenticity and accuracy! **Indeed, without any doubt, the Scriptures or Bible is the Infallible Word of Yahweh!**

The Qur'an?

There is nothing extraordinary about the Qur'an. Only one man wrote it. Who wrote it? Nobody knows for sure. But definitely, it was not Mohammed because Mohammed cannot read and cannot write.

With only one man writing the Qur'an only the emphasis and perspective of this one man should be considered. The Scriptures on the other hand were written by a number of people, not just by one man. So our intellect is really tested when we study the Scriptures because we have to consider the varied emphases and perspectives of the many writers who wrote the Word of Yahweh as they were moved by the Ruach Ha Kodesh.

The Qur'an has zero specific prophecies. It is just an ordinary book!

Scriptures Superior to Qur'an

The Bible's Infallibility is primarily rooted in its 100% prophetic accuracy. This 100% accuracy has been proven both by people who study the Bible as it is and by scholars who don't even believe there is a Creator.

Dear reader, we recommend you secure from any Bookstore these booklets which deal with Bible prophecies, and study them fairly and squarely:

- 1.) *Unholy War* by: Randall Prince
- 2.) *Islam, Israel and the Last Days* by: Elishua Davidson, and
- 3.) *The Bible Code* by: Michael Drosnin.

The Qur'an was written only around the 7th century A.D. Unlike the Bible, the Qur'an is devoid of any prophetic value. You can study the Qur'an for all its worth but you cannot find any specific prophecy. It's a *prophecyless* book!

We challenge the Muslims to tell us what is the Qur'anic prophecy for Israel and Yahrusalem. The Bible has plenty of specific, verifiable and humanly impossible prophecies for Israel. Study these Biblical prophecies and the Qur'anic prophecies for Israel, if ever there are, and compare which ones are coming true!

Who wrote the Qur'an? It was not Mohammed because according to *page 106 of the New Book of Knowledge, Vol. 10 Copyright 1998 Grolier Incorporated*, Mohammed cannot read and cannot write. The authorship of the Qur'an is suspect.

If we are to believe the confessions of a former **Jesuit Priest Father Alberto Rivera** (you can read his confessions in Click Publications sold in religious bookstores), the Qur'an was a **creation of the Roman Catholic Church**. According to Alberto Rivera, the Qur'an was written by one of the Catholic Church's greatest scholars – **St. Agustin**. Don't just believe us on this. Do your utmost to read Father Alberto Rivera's story.

Shalom! Abba YAHWEH bless you!

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¹ The **Septuagint Bible** was the 1st translation of the Hebrew original Bible into another language, into Greek. Seventy outstanding Jewish scholars under close supervision of the Sanhedrin made translation. Translation was made in the 3rd century B.C. The original edition of the Septuagint, which contained the name YAHWEH written in tetragrammaton, is far more superior than the versions of the Bible now in circulation. The Septuagint and the Dead Sea Scrolls are two outstanding witnesses on the reliability and accuracy of Yahweh's written word.

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