

**Accusations Against
Christianity
Part (5)**

**Summary of What Has
Been Covered in
Parts (1 to 4)**

What Accusations Against Christianity?

- Accusations against basics/principals & beliefs of Christianity (Dogma) ✓
- Accusations against roots & history of Christianity →
- Accusations against the Bible [Authenticity & Falsification] ✓
- Accusations against Christians (morals, appearance, etc.) X
- Accusations against the church & its practices X

- Most Important Accusations are:

(1)	الإتهام بعبادة ثلاثة الهة.	✓
(2)	الإتهام بعبادة إنسان.	✓
(3)	الإتهام بعدم صلب المسيح.	✓
(4)	الإتهام بتحريف الكتاب المقدس.	✓
(5)	الإتهام بتزييف المسيح عن محمد.	✓

Accusations Against Principles of Christianity (Dogma)



Parts (1-4) – Previously Discussed Subjects

What are the Accusations Against Christianity?

- Holy Trinity (عقيدة الثالوث الأقدس) ماهو ايماننا المسيحي؟
من هو البارقليط؟
- Parakliet (Is He the Holy Spirit?)
معرفة الابن باليوم والساعة
- Does the Son Know?
إن أمكن فلتعبر هذه الكأس
- If it is Your Will, Take this Cup away from Me
هل للمسيح مشيئة واحدة أم مشيئتين؟
- Does Christ Have 1 or 2 Wills?
إلهي إلهي لماذا تركتني؟
- God, Why You Have Forsaken Me?
هل يعبد المسيحيون مجرد إنسان؟
- Do Christians worship a mere man?
هل المسيحيون مشركون؟
- Are Christians polytheists?
أين في الانجيل قال المسيح: أنا الله فاعبدوني؟
- Where did Christ say: I Am God, Worship Me?
التجسد والخلص والفداء
- Incarnation, Salvation & Redemption
أهمية الصلب والصليب
- Importance of Cross & Crucifixion
إثباتات عدم تحريف الكتاب المقدس
- Impossibility of Bible Falsification

Questions Answered in
Parts 1 - 4

Dilemma with Essence of God

- How come you believe in 3 gods?
- Why God has only one son, not 2 or 3? !!!
- Why God has a son, not a daughter? !!!
- If He is really one God why we keep mentioning 3 gods / persons i.e. an « expression corruption »?
- Is Christ God or Son of God (which)? Or how come He could be both?
- Are Christians polytheists / moshrekeen مشركين ? (because they worship Christ beside gods)!!!
- How can we differentiate between the Son and the Holy Spirit, as both came out from the Father, as we claim? Are they 2 sons then?
- The Son did not know the « Hour » so He is not God!!!!
- How come the Holy Spirit doesn't know the hour while Christians claim He is also God?
- The word « Trinity » was never mentioned in the bible !!!!
- Claim that Christianity in concept of « Trinity » is an assimilation of pagan religions !!!!

Dilema with Salvation

- **Why all that dilemma for a tiny naive sin like eating from a tree?**
- **Wasn't God able to forgive man with a simple word, instead of all that « Salvation » dilemma?**
- **Was it necessary for God to sacrifice His own Son for the sake of these humans?**
- **Why was the Incarnate God the only solution?**
- **Why Redemption has been postponed for over 4000 years?**
- **Why Prophecies & Why they have been scattered over 4000 years?**
- **Why God saved man only but not Satan, then?**

Dilema With Incarnation of Christ

- **Why particularly Incarnation to save Man?**
- **While others glorify God by denying His incarnation, we Christians insist to insult Him; It is shameful that God takes the form of man, mocked, get humiliated & even crucified by His creatures!! What kind of God is that?**
- **It is impossible that God shares humans in their materialistic & worldly acts!!**
- **If Christ passed through this shameful life, then He must be simple man, not God!**
- **Why Christians blame Muslims for honoring Christ by denying His shameful crucifixion (even by considering Him just a prophet); Muslims respect Christ more than Christians!!**
- **How could God have a beginning of life, with a mother that was before Him? Who created His mother then?**
- **How could a little woman give birth to God? Why do we call Mary the « Theotokos » = mother of God?**
- **Has God married St. Mary & they together gave birth to Christ?**
- **Do we Christians worship St. Mary, as the Quran claimed?**

Dilema with Divinity of Christ

- **Do we Christians worship a created mere man (Jesus) beside God?**
- **Where in the Bible did Jesus say: I Am God, worship Me?**
- **Who was controlling the universe while Jesus (if He is God) was growing like a child, while being a fetus in Mary's womb, during His childhood, crucifixion/suffering & when He died/buried in grave?**
- **Does God die? How could that happen?**
- **How did Christ die on the cross?**

Dilemma with Suffering / Nature of Christ

- **Christ asked God to take this cup away from Him, what does This mean?**
- **Is this a proof of His humanity i.e. He is not God?**
- **Why really did He say “If it is Your will, take this cup away from Me”?**
- **Was He afraid?**
- **Wasn't He sure of His destiny & consequences of events?**
- **Did Jesus change His mind regarding completion of redemption, and tried to escape the cross (in Gethsemany & on the cross)?**
- **Was [Heb. 5: 7](#) an evidence that God responded to his request and relieved Him from crucifixion? !!!**
- **If He is the Son of God, did He need an angel to strengthen Him? And why?**
- **Does Christ Have One Will or Two?**
- **Was His will different from the Father's Will?**
- **Was there a separation between the Father & the Son?**
- **Was there a separation between the 2 natures of Christ (Divinity & Humanity)?**

Dilemma With Suffering / Crucifixion of Christ

- **If Christ is God, why did He scream on cross: My God, why have you forsaken Me?**
- **Should death be through Crucifixion in particular?**
- **Why did not Christ die in secret or more respectfully?**
- **If Christ has suffered then He is not God !!!**
- **If Christ is really God then His suffering was not real (i.e. docetic) !!!**
- **How could God curse His own Son or allow His Son to be cursed?**
- **Does God leave His Son to death? Is God so ruthless?**
- **Jesus said « where I go you cannot come », which proves the theory of being raised up (His ascension) to heaven miraculously without death !!**
- **Maybe He was not crucified, or did not really die !!!**
- **Any claims or evidence that Christ was vs. was not crucified?**
- **Theory of passing out on the cross with no real death !!!**
- **Never killed, nor crucified but they just imagined it i.e. there was an impostor in His place who was killed on the cross instead of Him !!!!!**

وما قتلوه وما صلبوه ولكن شبه لهم !!

Dilemma with the Bible

- **Jews & Christians must have falsified their Bible because the Quran mentioned that & God is not a liar!!!**
- **Why there is No Gospel written by Jesus Himself?**
- **If there was one, where is it (or was it falsified by early Christian leaders)?**
- **Why there are 4 Gospels? Which of them (if any) is the right one?**
- **Who is the Parakliet, mentioned by Jesus?**
- **Did Jesus Prophesied of Another Helper for Mankind?**
- **Could this be the prophesy of Jesus about the Islam's prophet?**

Dilema with Islam

- **Why Don't Jews & Christians Believe in « Islam », Nor its Prophet, Nor Quran, that all seem to be from God?**
- **So, if the Bible is Authentic, then How Could You Explain Why it Did Not Mention Another Prophet to Follow Jesus?**
- **Is Islam the Human-Appealing Religion & should be the right one then? !!!**
الإسلام هو دين الفطرة !!!
- **Do Christians Hate Islam & Muslims? And Why?**

Part (5) - Agenda

❑ Did Jesus deny His divinity & goodness when said: the Only Good One is God?

هل أنكر يسوع لاهوته أو صلاحه عندما قال أنه ليس أحد صالح إلا الله؟

❑ Are there really many verses proving that Jesus was only a mere man or just a mighty prophet? هل فعلاً توجد آيات كثيرة في الكتاب المقدس تثبت أن المسيح كان مجرد إنسان أو حتى نبي عظيم فقط؟

❑ Was Moses' prophecy in Deuteronomy 18 about Jesus or Moh.?

هل كانت نبوة موسى الشهيرة في تثنية ١٨ عن المسيح أم نبي الإسلام؟

❑ Did Jesus confess He is not God, when He said "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent" ?

هل اعترف المسيح بأنه ليس الله عندما خاطب الآب قائلاً: "هذه هي الحياة الأبدية: أن يعرفوك أنت الإله الحقيقي وحدك ويسوع المسيح الذي أرسلته"؟

❑ Did Jesus confess He was just a man when He called Himself the "Son of Man" !!!

لما دعا المسيح نفسه "ابن الإنسان" هل اعترف بأنه ليس الله؟

❑ If Jesus was really God, why did He need to pray? To whom He was praying if He is God, or «Son of God»? هل إحتاج المسيح للصلاة؟ وعندما كان يصلي لمن كان يصلي إذا كان هو الله أو ابن الله؟

Are The Following Claims Proofs of Mere Humanity of Jesus or Proofs of His Divinity?

**أسئلة لاهوتية متنوعة بخصوص طبيعة المسيح
(لاهوته وناسوته)**

[1]

**Did Jesus Deny His Divinity & Even His
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The Only Good One is God?

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Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” **Matthew 19:16-17****

16 وَإِذَا وَاحِدٌ تَقَدَّمَ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «أَيُّهَا الْمُعَلِّمُ الصَّالِحُ، أَيِّ صَلاَحٍ أَعْمَلُ لِتَكُونَ لِي الْحَيَاةَ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ؟» 17 فَقَالَ لَهُ: «لِمَاذَا تَدْعُونِي صَالِحًا؟ لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ صَالِحًا إِلَّا وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ. وَلَكِنْ إِنْ أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَدْخَلَ الْحَيَاةَ فَاحْفَظِ الْوَصَايَا.»

****Also in Mark 10 : 17-22 & Luke 18: 18-24**

Jesus did not deny His Divinity or His goodness, but wonder if the man called Him “good “out of hypocrisy, without believing in Him, or because he really believed in Him as God !!!

As if Jesus said to him:

- ✓ Do you think I Am God (i.e. believe in Me as God) & that’s why you called Me “good”?
- or
- ✓ You don’t believe in my divinity, then you should not complement Me in vain by calling Me “good” until you believe in Me as God.

Did Jesus Deny His Divinity & Goodness By Saying: The Only Good One is God? (cont.)

❑ But Jesus also said that He is The Good Shepherd in **John 10: 11** which, on the contrary, proves that He is God (sine He said that No One is Good but God) !!!!!

¹¹ “I am the Good shepherd. The Good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”

¹¹ أَنَا هُوَ الرَّاعِي الصَّالِحُ، وَالرَّاعِي الصَّالِحُ يَبْذُلُ نَفْسَهُ عَنِ الْخِرَافِ.

❑ And Jesus also said that He is without sin, and of course no body without sin except God.

Which of you convicts Me of sin? **John 8: 46** ⁴⁶ مَنْ مِنْكُمْ يُبَكِّتُنِي عَلَى خَطِيئَةٍ؟

❑ Therefore, what Jesus had said to the man talking to Him in **Matthew 19: 16-17, Mark 10: 17-18 & Luke 18: 18-19** was Not a denial but actually a **Proof of His Divinity**

❑ Not only that, but also He offered a proof of being a Good shepherd, which is Offering His life for His human sheep by His death on the cross i.e. it's a confirmation that the facts of: His **Divinity**, His **Goodness** & His factual death (**Crucifixion**) for the sake of mankind to give us **Salvation**, are all connected in a marvelous harmony.

Did Jesus Confess He is Not God, When He Said “**And this is Eternal Life, that They May Know You, The Only True God, and Jesus Christ Whom You have Sent**” (John 17: 3)?

وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ: أَنْ يَعْرِفُوكَ أَنْتَ إِلَهَ الْحَقِيقِيِّ وَحَدَّكَ وَيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَهُ.

- ❑ True God = the **pure Divinity**, which is unperceived in essence by natural man due to superiority above human mind
- ❑ This divinity is One & Unique in essence & undivided, but is of 3 hypostases, **each of them**: the Father, the Son & Holy Spirit, **is the whole True God** (not a part of Him) = each is the full Divinity
- ❑ So when Jesus said these words, He also meant His own divinity as the True God
- ❑ When Jesus said these words, He was **talking as “Son of Man”**, not as “Son of God”
- ❑ The words **“True God”** were said to differentiate Not God from Christ (as if Christ is different from God in essence), but to differentiate God (with His 3 hypostases) from:
 - Fake gods that Gentiles used to worship in vain
 - Untrue image about God in the eyes of Jews who never knew the true identity of God as a merciful Father who sent His Son in Jesus Christ
 - Mystery of Holy Trinity that was vague in OT & only revealed in NT

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□ The true knowledge of God’s love was through recognition of His Son’s incarnation as Jesus Christ sent by Father to save mankind; this explains adding the knowledge of Jesus Christ to knowledge of the One True God in **one package of Faith**

□ Eternal life = knowledge of True God (which is only revealed through Christ)

¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. **John 1: 18** 18 اللَّهُ لَمْ يَرَهُ أَحَدٌ قَطُّ. الْابْنُ الْوَحِيدُ الَّذِي هُوَ فِي حِضْنِ الْآبِ هُوَ حَبَّرَ.

⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **2 Cor. 4: 6**

6 لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ الَّذِي قَالَ: «أَنْ يُشْرِقَ نُورٌ مِنْ ظُلْمَةٍ»، هُوَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، لِإِنَارَةِ مَعْرِفَةِ مَجْدِ اللَّهِ فِي وَجْهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ.

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- So the above verse, instead of pointing towards the “no divinity + just pure humanity” of Christ (as they claimed), it’s a valid proof of Christ’s unique nature of full divinity & full humanity united in a mysterious way to achieve salvation & declare the true identity of God as Holy Trinity & Savior of mankind in Jesus
- Sending the Son by the Father doesn’t mean any difference in glory, but only a distinction of both hypostases, with unity of them in Will regarding salvation of mankind
- Therefore, the role of the Son is also to declare the Father to mankind through His incarnation
- Since Eternal life is by knowledge of God who is the source of Life & even Life itself, the Bible declared the 3 hypostases as **each being the eternal life**

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² the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us. **1 John 1: 2**

2 فَإِنَّ الْحَيَاةَ أُظْهِرَتْ، وَقَدْ رَأَيْنَا وَنَشْهَدُ وَنُخْبِرُكُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عِنْدَ الْآبِ وَأُظْهِرَتْ لَنَا.

²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5: 20

20 وَنَعْلَمُ أَنَّ ابْنَ اللَّهِ قَدْ جَاءَ وَأَعْطَانَا بَصِيرَةً لِنَعْرِفَ الْحَقَّ. وَنَحْنُ فِي الْحَقِّ فِي ابْنِهِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. هَذَا هُوَ إِلَهَ الْحَقِّ وَالْحَيَاةِ الْأَبَدِيَّةِ.

¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **Romans 8: 11**

11 وَإِنْ كَانَ رُوحُ الَّذِي أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ سَاكِنًا فِيكُمْ، فَالَّذِي أَقَامَ الْمَسِيحَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ سَيُحْيِي أَجْسَادَكُمْ الْمَائِتَةَ أَيْضًا بِرُوحِهِ السَّاكِنِ فِيكُمْ.

[3]

**If Jesus Was Really God, Why Did He
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¹² Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. **Luke 6: 12**

وَفِي تِلْكَ الْأَيَّامِ خَرَجَ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ لِيُصَلِّيَ. وَقَضَى اللَّيْلَ كُلَّهُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ لِلَّهِ.

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” ³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” **Matthew 26: 37-39**

³⁶ حِينَئِذٍ جَاءَ مَعَهُمْ يَسُوعُ إِلَى ضَيْعَةٍ يُقَالُ لَهَا جَثْسِيمَانِي، فَقَالَ لِلتَّلَامِيذِ: «اجْلِسُوا هَهُنَا حَتَّى أَمْضِيَ وَأُصَلِّيَ هُنَاكَ» ³⁷ ثُمَّ أَخَذَ مَعَهُ بُطْرُسَ وَابْنِي زَبْدِي، وَابْتَدَأَ يَحْزَنُ وَيَكْتَنِبُ. ³⁸ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «نَفْسِي حَزِينَةٌ جِدًّا حَتَّى الْمَوْتِ. أَمْكُثُوا هَهُنَا وَاسْهَرُوا مَعِيَ». ³⁹ ثُمَّ تَقَدَّمَ قَلِيلًا وَخَرَّ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ، وَكَانَ يُصَلِّيَ قَائِلًا: «يَا أَبَتَاهُ، إِنْ أَمَكْنَ فَلْتَعْبُرْ عَنِّي هَذِهِ الْكَأْسُ، وَلَكِنْ لَيْسَ كَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنَا بَلْ كَمَا تُرِيدُ أَنْتَ».

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⁴¹ Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴² And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” ⁴³ Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” **John 11: 41-43**

41 فَرَفَعُوا الْحَجَرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ الْمَيِّتُ مَوْضِعًا، وَرَفَعَ يَسُوعُ عَيْنَيْهِ إِلَى فَوْقٍ، وَقَالَ: «أَيُّهَا الْآبُ، أَشْكُرُكَ لِأَنَّكَ سَمِعْتَ لِي، 42 وَأَنَا عَلِمْتُ أَنَّكَ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ تَسْمَعُ لِي. وَلَكِنْ لِأَجْلِ هَذَا الْجَمْعِ الْوَاقِفِ قُلْتُ، لِيُؤْمِنُوا أَنَّكَ أَرْسَلْتَنِي.» 43 وَلَمَّا قَالَ هَذَا صَرَخَ بِصَوْتٍ عَظِيمٍ: «لِعَازْرُ، هَلُمَّ خَارِجًا!»

17 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And **this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.** ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. **John 17: 1-5**

1 تَكَلَّمَ يَسُوعُ بِهَذَا وَرَفَعَ عَيْنَيْهِ نَحْوَ السَّمَاءِ وَقَالَ: «أَيُّهَا الْآبُ، قَدْ أَتَتِ السَّاعَةُ. مَجِّدِ ابْنَكَ لِيَمَجِّدَكَ ابْنُكَ أَيضًا، 2 إِذْ أُعْطِيْتَهُ سُلْطَانًا عَلَى كُلِّ جَسَدٍ لِيُعْطِيَ حَيَاةَ أَبَدِيَّةٍ لِكُلِّ مَنْ أُعْطِيْتَهُ. 3 وَهَذِهِ هِيَ الْحَيَاةُ الْأَبَدِيَّةُ: أَنْ يَعْرِفُوكَ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهَ الْحَقِيقِيَّ وَحَدَّكَ وَيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَهُ. 4 أَنَا مَجِّدْتُكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ. الْعَمَلُ الَّذِي أُعْطِيْتَنِي لِأَعْمَلْ قَدْ أَكْمَلْتُهُ. 5 وَالْآنَ مَجِّدْنِي أَنْتَ أَيُّهَا الْآبُ عِنْدَ ذَاتِكَ بِالْمَجْدِ الَّذِي كَانَ لِي عِنْدَكَ قَبْلَ كَوْنِ الْعَالَمِ.

If Jesus Was Really God, Why Did He Need to Pray? To Whom He Was Praying if He is God, or Son of God?

- ❑ Christ by His divine nature does not need to pray, but since He was the incarnate Logos, He had to fulfill all the criteria attributed to both His full Divinity and full Humanity [even if His humanity was united with His divinity in one person] !!!!!
- ❑ To prove His complete humanity that by nature (like any natural man) needs the prayer as a supportive tool for its life-long struggle [our humanity seeks help & gets support from God through communication in prayer]
- ❑ As prayer is a talk that goes from a lower entity to a higher Being, some like to explain it as simple as:
 - ❑ The incarnate Logos (being a one-natured person, combined of full Humanity with full Divinity) when talked to the absolute Divinity of God, that was considered a prayer [this explain why Jesus said: “My Father is greater than I” **John 14: 28**
 - ❑ As if the Human nature talking to the superior Divine nature (though they are united, not separated) !!
 - ❑ The Divinity of the Son (Logos) talking to Divinity of the Father (though both hypostases are in one Ousia/Essence). This may explain why Jesus mostly talked to God as “Father”
- ❑ In most of the bible-recorded Jesus’ prayers, the tone of Jesus’ prayer was not a begging one (like humans talking to God), nor a repenting one (since He has no sin to be blamed for), but was in a request/demand-like tone or for thanking purpose.

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- Being the perfect man, Jesus wanted to be the raw-model to all humans, by:**
 - Teaching us how prayer should be our basic life foundation in all events: before service & in daily life practices, etc.**
 - Showing us a good example of how we should proceed in troubles & when we need extra support.**

- He gave us a lesson of how the ideal prayer should be:**
 - By teaching His disciples the Lord's prayer (it included all the items of the perfect prayer structure: praising, repentance, confirming faith & hope in God's promises, submission to God's will, showing love to our fellow humans, seeking the refuge from our spiritual enemies, humility, etc. + thanksgiving).**
 - Through many of His teachings/parables: tax collector, ceremony on the mountain, prodigal son, etc.**
 - With struggle & persistence, even up to praying all the night long, as He actually did.**
 - By showing how we present our will or desire in front of God, but fully submit to His plan, with complete obedience & confidence in His superior Wisdom, even if His Will is against our desire.**

- To hide His divinity from Satan: when he thought that Jesus was just a man, he dared to kill Him through the envy of Jews & accordingly became judged by divine justice.**

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**Are There Really Many Verses Proving
That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or Just
a Mighty Prophet?**

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What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet?

A. Let's analyze how many times it was mentioned that Jesus is a « man »:

- 1) When evil Jews & chief priests talked about Him: Matthew 13: 54, 56, 27: 47 & Mark 2: 7, 6: 2 & Luke 7: 39, 15: 2, 23: 18 & John 6: 52, 7: 15, 27, 11:37 (wondering about His miracles or if He is the Christ), 18: 40 (crying crowd) [only in Eng.]
+ **John 5: 12** (general Q about lame's healer), **5: 46** (servants wondering about Him), **9: 16, 24** (Pharisees claim He is a sinner), **11: 47, 50, 18: 14** (conspiracy), **18: 17** (midservant to Peter) & **Acts 5: 28** (Jews defending themselves)
- 2) Mentioned by Believing People (when they just started seeing His miracles or wonders or meeting Him for first time): [mix of Jews & Gentiles]
 - ❑ Samaritan Woman: **John 4: 29** (but she also went up believing in Him as a prophet v. 19, then wondered in the end if He would be the Christ v. 29!!)
 - ❑ The Centurion: **Mark 15: 39, Luke 23: 47** (declaring He was a righteous man, but also ended by believing in Him as the Son of God - Matthew 27: 54, Mark 15: 39)

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- ❑ Right thief: **Luke 23: 41** (only in Eng.) (also ended by believing in Jesus as the Lord - Luke 23: 42)
- ❑ Born-blind man: **John 9: 11** (said He is a man - beginning of his faith journey), **33** (then declaring He is a man from God), **35-38** (ending by him worshipping Christ as Son of God)
- ❑ Some believing Jews: **Matthew 8: 27** & **John 9: 31, 10: 41-42** (only in Eng.)

3) Non-believing gentiles who witnessed His innocence:

- ❑ Pontius Pilot: **Luke 23: 6** (only in Eng.), **23: 4, 14** & **John 18: 29, 19: 5**
- ❑ His wife: **Matthew 27: 19** (only in Eng.)

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

- 4) Jesus Himself used the word “man” in His parables, sometimes talking about Himself or God the Father: **Matthew 21: 28, 33** (vineyard owner), **22: 2** (Judgement), **25: 14** (Talents), **Mark 12: 1** (vineyard owner), **13: 34** (Judgement), **Luke 13: 6** (only in Eng.) (owner of fig tree), **14: 16** (great supper), **15: 11** (Father of prodigal son), **19: 12** (Nobleman & His minas), **20: 9** (vineyard owner)
- 5) The Bible described the angel as “young man” **Mark 16: 5** or as “a man in bright clothing” **Acts 10: 30**
- 6) Peter’s denial of Christ out of weakness: **Matthew 26: 72, 74, Mark 14: 71**
- 7) The two disciples of Emmaus (described by Jesus as foolish) **Luke 24: 19** considered Him initially a mighty prophet (word “man” mentioned only in Arabic version)

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

8) John the Baptist:

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.” John 1: 29-30, 34

²⁹ وَفِي الْغَدِ نَظَرَ يُوحَنَّا يَسُوعَ مُقْبِلًا إِلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ: «هُوَذَا حَمَلُ اللَّهِ الَّذِي يَرْفَعُ خَطِيئَةَ الْعَالَمِ! ³⁰ هَذَا هُوَ الَّذِي قُلْتُ عَنْهُ: يَأْتِي بَعْدِي، رَجُلٌ صَارَ قَدَّامِي، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ قَبْلِي.... ³⁴ وَأَنَا قَدْ رَأَيْتُ وَشَهِدْتُ أَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ ابْنُ اللَّهِ.».

²⁷ John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent before Him’..... ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease. ³¹ He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all..... ³⁵ The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶ He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” John 3: 27-28, 30-31, 35-36

« ²⁷ أَجَابَ يُوحَنَّا وَقَالَ: «لَا يَقْدِرُ إِنْسَانٌ أَنْ يَأْخُذَ شَيْئًا إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ قَدْ أُعْطِيَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ. ²⁸ أَنْتُمْ أَنْفُسُكُمْ تَشْهَدُونَ لِي أَنِّي قُلْتُ: لَسْتُ أَنَا الْمَسِيحَ بَلْ إِنِّي مُرْسَلٌ أَمَامَهُ. ³⁰ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ ذَلِكَ يَزِيدُ وَأَنِّي أَنَا أَنْقُصُ. ³¹ الَّذِي يَأْتِي مِن فَوْقِ هُوَ فَوْقَ الْجَمِيعِ، وَالَّذِي مِنَ الْأَرْضِ هُوَ أَرْضِيٌّ، وَمِنَ الْأَرْضِ يَتَكَلَّمُ. الَّذِي يَأْتِي مِنَ السَّمَاءِ هُوَ فَوْقَ الْجَمِيعِ. ³⁵ الْآبُ يُحِبُّ الْابْنَ وَقَدْ دَفَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فِي يَدِهِ. ³⁶ الَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِالْابْنِ لَهُ حَيَاةٌ أَبَدِيَّةٌ، وَالَّذِي لَا يُؤْمِنُ بِالْابْنِ لَنْ يَرَى حَيَاةً بَلْ يَمُوتُ عَلَيْهِ غَضَبُ اللَّهِ.».

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9) The Apostles after Resurrection:

Peter talking to all diaspora Jews on Pentecost day:

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, **a Man** attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know. ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ²⁴ **whom God raised up**, having loosed the pains of death, because it **was not possible that He should be held by it.** Acts 2: 22-24

«أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْإِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ اسْمَعُوا هَذِهِ الْأَقْوَالِ: يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ رَجُلٌ قَدْ تَبَرَّهِنَّ لَكُمْ مِنْ قِبَلِ اللَّهِ بِقُوَّاتٍ وَعَجَائِبٍ وَآيَاتٍ صَنَعَهَا اللَّهُ بِيَدِهِ فِي وَسْطِكُمْ، كَمَا أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا تَعْلَمُونَ. ²³ هَذَا أَخَذْتُمُوهُ مُسَلِّمًا بِمَشُورَةِ اللَّهِ الْمَحْتُومَةِ وَعِلْمِهِ السَّابِقِ، وَبِأَيْدِي أَثْمَةٍ صَلَبْتُمُوهُ وَقَتَلْتُمُوهُ. ²⁴ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ اللَّهُ نَاقِضًا أَوْجَاعَ الْمَوْتِ، إِذْ لَمْ يَكُنْ مُمَكِّنًا أَنْ يُمَسَّكَ مِنْهُ.

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

□ Paul talking to Jews in Pisidian Antioch:

³⁷ but He **whom God raised up saw no corruption**. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through **this Man** is preached to you the **forgiveness of sins**; **Acts 13: 37-38**

³⁷وَأَمَّا الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ اللَّهُ فَلَمْ يَرَ فَسَادًا. ³⁸فَلْيَكُنْ مَعْلُومًا عِنْدَكُمْ أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّهُ بِهَذَا يُنَادَى لَكُمْ بِغُفْرَانِ الْخَطَايَا،

□ Paul talking to Athenians at Areopagus:

because He has appointed a day on which **He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man** whom He has ordained. He has given **assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.**”

Acts 17: 31

³¹لَأَنَّهُ أَقَامَ يَوْمًا هُوَ فِيهِ مُزْمِعٌ أَنْ يَدِينَ الْمَسْكُونَةَ بِالْعَدْلِ، بِرَجُلٍ قَدْ قَدِّمْنَا لِكُلِّ سَائِرِ الْبَشَرِ إِيمَانًا إِذْ أَقَامَهُ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ.»

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

B. Let's analyze how many times it was mentioned that Jesus is a called or considered a « prophet »:

1) Some believers (or at least neutral people) wondered about His miracles and called Him a prophet:

* ¹⁰ And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?” So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.” **Matthew 21: 10-11**

¹⁰وَلَمَّا دَخَلَ أُورُشَلِيمَ ارْتَجَّتِ الْمَدِينَةُ كُلُّهَا قَائِلَةً: «مَنْ هَذَا؟» ¹¹فَقَالَتِ الْجُمُوعُ: «هَذَا يَسُوعُ النَّبِيُّ الَّذِي مِنْ نَاصِرَةِ الْجَلِيلِ».

* But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

Matthew 21: 46

⁴⁶وَإِذْ كَانُوا يَطْلُبُونَ أَنْ يُمَسِّكُوهُ، خَافُوا مِنَ الْجُمُوعِ، لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ عِنْدَهُمْ مِثْلَ نَبِيِّ

* Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.” [Raising the son of widow] **Luke 7: 16**

¹⁶فَأَخَذَ الْجَمِيعَ خَوْفًا، وَمَجَّدُوا اللَّهَ قَائِلِينَ: «قَدْ قَامَ فِيْنَا نَبِيٌّ عَظِيمٌ، وَافْتَقَدَ اللَّهُ شَعْبَهُ».

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

* Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

John 6: 14

14 فَلَمَّا رَأَى النَّاسُ الْآيَةَ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا يَسُوعُ قَالُوا: «إِنَّ هَذَا هُوَ بِالْحَقِيقَةِ النَّبِيُّ الَّاتِي إِلَى الْعَالَمِ!»

* Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” ⁴¹ Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee?”

John 7: 40-41

40 فَكَثِيرُونَ مِنَ الْجَمْعِ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا هَذَا الْكَلَامَ قَالُوا: «هَذَا بِالْحَقِيقَةِ هُوَ النَّبِيُّ». 41 آخَرُونَ قَالُوا: «هَذَا هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ!». وَآخَرُونَ قَالُوا: «أَلَعَلَّ الْمَسِيحَ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ يَأْتِي؟»

** And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

Luke 24: 19

19 فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: «وَمَا هِيَ؟» فَقَالَا: «الْمُخْتَصَّةُ بِيَسُوعَ النَّاصِرِيِّ، الَّذِي كَانَ إِنْسَانًا نَبِيًّا مُقْتَدِرًا فِي الْفِعْلِ وَالْقَوْلِ أَمَامَ اللَّهِ وَجَمِيعِ الشَّعْبِ.»

** The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”

John 4: 19

19 قَالَتْ لَهُ الْمَرْأَةُ: «يَا سَيِّدُ، أَرَى أَنَّكَ نَبِيٌّ!»

** They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

John 9: 17

17 قَالُوا أَيْضًا لِلْأَعْمَى: «مَاذَا تَقُولُ أَنْتَ عَنْهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ إِنَّهُ فَتَحَ عَيْنَيْكَ؟» فَقَالَ: «إِنَّهُ نَبِيٌّ!».

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

2) Some (mostly His enemies) doubted that He is even a prophet:

*** Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.” **Luke 7: 39**

39 فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْفَرِّيسِيُّ الَّذِي دَعَاهُ ذَلِكَ، تَكَلَّمَ فِي نَفْسِهِ قَائِلًا: «لَوْ كَانَ هَذَا نَبِيًّا، لَعَلِمَ مَنْ هَذِهِ الْمَرْأَةُ الَّتِي تَلْمِسُهُ وَمَا هِيَ! إِنَّهَا خَاطِنَةٌ».

*** They answered and said to him, “Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.” **John 7: 52**

52 أَجَابُوا وَقَالُوا لَهُ: «أَلَعَلَّكَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ؟ فَتَشَّ وَانظُرْ! إِنَّهُ لَمْ يَقُمْ نَبِيٌّ مِنَ الْجَلِيلِ».

3) Some were not sure who He was:

- He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” ¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” **Matthew 16: 13-16****

سَأَلَ تَلَامِيذَهُ قَائِلًا: «مَنْ يَقُولُ النَّاسُ إِنِّي أَنَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟» ¹⁴ فَقَالُوا: «قَوْمٌ: يُوحَنَّا الْمَعْمَدَانُ، وَآخَرُونَ: إِبِلْيَا، وَآخَرُونَ: إِرْمِيَا أَوْ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ». ¹⁵ قَالَ لَهُمْ: «وَأَنْتُمْ، مَنْ تَقُولُونَ إِنِّي أَنَا؟» ¹⁶ فَأَجَابَ سِمْعَانُ بُطْرُسُ وَقَالَ: «أَنْتَ هُوَ الْمَسِيحُ ابْنُ اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ!».

****Also in Mark 8: 27-29 & Luke 9: 18-20**

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- Others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.” **Mark 6: 15**
15 قَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّهُ إِيْلِيَّا». وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ: «إِنَّهُ نَبِيٌّ أَوْ كَأَحَدِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ».
- ⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, ⁸ and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. **Luke 9: 7-8**
7 فَسَمِعَ هِيرُودُسُ رَئِيسُ الرَّبْعِ بِجَمِيعِ مَا كَانَ مِنْهُ، وَارْتَابَ، لِأَنَّ قَوْمًا كَانُوا يَقُولُونَ: «إِنَّ يُوْحَنَّا قَدْ قَامَ مِنَ الْأَمْوَاتِ».
8 وَقَوْمًا: «إِنَّ إِيْلِيَّا ظَهَرَ». وَآخَرِينَ: «إِنَّ نَبِيًّا مِنَ الْقَدَمَاءِ قَامَ».

4) Jesus talking in general about ‘prophets’:

- Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city. **Matthew 23: 34**
34 لِذَلِكَ هَا أَنَا أُرْسِلُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَحُكَمَاءَ وَكُتَبَةً، فَمِنْهُمْ تَقْتُلُونَ وَتَصَلِبُونَ، وَمِنْهُمْ تَجْلِدُونَ فِي مَجَامِعِكُمْ، وَتَطْرُدُونَ مِنْ مَدِينَةٍ إِلَى مَدِينَةٍ

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

5) When Jesus lamented Jerusalem:

- “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

Matthew 23: 37 & Luke 13: 34

يَا أُورُشَلِيمُ، يَا أُورُشَلِيمُ! يَا قَاتِلَةَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَرَاجِمَةَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ إِلَيْهَا، كَمْ مَرَّةٍ أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أَجْمَعَ أَوْلَادِكَ كَمَا تَجْمَعُ الدَّجَاجَةُ فِرَاحَهَا تَحْتَ جَنَاحَيْهَا، وَلَمْ تُرِيدُوا!

6) When Jesus told His disciples that He is greater than prophets & kings:

- “for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

Matthew 13: 17

17فَأَيُّ الْحَقِّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ أَنْبِيَاءَ وَأَبْرَارًا كَثِيرِينَ اشْتَهَوْا أَنْ يَرَوْا مَا أَنْتُمْ تَرَوْنَ وَلَمْ يَرَوْا، وَأَنْ يَسْمَعُوا مَا أَنْتُمْ تَسْمَعُونَ وَلَمْ يَسْمَعُوا.

*Same in **Luke 10: 24**

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

C. When Jesus described Himself as a « man » or « prophet »:

1) When Jesus said the word 'prophet' about Himself:

- ✓ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." **Matthew 13: 57*****

57فَكَانُوا يَعْزُرُونَ بِهِ. وَأَمَّا يَسُوعُ فَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «لَيْسَ نَبِيٌّ بِلاَ كَرَامَةِ إِلاَّ فِي وَطَنِهِ وَفِي بَيْتِهِ».

- ✓ But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house." **Mark 6: 4*****

4فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «لَيْسَ نَبِيٌّ بِلاَ كَرَامَةِ إِلاَّ فِي وَطَنِهِ وَبَيْنَ أَقْرَبَائِهِ وَفِي بَيْتِهِ».

*****Same in Luke 4: 24 & John 4: 44**

- ❖ Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. **Luke 13: 33**

33بَلْ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ أَسِيرَ الْيَوْمَ وَغَدًا وَمَا يَلِيهِ، لِأَنَّهُ لَا يُمَكِّنُ أَنْ يَهْلِكَ نَبِيٌّ خَارِجًا عَنْ أُورُشَلِيمَ!

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

- ❑ Jesus' context of speech could mean that even prophets are without honor in their own place or they may must perish in Jerusalem, so no wonder if this also happened to Him.**
- ❑ Since many believed in Him, at least as a prophet, so He used the same term to talk about what He is facing of resistance & enmity, similar to what prophets faced before (or meaning He won't have better luck in service than prophets of OT, because this nation is stiff-necked).**
- ❑ He, by definition, has also the "prophecy" job, since He delivered also messages from God to humans similarly to what prophets used to do (His message is even greater than prophets' since He brought the world the salvation that OT prophets promised humanity with).**
- ❑ The fact of "Him acting as a prophet" has to be augmented by what Jesus has also said that He is greater than prophets, in order to understand His true identity.**
- ❑ Being the world's savior does not deprive Him of having the 3 essential functions: prophecy, royalty, priesthood, that no human gather all at the same time.**
- ❑ The prophet is also a person who witness for God among corrupted generation & who directs people towards the God's commandment.**
- ❑ Jesus prophesied about His own crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection & His second coming as a universal judge, plus events like appearance of false prophets, destruction of Jerusalem, end of the world, etc.**

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

❑ Moses prophecy in Deuteronomy 18: 15, 18-22 (**will be discussed separately**) !!!!

2) When Jesus said the word 'man' about Himself:

❑ The Jews were confused about Him because of His miracles while they thought to know His poor family; this explains why they were wondering: ²⁵ Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" **John 8:25**

❑ They were wondering whether He is just a wise rabbi or a mighty prophet or the Messiah who will save them (even if they did not understand the essence of this Messiah – may be a deliverer from gentiles slavery)

❑ Even when Jesus mentioned to them once He is a man (**John 8: 40**) who brings them the truth & wants their salvation, they understood clearly that He was calling Himself "Son of God" & even wanted to stone Him for blasphemy

³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God." **John 10:33**

³³أَجَابَهُ الْيَهُودُ قَائِلِينَ: «لَسْنَا نَرَجُمُكَ لِأَجْلِ عَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ، بَلْ لِأَجْلِ تَجْدِيفٍ، فَإِنَّكَ وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ إِلَهًا»

❑ But Jesus never said that He is only a "man" because He used this term when was talking to the most spiritually-shallow people, who never believed He is good but called Him possessed with devils!!!!

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

- When Jesus called Himself a “man” in **John 8: 40**, that happened only once – but we have to understand the context (**John 8: 36-47**):

36 فَإِنْ حَرَّرَكُمُ الْإِبْنَ فَبِالْحَقِيقَةِ تَكُونُونَ أَحْرَارًا. 37 أَنَا عَالِمٌ أَنَكُمْ ذُرِّيَّةُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ. لَكِنِّكُمْ تَطْلُبُونَ أَنْ تَقْتُلُونِي لِأَنَّ كَلَامِي لَا مَوْضِعَ لَهُ فِيكُمْ. 38 أَنَا أَتَكَلَّمُ بِمَا رَأَيْتُ عِنْدَ أَبِي، وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ مَا رَأَيْتُمْ عِنْدَ أَبِيكُمْ». 39 أَجَابُوا وَقَالُوا لَهُ: «أَبُونَا هُوَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ». قَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «لَوْ كُنْتُمْ أَوْلَادَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، لَكُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ أَعْمَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمِ! 40 وَلَكِنِّكُمْ الْآنَ تَطْلُبُونَ أَنْ تَقْتُلُونِي، وَأَنَا إِنْسَانٌ قَدْ كَلَّمَكُمُ بِالْحَقِّ الَّذِي سَمِعَهُ مِنَ اللَّهِ. هَذَا لَمْ يَعْمَلْهُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ. 41 أَنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ أَعْمَالَ أَبِيكُمْ». فَقَالُوا لَهُ: «إِنَّا لَمْ نُؤَلَدْ مِنْ زَنًا. لَنَا أَبٌ وَاحِدٌ وَهُوَ اللَّهُ». 42 فَقَالَ لَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «لَوْ كَانَ اللَّهُ أَبَاكُمْ لَكُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَنِي، لِأَنِّي خَرَجْتُ مِنْ قِبَلِ اللَّهِ وَأَتَيْتُ. لِأَنِّي لَمْ آتِ مِنْ نَفْسِي، بَلْ ذَاكَ أَرْسَلَنِي. 43 لِمَاذَا لَا تَفْهَمُونَ كَلَامِي؟ لِأَنَّكُمْ لَا تَقْدِرُونَ أَنْ تَسْمَعُوا قَوْلِي. 44 أَنْتُمْ مِنْ أَبِي هُوَ إِبْلِيسُ، وَشَهَوَاتِ أَبِيكُمْ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَعْمَلُوا. ذَاكَ كَانَ قِتَالًا لِلنَّاسِ مِنَ الْبَدْءِ، وَلَمْ يَنْبُتْ فِي الْحَقِّ لِأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ فِيهِ حَقٌّ. مَتَى تَكَلَّمْتُ بِالْكَذِبِ فَإِنَّمَا يَتَكَلَّمُ مِمَّا لَهُ، لِأَنَّهُ كَذَابٌ وَأَبُو الْكَذَابِ. 45 وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلَأَنِّي أَقُولُ الْحَقَّ لَسْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِي. 46 مَنْ مِنْكُمْ يُبَكِّتُنِي عَلَى خَطِيئَةٍ؟ فَإِنْ كُنْتُ أَقُولُ الْحَقَّ، فَلِمَاذَا لَسْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِي؟ 47 الَّذِي مِنَ اللَّهِ يَسْمَعُ كَلَامَ اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَنْتُمْ لَسْتُمْ تَسْمَعُونَ، لِأَنَّكُمْ لَسْتُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ.»

- In the same speech, Jesus also mentioned that:

- 1) He is the « Son » who can free them.
- 2) He proceeded forth and came from God.
- 3) They would have loved Him if they loved God & were really His children.
- 4) They cannot believe Him though He is telling them the truth.
- 5) Their real spiritual father is the devil & they practically execute the desires of their father, the devil.
- 6) So, Both evil Jews & the devil were Jesus' killers.

What About The Many Verses Proving That Jesus Was Only a Mere Man or a Mighty Prophet? (cont.)

- ❑ For such people, it wasn't any useful to declare to them His real divinity, if they couldn't even accept the least level of spirituality, by believing at least He is a messenger from God.

❑ Conclusion:

Jesus Never said "I am just a prophet" or "I am only a man" & never denied His divinity by saying "I am not God":

- ❑ However, His mission included prophecy as a part of His job as a savior.
- ❑ His incarnation dictates His humanity for the salvation purpose.
- ❑ So He technically is a "man" & a "prophet" but not limited to these capacities; He is above all, the incarnate "Son of God", of whom OT prophets informed humanity, to get ready for His arrival to save them.

❑ Another Important Reason for not declaring His divinity publicly: to hide His divinity from Satan:

- ❑ An important consideration is that through the confusion He caused to evil Jews & the devil, He made Satan think of Jesus as just a man, or (worst case scenario) a mighty prophet who still under the bondage of sin.
- ❑ That's why Satan dared to kill Jesus through the envy of Jews & accordingly Satan as a chief of this world became judged by the divine justice (as Jesus declared in **John 12: 31-32**).

³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. ³² And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

³¹الآن دَيْنُونَةُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ. الآن يُطْرَحُ رَئِيسُ هَذَا الْعَالَمِ خَارِجًا. ³²وَأَنَا إِنِ ارْتَفَعْتُ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ أُجَذِبُ إِلَيَّ الْجَمِيعَ.»

- ❑ Keeping Satan in big doubt was essential to keep him involved with killing Jesus, to complete his guilt

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Was The Famous Moses' Prophecy in Deuteronomy 18 About Jesus or Islam's Prophet?

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What About Moses' Prophecy?



Looking at Moses' prophecy in Deuteronomy 18: 15, 18-22:

- Of whom did Moses prophesy: Mohamed or Jesus?
- If Moses didn't prophesy of Moh. In Deuteronomy 18, but of Jesus, then Jesus must have been only a man/prophet?
- If Moses didn't prophesy of Jesus In Deuteronomy 18, then it must be a prophecy about Moh. Who was a prophet similar in many ways to Moses?

15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, **18** I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. **19** And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him. **20** But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’ **21** And if you say in your heart, ‘How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’ — **22** when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

15 «يُقِيمُ لَكَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهَكَ نَبِيًّا مِنْ وَسْطِكَ مِنْ إِخْوَتِكَ مِثْلِي. لَهُ تَسْمَعُونَ. **18** أُقِيمُ لَهُمْ نَبِيًّا مِنْ وَسْطِ إِخْوَتِهِمْ مِثْلَكَ، وَأَجْعَلُ كَلَامِي فِي فِيهِ، فَيَكَلِّمُهُمْ بِكُلِّ مَا أَوْصِيَهُ بِهِ. **19** وَيَكُونُ أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ الَّذِي لَا يَسْمَعُ لِكَلَامِي الَّذِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ بِاسْمِي أَنَا أَطَالِبُهُ. **20** وَأَمَّا النَّبِيُّ الَّذِي يُطْغِي، فَيَتَكَلَّمُ بِاسْمِي كَلَامًا لَمْ أَوْصِهِ أَنْ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ، أَوِ الَّذِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِاسْمِ إِلَهَةٍ أُخْرَى، فَيَمُوتُ ذَلِكَ النَّبِيُّ. **21** وَإِنْ قُلْتَ فِي قَلْبِكَ: كَيْفَ نَعْرِفُ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ الرَّبُّ؟ **22** فَمَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ النَّبِيُّ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ وَلَمْ يَحْدُثْ وَلَمْ يَصِرْ، فَهُوَ الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمُ بِهِ الرَّبُّ، بَلْ بِطُغْيَانٍ تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ النَّبِيُّ، فَلَا تَخَفْ مِنْهُ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

➤ Concerning same prophecy (cont.):

□ More claims thought to prove their points:

- The words « from your midst “ is not in Septuagint translation nor in Samaritan Torah nor in **Acts 3: 22** (when Peter referred to it on his sermon at the day of Pentecost) nor in **Acts 7: 37** (when Stephen also referred to it just before his martyrdom)

- The words « from your brethren “ means Ishmaelites as in **Genesis 25: 8-9 vs. 16-18**

8 وَأَسْلَمَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رُوحَهُ وَمَاتَ بِشَيْبَةٍ صَالِحَةً، شَيْخًا وَشَبْعَانَ أَيَّامًا، وَأَنْضَمَّ إِلَى قَوْمِهِ. 9 وَوَدَفَّنَهُ إِسْحَاقُ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ ابْنَاهُ فِي مَغَارَةِ الْمَكْفِيلَةِ فِي حَقْلِ عَفْرُونَ بْنِ صُوحَرَ الْحِثِّيِّ الَّذِي أَمَامَ مَمْرًا،
16 هَؤُلَاءِ هُمْ بَنُو إِسْمَاعِيلَ، وَهَذِهِ أَسْمَاؤُهُمْ بِدِيَارِهِمْ وَحُصُونِهِمْ. اثْنَا عَشَرَ رَئِيسًا حَسَبَ قَبَائِلِهِمْ. 17 وَهَذِهِ سِنُو حَيَاةِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ: مِئَةٌ وَسَبْعٌ وَثَلَاثُونَ سَنَةً، وَأَسْلَمَ رُوحَهُ وَمَاتَ وَأَنْضَمَّ إِلَى قَوْمِهِ. 18 وَسَكَنُوا مِنْ حَوِيلَةَ إِلَى شُورَ الَّتِي أَمَامَ مِصْرَ حِينَمَا تَجِيءُ نَحْوَ أَشُورَ. أَمَامَ جَمِيعِ إِخْوَتِهِ نَزَلَ.

- Also Moses & Moh. are similar in many ways, since each of them: was raised among his enemies – rejected first then accepted at last by his people – prophesied among idol worshippers – escaped from enemies (Median vs. Madinah similarities of both names too!!) – fought by himself & conquered enemies – did miracles !!!! – helped his followers after his death to capture Palestine.

- Also, what does it mean in **Deuteronomy 32: 21?**

21 هُمْ أَغَارُونِي بِمَا لَيْسَ إِلَهًا، أَغَاظُونِي بِأَبَاطِيلِهِمْ. فَأَنَا أُغَيِّرُهُمْ بِمَا لَيْسَ شَعْبًا، بِأُمَّةٍ غَيْبَةٍ أُغِيظُهُمْ.

So, what is this foolish nation, isn't it the Arab nation?

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

Answers to These False Claims:

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up: 1) for you 2) a Prophet 3) like me 4) from your midst 5) from your brethren. 6) Him you shall hear.

¹⁵ «يُقِيمُ لَكَ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ نَبِيًّا مِنْ وَسْطِكَ مِنْ إِخْوَتِكَ مِثْلِي. لَهُ تَسْمَعُونَ.»

- If Muslims don't believe in current Torah, why they even bother to consider this prophecy as if it belongs to them or be to their favor. Mustn't it be false also & should not be considered then? !!!!
- That claimed prophet (if even considered to be from God) was not sent “for you” meaning Jews but for other nation i.e. Arabs. So what is the value of giving Jews a prophecy about him?!
- The words “from your midst” is not in Septuagint translation nor in Samaritan Torah nor in Acts 3: 22 nor in Acts 7: 37 (in both Peter's & Stephen's sermons, referring to this prophecy)
 - ✓ From “midst of you” were in most versions anyway.
 - ✓ Whether it was there or not, the meaning is still very clear, that the coming prophet is for Jews and not from any other nation whether far or close related to them by genealogy or not
 - ✓ Its meaning doesn't even need further explanation, since meaning of “brethren” is very clear

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

❑ The words **“from your brethren”** means Ishmaelites
 !! What does it mean “from your brethren” if it does not mean Arabs vs. Jews?

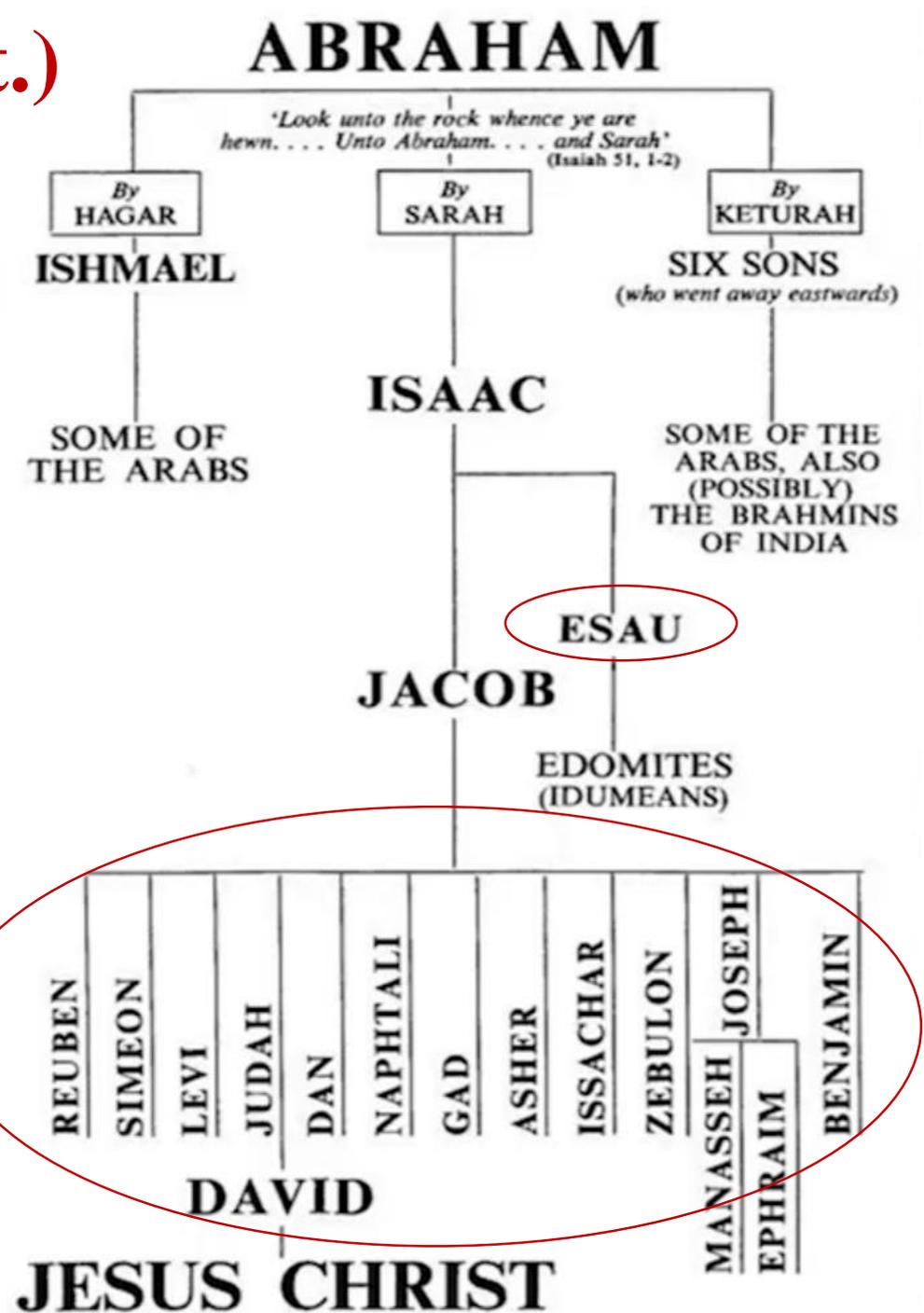
- ✓ Esau is more worthy to be considered that “bretheren” than Ismael: so Edomites were closer and more suitable to be Israelites’ bretheren than Ismaelites

Genesis 25: 24-26

فَلَمَّا كَمُلَتْ أَيَّامُهَا لِدَا إِذَا فِي بَطْنِهَا تَوَّامَانِ. 25 فَخَرَجَ الْأَوَّلُ أَحْمَرَ، كُلُّهُ كَفَرَوَةٌ شَعْرٌ، فَدَعَوْا اسْمَهُ «عَيْسُو». 26 وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ خَرَجَ أَخُوهُ وَيَدُهُ قَابِضَةٌ بِعِقْبِ عَيْسُو، فَدُعِيَ اسْمُهُ «يَعْقُوبَ». وَكَانَ إِسْحَاقُ ابْنَ سِتِّينَ سَنَةً لَمَّا وَلَدَتْهُمَا.

Deuteronomy 2: 4

4 وَأَوْصِ الشَّعْبَ قَائِلًا: أَنْتُمْ مَارُّونَ بِتُحْمِ إِخْوَتِكُمْ بَنِي عَيْسُو السَّاكِنِينَ فِي سَعِيرٍ، فَيَخَافُونَ مِنْكُمْ فَاحْتَرِزُوا جِدًّا.



What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

Numbers 20: 14, 16-21

14 وَأَرْسَلَ مُوسَى رُسُلًا مِنْ قَادَشَ إِلَى مَلِكِ أَدُومَ: «هَكَذَا يَقُولُ أَخُوكَ إِسْرَائِيلُ: قَدْ عَرَفْتَ كُلَّ الْمَشَقَّةِ الَّتِي أَصَابْتَنَا... .. وَهَا نَحْنُ فِي قَادَشَ، مَدِينَةٍ فِي طَرْفِ تَخُومِكَ. 17 دَعْنَا نَمُرَّ فِي أَرْضِكَ. لَا نَمُرُّ فِي حَقْلٍ وَلَا فِي كَرْمٍ، وَلَا نَشْرَبُ مَاءَ بئرٍ. فِي طَرِيقِ الْمَلِكِ نَمْشِي، لَا نَمِيلُ يَمِينًا وَلَا يَسَارًا حَتَّى نَتَجَاوَزَ تَخُومَكَ». 18 فَقَالَ لَهُ أَدُومُ: «لَا تَمُرُّ بِي لِنَلَّا أَخْرَجَ لِلِقَائِكَ بِالسَّيْفِ». 19 فَقَالَ لَهُ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ: «فِي السِّكَّةِ نَصْعَدُ، وَإِذَا شَرِبْنَا أَنَا وَمَوَاشِيٌّ مِنْ مَائِكَ أَدْفَعُ ثَمَنَهُ. لَا شَيْءَ. أَمْرٌ بِرِجْلِي فَقَطْ». 20 فَقَالَ: «لَا تَمُرُّ». وَخَرَجَ أَدُومُ لِلِقَائِهِ بِشَعْبٍ غَفِيرٍ وَبِيَدٍ شَدِيدَةٍ. 21 وَأَبَى أَدُومُ أَنْ يَسْمَحَ لِإِسْرَائِيلَ بِالْمُرُورِ فِي تَخُومِهِ، فَتَحَوَّلَ إِسْرَائِيلُ عَنْهُ.

Deuteronomy 23: 7

7 لَا تَكْرَهُ أَدُومِيًّا لِأَنَّهُ أَخُوكَ. لَا تَكْرَهُ مِصْرِيًّا لِأَنَّكَ كُنْتَ نَزِيلًا فِي أَرْضِهِ.

- ✓ But Israelite still, at some point in history, fought Edomites (meaning they did not even consider them real brothers)

1 Samuel 14: 47

وَأَخَذَ شَاوُلُ الْمَلِكُ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ، وَحَارَبَ جَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِهِ حَوَالِيهِ: مُوَابَ وَبَنِي عَمُونَ وَأَدُومَ وَمُلُوكَ صُوبَةَ وَالْفِلِسْطِينِيِّينَ. وَحَيْثُمَا تَوَجَّهَ غَلَبَ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

- ✓ Edomites (Idumeans) were never considered as an origin / source of a prophet to be sent to Israel, so the same should even apply to other nations (close or far) related to Israelites
- ✓ On the contrary, God sent a specific prophecy to Adom through one of his prophets the Israelites (Obadiah), warning Adom for his violence against his brother Jacob/Israel (v. 10)
- ✓ In almost every occasion (other than Edomites) in the OT, God only used the word “bretheren” when talking about different tribes within the nation of Israel, so these “bretheren” are Israelites too.

Leviticus 10: 6

6 وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِهَارُونَ وَأَلْعَازَرَ وَإِيثَامَارَ ابْنَيْهِ: «لَا تَكشِفُوا رُؤُوسَكُمْ وَلَا تَشْقُوا ثِيَابَكُمْ لِنَلَّأ تَمُوتُوا، وَيُسْحَطَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ الْجَمَاعَةِ. وَأَمَّا إِخْوَتُكُمْ كُلُّ بَيْتِ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَيَبْكُونَ عَلَى الْحَرِيقِ الَّذِي أَحْرَقَهُ الرَّبُّ.

Leviticus 25: 39

«وَإِذَا افْتَقَرَ أَخُوكَ عِنْدَكَ وَبِيعَ لَكَ، فَلَا تَسْتَعْبِدُهُ اسْتِعْبَادَ عَبْدٍ.

Leviticus 25: 46

46 وَتَسْتَمْلِكُونَهُمْ لِأَبْنَائِكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِكُمْ مِيرَاثَ مَلِكٍ. تَسْتَعْبِدُونَهُمْ إِلَى الدَّهْرِ. وَأَمَّا إِخْوَتُكُمْ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ فَلَا يَتَسَلَّطُ إِنْسَانٌ عَلَى أَخِيهِ بَعْنَفٍ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

Numbers 16: 10

10فَقَرَّبَكَ وَجَمِيعَ إِخْوَتِكَ بَنِي لَأَوِي مَعَكَ، وَتَطْلُبُونَ أَيْضًا كَهَنُوتًا!

Numbers 32: 6

فَقَالَ مُوسَى لِبَنِي جَادِ وَبَنِي رَأُوبَيْنَ: «هَلْ يَنْطَلِقُ إِخْوَتُكُمْ إِلَى الْحَرْبِ، وَأَنْتُمْ تَقْعُدُونَ هَهُنَا؟ 7فَلِمَاذَا تَصُدُّونَ قُلُوبَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَنِ الْعُبُورِ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي أَعْطَاهُمُ الرَّبُّ؟

Numbers 18: 2

2وَأَيْضًا إِخْوَتُكَ سِبْطُ لَأَوِي، سِبْطُ أَبِيكَ، قَرَّبَهُمْ مَعَكَ فَيَقْتَرِنُوا بِكَ وَيُوَارِرُوكَ، وَأَنْتَ وَبَنُوكَ قُدَّامَ خَيْمَةِ الشَّهَادَةِ،

Deuteronomy 3: 18

«وَأَمَرْتُكُمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْوَقْتِ قَائِلًا: الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ قَدْ أَعْطَاكُمْ هَذِهِ الْأَرْضَ لِتَمْتَلِكُوهَا. مُتَجَرِّدِينَ تَعْبُرُونَ أَمَامَ إِخْوَتِكُمْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ، كُلُّ ذَوِي بَأْسٍ.

Deuteronomy 24: 14

14«لَا تَظْلِمَ أَجِيرًا مَسْكِينًا وَفَقِيرًا مِنْ إِخْوَتِكَ أَوْ مِنَ الْغُرَبَاءِ الَّذِينَ فِي أَرْضِكَ، فِي أَبْوَابِكَ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

- ✓ In **Deuteronomy 17: 15** God talked to them regarding choice of their king by avoiding foreigners; Throughout history, Israelites always followed that rule. They never accepted a king from outside their nation. Even Herod, the half-Edomite was not loved by Jews & they considered him an invader.

“you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your bretheren you shall set as king over you; **you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.**”

فَأَنَّكَ تَجْعَلُ عَلَيْكَ مَلِكًا الَّذِي يَخْتَارُهُ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكَ. مِنْ وَسْطِ إِخْوَتِكَ تَجْعَلُ عَلَيْكَ مَلِكًا. لَا يَجِلُّ لَكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ عَلَيْكَ رَجُلًا أجنبيًا لَيْسَ هُوَ أَحَاكَ.

- Would Jews be expected to accept a prophet coming from outside their nation, if previously commanded otherwise?
- God would not ask Israelites to listen to this coming prophet, if he would come from a foreign nation (against the previous commandment). This proves that the coming prophet (as per Moses' prophecy) should arise as an Israelite.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

- ❑ **Claiming that Moses & Moh. are similar in many ways** e.g. raised among his enemies – rejected first then accepted at last by his people – prophesied among idol worshippers – escaped from enemies (Median vs. Madinah - similarities of both names too!!) – fought by himself & conquered enemies – did miracles !!!! – helped his followers after his death to capture Palestine.

- ✓ Are they really similar in all the above points?

- ✓ Some of these similarities are not phenomenal & generally applicable to many historical characters.

- ✓ What about the dissimilarities between them e.g. priesthood, circumcision as essential ritual for membership, real delivery from slavery, real miracles witnessed by congregations, etc.?

- ✓ There are No miracles of Islam's prophet (as per Quran), so why claiming miracles for him now?

- ✓ Historically, such miracles were claimed only after Islam !!!

- ✓ Even if such assumed miracles happened, what's their value, if not to strengthen faith or convert disbelievers?

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

- ✓ Similarity of Moses to the coming prophet is already mentioned in **Deuteronomy 34: 10-12** & is based on 2 points: seeing God face to face – great miracles done by each

¹⁰ But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ in all the signs and wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, ¹² and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

وَلَمْ يَقُمْ بَعْدُ نَبِيٌّ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِثْلُ مُوسَى الَّذِي عَرَفَهُ الرَّبُّ وَجْهًا لَوَجْهِهِ، ¹¹ فِي جَمِيعِ الْآيَاتِ وَالْعَجَائِبِ الَّتِي أَرْسَلَهُ الرَّبُّ لِيَعْمَلَهَا فِي أَرْضِ مِصْرَ بِفِرْعَوْنَ وَبِجَمِيعِ عِبِيدِهِ وَكُلِّ أَرْضِهِ، ¹² وَفِي كُلِّ الْيَدِ الشَّدِيدَةِ وَكُلِّ الْمَخَاوِفِ الْعَظِيمَةِ الَّتِي صَنَعَهَا مُوسَى أَمَامَ أَعْيُنِ جَمِيعِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.

□ Why God change His mind & plan for Humanity by:

1. sending a prophet for the first time from the Arab nation specifically (after He used to send all prophets from one nation as a seed to all nations believing later in Christ the world's savior) [what about other nations, don't they deserve God's care?] &
2. in a language (Arabic) that cannot be understood by the rest of the world and very difficult to translate to understand required meaning &
3. only after 6 centuries of the last prophet (if Jesus is considered a prophet) leaving the world in confusion by last (Christian) heresy that destroyed them for such 6 centuries !!!?

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

❑ Was it the Arab nation that God meant by the foolish nation mentioned in **Deuteronomy 32: 21**, when said: “I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.” **بِأُمَّةٍ غَيْبَةٍ أُغِيظُهُمْ.**

✓ Jesus explained it clearly when said:

“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. **Matthew 21: 43**. **لِذَلِكَ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّ مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ يُنْزَعُ مِنْكُمْ وَيُعْطَى لِأُمَّةٍ تَعْمَلُ أَثْمَارَهُ.**

i.e. He meant gentiles who will follow Him as Christians: that was proven by sending His disciples to all nations preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

✓ Does/did God has to wait 5-6 centuries after Jews' temple destruction & their scatter among nations to provoke them?

✓ Have they still existed somewhere as a nation in the world to be provoked?

✓ How can this prophet reach them then to give them the real faith?

✓ If not, then why God provoke them without delivering the real faith to them on the proper time? Or He was not fair?

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

□ Signs of false prophets:

- ✓ Already mentioned in the same prophecy in **Deuteronomy 18: 20-21:**

²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'—

²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

20 وَأَمَّا النَّبِيُّ الَّذِي يُطْغِي، فَيَتَكَلَّمُ بِاسْمِي كَلَامًا لَمْ أُوصِهِ أَنْ يَتَكَلَّمَ بِهِ، أَوِ الَّذِي يَتَكَلَّمُ بِاسْمِ إِلَهَةٍ أُخْرَى، فَيَمُوتُ ذَلِكَ النَّبِيُّ. ²¹ وَإِنْ قُلْتَ فِي قَلْبِكَ: كَيْفَ نَعْرِفُ الْكَلَامَ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ بِهِ الرَّبُّ؟ ²² فَمَا تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ النَّبِيُّ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ وَلَمْ يَحْدُثْ وَلَمْ يَصِرْ، فَهُوَ الْكَلَامُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَتَكَلَّمْ بِهِ الرَّبُّ، بَلْ بِطُغْيَانٍ تَكَلَّمَ بِهِ النَّبِيُّ، فَلَا تَخَفْ مِنْهُ.

- ✓ Should a false prophet like « somebody » have appeared at the time of Moses, he would have been stoned to death

- ✓ Muslims now try to convince the world that Moh. gave prophecies that happened later unexpectedly, or against the logic or currently-known science. خرافة اعجاز القرآن العلمي

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

✓ Jesus also warned us about false prophets coming after Him, particularly !!!!

Matthew 7: 15-16

15 «إِحْتَرِزُوا مِنَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ الْكَذِبَةِ الَّذِينَ يَأْتُونَكُمْ بِثِيَابِ الْحُمَلَانِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ مِنْ دَاخِلِ ذُنَابٍ خَاطِفَةٌ! 16 مِنْ ثَمَارِهِمْ تَعْرِفُونَهُمْ.

Matthew 24: 11

11 وَيَقُومُ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ كَثِيرُونَ وَيُضِلُّونَ كَثِيرِينَ.

Matthew 24: 24 & Mark 13: 22

4 لِأَنَّهُ سَيَقُومُ مُسَحَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ وَأَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ وَيُعْطُونَ آيَاتٍ عَظِيمَةً وَعَجَائِبَ، حَتَّى يُضِلُّوا لَوْ أَمَكْنَ الْمُخْتَارِينَ أَيْضًا.

2 Peter 2: 1-2

وَلَكِنْ، كَانَ أَيْضًا فِي الشَّعْبِ أَنْبِيَاءُ كَذِبَةٌ، كَمَا سَيَكُونُ فِيكُمْ أَيْضًا مُعَلِّمُونَ كَذِبَةٌ، الَّذِينَ يَدُسُّونَ بِدَعِ هَلَاكِ. وَإِذْ هُمْ يُنْكِرُونَ الرَّبَّ الَّذِي اشْتَرَاهُمْ، يَجْلِبُونَ عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ هَلَاكًا سَرِيعًا. وَسَيَتَّبِعُ كَثِيرُونَ تَهْلُكَاتِهِمْ.

1 John 4: 1

أَيُّهَا الْأَحِبَّاءُ، لَا تُصَدِّقُوا كُلَّ رُوحٍ، بَلِ امْتَحِنُوا الْأَرْوَاحَ: هَلْ هِيَ مِنَ اللَّهِ؟ لِأَنَّ أَنْبِيَاءَ كَذِبَةً كَثِيرِينَ قَدْ خَرَجُوا إِلَى الْعَالَمِ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

□ How come this prophet could be Jesus, if Moses described Him as “a prophet like him”, if we claim Jesus is the incarnate God, while Moses is just a prophet?

✓ Jesus, being the anointed Messiah, had to include in Himself the 3 essential jobs / characteristics / criteria: **Royalty, Priesthood & Prophecy** (that no one else before or after Him had all these functions together):

1. **Royalty**: which is clear from His genealogy that He is a descendant from tribe of Judah & being Son of David in flesh (**Matthew 1: 1-16, Luke 3: 23-38, Hebrews 7:14**)
2. **Priesthood**: He is a Priest to the order of Melchizedek (**Hebrews 4: 14 – 5: 11 “end” + chapters 7-10**)
3. **Prophecy**: in many occasions Jews called Jesus a great prophet, plus He practiced the job of prophets when told about future things (His sufferings & resurrection (in many occasions of the gospels) + end of the word (**Matthew 25, Mark 13, Luke 21**) + telling things that no normal person knows (e.g. Samaritan woman's history – **John 4: 17-19** , Nathanael's past – **John 1: 47-50**)

✓ What are the similarities between Jesus & Moses, if any?

- Jesus resembles Moses in a sense of establishing another testament / spiritual era for God's children (Moses for OT vs. Jesus for NT):

John 1: 17

17 لِأَنَّ النَّامُوسَ بِمُوسَى أُعْطِيَ، أَمَّا النِّعْمَةُ وَالْحَقُّ فَبِيسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ صَارَا.

Hebrews 9: 15

15 وَلِأَجْلِ هَذَا هُوَ وَسِيطُ عَهْدٍ جَدِيدٍ، لِكَيْ يَكُونَ الْمَدْعُوعُونَ إِذْ صَارَ مَوْتٌ لِفِدَاءِ التَّعَدِّيَاتِ الَّتِي فِي الْعَهْدِ الْأَوَّلِ يَنَالُونَ وَعَدَّ الْمِيرَاثِ الْأَبَدِيِّ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

- However, by comparison, it's so obvious how Jesus is much greater than Moses:

Hebrews 3: 1-6

1 مِنْ ثَمَّ أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَةُ الْقَدِيسُونَ، شُرَكَاءُ الدَّعْوَةِ السَّمَاوِيَّةِ، لَاحِظُوا رَسُولَ اعْتِرَافِنَا وَرَبِّيسَ كَهَنَتِهِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، 2 حَالَ كَوْنِهِ أَمِينًا لِلَّذِي أَقَامَهُ، كَمَا كَانَ مُوسَى أَيْضًا فِي كُلِّ بَيْتِهِ. 3 فَإِنَّ هَذَا قَدْ حُسِبَ أَهْلًا لِمَجْدٍ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ مُوسَى، بِمِقْدَارِ مَا لِبَانِي الْبَيْتِ مِنْ كَرَامَةٍ أَكْثَرَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ. 4 لِأَنَّ كُلَّ بَيْتٍ يَبْنِيهِ إِنْسَانٌ مَا، وَلَكِنْ بَانِي الْكُلِّ هُوَ اللَّهُ. 5 وَمُوسَى كَانَ أَمِينًا فِي كُلِّ بَيْتِهِ كَخَادِمٍ، شَهَادَةً لِلْعَتِيدِ أَنْ يُتَكَلَّمَ بِهِ. 6 وَأَمَّا الْمَسِيحُ فَكَابِنٌ عَلَى بَيْتِهِ. وَبَيْتُهُ نَحْنُ إِنْ تَمَسَّكْنَا بِثِقَةِ الرَّجَاءِ وَافْتِخَارِهِ ثَابِتَةً إِلَى النِّهَايَةِ.

Hebrews 10: 28-29

28 مَنْ خَالَفَ نَامُوسَ مُوسَى فَعَلَى شَاهِدَيْنِ أَوْ ثَلَاثَةِ شُهُودٍ يَمُوتُ بِدُونِ رَأْفَةٍ. 29 فَكَمْ عِقَابًا أَشْرَّ تَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُ يُحْسَبُ مُسْتَحِقًّا مَنْ دَاسَ ابْنَ اللَّهِ، وَحَسِبَ دَمَ الْعَهْدِ الَّذِي قُدِّسَ بِهِ دَنَسًا، وَازْدَرَى بِرُوحِ النِّعْمَةِ؟

- Even more, Jesus Himself explained this prophecy from Moses as a prophecy about Him:

John 1: 45

45 فَيَلْبَسُ وَجَدَ نَثَانِيَلٌ وَقَالَ لَهُ: «وَجَدْنَا الَّذِي كَتَبَ عَنْهُ مُوسَى فِي النَّامُوسِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ يَسُوعَ ابْنَ يَوْسُفَ الَّذِي مِنَ النَّاصِرَةِ».

John 5: 45-47

45 «لَا تَظُنُّوا أَنِّي أَشْكُوكُمْ إِلَى الْآبِ. يُوجَدُ الَّذِي يَشْكُوكُمْ وَهُوَ مُوسَى، الَّذِي عَلَيْهِ رَجَاؤُكُمْ. 46 لِأَنَّكُمْ لَوْ كُنْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونَ مُوسَى لَكُنْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونَنِي، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ كَتَبَ عَنِّي. 47 فَإِنَّ كُنْتُمْ لَسْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونَ كُتُبَ ذَلِكَ، فَكَيْفَ تُصَدِّقُونَ كَلَامِي؟».

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

❖ Conclusion:

Jesus, having in Himself the prophecy criterion, can be compared to Moses as a great prophet too, but actually being also not just a simple man but « Son of God », He is also far above comparison, when revealing His true identity in the NT.

❑ Does this verse mean that Moses is greater than Jesus?

¹⁰ But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face.

Deuteronomy 34: 10

¹⁰ وَلَمْ يَقُمْ بَعْدُ نَبِيٌّ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِثْلُ مُوسَى الَّذِي عَرَفَهُ الرَّبُّ وَجْهًا لَوَجْهِهِ،

- ✓ On the contrary, it's a proof that Moses is greater than other human prophets, but for Jesus being the Messiah (& incarnate God), there is no way of comparison here (as explained before)
- ✓ Jesus said about John the Baptist that he is the greatest among women's children, and since he was also a prophet then He must be greater than Moses !!!!
- ✓ The verse really means that no prophet greater than Moses arose until the time of writing the book of Deuteronomy or even during the whole OT (considering John the Baptist was the forerunner for Jesus)
- ✓ "Since then" means expectation of the Israelites to have the coming prophet also from among them at a later date, but definitely not from another nation

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

□ To whom were Peter & Stephen talking & about whom?

- ✓ A proof they were referring to Jesus, and definitely not another person
- ✓ Both, being Jews: they were the best to interpret the prophecy in **Deuteronomy 18**
- ✓ What is the advantage for Jews just after Christ's ascension to talk to multitude of Jews about a prophet in another nation coming after 5 or 6 centuries, if he is the one meant by such prophecy !!!?
- ✓ They already interpreted it in Jesus **Acts 3: 26, 7: 52**

For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.

Acts 3: 22-23

22 فَإِنَّ مُوسَى قَالَ لِلآبَاءِ: إِنَّ نَبِيًّا مِثْلِي سَيُقِيمُ لَكُمْ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ مِنْ إِخْوَتِكُمْ. لَهُ تَسْمَعُونَ فِي كُلِّ مَا يُكَلِّمُكُمْ بِهِ. 23 وَيَكُونُ أَنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَا تَسْمَعُ لِذَلِكَ النَّبِيِّ تُبَادُ مِنَ الشَّعْبِ.

"This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.'

Acts 7: 37

37 «هَذَا هُوَ مُوسَى الَّذِي قَالَ لِابْنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ: نَبِيًّا مِثْلِي سَيُقِيمُ لَكُمْ الرَّبُّ إِلَهُكُمْ مِنْ إِخْوَتِكُمْ. لَهُ تَسْمَعُونَ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

□ Further Evidence of Jesus being the focus of all the Bible, including Moses' prophecy:

- ✓ Jesus transfiguration proves His much superiority to both Moses & Elijah + appearance of Moses with Him proves that his famous prophecy was about Jesus

Matthew 17: 3-4

³وَإِذَا مُوسَىٰ وَإِيلِيَّا قَدْ ظَهَرَا لَهُمْ يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَهُ. ⁴فَجَعَلَ بُطْرُسُ يَقُولُ لِيَسُوعَ: «يَارَبُّ، جَيِّدٌ أَنْ نَكُونَ هَهُنَا! فَإِنْ شِئْتَ نَصْنَعُ هُنَا ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ: لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَىٰ وَاحِدَةً، وَإِيلِيَّا وَاحِدَةً».

Mark 9: 4-5

⁴وَوَظَهَرَ لَهُمْ إِيلِيَّا مَعَ مُوسَىٰ، وَكَانَا يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَ يَسُوعَ. ⁵فَجَعَلَ بُطْرُسُ يَقُولُ لِيَسُوعَ: «يَا سَيِّدِي، جَيِّدٌ أَنْ نَكُونَ هَهُنَا. فَلْنَصْنَعُ ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ: لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَىٰ وَاحِدَةً، وَإِيلِيَّا وَاحِدَةً».

Luke 9: 30-33

³⁰وَإِذَا رَجُلَانِ يَتَكَلَّمَانِ مَعَهُ، وَهُمَا مُوسَىٰ وَإِيلِيَّا، ³¹الَّذَانِ ظَهَرَا بِمَجْدٍ، وَتَكَلَّمَا عَنْ خُرُوجِهِ الَّذِي كَانَ عَتِيدًا أَنْ يُكْمَلَهُ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. ³²وَأَمَّا بُطْرُسُ وَالَّذَانِ مَعَهُ فَكَانُوا قَدْ تَنَقَّلُوا بِالنُّومِ. فَلَمَّا اسْتَيْقَظُوا رَأَوْا مَجْدَهُ، وَالرَّجُلَيْنِ الْوَاقِفَيْنِ مَعَهُ. ³³وَفِيمَا هُمَا يُفَارِقَانِهِ قَالَ بُطْرُسُ لِيَسُوعَ: «يَا مَعْلَمُ، جَيِّدٌ أَنْ نَكُونَ هَهُنَا. فَلْنَصْنَعُ ثَلَاثَ مَظَالٍ: لَكَ وَاحِدَةً، وَلِمُوسَىٰ وَاحِدَةً، وَإِيلِيَّا وَاحِدَةً». وَهُوَ لَا يَعْلَمُ مَا يَقُولُ.

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

□ Further Evidence of Jesus being the focus of all the Bible, including Moses' prophecy:

- ✓ Comparing Moses prophecy with God's promises to Abraham, Isaac & Jacob in Genesis proves it's all about Jesus who will come from Jacob's descendants (Israelites) to bless all nations

Genesis 12:3

3 وَأُبَارِكُ مُبَارِكِيكَ، وَلَا عِنَّاكَ أَلَعْنُهُ. وَتَتَبَارَكُ فِيكَ جَمِيعُ قَبَائِلِ الْأَرْضِ.».

Genesis 22: 18

18 وَيَتَبَارَكُ فِي نَسْلِكَ جَمِيعُ أُمَّمِ الْأَرْضِ، مِنْ أَجْلِ أَنَّكَ سَمِعْتَ لِقَوْلِي.».

Genesis 26: 4

4 وَأَكْثَرُ نَسْلِكَ كَنُجُومِ السَّمَاءِ، وَأُعْطِي نَسْلِكَ جَمِيعَ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ، وَتَتَبَارَكُ فِي نَسْلِكَ جَمِيعُ أُمَّمِ الْأَرْضِ،

Genesis 28: 14

14 وَيَكُونُ نَسْلُكَ كَثْرَابِ الْأَرْضِ، وَتَمْتَدُّ غَرْبًا وَشَرْقًا وَشَمَالًا وَجَنُوبًا، وَيَتَبَارَكُ فِيكَ وَفِي نَسْلِكَ جَمِيعُ قَبَائِلِ الْأَرْضِ.».

- ✓ Jesus life was mostly among Jews (except time of His escape to Egypt), so He must be the one all OT attentions was about, not another person coming much later, from a foreign nation & after Jews' scatter among nations

What About Moses' Prophecy? (cont.)

□ Further Evidence of Jesus being the focus of all the Bible, including Moses' prophecy:

- ✓ Jesus sent His apostles to Jews first:

Matthew 10: 5-6

5هُوَلَاءِ الْاِثْنَا عَشَرَ اَرْسَلَهُمْ يَسُوْعُ وَاَوْصَاهُمْ قَائِلًا: «اِلَى طَرِيْقِ اُمَّمٍ لَا تَمْضُوْا، وَاِلَى مَدِيْنَةٍ لِّلْسَامِرِيّينَ لَا تَدْخُلُوْا. 6بَلِ اذْهَبُوْا بِالْحَرِيّ اِلَى خِرَافِ بَيْتِ اِسْرَائِيْلِ الضَّالَّةِ.

- ✓ Then, He sent them to gentiles, but only at the end (after His resurrection & before His ascension):

Matthew 28: 18-20

18فَتَقَدَّمَ يَسُوْعُ وَكَلَّمَهُمْ قَائِلًا: «دَفَعَ اِلَيَّ كُلُّ سُلْطَانٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَعَلَى الْاَرْضِ، 19فَاذْهَبُوْا وَتَلْمَذُوْا جَمِيْعَ الْاُمَّمِ وَعَمِّدُوْهُمْ بِاسْمِ الْاَبِ وَالابْنِ وَالرُّوْحِ الْقُدْسِ. 20وَعَلِّمُوْهُمْ اَنْ يَحْفَظُوْا جَمِيْعَ مَا اَوْصَيْتُكُمْ بِهِ. وَهَا اَنَا مَعَكُمْ كُلَّ الْاَيَّامِ اِلَى اَنْقِضَاءِ الدَّهْرِ». اٰمِيْنَ.

Mark 16: 15-16

15وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: «اذْهَبُوْا اِلَى الْعَالَمِ اَجْمَعِ وَاكْرِزُوْا بِالْاِنْجِيْلِ لِلْخَلِيْقَةِ كُلِّهَا. 16مَنْ اٰمَنَ وَاعْتَمَدَ خَلَصَ، وَمَنْ لَمْ يُؤْمِنْ يَدْنُ.

Luke 24: 47

47وَأَنْ يُكْرَزَ بِاسْمِهِ بِالتَّوْبَةِ وَمَغْفِرَةِ الْخَطَايَا لِجَمِيْعِ الْاُمَّمِ، مُبْتَدَأً مِنْ أُورُشَلِيْمِ.

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**Claims That Jesus Himself Mentioned He
Was Just a Man When He Called Himself
The “Son of Man” !!!**

**لما دعا المسيح نفسه "ابن الإنسان" هل اعترف بأنه
ليس الله؟**

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”?

A. Let’s analyze how many times it was mentioned that Jesus is the «**Son of Man**»:

- ❑ This is the most used name or title, Jesus was called by: **32** times in Matthew, **14** in Mark, **26** in Luke, **12** (2 of which by Jews asking Jesus) in John, **1** in Acts (by Stephen), **1** in Hebrews (by Paul referring to Psalm 8) & **2** times (by John) in Revelation i.e. in the 4 gospels it was only mentioned by Jesus calling Himself « Son of Man » **82 times in total**
- ❑ Most of situations were mentioned in Matthew, with few additional ones in John
- ❑ All happened before crucifixion except one that happened after resurrection i.e. Jesus meant by this title something related to His life in flesh before His death (must be related to incarnation and/or salvation)

⁶ He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, ⁷ saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’ ”

Luke 24: 6-7

لَيْسَ هُوَ هَهُنَا، لَكِنَّهُ قَامَ! اذْكُرْنَ كَيْفَ كَلَّمَكُنَّ وَهُوَ بَعْدُ فِي الْجَلِيلِ 7 قَائِلًا: إِنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يُسَلَّمَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ فِي أَيْدِي أَنْاسِ خُطَاةٍ، وَيُصَلَّبَ،
وَفِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّلَاثِ يَقُومُ».

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”? (cont.)

B. Then why Jesus called Himself «Son of Man»?

- ❑ To prove (through His incarnation) His complete Humanity i.e. to destroy any later Gnostic-like heresy, claiming later that His human body was immaginary or goast-like
- ❑ To confirm His full representation of the «human race» when He completed their redemption on the cross – but obviously this brought Him to a lower status than His true position i.e. from God to man & from pure Divinity to « Divinity united with Humanity »

2 Cor. 5: 21

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

21لَآئِنَّهُ جَعَلَ الَّذِي لَمْ يَعْرِفْ خَطِيئَةً، خَطِيئَةً لِأَجْلِنَا، لِنَصِيرَ نَحْنُ بِرَّ اللَّهِ فِيهِ.

- ❑ No human was ever allowed by Holy Spirit to use this title/expression about Jesus, during His life on earth, to never give the wrong impression that Jesus was only a man

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”? (cont.)

C. OT Prophecies about Christ using this title «Son of Man» to prove the «Incarnation»:

□ Psalm 8: a strong evidence of the incarnation:

“What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?” ⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet. **Psalm 8: 4-6**

، 4فَمَنْ هُوَ الْإِنْسَانُ حَتَّى تَذْكُرَهُ؟ وَابْنُ آدَمَ الْإِنْسَانُ حَتَّى تَفْتَقِدَهُ؟ 5وَتَنْقُصَهُ قَلِيلاً عَنِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ، وَبِمَجْدٍ وَبِهَاءٍ تُكَلِّمُهُ. 6تُسَلِّطُهُ عَلَى أَعْمَالِ يَدَيْكَ. جَعَلْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ:

- The word «man» is for normal humans but «**Son of Man**» is for the **incarnate Logos** (this explains the repetition)
- Normal human never had everything submitted to him – death is still his worst enemy

1 Cor. 15: 22, 25-27

22لَأَنَّه كَمَا فِي آدَمَ يَمُوتُ الْجَمِيعُ، هَكَذَا فِي الْمَسِيحِ سَيُخَيَا الْجَمِيعُ. 25لَأَنَّه يَجِبُ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ حَتَّى يَضَعَ جَمِيعَ الْأَعْدَاءِ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ. 26آخِرُ عَدُوٍّ يُبْطَلُ هُوَ الْمَوْتُ. 27لَأَنَّه أَخْضَعَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ تَحْتَ قَدَمَيْهِ.

- Normal human is MUCH lower than angels, but Christ, by His incarnation, seemed to be SLIGHTLY lower than angels (though He still had, during His incarnation, the power on everything, including angels & devils)

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”? (cont.)

□ Ezekiel 1: 26:

- God who was in Man’s image on the throne is who, who sent the prophets i.e. the incarnate Logos is the sender of OT prophets

26 وَفَوْقَ الْمُقَبَّبِ الَّذِي عَلَى رُؤُوسِهَا شِبْهُ عَرْشٍ كَمَنْظَرِ حَجَرِ الْعَقِيقِ الْأَزْرَقِ، وَعَلَى شِبْهِ الْعَرْشِ شِبْهُ كَمَنْظَرِ إِنْسَانٍ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ فَوْقِ.

- « **Son of Man** » is a different title from the « Son of Adam » that would mean inheritance of man’s sins, which will nullify the whole salvation concept then

□ Daniel 7: 13-14:

- This is the most important OT prophecy in which the « **Son of Man** » was given the right to be worshipped by all creatures, proving His divine nature (to which Jesus was referring by this title to drag Jews’ attention towards His divinity)

«كُنْتُ أَرَى فِي رُؤْيِ اللَّيْلِ وَإِذَا مَعَ سَحَابِ السَّمَاءِ مِثْلُ ابْنِ إِنْسَانٍ أَتَى وَجَاءَ إِلَى الْقَدِيمِ الْأَيَّامِ، فَقَرَّبُوهُ قُدَّامَهُ. 14 فَأَعْطِي سُلْطَانًا وَمَجْدًا وَمَلَكُوتًا لِيَتَعَبَّدَ لَهُ كُلُّ الشُّعُوبِ وَالْأُمَمِ وَالْأَسْنَةِ. سُلْطَانُهُ سُلْطَانٌ أَبَدِيٌّ مَا لَنْ يَزُولَ، وَمَلَكُوتُهُ مَا لَا يَنْقَرُضُ.»

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”? (cont.)

D. Then why didn't Jews understand Divinity of Christ when He used the title «**Son of Man**»?

□ They thought of Messiah as an earthly king & as their deliverer from Romans' slavery:

- This explains why they tried to make Him a king (**John 6: 15**)

15 وَأَمَّا يَسُوعُ فَإِذْ عَلِمَ أَنَّهُمْ مُزْمِعُونَ أَنْ يَأْتُوا وَيَخْتَطِفُوهُ لِيَجْعَلُوهُ مَلِكًا، انصَرَفَ أَيْضًا إِلَى الْجَبَلِ وَحْدَهُ.

- That's why some of them welcomed Him as a king on Palm Sunday

- But when He refused such fake royalty, many others turned against Him & judged Him as a deceiver & fake claimer of Divinity, or Sonhood to God, while being just a man

John 5: 18

17 فَأَجَابَهُمْ يَسُوعُ: «أَبِي يَعْمَلُ حَتَّى الْآنَ وَأَنَا أَعْمَلُ». 18 فَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا كَانَ الْيَهُودُ يَطْلُبُونَ أَكْثَرَ أَنْ يَقْتُلُوهُ، لِأَنَّهُ لَمْ يَنْقُضِ السَّبْتَ فَقَطُّ، بَلْ قَالَ أَيْضًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَبُوهُ، مُعَادِلًا نَفْسَهُ بِاللَّهِ.

John 10: 33

33 أَجَابَهُ الْيَهُودُ قَائِلِينَ: «لَسْنَا نَرَجُمُكَ لِأَجْلِ عَمَلٍ حَسَنٍ، بَلْ لِأَجْلِ تَجْدِيفٍ، فَإِنَّكَ وَأَنْتَ إِنْسَانٌ تَجْعَلُ نَفْسَكَ إِلَهًا»

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”? (cont.)

- ❑ Jesus mostly used the term « Son of Man » in the third party mode, so some thought He was talking about another person (the 2 times they asked Him about this term were in

John 12: 34)

34 فَأَجَابَهُ الْجَمْعُ: «نَحْنُ سَمِعْنَا مِنَ النَّامُوسِ أَنَّ الْمَسِيحَ يَبْقَى إِلَى الْأَبَدِ، فَكَيْفَ تَقُولُ أَنْتَ إِنَّهُ يَنْبَغِي أَنْ يَرْتَفَعَ ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟ مَنْ هُوَ هَذَا ابْنُ الْإِنْسَانِ؟»

- ❑ It was still difficult with OT's shallow spirituality level to identify such difference between « Son of Man » term (referring to OT's prophecies about Christ) & the normal word «man», so they failed to reveal true Jesus' identity
- ❑ Influence of their chief priests who wanted to kill Him out of envy, and by guidance of Devil

Why Jesus Called Himself The “Son of Man”? (cont.)

E. However, they didn't have any excuse not to believe in His Divinity:

- ❑ Because Jesus used this term to refer to His divinity too, when He said that the «Son of Man»:
 - Has the power to forgive sins
 - Will be able to arise from dead (**Mark 10: 33-34**)
 - Is the savior & redemer (**Matthew 18: 11, 20: 28, Mark 10: 45, Luke 9: 56, 19: 10**)
 - Has extreme power even to give believers in Him His body & blood indeed for eternal life
 - Will suffer for the sake of mankind
 - Will ascend to heaven at the right hand of God the Father
 - Is the judge for all human race when comes in His second Parousia (appearance/arrival)
- ❑ When Jesus asked His disciples about His true identity (who He, the Son of man, is) from their perspective, He blessed Peter for his declaration of His divinity, by the revelation from the Father

F. As a linguistic & logical rule, the general term could be used for a specific individual:

- ❑ To confirm that this individual is the most superior/perfect individual among such kind of creatures
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