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Fast 24: Revealed Books — Quran as judge over previous scriptures

• Besides bringing revelation to perfection and making plain what was obscure in the previous scriptures, the Holy Quran claims to be a **guardian** over those scriptures, guarding the original teachings of the prophets of God, and a **judge** deciding the differences between them.

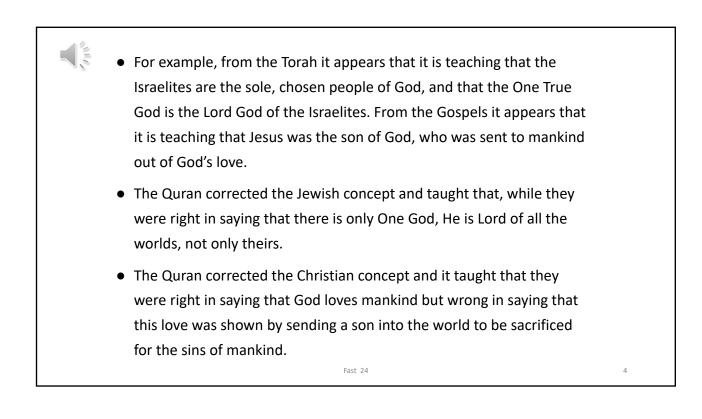
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"By Allah! We certainly sent messengers to nations before you (O Prophet)... And We have not revealed to you the Book except that you may make clear to them what they differ about, and (as) a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe." -16:63-64

 All religions were from God, yet each denounced all others as leading people to hell. Their basic doctrines had come to differ from one another to such an extent that it had become simply unthinkable that they could have proceeded from the same Divine source; till the Quran pointed out the common ground, namely, the Unity of God, and the universality of revelation.

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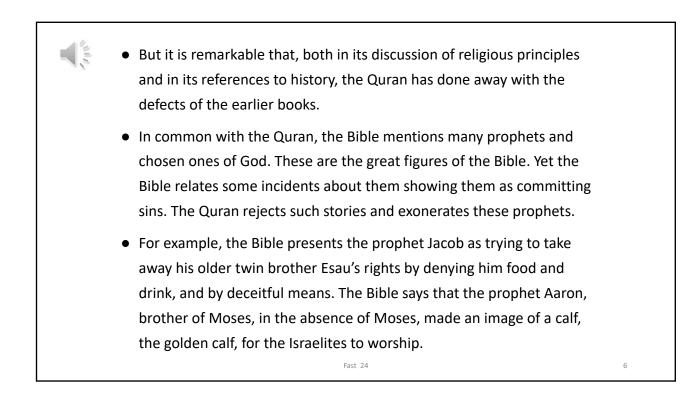




Islam teaches that no human being can be God's son. On the other hand, if 'son' means a beloved of God or one having a close relationship with God, then it is a human who reaches this stage.

 There is much that is common to the Holy Quran and the previous scriptures, especially the Bible. The Quran has repeatedly declared that the basic principles of all religions were the same, only the details differing according to the time and the stage of a people's development. All these principles in a more developed form are taught by the Quran, and occasionally lessons have been drawn from previous history in the Quran.





But the worship of an image as God is the most serious possible sin in the Bible. The Bible also says that the prophet and king David deliberately sent one of his generals to be killed in a battle because David wanted to marry the general's wife. Regarding the prophet and king Solomon, the Bible says that he worshipped idols to please his wives.
The Holy Quran speaks of all these great men but it accepts none of these statements and rejects most of them in unmistakable words:
Jacob was righteous:
"And We gave him (i.e., Abraham) Isaac; and Jacob, a son's son. And We made them all good." – 21:72.

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• Aaron tried to stop Israelites from worshipping the calf: وَلَقَدُ قَالَ لَهُمُ هُرُوْنُ مِنْ قَبْلُ لِقَوْمِ إِنَّمَا فُتِنْتُمُ بِهِ ۚ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ التَّحْدِنُ فَاتَّبِعُوْنِ وَأَطِيْعُوْا أَمْرِي ٢ "And Aaron indeed had said to them before: My people, you are only tried by it, and surely your Lord is the Beneficent God, so follow me and obey my order." -20:90. • David and Solomon were righteous and God-fearing: وَاذْكُرْ عَبْدَنَا دَاؤَدَذَا الْأَبْسِ إِنَّنَّهُ آَوَّاتٌ 📼 "and remember Our servant David, the possessor of power. He ever turned (to Allah)." — 38:17 وَوَهَبْنَالِدَاؤَدَسُلَيْهُنَ نِعْمَالُعَبْدُ أَنَّذَا وَالَّ "And We gave to David, Solomon. Most excellent the servant! Surely he ever turned (to Allah)." - 38:30 Fast 24 8