

God of Covenants & Islam

Are they
Compatible with One Another

Yahweh is a God of Covenants

- Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations" (Deu 7:8-9)
- "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." (Ps 50:15)
- "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." (Ps 145:18)
- "And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Act 2:21)
- "For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Lk 11:10)

Setting the Scene

- Islam claims to be continuation of Judaism & Christianity.
- Islam claims Jews were given Old Testament, Christians New Testament, whereas Islam brings the Last & Final Testament - the Koran.
- Really???
- Let us examine this theory in the light of Covenancial nature of God in OT & NT.

Pattern of Biblical Covenants

- God chooses a mediator for his covenants.
- Blessings are promised for being part of & keeping the covenant with God.
- Condition/s have to be fulfilled.
- Curses are promised for rejecting covenant/s & not adhering to the condition/s.
- Sign to remember & celebrate the covenant.
- There is an intended End result/product.

1-Covenant with Adam

- Adam is the Mediator (Genesis 1:26-2:3).
- Blessings - A fruitful marital union & offspring to fill & rule earth (Gen 1:27-28).
- Condition - Not eating from tree of knowledge of good & evil (Genesis 2:17)
- Curse - Death (Genesis 2:17)
- Sign - Sabbath (Gen 2:3)
- End Result - Marriage (Gen 2:21-24)

2-Covenant with Noah

- Noah is the Mediator (Genesis 9:8-17).
- Blessings - Be fruitful & fill the earth (Gen 9:1 & 7).
- Condition - Not drinking animal blood & not shedding human blood (Gen 9:4-6).
- Curse – God will account for Blood (Genesis 9:5-6).
- Sign - Rainbow (Genesis 9:12-13)
- End Result - Domestic household/family (Gen 10:32)

3-Covenant with Abraham

- Abraham is the Mediator (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-14; 22:16-18).
- Blessings - Land, descendants, nationhood (Gen 17:6 & 8, 12:2, 22:17).
- Condition - Circumcision (Genesis 17:10-13).
- Curse - Cut off from the people of God (Genesis 17:14).
- Sign - Circumcision (Genesis 17:10-12)
- End Result - Tribal (Gen 17:6).

4-Covenant with Moses

- Moses is the Mediator (Exodus 19:5-6; 3:4-10; 6:7).
- Blessings - God's precious & chosen people (Exodus 6:7, Leviticus 26:3-13).
- Condition - Law & Commandment (Exodus 20 & most of Lev.).
- Curse - Physical Death & Destruction (Exodus 32:27-35, Lev 26:14-39).

Moses – Continued...

- Sign - Passover & Blood (Exodus 12 & 24:5-8)
- End Result - Holy Nation, a Kingdom of Priests (Exodus 19:5-6).

5-Covenant with David

- David is the Mediator (2 Samuel 7:8-19).
- Wisdom to all nations. God would be their father (Psalm 89:26, 1Chronicles 17:13, 22:10)
- Unconditional; God says "**I will**" (2Samuel 7:12-14).
- Curses – None
- Sign - Throne & Temple to be built by Solomon
- End Result - Royal Empire, a National Kingdom (2 Sam 7:23-24)

The everlasting Covenant

- Isaiah 61:8

"For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them.

- The covenants in OT aren't everlasting and are merely preparation for the everlasting covenant.
- One can't have an Everlasting Covenant with an Everlasting God without an Everlasting mediator.
- Everlasting Covenant is also referred to as 'Eternal Covenant', 'Better Covenant' and 'New Covenant'.

Everlasting Covenant through Lord Jesus Christ

- Jesus is the Mediator (1Tim 2:5, Heb 8:6, 9:15, 12:24, Matt 26:28; 16:17-19).
- Everlasting Blessings - *Salvation & Everlasting life* (John 3:14-18 & 36).
- Repent of Sin/s, believe in Jesus, be baptized, and participate in the Eucharist.
- Everlasting Curse - *Everlasting Death in Hell* (Deut. 18:18-19, John 3:18 & 36)

Everlasting Covenant through Lord Jesus Christ – Continued...

- Sign - Eucharist (Luke 22:19).
- End Product - A Worldwide Kingdom called Church.

The Fulfilment of Covenant with Abraham Genesis 15:9-18 (NIV)

- ⁹ So the LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."
- ¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.
- ¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹³ Then the LORD said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions."

Fulfilment of Abrahamic Covenant Continued...

- ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."
- ¹⁷ **When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces.**
- ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates....."

Covenants Include Privileges

- Covenant of marriage includes certain privileges to a man and a woman.
- Covenant of business partnership includes privileges.
- The Everlasting Covenant includes Privileges:
 1. Calling God Abba/Father.
 2. Coming in God's presence any time through Jesus as our mediator.
 3. Participating in Holy Communion.
 4. Holy Spirit of God dwelling within us.

If Koran was to be the Last Testament – We need to ask...

- What was the covenant?
- Who is the Mediator?
- What are the blessings?
- What are the conditions?
- What are the curses?
- What is the sign to remember & celebrate?
- What is exactly God trying to achieve?

The word 'Covenant' is used 69 times in the Koran

Sura 2:27,40,63,80,83,84,93,100,124,125,177,248; Sura 3:76,77,81,99,103,112,113,183,187; Sura 4:21,33,90,92, 154, 155; Sura 5:7,12,13,14,70; Sura 6:152; Sura 7:102,134,135, 157,169; Sura 8:56,58; Sura 9:1,4,7,8,10,12,75,76,77,111; Sura 12:66,80; Sura 13:20,25; Sura 16:91,92,95; Sura 17:34; Sura 19:78,87; Sura 20:80,86,115; Sura 23:8; Sura 28:28; Sura 33:7,15,23,24; Sura 36:60; Sura 43:49,50; Sura 48:10; Sura 50:32; Sura 57:8; 68:39; Sura 70:32

God of Covenants never made any Covenant with Mohammad!!!

- Koran mentions about God's covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Moses & Jesus etc.
- Koran never mentions God making any covenant with Mohammad!!!
- Why God never makes any covenant with allegedly the last and the greatest prophet???
- Why would God give a testament to Mohammad without a covenant???

Relationship Between Covenant & Testament

- Testament is the written record of a covenant.
- Marriage certificate is the testament of the covenant taken by a man & a woman.
- Land registry is the testament of the covenant between a buyer & a seller.
- Visa is the testament of the covenant between a country and person wanting to enter it.

A Testament without Covenant

- Would be like a marriage certificate without marriage, a contract paper without agreement and a registry without a house.
- It is like a bank manager without bank, prime minister without country and a landlord without land.
- A Testament without Covenant would be a logical impossibility!!!
- Therefore we conclude that a Testament without Covenant will be a FAKE and FALSE Testament.

What More Another Covenant Can Offer to Humanity???

- For argument sake, if there were to be another covenant from God, what more it can offer to humanity???
- Everlasting life plus another extra day???
- Everlasting death in Hell plus chopping of hands and legs???
- A Worldwide Godly Kingdom called the church and additionally - what more???
- In fact nothing more than what the everlasting covenant has already promised!!!

Lets Face it,

Its ALL Finished on the Cross

- When Jesus gave his life on the Cross, he said it is Finished (John 19:30).
- Greek word 'tetelestai' can also be translated as 'Done' or 'Completed'.
- This same Greek word was sometimes written across bills of debt in the same way we stamp a bill today with the words, "Paid in Full".
- When Jesus uttered these words from the cross, he was announcing that mankind's debt of sin had been paid in full – by him.

What is there to be Done!

- Inviting people to:
 1. repent of their sins
 2. Accept Jesus as their Lord & Saviour for being mediator for the Everlasting Covenant with God
 3. Be baptised in the name of Father, Son & Holy Spirit.
- Participating in the Everlasting Covenant with God through his appointed everlasting mediator is the only hope for entire humanity.
- Because rejecting this covenant, its mediator and its conditions is something no one can afford.