



Islam

Ishmael Or Isaac?

Islam – An Argument Over Ancestry



The Teaching Of Genesis

God promised a child to Abraham and Sarah.

Sarah gave Hagar to Abraham to produce an heir (16:1-4).

Ishmael was born to Hagar (16:15-16).

God told Abraham that Ishmael was not the son of promise, though God would bless him (17:15-21).

Fourteen years later, Isaac, the son of promise, was born to Sarah (21:1-7).

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Sarah demanded that Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away, which God approved (21:9-14).

Hagar and Ishmael wandered in Wilderness of Beersheba until supplies ran out. Then God provided water and saved them (21:14-19).

Ishmael became an archer, settled with wife in Wilderness of Paran (21:20-21).

Ishmael had 12 sons who became princes and settled “from Havilah as far as Shur” (25:12-18).

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by God.**

**Gen. 22; Heb. 11:17-19; Jas. 2:21 – Isaac was the son who
God instructed Abraham to offer as sacrifice.**

**Gen. 17:9 – God promised a covenant with Isaac
and his descendants (the Hebrews).**

Gen. 26:4 – Thru Isaac's seed God would bless all nations.

Mat. 1 – Messiah came thru Isaac's lineage.

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**Gal. 4:22-23 – Ishmael was born to bondwoman,
“according to the flesh,” Isaac was born to freewoman
“through promise.”**

**Gal. 4:28-31 – The faithful saved are “children of promise,”
therefore, “not children of the bondwoman but of the
free” – thus, descendants of Isaac.**

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Muhammad's problem with Genesis?

He claimed to be a descendant of Ishmael!

Muhammad's solution to the problem?

Rewrite history!

Ishmael is presented in Islam as
the true child of promise.

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Abraham asked God for a righteous son (sura 37:100)

God gave Abraham a son, described as “ready to suffer and forebear” (sura 37:101).

Abraham took Hagar and Ishmael to area of Mecca, left them there. An angel made a well. Hagar and Ishmael stayed there. Tribe of Jurhum settled there. Mecca (Islam’s most holy city) was founded by Ishmael. Later, Abraham returned and, with Ishmael’s help, built the Ka’ba (most holy place in Islam) – Al Bukhari 4; 55; 583-4.

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Abraham received a vision to sacrifice the son God had given him. The son agrees that Abraham needs to obey God, volunteers to be sacrificed. Both father and son proved to be Muslim (in submission) and are blessed by God (sura 37:102-111).

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Identity of son not given in Qur'an. In early Islam, a subject of great debate. Overwhelming modern thought: ISHMAEL.

“Undoubtedly it is Ishmael who earned the glory of being presented as a sacrifice. The Qur'an alone does not only imply that Ishmael was the zabeeh (one to be sacrificed), but if one reads the Torah carefully, it also indicates that only Ishmael could have been the zabeeh”
(forumforpages.com).

The Choice:



**The Bible,
Or the Qur'an/Ahadith.**

**Moses and Jesus' affirmation of what Moses wrote,
Or Muhammad, about whom the Bible and Jesus say
nothing.**

**Jesus' appeal to be accepted, not just on what He
claimed, but on what the Father has done through Him
(John 10:37-39; Acts 2:22),
Or Muhammad's appeal to accept him simply on his
claims (sura 29:47-51).**

The Choice:



Did Muhammad ever work a miracle, as modern Muslims claim?

“They also said: ‘God took our promise not to believe in an apostle unless he showed us a sacrifice consumed by fire (from heaven).’ Say: ‘There came to you apostles before me, with clear signs and even with what ye asked for: why then did ye slay them, if ye speak the truth?’ Then if they reject thee, so were rejected apostles before thee, who came with clear signs” (sura 3:183-184).

The Choice:



Did Muhammad ever work a miracle, as modern Muslims claim?

When asked by unbelievers for a miracle to prove that he was a prophet from God, Muhammad answered, *“Glory to my Lord! Am I aught but a man, an apostle?”* (Sura 17:90-93).

***Just a man with a message,
nothing more!***

The Gospel:



Not a call to take a chance on unsubstantiated claims, but a call to place faith in, and be obedient to, a certainty – Jesus Christ, the Son of God!