

Root and Islam

(There is no god but Allah...)



† Introduction

† The Root of Anti-Semitism

- Text: **Genesis 3:15**
- The Enemy
- The Fall
- The Seed (NIV: *offspring*)

† Abrahamic Covenant

- Text: **Genesis 12:1-3**
- Components
 - Land
 - Seed (~ descendants/offspring)
 - Blessing (~ “in you”)
- The Promise and Result
 - Sheep and Goat Judgment
 - Preservation of the Jewish People

† Introduction to Islam

- Text: **Deuteronomy 13:1-3**

† Islam's History

- Background
 - History! (from a Christian worldview...)
 - Youngest/Fastest Growing Religions ~ 1.9 billion (N. Africa/Middle East/South-Central Asia/Indonesia)
 - *Islam* ~ “submission” → *Muslim* ~ “one who submits”
- Muhammad (Mohammed)
 - **570** Born in Mecca/Uncle-caravan routes/Married Khadija (15 yrs. older)/exposed to Jews/Christians/time to meditate
 - **610** 1st Revelation ~ name of Allah/Created out of clotted blood/Qur'an ~ recitation/wife encouraged/possessed by *jinns*/preached against immorality (many gods) in Mecca = political and economic threat
 - **619-20** Wife and uncle died/ “Night Journey” to *al Kuds*
 - **622** Fled to Yathrib (Medina) ~ Hegira (date of calendar)/Jews (“people of the book”) did not accept his teaching
 - **630** Conquered Mecca/destroyed idols in *Ka'ba* (except block/meteor stone)
 - **632** Died
- Expansion
 - Abu Baker → Umar → Uthman → Ali
 - Spain and Vienna (Suleiman the Magnificent)
- Sects
 - *Sunni* (75-90%): Elected caliph/*Sunna* “custom/tradition”/ *ulama* rulings ~ consensus/ civil *parallel* to religious / *imams* teach
 - *Shi'ite* (10-20%): Blood caliph (Ali = son-in-law)/Authoritarian *Imams* give *ulama* (12th Hidden—12^{'ers}) Mahdi returning/ religious *is* civil → *shari'a law*/ *mullahs* teach
 - *Sufi*: Mystics/*Whirling Dervish*
 - *Wahabi/Alawite/Druze/Baha'i* (from Shi'ite)

† Islam's Beliefs

- The Teachings
 - *The Qur'an* (Koran): 114 *Suras* (~ 4/5 NT)/ Dictated by Muhammad/oral teachings
 - *The Hadith*: Teachings/sayings “*sunna*” gathered ~ commentary
 - *The Sharia*: Legal interpretations from Qur'an and Hadith/Guide for life: pork, alcohol, punishment for stealing, apostasy, blasphemy

- The Doctrines
 - *God*: One ~ Allah/ *shirk* ~ “association” (no forgiveness)
 - *Angels*: Gabriel/ *shaitans* ~ demons (*al-Shaitan* ~ *Iblis*)/ *Jinns* ~ genies/ 2 angels record good and bad deeds
 - *Scripture*: Torah/Psalms/Gospel/Qur’an (Bible corrupted)
 - *Muhammad*: Prophets ~ Adam, Moses, Noah, Jonah, Jesus → particular age/ Muhammad is for all times “Seal of Prophets”
 - *Judgment Day*: Resurrection/Allah will judge in balance/Heaven ~ sensual pleasure/Hell ~ deny Islam/no assurance
 - *Predestination*: *Kismet* ~ fate/ Allah determines as he pleases → *insha’allah*
- The Pillars
 - *Shahada* ~ statement of belief: “to bear witness”/once in life/public/sincere
 - *Salat* ~ prayer: 5x per day/facing Mecca/bow down
 - *Zakat* ~ alms: 2.5%/widows, orphans, charity
 - *Saum* ~ fast in Ramadan: 9th month (month Muhammad received Qur’an)/ no food, drink, smoking, sex during the day
 - *Hajj* ~ pilgrimage to Mecca: once in life (send proxy)/wear white *ihram*

† Islam’s Errors

- General
- God
- Humanity
- Sin
- Salvation
- Jesus
- Crucifixion
- Bible

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.” **Psalm 122:6**

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