Islam



Session 3

Islam's Assault on Christian Theology



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Stages of expansion

Stage 1 – Infiltration

Stage 2 – Consolidate power

Stage 3 – Heighten aggression against hosts

Stage 4 – Enforce Islamic Theocracy

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Genesis 15:6

Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:6–9

Even so, Abraham "believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness."

Know therefore that those who are of faith are children of Abraham.

The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Good News beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you all the nations will be blessed."

So then, those who are of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

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Psalm 32:1-2

Even as David also pronounces blessing on the man to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

"Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man whom the Lord will by no means charge with sin."

Romans 4:6-8

Blessed is he whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man to whom Yahweh doesn't impute iniquity, in whose spirit there is no deceit.

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Psalm 14:3

All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 51:16-17

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

Galatians 2:16

Yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because no flesh will be justified by the works of the law.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days come," says Yahweh, "that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah…

…"for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Luke 22:20

Likewise, he took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the Lord: I will put my laws into their mind, I will also write them on their heart. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

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Fluid Bible narrative



- Creation of all things
- Man and Earth corrupted
- Promise of salvation
- Formation of societies
- Rise of empires
- Israel established
- Promise of Messiah
- Israel exiled
- Messiah born
- Ministry of Jesus
- Jesus dies and raises again
- Destruction of Jerusalem
- Global government
- Rapture
- Tribulation
- Second coming
- Millennial reign
- New heavens and Earth

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	CHRISTIANITY	ISLAM
Nature of God	▪ One God in three persons ▪ Loving, personal and relational ▪ Almighty Creator	▪ One God, no Son or Spirit ▪ Mysterious and not relational ▪ Almighty Creator
Nature of Man	▪ Created in God's image ▪ Fallen and unable to save himself ▪ Capable of love & reason, but needs God's grace	▪ Naturally good, but prone to ignorance ▪ Needs instruction to know Allah ▪ Needs no savior, just submission
Means of Salvation	▪ Through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection ▪ Righteous standing before God ensured ▪ Relationship with God through Christ	▪ Submit to Allah ▪ Perform required religious works ▪ Fasting, praying, pilgrimage, statement of faith, alms giving
Eternal Destiny	▪ Eternal life in God's presence for those in Christ ▪ Everyone equal in standing ▪ Eternal death in Hell for those who reject Christ	▪ Paradise (male-friendly, fleshly) ▪ Hell for those who don't submit to Allah ▪ Destiny determined by faithful deeds
Source of Revelation	▪ God's written Word is the Bible ▪ Revelation through Christ and the Holy Spirit ▪ New revelation ended after the Apostolic Age	▪ Revelation from Gabriel to Muhammed ▪ The Qur'an is final revelation ▪ Bible is altered or incomplete

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Confirms the Bible?

Qur'an 3:3

"He has revealed to you ˹O Prophet˺ the Book in truth, confirming what came before it, as He revealed the Torah and the Gospel."

Qur'an 5:48

"We have revealed to you ˹O Prophet˺ this Book with the truth, as a confirmation of previous Scriptures and a supreme authority on them."

Qur'an 5:68

"O People of the Book! You have nothing to stand on unless you observe the Torah, the Gospel, and what has been revealed to you from your Lord."

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Manuscript accuracy

Manuscript #1: Jesus Christ is the Savior of the whole worl.

Manuscript #2: Christ Jesus is the Savior of the whole world.

Manuscript #3: Jesus Christ s the Savior of the whole world.

Manuscript #4: Jesus Christ is th Savior of the whle world.

Manuscript #5: Jesus Christ is the Savor of the whole wrld.

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Manuscript Support

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Approximate Time Span between original & copy	Number of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
Lucretius	died 55 or 53 B.C.		1100 yrs	2	----
Pliny	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs	7	----
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	7	----
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	1100 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Suetonius	75-160 A.D.	950 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1300 yrs	9	----
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200	10	----
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1000	10	----
Livy	59 BC-AD 17	----	???	20	----
Tacitus	circa 100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1000 yrs	20	----
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1400	49	----
~~Sophocles~~	~~496-406 B.C.~~	~~1000 A.D.~~	~~1400 yrs~~	~~193~~	~~----~~
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	**1st Cent. A.D. (50-100 A.D.**	**2nd Cent. A.D. (c. 130 A.D. f.)**	**30 to 300 years**	**5800***	**99.5%**

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Simon Greenleaf

Co-founder of Harvard Law School
Expert on Laws of Evidence
Former Atheist

"For myself, having the evidences of Christianity the subject of close study, the result has been a firm and increasing conviction of the authenticity and inspiration of the Bible."

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"Luke is a historian of the first rank; not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy; he is possessed of the true historic sense."

The scholar concluded that Luke deserved to be ranked among the greatest historians of antiquity.



Sir William Mitchell Ramsay
British Archaeologist and Classical Scholar

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Precision in copying

Lodz Torah Scroll

- 4,000 regulations
- 304,805 letters
- No letter could touch another
- Centered on Lev. 13:33
- Had to sing every word
- Stopped and washed hands before writing "God"
- Three rabbis had to certify the copy after reviewing and counting every letter and word



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Grammatical clues

Deuteronomy 6:4
"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is ***one LORD***:"

Galatians 3:20
"Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, ***but God is one***."

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Grammatical clues

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning ***God*** ***created*** the heaven and the earth.

Elohim Bara

Gods creates

Genesis 1:26

Let ***us*** make man in ***our*** image.

Genesis 11:7

"Go to, let ***us*** go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

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Grammatical clues

Genesis 2:24

"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be ***one*** flesh."

Genesis 11:6

"And the LORD said, Behold, the people is ***one***, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

One - *Echad* – unity, alike, together

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Pointing to the Trinity



The Angel of the Lord:

- Speaks as God in the first person
- Is identified as "the Lord"
- Speaks with full divine authority
- Is distinguished from the "Lord" who sends Him

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Pointing to the Trinity

Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning ***God created*** the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And ***the Spirit of God*** moved upon the face of the waters.

And ***God said,*** Let there be light: and there was light.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was ***the Word***, and ***the Word*** was with God, and ***the Word*** was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ***All things were made by him***; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his ***only begotten Son***…

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Pointing to the Trinity

Muhammed said God has no Son, but the prophet Isaiah proclaimed 1,300 years earlier (Isaiah 9:6):

For to us ***a child is born***, to us ***a son is given***, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, ***Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace***.

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Pointing to the Trinity

Psalm 2:6-12
I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Psalm 45:6–7
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

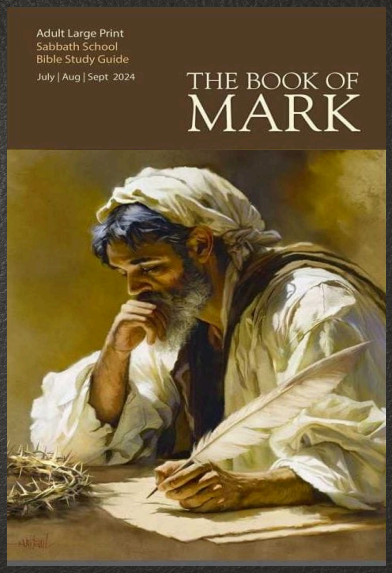
Hebrews 1:8-9 – But to the Son he says…



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Early recognition (65-70 A.D.)

2:5–12	Jesus forgives sins and claims authority to do so.
2:27–28	Jesus declares Himself Lord of the Sabbath.
6:48–50	Jesus walks on water and declares “It is I.”
12:35–37	Jesus applies Psalm 110:1 to the Messiah's exalted status.



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Early recognition (55 to 65 A.D.)

Matthew 1:21–23	Jesus is called Immanuel, meaning “God with us.”
Matthew 12:6–8	Jesus claims to be greater than the temple and Lord of the Sabbath.
Matthew 14:25–33	Jesus walks on water, and the disciples worship Him.
Matthew 26:63–66	Jesus invokes the heavenly Son of Man and the right hand of Power.
Matthew 28:18–20	Jesus possesses all authority is named alongside the Father and Holy Spirit in baptism.

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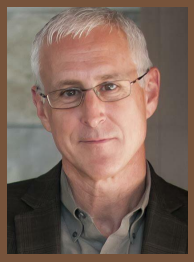
Early recognition (50 to 65 A.D.)

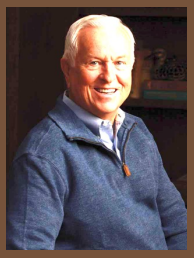
Romans 9:5	Christ is described, in a common translation, as “God over all.”
Titus 2:13	Jesus is called “our great God and Savior”
Hebrews 1:8	God addresses the Son with the words “Your throne, O God.”
2 Peter 1:1	Refers to “our God and Savior, Jesus Christ”
Romans 14:9-11	Christ is Lord of the living and dead; Paul invokes Isaiah's declaration that every knee will bow before God.

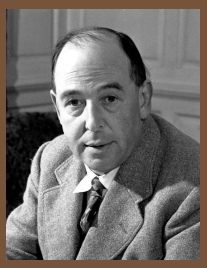
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From Skeptic to Disciple


Lee Strobel


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