

From Adam to the End of Days: A Comparison of Bible and Quran

POL 4090

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Goals and Learning Objectives

Everybody who knows the Bible is already familiar with many themes of the Quran, and vice-versa. These marked similarities in subject matter should make it somewhat easier for adherents of the three monotheistic faiths to talk to one another. In this course, we study a wide

Jan. 21: Cain, Noah, and the Disobedience of Antediluvian Man

Bible: Genesis 4 (all), 5.29-32, 6.1-12

Quran: 5:27-34, 7.59-63, 10.71-72, 11.25-35, 23.23-25, 26.105-18, 54.9-10, 71.1-25

Jan. 26: The Flood

Bible: Genesis 6.13-22, 7-9

Feb. 23: The Family Reunion

Bible: Genesis 42-46 (all), 47.1-11, 28-31, 50 (all)

Quran: 12.59-103

Feb.

Bible: 1 Samuel 8 (all), 10 (all), 16-17 (all), 2 Samuel 11-12 (all)

Quran: 2.247-51, 4.163, 5.78, 6.84, 17.55, 21.78-80, 27.15-16, 34.10-11, 38.17-26

Note: The Quran makes no mention of the succession struggle between Adonijah and Solomon (see 1 Kings 1-2)

Mar. 25: Solomon/Suleiman

Bible: 1 Kings 3 (all) 5 (all), 10.1-13, 11 (all)

Quran, 2.100-103, 21.78-82, 27.15-44, 34.12-17, 38.30-39

Honorable Mention: Jonah/Yunis, Job/Ayyub, and Enoch/Idris

Bible: Genesis, 5.21-24, Jonah (all), Job (all)

Quran, 4.163, 6.86, 10.98, 19.56-57, 21.83-86, 87-89, 37.139-48, 68.48-50

(We will not cover this in class).

Note: The other prophets and kings do not figure in the Quran

Mar. 30: War and Jihad

Bible: Exodus 17.8-16, Numbers 31, Deuteronomy 20, I Samuel 15

Quran: 2.190-95, 2.217-18, 2.256, 4.71-76, 4.94-96, 8.38-41, 8.70-75, 9.1-29, 22.40, 78

Note: The Quran makes selective but significant use of the New Testament. I have attempted to identify the main passages and themes.

Apr. 1: Zakaria, Mary, and the Birth of John and Jesus

Bible: Matthew 1.18-23, 2.1-23, Luke 1 (all), 2.1-23

Quran: 3.42-49, 19.1-39, 20.89-91, 23.50

Apr. 6:

Bible: Matthew 4.1-11, 9.27-31 Mark 1.40-45, 6.31-44, Luke 5.12-16, 11.15-21, John 11 (all)

Quran: 3.49-54, 5.109-15, 43.57-67

Apr. 8:

Bible: Matthew 26-28, John 18-20

Quran: 3.55, 4.155-59 (cf. 19.56-57), 5.117, 19.33

Apr. 13: Trinity and Tawhid

Bible: Matthew 3.16-17, 28.16-20, Luke 3.21-23, John 14.25-30, 15.23-27, Ephesians 2.18-20

Quran: 2.116-17, 4.171-72, 5.17-19, 5.72-75, 5.116-120, 6.100-01, 9.30-31, 10.68-70, 19.35, 19.88-95, 23.91, 37.149-57, 43.16-24, 112 (all)

Apr. 15:

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