

## **Ishmael vs. Isaac**

From the Qur'an 37:99 – 109

**37:99** And he said: Lo! I am going unto my Lord Who will guide me.

**37:100** My Lord! Vouchsafe me of the righteous.

**37:101** So We gave him tidings of a gentle son.

**37:102** And when (his son) [Ishmael] was old enough to walk with him, (Abraham) said: O my dear son, I have seen in a dream that I must sacrifice thee. So look, what thinkest thou ? He said: O my father! Do that which thou art commanded. Allah willing, thou shalt find me of the steadfast.

**37:103** Then, when they had both surrendered (to Allah), and he had flung him down upon his face,

**37:104** We called unto him: O Abraham!

**37:105** Thou hast already fulfilled the vision. Lo! thus do We reward the good.

**37:106** Lo! that verily was a clear test.

**37:107** Then We ransomed him with a tremendous victim.

**37:108** And We left for him among the later folk (the salutation):

**37:109** Peace be unto Abraham!

From the Bible (Genesis 22:1 – 3, 12 – 18)

<sup>1</sup>Some time after these events, God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Ready!" he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham saddled his donkey, took with him his son Isaac, and two of his servants as well, and with the wood that he had cut for the holocaust, set out for the place of which God had told him....

<sup>12</sup>"Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." <sup>13</sup>As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. <sup>14</sup>Abraham named the site Yahweh-yireh; hence people now say, "On the mountain the Lord will see." <sup>15</sup>Again the Lord's messenger called to Abraham from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said: "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, <sup>17</sup>I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

From the Bible (Genesis 21:9 – 21)

<sup>9</sup>Sarah noticed the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham playing with her son Isaac; <sup>10</sup>so she demanded of Abraham: “Drive out that slave and her son! No son of that slave is going to share the inheritance with my son Isaac!” <sup>11</sup>Abraham was greatly distressed, especially on account of his son Ishmael. <sup>12</sup>But God said to Abraham: “Do not be distressed about the boy or about your slave woman. Heed the demands of Sarah, no matter what she is asking of you; for it is through Isaac that descendants shall bear your name. <sup>13</sup>As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a great nation of him also, since he too is your offspring.” <sup>14</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got some bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. Then, placing the child on her back, he sent her away. As she roamed aimlessly in the wilderness of Beer-sheba, <sup>15</sup>the water in the skin was used up. So she put the child down under a shrub, <sup>16</sup>and then went and sat down opposite him, about a bowshot away; for she said to herself, “Let me not watch to see the child die.” As she sat opposite him, he began to cry. <sup>17</sup>God heard the boy’s cry, and God’s messenger called to Hagar from heaven: “What is the matter, Hagar? Don’t be afraid; God has heard the boy’s cry in this plight of his. <sup>18</sup>Arise, lift up the boy and hold him by the hand; for I will make of him a great nation.” <sup>19</sup>Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water, and then let the boy drink. <sup>20</sup>God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert bowman, <sup>21</sup>with his home in the wilderness of Paran. His mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

From Wikipedia

After roaming the wilderness for some time, Ishmael and his mother settled in the Desert of Paran, where he became an expert in archery. Eventually, his mother found him a wife from the land of Egypt. They had 12 sons who became 12 tribal chiefs throughout the regions from Havilah to Shur (from Assyria to the border of Egypt). His children are listed as follows:

1. Nebaioth
2. Kedar, father of the Qedarites, (A northern Arab tribe that controlled the region between the Persian Gulf and the Sinai Peninsula). **According to tradition, ancestor of Muhammad and the Quraysh tribe.**
3. Adbeel, established a tribe in northwest Arabia.
4. Mibsam
5. Mishma
6. Dumah, associated with *Adummatu* described as "a fortress of Arabia" in Saudi Arabia.
7. Massa, father of a nomadic tribe that inhabited the Arabian desert toward Babylonia.
8. Hadad
9. Tema
10. Jetur
11. Naphish
12. Kedemah

Ishmael also appeared with Isaac at the burial of Abraham. Ishmael died at the age of 137.

From the Bible (Matthew 1:1 – 16)

<sup>1</sup>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. <sup>2</sup>Abraham became the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.

<sup>3</sup>Judah became the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar. Perez became the father

of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup>Ram the father of Amminadab. Amminadab became the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup>Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab. Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup>Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon, whose mother had been the wife of Uriah. <sup>7</sup>Solomon became the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asaph. <sup>8</sup>Asaph became the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, Joram the father of Uzziah. <sup>9</sup>Uzziah became the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah. <sup>10</sup>Hezekiah became the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amos, Amos the father of Joshuaiah. <sup>11</sup>Joshuaiah became the father of Jechoniah and his brothers at the time of the Babylonian exile. <sup>12</sup>After the Babylonian exile, Jechoniah became the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup>Zerubbabel the father of Abiud. Abiud became the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, <sup>14</sup>Azor the father of Zadok. Zadok became the father of Achim, Achim the father of Eliud, <sup>15</sup>Eliud the father of Eleazar. Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, <sup>16</sup>Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah.