

Does the Koran Support Hate toward Israel and America?

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Several books of the Old Testament tell the story of King Cyrus of Iran. His glory was bestowed when he honored God's words about the Children of Israel and defended the Israelites against their enemies (a great lesson for the sons and daughters of Iran).

First of all, I must say that the Koran agrees totally with the Books of the Old Testament and the New Gospel presented in the Bible. Please note:

Koran 3:3 He sent down to you this scripture, truthfully, confirming all previous scriptures, ...

Koran 2:41 You (Jews and Christians) shall believe in what I have revealed herein, confirming what you have...

More verses about the Koran confirming the books of the Old Testament and the New Gospel include the following:

Koran [2:91, 4:47,5:48,35:31,46:(12, 30),...]

The books of the Old Testament contain many verses that give an account of the below story and many more stories about Iran, where the Kings of Iran were told by God to honor Israel.

Bible-Ezra 1:1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, **2** Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the Lord God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. **3** Who is among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem. **4** And whoever is left in any place where he dwells, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the freewill offerings for the house of God which is in Jerusalem. **5** Then the heads of the fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all whose spirits God had moved, arose to go up and build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. **6** And all those who were around them encouraged them with articles of silver and gold, with goods and livestock, and with precious things, besides all that

was willingly offered. **7** King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods; **8** and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. **9** This is the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, **10** thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar kind, and one thousand other articles. **11** All the articles of gold and silver were five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

It is a fact (if you believe in the Bible OR the Koran) that God chose the Children of Israel above all nations and sent all His prophets (except one) to them. Furthermore, it is a fact that from the Children of Israel came two groups: one group accepted that Jesus Christ was their last prophet, and one group did not. The first group is called Christian. Christians comprise 33% of today's world population, and the group that rejected Jesus Christ, the Jewish people, comprises about 0.23% of the world population.

In the Koran, God praises the followers of Jesus Christ (Koran 3:55) and urges Muslims not only to treat them well, but also to deal with them in the politest of manners when disputing with them (29:46). After all, it is a fact of history that a Christian king gave refuge to the followers of Prophet Mohammad, and if he had not, then the Prophet Mohammad's followers would have been slaughtered.

Koran 3:55 Thus, God said, "O Jesus, I am terminating your life, raising you to Me, and ridding you of the disbelievers. I will exalt those who follow you above those who disbelieve, till the Day of Resurrection. ...

Koran 29:46 Do not argue with the people of the scripture (Jews, Christians) except in the nicest possible manner ...

Now, when we talk about the reaction of Muslims toward Israel and America, it is mind-boggling for me to see that all the facts are put aside. If Muslims were going to have a problem recognizing Israel, then they should have a big problem with God, who recognized the Jews first, and throughout history He never stopped caring for them. As a matter of fact, God gave them the identity that they now have (Christians and Jews, who are either the descendents of the children of Israel, or part of them by faith).

Furthermore, Muslims who have a problem with accepting America as a great, free country should really question the whole Koran, as the Constitution of The United State is more

aligned with the Koran and the Bible than any Muslim country. Furthermore, the Koran has great respect for Christians (3:113-115).

Koran 3:113 They are not all the same; among the followers of the scripture, there are those who are righteous. They recite God's revelations through the night, and they fall prostrate. **114** They believe in God and the Last Day, they advocate righteousness and forbid evil, and they hasten to do righteous works. These are the righteous. **115** Any good they do will not go unrewarded. God is fully aware of the Any good they do will not go unrewarded. God is fully aware of the righteous.

The government of the United States has a Constitution that is aligned with the teachings of the Bible. And since the Bible and the Koran are the same (God's Scriptures, Chapter one), then Muslims should be very alarmed when they are advised by their religious leaders to feel hatred toward America or Israel. God's revelations in the Koran favor Christians over all the non-believers (3:55). So should Muslims risk God's wrath by hating these key groups? The United States is 76% Christian, 0.5% Muslim, and 15% non-denominational. Are these facts anything to worry about if we are going to side against a Christian country like the U.S.A. or a Jewish country like Israel?

Now, what I said in the above (condemning hatred toward the U.S.A. and Israel), is 1,000 times more true about Iranian Muslims. The Iranians, who are mainly Muslims, should at least review the Old Testament books that the Koran has adamantly approved. Furthermore, the Koran has stated that its content is nothing but the same as the book of Moses (87:18-19).

Koran 87:18 This (the Koran) is recorded in the earlier teachings.**19** The teachings of Abraham and Moses.

The book of Daniel, the book of Ezra, and the book of Esther are the Bible accounts that showed God always had a high regard for the Iranian empire and blessed them because of the Iranian kings that had defended the Israelites.

For 2,500 years God gave a powerful kingdom to the Iranians. But today's Iranian government is going against all that history has to offer them. They side with terrorist groups like Hezbollah, Hamas, and whoever shows hatred toward the U.S.A. or Israel. The only requirement they insist on today for international relationships is to hate the U.S.A. and Israel, and "we will be your friends." This is from a government that once ruled the greatest empire on Earth. As a

result of this grave mistake in erring against Christians and Jews, the Iranian government and the Iranian people have been spiraling downward, suffering in every way one could imagine (i.e., limited technology and personal freedoms, extensive poverty, and any other level of personal and social existence that you can possibly think of).

It is time to change the course of history, for brave Iranians to stand up and honor the real people of God, the Americans and Israelites. By doing so, they will honor themselves and they will become the best of the best that they once were. Iranians who take the lead to walk this new path of love for all humanity, especially for those who are God's chosen (Jews and Christian), will take the lead in becoming elite in the eyes of their Lord, and that will serve as a great lesson to their Arabic brothers and sisters who have suffered too long after the death of their great Prophet, Prophet Mohammad. If this happens, God willing, then the prediction of the Koran in verse 3:55, about Christians being above the non-believers, will coincide with another conditional prediction of the Koran that says if Muslims have the quality of the believers (i.e., are God-fearing, righteous, and kind people), then they shall no longer waver in all their doings, and they shall not grieve; they simply will be the best community that ever rose to great heights.

Koran 3:139 You shall not waver, nor shall you grieve, for you are the ultimate victors, if you are believers

Koran 3:110 You are the best community ever raised among the people: you advocate righteousness and forbid evil, and you believe in God. ...

May all communities of humankind never waver, and may they never experience grief. May they all see that achieving good is only possible through love, and that hate can only harm and destroy.