

Beliefs about the Prophets of Allāh



- Allāh has sent many Prophets and Messengers to guide people, according to the needs of the people. We do not know all their names or their exact number, but believe in all of them.
- If a person rejects even one Prophet of Allāh then he is not a Muslim.
- All the Prophets were human beings who had human needs and feelings.
- All Prophets were truthful, trustworthy, and righteous. They fulfilled their responsibilities to Allāh, and feared none except Allāh.
- All the Prophets of Allāh are innocent and free from sin. Allāh has protected them from sin. If they were not innocent, Allāh would not have commanded us to follow them.
- Although all Prophets were righteous and sinless, some Prophets have a higher status than others. Five of the greatest Prophets were: Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa, 'Isa, and

Muhammad (peace be upon them all). Among these Prophets, Muhammad (ﷺ) (ﷺ) has the highest status.

- Prophethood is called Nubuwwah, and every Prophet is called a Nabi. The plural of Nabi is Anbiya. There were about 124,000 Anbiya.
- Risalah means message. A Messenger—a special Nabi who receives a new book from Allāh—is known as a Rasul. The plural of Rasul is Rusul. There were about 313 Rusul.
- Every Nabi gets revelation from Allāh, but a Rasul receives a new book and a new law (shari'ah) from Allāh.
- Every Rasul is a Nabi, but not every Nabi is a Rasul.
- Muhammad (ﷺ) (ﷺ) is the last and final Prophet of Allāh. No Prophet will come after him. When Prophet 'Isa (peace be upon him) returns to the world before the Day of Judgment, he will return as a follower of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) (ﷺ), not as a Nabi.
- Prophet 'Isa (peace be upon him) was born without a father and did not die on the cross. He was raised to the heavens and will return before the day of Judgment to die a natural death.
- Believing in all the Prophets does not mean following the laws sent to them. The Qur'an and law (Shari'ah) that Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) (ﷺ) brought overrule the all laws that came before him. We are commanded to follow the Shar'iah of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) (ﷺ) only.

- Nubuwwah and Risalah are gifts from Allāh. They cannot be earned. Allāh chooses Prophets. Prophethood cannot be taken away from any Prophet.
- Allāh gave miracles to Prophets to prove their truthfulness to people. False prophets cannot bring such miracles. Some examples of the miracles of the Prophets are:
 - The fire became cool when Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) was thrown into it.
 - The stick of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) turned into a serpent and ate the ropes of the magicians, his hand shone with brightness, and opened the sea for him.
 - Prophet 'Isa (peace be upon him), by the permission of Allāh, gave life to the dead, restored the eyesight of the blind, and gave life to birds made of clay.
 - Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) once split the moon into two parts. He also once fed an entire army with a very small amount of food. Many people once made Wudu from the water that flowed from his fingertips. The greatest miracle is the Qur'an. The miracle of its beauty and truth can be witnessed even today.
- Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه و سلم) was taken on a night journey from Makkah to Jerusalem, and from there to the heavens—as far as Allāh wished. He saw Jannah and Jahannam on this night and the 5 daily prayers were gifted to this Ummah on this night. This event was known as the Mi'raj.

- According to a saying of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) (ملأه الله عوالم و ملأه الله قلوب) there were about 124,000 Prophets (peace be upon them all), sent to various nations and tribes throughout history. Only 25 of the Prophets of Allāh have been mentioned in the Holy Qur'an, and they have been listed below (from last to first):

Twenty-Five Prophets Mentioned in the Holy Qur'an

Name of Prophet	Number of Times Mentioned in the Qur'an
1. The leader of all the Prophets, Sayyidina wa <i>Nabiyyina</i> Muhammad ibn 'Abdillah, <i>SallAllāhu 'alayhi wa Sallam.</i> Prophet <i>Muhammad</i> , peace be upon him.	4
2. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> 'Īsa ibn Maryam, ' <i>alayhis-Salam.</i> Prophet Jesus, son of Mary, peace be upon him.	29
3. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Yahya ibn Zakariyya, ' <i>alayhis-Salam.</i> Prophet John, peace be upon him.	5
4. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Zakariyya, ' <i>alayhis-Salam.</i> Prophet Zakarias, peace be upon him.	7
5. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> al-Yasa', ' <i>alayhis-Salam.</i> Prophet Elisha, peace be upon him.	2
6. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Ilyas, ' <i>alayhis-Salam.</i>	2

<p>Prophet Elias, peace be upon him.</p> <p>7. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Yūnus ibn Matta, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Jonah, peace be upon him.</p>	4
<p>8. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Dhu'l Kifl, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Ezekiel, peace be upon him.</p>	2
<p>9. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Ayyūb, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Job, peace be upon him.</p>	4
<p>10. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Sulayman ibn Dawūd, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Solomon, peace be upon him.</p>	17
<p>11. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Dawūd, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet David, peace be upon him.</p>	16
<p>12. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Mūsa, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Moses, peace be upon him.</p>	136
<p>13. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Harūn ibn, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Aaron, peace be upon him.</p>	20
<p>14. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Shu'ayb, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Shu'ayb, peace be upon him.</p>	11
<p>15. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Yūsuf ibn Ya'qūb, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Joseph, peace be upon him.</p>	27
<p>16. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Ya'qūb ibn Ishaq, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Jacob, peace be upon him.</p>	16
<p>17. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Ishaq ibn Ibrahīm, '<i>alayhis-Salam</i>.</p> <p>Prophet Isaac, peace be upon him.</p>	17

18. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Isma'īl ibn Ibrahīm, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Ishmael, peace be upon him.	12
19. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Ibrahīm ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Abraham, peace be upon him.	69
20. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Lūt, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Lot, peace be upon him.	27
21. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Salih, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Salih, peace be upon him.	9
22. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Hūd, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Hūd, peace be upon him.	7
23. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Nūh, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Noah, peace be upon him.	43
24. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> Idrīs, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Enoch, peace be upon him.	2
25. Sayyidina <i>Nabī</i> `Adam, ' <i>alayhis-Salam</i> . Prophet Adam, peace be upon him.	25

May Allāh's peace and blessings be upon them all.

Summary of Beliefs About the Prophets of Allāh:

Prophets



All the Prophets were humans



They did not commit sins



No one can become a Prophet by his own effort



They performed miracles with Allah's help



There were about 124000 Prophets



We don't know the names of all Prophets



They all had the same message; to worship one Allah



Our Nabi Muhammad ﷺ was the last and greatest Prophet

25 Prophets ﷺ mentioned by name in Quraan are:

Adām [1st], Idris, Nuh, Hud, Saleh, Ibrahim, Isma'il, Ishaq, Lut, Ya'qub, Yusuf, Shu'aib, Ayyub, Musa, Haroon, Dhul-kifl, Dawud, Sulaiman, Ilias, Al-Yasa, Yunus, Zakariyya, Yahya, Isa and Muhammad [last]

Tree Representing the Prophets Mentioned in the Qur'an:

