

## 4 The Prophets

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ANSWER: Muslims believe that Allah sent thousands of men over the course of time to call the people to worship Allah alone. <sup>1</sup>

Allah says in the Quran:

**And indeed We sent to every nation a messenger (saying) 'Worship Allah (alone) and abandon the false objects of worship!'**

*Surah an Nahl (the 16th Surah) ayah 36*

Many Prophets are named in the Quran and in the statements of the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) – such as Musa (Moses), Ibrahim (Abraham), Daawud (David), etc – may Allah shower blessings upon them all. Muslims believe in and love all of these.

Many Prophets are not named at all, but Muslims still believe in them and love them.

Muslims believe that all Prophets came with the same core message – as mentioned in the Quranic verse above – 'worship Allah alone and abandon the false objects of worship'.

They all came to teach the people 'tawheed'.

There may have been some slight differences in the shareeah from one Prophet to the next - for example, one Prophet's shareeah may have allowed the eating of some food but a later Prophet might have come with a shareeah that forbade this kind of food.

However, the set of beliefs about Allah, the Day of Judgement, etc that each Prophet came with was the same.

Islam makes it obligatory to believe in all the Prophets. If a Muslim rejects any one of them, then he stops being a Muslim and leaves Islam.

However, Muslims believe that the last of the Prophets was Muhammad (may Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) and that his shareeah overrules and replaces any shareeah that came before it.

So it is not allowed for anyone nowadays to say that they are following another shareeah –

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to 'aqeedah ut tawheed p8 – 9 of Shaykh Saalih al Fawzaan for more information

for example, that of Moses – since the shareeah of Muhammad overrules all other shareeahs.

And Muslims believe that unlike the previous prophets, Muhammad (may Allah's peace and blessing be upon him) was sent to all the people of the world, not just his own nation.

**NEXT TIME:**

What are the sources of Islam? Where do Muslims take their beliefs from?