

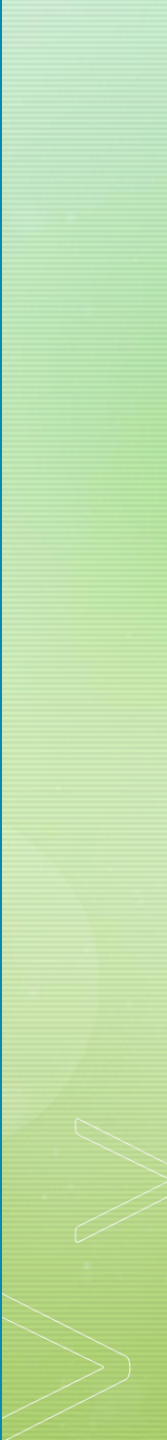
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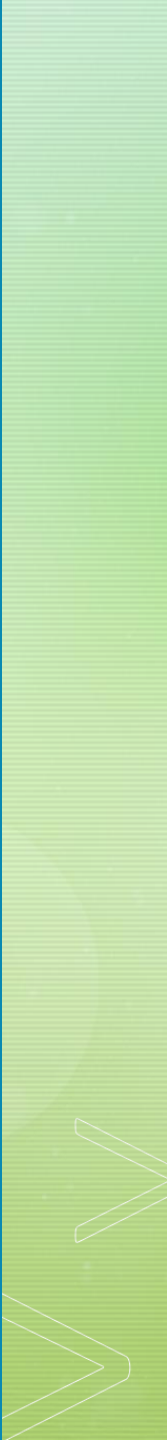


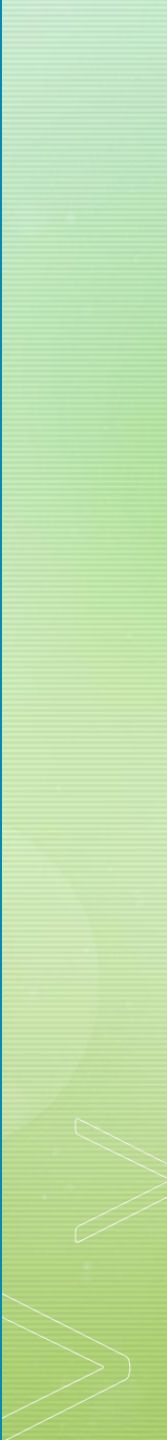
Revealed Books

Introduction

- Human beings are the servants of Allah and His agents on earth who need the guidance to carry out their various duties and responsibilities. This guidance is contained in the books of revelation sent to mankind through prophets and messengers. Belief in the reality of Allah's guidance to mankind in the form of revealed books is an article of faith.

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- The guidance sent by Allah from time to time to His messengers was basically same. The principles related to the tauhid, prayer, belief in prophethood, Day of Judgement and concept of reward and punishment are common to all the revealed books. However, as the needs of the people differed in different periods, the details of the laws given in these books also varied.
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- The guidance sent to previous nations was intended for particular nation and particular time period. Since the humanity had not yet reached the stage of readiness for such comprehensive and final guidance from Allah.
 - Moreover, by the time of the Holy Prophet (SAW), the books revealed upto that time were either been totally lost, or their original message distorted. Allah therefore sent a final and complete revelation in the form of the Holy Quran.
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- The Holy Quran does not mention all the prophets nor all the revealed books. It only mentions the revelations sent to Hazrat Nuh, Hazrat Ibrahim, Hazrat Ismail, Hazrat Ishaq, Hazrat Daud, Hazrat Musa, Hazrat Isa and the Prophet Muhammad (SAW).
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- The revealed books mentioned by name are;
 1. Sahifas revealed to Hazrat Adam, Hazrat Ibrahim and other prophets.
 2. Zabur granted to Hazrat Daud.

3. Taurat revealed to Hazrat Musa. About it the Quran says:

“And before this was the book of Moses as a guide and a mercy...”

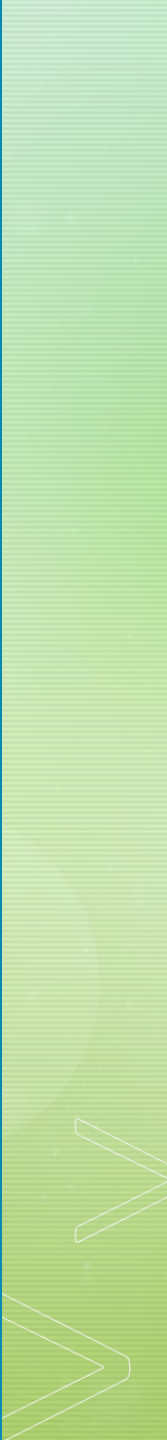
Taurah contained guidance, Allah's commands and warnings for Bani Israel who failed to act according to its teachings. They distorted Allah's words and no original copy of Taurat is now available.



4. Injeel was granted to Hazrat Isa. About this book the Quran says;

“We sent him the gospel; therein was guidance and light...”

The Injeel confirmed the Taurah and contained guidance and light for the Bani Israel. According to the Holy Quran, Allah took covenant from those who call themselves Christians, but they forget the message sent to them and failed to act according to it.



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5. The Holy Quran is the last and most comprehensive book that Allah revealed to Prophet Muhammad (SAW) through angel Jibrael. It was revealed gradually over the period of 23 years
- The Quran confirms the previous revelations and correct some of the errors that were crept into the earlier revealed books. Its main theme repeated again and again is the reality of Allah's supreme power and man's position as His agent and vicegerent who is accountable to Him in every matter.

- Quran is the only revealed book that remains in the same form today as it was fourteen hundred years ago. This is because Allah Himself promised to safeguard it from any changes. Allah said in Quran;

“We have (without doubt) sent down the message and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption)”

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- The Quran speaks of the attributes of Allah and His power, of man's relationship and responsibility to Him, of the certainty of coming of Day of the Judgement. It contains instructions about the principles of Islam and method of worship and guides man to the right path.
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- The Quran is not only the blessed book, but also a complete code of life. We must, therefore, study it with the object of acting according to its teachings.

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- Q no. 1: Outline the Muslim belief about the revealed books. [10 marks]