

Islamic Beliefs, Topic 10: The Holy Books

Muslims believe there have been **five books of prophecy** written by the Prophets of God.

The prophet **Ibrahim** who discovered **Tawhid**, wrote the **Scrolls of Abraham**

The Scrolls of Abraham were **lost over time and no longer exist**. For this reason, other books were revealed to prophets to **bring God's word to the world**

The second book of prophecy was **Tawrat**, the **Torah** of the Jews, which was revealed to the prophet **Musa (Moses)**

Muslims believe that **Tawrat (Torah)** has been **edited** over time, so it is **no longer considered a reliable authority on God's Will**

Dawud is the Arabic name for **King David** of the Biblical Kingdom of Israel who wrote the **Book of Psalms**, known in Arabic as **Zabur**. This book has survived, but it **does not contain instructions from God** and is therefore not an authority on the Will of God

The Islamic name for **Jesus** is **Isa**. Muslims believe he was a **Prophet of God, but not the son of God**. They believe he wrote a book of prophecy himself, known as **Injil**, which translates to English as **The Gospel**. They believe **this book was destroyed** when Isa was crucified

The final book of prophecy is Quran, revealed by the prophet, **Muhammad**. Quran means **Recitation** because Muhammad was illiterate and he recited his prophecies so **others memorised them and wrote them down** after his death

Muslims **believe the Quran is the perfect prophecy of God** and has been preserved as a **perfect guide to living according to the Will of God**

For Muslims, the **Quran is the exact word of God** and is the perfect and **final prophecy**

Muslims are taught to **recite the Quran** and its passages are used for **prayers and study**

For **Sunni Muslims** the **Quran** is the **highest authority** on God's Will. For **Shi'a Muslims**, the **Quran** is the **perfect final prophecy**, but they believe **the Imamate are the highest authority on God's will**, as they interpret it with **divine guidance**

So, the 5 holy books are:

Scrolls of Abraham – revealed to **Ibrahim**

Tawrat – revealed to **Musa**

Zabur – revealed to **Dawud**

Injil – revealed to **Isa**

Quran – revealed to **Muhammad**