

SIGN #8: JESUS CHRIST AND THE SIGN OF THE HOUR

Revelations Well Expounded (41):41-43

(41) Those who reject the Message when it comes to them (are not hidden from Us). And indeed it is a Book of exalted power.

(42) No falsehood can approach it from before or behind it: It is sent down by **(1) One Full of Wisdom, Worthy of all Praise.**

(43) **(2) Nothing is said to thee that was not said to the messengers before thee:** that thy lord has at his Command (all) forgiveness as well as a most Grievous Penalty.

(1) The Qur'an contains the wisdom of God and thus we should praise Him.

(2) The Qur'an is a reminder of what was sent before, so all the holy books should be viewed as having one message.

Jonah (10):94 [also see ***Bees (16):43-44*** and ***The Prophets (21):7***]

If thou wert in doubt as to what We have revealed unto thee, then ask those who have been reading the Book from before thee: the Truth hath indeed come to thee from thy Lord: so be in no wise of those in doubt.

- The holy books themselves should unite us, not divide us. This message of all the prophets is for everyone!

The Heifer (2):87

We gave Moses the Book and followed him up with a succession of messengers; We gave Jesus the son of Mary Clear (Signs) and **(1) strengthened him with the holy spirit.** Is it that **(2) whenever there comes to you a messenger with what ye yourselves desire not, ye are puffed up with pride?- Some ye called impostors, and others ye slay!**

(1) Jesus is one of the few people to be said that he was strengthened with the holy spirit. This is perhaps why he was able to do such great miracles.

(2) All students of the holy books should make sure that when God speaks to us we accept it and not reject the message as others have done.

The Heifer (2):253

Those messengers We endowed with gifts, some above others: To one of them Allah spoke; **(1) others He raised to degrees (of honour); to Jesus the son of Mary We gave clear (Signs),** and strengthened him with the holy spirit. **(2) If Allah had so willed, succeeding generations would not have fought among each other, after clear (Signs) had come to them,** but they (chose) to wrangle, some believing and others rejecting. If Allah had so willed, they would not have fought each other; but Allah Fulfilleth His plan.

(1) Jesus is raised by God in high honor and was given clear signs.

(2) God is not pleased by all the disagreement about the clear signs of Jesus.

The Family of Imran (3):45-55 [also see **The Table (5):110-111**]

(45) Behold! the angels said: "O Mary! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a **(1) Word from Him**: his name will be **(2) Christ** Jesus, the son of Mary, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah;

(46) **(3) "He shall speak to the people in childhood and in maturity.** And he shall be (of the company) of the righteous."

(47) She said: **(4) "O my Lord! How shall I have a son when no man hath touched me?"** He said: "Even so: Allah createth what He willeth: When He hath decreed a plan, He but saith to it, 'Be,' and it is!

(48) "And Allah will teach him the Book and Wisdom, the Law and the Gospel,

(49) "And (appoint him) a messenger to the Children of Israel, (with this message): "

(5) 'I have come to you, with a Sign from your Lord, in that I make for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah's leave: And I heal those born blind, and the lepers, and I quicken the dead, by Allah's leave; and I declare to you what ye eat, and what ye store in your houses.

Surely therein is a Sign for you if ye did believe;

(50) "(I have come to you), to attest the Law which was before me. And to make lawful to you part of what was (Before) forbidden to you; I have come to you with a Sign from your Lord. So fear Allah, and obey me.

(51) "It is Allah Who is my Lord and your Lord; then worship Him. This is a Way that is straight."

(52) When Jesus found Unbelief on their part He said: "Who will be My helpers to (the work of) Allah?" Said the disciples: "We are Allah's helpers: **(6) We believe in Allah, and do thou bear witness that we are Muslims.**

(53) "Our Lord! we believe in what Thou hast revealed, and we follow the Messenger; then write us down among those who bear witness."

(54) And (the unbelievers) plotted and planned, and Allah too planned, and the best of planners is Allah.

(55) Behold! Allah said: **(7) "O Jesus! I will take thee and raise thee to Myself** and clear thee (of the falsehoods) of those who blaspheme; **(8) I will make those who follow thee superior to those who reject faith, to the Day of Resurrection: (9) Then shall ye all return unto me,** and I will judge between you of the matters wherein ye dispute.

(1) Jesus is the only one to be called a Word from God. God's word can be understood as something that sets God's will in motion.

(2) Christ is another title for Messiah, a unique name in the Qur'an.

(3) Jesus spoke to people as an infant, thus he was the only prophet to have a prophetic ministry for his entire life.

(4) Jesus is the only one in human history to be born of virgin.

(5) What is the sign that Jesus offers? It is that he is the giver and restorer of life. It is also important that Jesus only did these things by the will of God. **John 5:19** "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."

(6) The followers of Jesus were considered Muslim.

(7) God raising Jesus to Himself is unique. [also see **Women (4):158**] Some translations refer to the death of Jesus here as in **The Table (5):117** and **Mary (19):33**.

(8) The followers of Jesus are considered believers until the last day.

(9) A picture of this moment appears in **1 Corinthians 15:24-28**.

After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. ²⁵ For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. ²⁶ And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things under his authority." (Of course, when it says "all things are under his authority," that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) ²⁸ Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

Mary (19):19-21

(19) He said: "Nay, I am only a messenger from thy Lord, (to announce) to thee the gift of **(1) a holy son**."

(20) She said: "How shall I have a son, seeing that no man has touched me, and I am not unchaste?"

(21) He said: "So (it will be): Thy Lord saith, 'that is easy for Me: and (We wish) to appoint him as a Sign unto men and a **(2) Mercy** from Us': It is a matter (so) decreed."

(1) Jesus is the only one in all the holy books who is called sinless. Compare to **2 Corinthians 5:21** "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

(2) Although not all translations agree, the vast majority call Jesus a Mercy from God. This is a unique title in all the holy books.

Ornaments of Gold (43):61-64

(61) And **(1) (Jesus) shall be a Sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment)**: therefore have no doubt about the (Hour), but follow ye Me: this is a Straight Way.

(62) **(2) Let not the Evil One hinder you: for he is to you an enemy avowed.**

(63) When Jesus came with Clear Signs, he said: "Now have I come to you with Wisdom, and in order to make clear to you some of the (points) on which ye dispute: therefore fear Allah and **(3) obey me**."

(64) "For Allah, He is my Lord and your Lord: so worship ye Him: this is a Straight Way."

(1) Jesus is a sign for the final day of Judgment, so we are told to think very clearly about this.

(2) A reminder to watch out for Satan as he tries to keep us off God's straight path.

(3) Walking the straight path involves following Jesus as well.

Conclusion: All the holy books agree that man has walked off God's straight path and is in need of His mercy. They also agree that Jesus is God's sinless Messiah who came as a Word and Mercy from God. By becoming the great sacrifice on our behalf Jesus demonstrated God's mercy and shows mankind how to get back on the straight path.

What's Next? We should not be afraid to ask God what these things mean if there is any confusion. The Lord's ways are higher than ours, but He longs to explain them to us. The Lord says in **Isaiah 55:8** "My ways are far beyond anything you could imagine."