

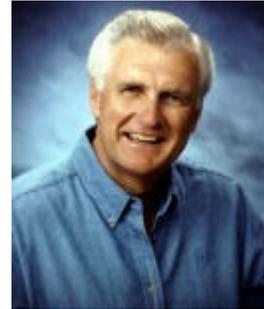
Is Allah the god of the Bible

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✓ Who Is Allah?

While many sincere and well-meaning Christians (*and pastors*) have argued that the word “Allah” is simply the Arabic word for “God,” the facts are something quite different.

Even among Islamic scholars there is general agreement that the term 'Allah' refers to a pagan deity before Islam came into existence under the leadership of Mohammed.



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The pre-Islamic Arab culture spoke of 360 gods of which “Allah” was one of them. The correct Arabic name for “God” is the word “Al-ilah.” It became a generic title for whatever god was considered the highest god. Each Arab tribe used “Allah” to refer to its own particular high god. For example, the moon god called “Hubal” was the god to whom Arabs prayed at the Kaa’ba and when they prayed they used the name “Allah.” Historians have said that “Allah” was the chief of the 360 gods that were worshipped in Arabia at the time that Mohammed came to prominence. Some Muslims will become angry when hearing this history about “Allah.” They don’t want to believe or accept that “Allah” was already being worshipped at the Kaa’ba in Mecca by Arab pagans before the time of Mohammed.

There is also evidence that the term “Allah” was used by heathen Arabs not only in Arabia but also among the Nabateans.

The name “Allah” was well known in pre-Islamic Arabia (*as even the Qur’an testifies*). The feminine form of the word is “Allat” (*simply means “the goddess”*) and is found in many inscriptions from North Africa as well as in Arabic inscriptions prior to Islam.

'Allah' is not a common name in Arabic for 'God' of the Bible. Muslims must use another word or form to indicate any other than their own peculiar deity.

Other gods mentioned in the Qur’an are all female deities: “Al-Lat” and “al-Uzza” and “Manat” which are represented by the sun, the planet Venus, and Fortune or Destiny. At Mecca they were regarded as the daughters of “Allah.”

Among the pagan Arabs before the time of Mohammed, the term “Allah” represented the chief god of their pantheon at the Kaa’ba with its 360 idols. The central shrine at Mecca, the Kaa’ba, is a cube-like stone structure that has a black stone in one of its corners (*perhaps a meteorite*) that must be kissed as an essential ritual of the Haj, the pilgrimage that all Muslims must take at least once in their life to Mecca.

Allahu Akbar - Allah is the Greatest!

Greater than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

✓ Don't Believe the Lies

"The Spirit expressly states that in the end of days some people will apostatize from the faith by paying attention to deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come from the hypocrisy of liars whose own consciences have been burned, as if with a red-hot branding iron."

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Lies about the people of Israel

LIE 1: "Abraham offered up Ishmael, not Isaac, on Mt. Moriah."

Genesis 22:1-2; 9-12 *"After these things, God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' and he answered, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac; and go to the land of Moriah. There you are to offer him as a burnt offering on a mountain that I will point out to you.' They came to the place God had told him about; and Abraham built the altar there, set the wood in order, bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on the wood. Then Abraham put out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of Adonai called to him out of heaven: 'Abraham? Abraham!' He answered, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy. Do not do anything to him. For now I know that you are a man who fears God, because you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'"*

Hebrews 11:17 *"By trusting, Abraham, when he was put to the test, offered up Isaac as a sacrifice. Yes, he offered up his only son, he who had received the promises."*

James 2:21 *"Was not Abraham our father declared righteous because of actions when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?"*

LIE 2: "The Jews never owned the Temple Mount – it is an Islamic holy site."

2 Samuel 24:18-25 *"Gad came to David that day and said to him, 'Go, set up an altar to Adonai on the threshing-floor of Aravnah the Y'vusi.' David went up and did what Gad had said, as Adonai had ordered. Aravnah looked out and saw the king and his servants coming toward him. Aravnah went out and prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. Then Aravnah said, 'Why has my lord the king come to his servant?' David said, 'To buy your threshing-floor, in order to build an altar to Adonai, so that the plague will be lifted from the people.' Aravnah said to David, 'Let my lord the king take and offer up anything that seems good to him. Here are the oxen for the burnt offering; you can use the threshing-sledges and the yokes for the oxen as firewood. All this, O king, Aravnah gives to the king.' Then Aravnah said to the king, 'May Adonai your God accept you.' But the king said to Aravnah, 'No; I insist on buying it from you at a price. I refuse to offer to Adonai my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.' So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for one-and-a-quarter pounds of silver shekels. Then David built an altar to Adonai there and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, Adonai took pity on the land and lifted the plague from Israel."*

LIE 3: "There never was a king named David."

Psalm 78:70-72 *"He chose David to be his servant, taking him from the sheep-yards; from tending nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his heritage. With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with skillful hands."*

Psalm 89:34-37 *"I will not profane my covenant or change what my lips have spoken. I have sworn by my holiness once and for all; I will not lie to David, his dynasty will last forever, his throne like the sun before me. It will be established forever, like the moon, which remains a faithful witness in the sky."*

King David is mentioned 1085 times in the Bible

LIE 4: "The Jews never built a temple on the Temple Mount and there never was a king named Solomon."

1 Kings 6:1 *"It was in the 480th year after the people of Israel had left the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of Adonai."*

2 Chronicles 3:1-2 *"Then Solomon began to build the house of Adonai in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Adonai had appeared to David his father. Provision had been made for this at the place David had chosen, the threshing floor of Ornan the Y'vusi. He began building in the fourth year of his reign, on the second day of the second month."*

LIE 5: "The city of Jerusalem never belonged to the Jews – it was and is a holy site for Muslims."

1 Kings 11:36 *"To his son I will give one tribe, so that David my servant will always have a light burning before me in Jerusalem, the city I chose for myself as the place to put my name."*

2 Chronicles 6:6 *"But now I have chosen Jerusalem, so that my name can be there; and I have chosen David to be over my people Israel."*

*Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible,
but not once in the Koran*

LIE 6: "The land was and is called 'Palestine' until the modern State of Israel occupied it."

Matthew 2:19-21 *"After Herod's death, an angel of Adonai appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the Land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So he got up, took the child and his mother, and went back to the Land of Israel."*

The name "Palestine" was not officially given to the land until the 2nd century AD when Hadrian named it after the Jewish Revolt under Bar Kochba in 132 C.E. to offend the Jews by naming it after their ancient enemies – the Philistines.

LIE 7: "The modern State of Israel was started by Jews who took land away from the Palestinians."

The Jews were given a homeland by international agreement but never took any land away from anyone. When the holocaust Jewish survivors came to Israel, Egypt told some 300,000 Arabs to leave their homes in Palestine for a few days while the armies of seven Arab nations would wipe out the Jews. When they lost the War of Liberation in 1948, the Jews invited all of these "refugees" to return. Some did; others did not. The Jews paid huge prices for land from a few Arab landowners – mostly swamps and desert land that was filled with rocks.

There never were a Palestinian people, culture, nation, or language. There never was an Arab state on that land. The late Syrian leader, Hafez Assad, said: "There is no such thing as a Palestinian people; there is no Palestinian entity – there is only Syria."

LIE 8: "Tel Aviv is the capital of Israel, not Jerusalem."

Jerusalem is the only capital Israel has ever had, both from ancient times to the present day.

Lies about the Land

LIE 9: "Israel forfeited its right to the land by their disobedience and sin."

Leviticus 26:40-45 *"Then they will confess their misdeeds and those of their ancestors which they committed against me in their rebellion; they will admit that they went against me. At that time I will be going against them, bringing them into the lands of their enemies. But if their uncircumcised hearts will grow humble, and they are paid the punishment for their misdeeds; then I will remember my covenant with Jacob, also my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham; and I will remember the land. For the land will lie abandoned without them, and it will be paid its Shabbats while it lies desolate without them; and they will be paid the punishment for their misdeeds, because they rejected my rulings and loathed my regulations. Yet, in spite of all that, I will not reject them when they are in the lands of their enemies, nor will I loathe them to the point of utterly destroying them and thus break my covenant with them, because I am Adonai their God. Rather, for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors whom I brought out of the land of Egypt - with the nations watching - so that I might be their God; I am Adonai."*

LIE 10: "This land belongs to Islam! No, it belongs to the God of Israel."

Leviticus 25:23 *"The land is not to be sold in perpetuity, because the land belongs to me (Adonai) - you are only foreigners and temporary residents with me."*

LIE 11: "God's covenant to Israel about the land was conditional and temporary."

Wrong! **Genesis 17:7-8** *"I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you. I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Canaan, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God."*

Psalm 105:8-11 *"He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded to a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac, and established as a law for Jacob, for Israel as an everlasting covenant: 'To you I will give the land of Canaan as your allotted heritage.'"*

God's covenant is everlasting..

LIE 12: "If the Jews give up land to the Palestinians, it will bring peace."

Psalm 83:2-55 *"because here are your enemies, causing an uproar; those who hate you are raising their heads, craftily conspiring against your people, consulting together against those you treasure. They say, 'Come, let's wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more.' With one mind they plot their schemes; the covenant they have made is against you (Adonai)."*

The policy of "land for peace" has failed 10 times, including Gaza.

LIE 13: "There is nothing unbiblical about dividing the land between the Jews and the Palestinians."

Wrong! **Joel 3:1-2; 12; 16-17** *"For then, at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshafat (meaning Adonai judges). I will enter into judgment there for my people, my heritage Israel, whom they scattered among the nations; then they divided my land."*

"Let the nations be roused and come up to the Valley of Jehoshafat. For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations." "Adonai will roar from Zion, he will thunder from Jerusalem, the sky and the earth will shake. But Adonai will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. 'You will know that I am Adonai your God, living on Zion my holy mountain.' Then Jerusalem will be holy, and foreigners will pass through her no more."

Daniel 11:36-39; 45 *"The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt himself and consider himself greater than any god, and he will utter monstrous blasphemies against the God of gods. He will prosper only until the period of wrath is over, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no respect for the gods his ancestors worshipped, or for the god women worship - he won't show respect for any god, because he will consider himself greater than all of them. But instead, he will honor the god of strongholds; with gold, silver, precious stones and other costly things he will honor a god unknown to his ancestors. He will deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He will confer honor on those he acknowledges, causing them to rule over many and distributing land as a reward." "Finally, when he (the king) pitches the tents of his palace between the seas and the mountain of the holy Glory, he will come to his end, with no one to help him."*

Lies about Arabs

LIE 14: "All Arabs are Islamic.

No. Many are Christians, believers in the Messiah of Israel.

LIE 15: "All Palestinians are Arabs.

No. Many who lived in the land called "Palestine" prior to 1948 were Jews. Most of today's so-called "Palestinians" are Jordanians who lived on land held by Jordan from 1948 to 1967.

LIE 16: "Most nations in the Middle East are Arab nations."

Wrong. Most nations are Islamic, but not Arab. The people in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and even Saudi Arabia, are not all Arabs. The Arabs are the direct descendants of the 12 sons of Ishmael, the son of an Egyptian handmaiden named Hagar.

1 Chronicles 1:29-31 *"Here are their descendants: Ishmael's firstborn Nevayot; then Kedar, Adbel, Mivsam, Mishma, Dumah, Masa, Hadad, Teima, Yatur, Nafish and Kedem. These are the sons of Ishmael."*

LIE 17: "Jewish settlements are being built on Arab land."

No settlements have ever been built on confiscated or privately-owned Arab land. The land upon which they exist was given to Israel by God, and the modern State purchased much of this land from Arab land owners who never lived in this land.

LIE 18: "The Middle East problem is between Jews and Arabs."

No, the problem is between Jews and Muslims - the latter who are committed to the destruction of the State of Israel and the extermination of the Jewish people.

The Father of Lies

The Bible tells us that SATAN himself is a murderer and the father of all lies.

*"Yeshua replied to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me; because I came out from God; and now I have arrived here.
I did not come on my own; he sent me.
Why don't you understand what I'm saying?
Because you cannot bear to listen to my message.
You belong to your father, Satan,
and you want to carry out your father's desires.
From the start he was a murderer,
and he has never stood by the truth,
because there is no truth in him.
When he tells a lie, he is speaking in character;
because he is a liar -- indeed, the inventor of the lie!
But as for me, because I tell the truth you don't believe me."
John 8:44*