

Many of the Orthodox Jews are averse to come to the Message that HaMoshiach (the Messiah) ^{AS}, brought due to the way that this has been presented to them. In their dealings with Christians, the Jews have been suppressed violently and constantly berated by a people who claim to love and serve the Moshiach, Yeshu`a Ben Maryam [to Muslims, al-Masih, `Isa ibn Maryam in Arabic ^{AS}]. Due to this, Jews have become very sensitive regarding any conversation centred around the King of the Jews. Yeshu`a HaMoshiach ^{AS}, (Jesus the Messiah) more often than not is denied not based on who he was, but how he is presented. Perhaps the best thing to do is to present what he did and said and then Orthodox Jews can understand why he truly is HaMoshiach ^{AS}.

HaMOSHIACH ^{AS} IS FROM A RIGHTEOUS FAMILY

The mother of Yeshu`a was a saintly woman, Maryam ^{AS}, the daughter of Amram (`Imraan in Arabic) and his wife (Hanna). They were a saintly family.

Remember when the wife of `Imraan said, ‘O my Lord, I have vowed to give you what is in my womb for Your services, so accept this from me. Indeed you are the All-Hearing, the All Knowing.’ And when she gave birth to her child, she said, ‘O my Lord! I have given birth to a female child’- and G-d knew what she had given birth to-and the male is not like the female. I have named her Maryam and I seek refuge with You for her and for her offspring from the accursed Satan.

[Surah Aali Imraan (3), ayah (verses) 35-36]

MARYAM ^{AS} WAS A PURE AND CHASTE WOMAN

Listen to what G-d said about this saintly chaste woman, a model for all,

And remember when the angels said, ‘O Maryam! G-d has chosen you, purified you and preferred you over all mankind. O Maryam, submit yourself and worship with humility.’

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayaat (verses) 42-43]

THE ANGELS ANNOUNCE HAMOSHIACH ^{AS}.

The announcement of the long awaited HaMoshiach was such a great event that the angels brought these glad tidings to Maryam ^{AS}.

And remember when the angels said, ‘O Maryam! Indeed G-d gives you the glad tidings of a Word from Him. His name will be the Messiah, Jesus the Son of Maryam, held in honour in this world and the Hereafter and he will be amongst those who are near to G-d. He will speak to the people in infancy and in manhood and will be one of the righteous.

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayaat (verses) 45-46]

HaMOSHIACH ^{AS} WAS BORN WITHOUT A FATHER

The long awaited Moshiach was born without a father, but simply through the word of G-d, and came to be in

the womb of Maryam ^{AS}, in a miracle called the *Virgin Birth*.

Maryam ^{AS}, was surprised when she was told that she would have a baby. How could she do this when she was not married nor had she ever had any sexual experiences? The answer is simple!

She said, ‘O My Lord! How shall I have a son when no man has touched me?’ So He said, ‘Indeed G-d creates what He wills. When He decrees something, He only says, ‘Be,’-and it is.

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayah (verse) 47]

THE ANNOINTED ONE WOULD BE THE LAST PROPHET TO THE JEWS

This great prophet would be the last messenger to the Children of Israel and a portent of things to come. His mission was filled with miracles that centred on the fact of the Day of Resurrection and the Immortality of the soul, both things hotly debated and disbelieved by some portion of the Jews throughout the centuries.

And He (G-d) will teach him the Book and the Wisdom and will make him a messenger to the Children of Israel with the words: ‘I have come to you with a sign from your Lord, that I design for you out of clay, a figure like that of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by the permission of G-d. And I heal him who was born blind, and the leper and I bring the dead to life by

the permission of G-d. And I inform you of what you eat, and what you store in your houses. Surely, therein is a sign for you, if you will believe.

[Surah Aali `Imraan (3), ayaat (verses) 48-49]

HaMOSHIACH AS. WOULD ANNOUNCE THE LAST PROPHET TO THE WORLD

One of the central points that would characterise his mission would be the announcement of the Last Prophet of humanity and the leader of humanity. This Prophet would be the primordial (from the beginning, before Adam) one awaited since time immemorial. Listen to what HaMoshiach AS. proclaims,

And remember when Jesus, son of Maryam said, ‘O Children of Israel! I am the Messenger of G-d to you, confirming the Torah before me, and giving glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad.’ But when he came to them with clear proofs, they said, ‘This is outright magic.’

[Surat us-Saff (61), ayah (verse) 6]

This title of Ahmad was for none other than the Prophet Muhammad SAW who came to *humanity* as a *whole* to teach them and guide them. When HaMoshiach AS. tried to guide them to this truth, the great majority of the Children of Israel turned away. But G-d told the Prophet Muhammad SAW to proclaim His Message anyway.

Say, ‘O Humanity! I have been sent to you as the Messenger of G-d-to Whom belongs the dominion of the skies and the Earth. There is no god other than Him. It is He who gives life and causes death. So believe in G-d and His Messenger, the unlettered Prophet who believes in G-d and His Words, the Torah, the Gospel and also G-d’s Word and follow him so that you will be guided.

[Surat ul-A`raaf (7), ayah (verse) 158]

The Messiah has already come; those who accepted him were blessed. Those who rejected him were cursed. The Last Prophet was announced and he gathered the Earth under one banner. Anyone who rejects the Messiah by nature has rejected the last prophet to come, which would of course be of supreme offense to G-d Almighty. If you were ignorant before, you are no longer so now. A choice must be made. Those who accepted the Messiah and the last prophet will be in the highest palisades of the Paradise. Will you? They are assured and confident in their salvation. Are you?

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