

The Prophet Muhammad's Life

- ca. 570 Prophet's birth;
 - father: 'Abd Allah, died before his birth;
 - mother Aminah died when he was very young;
 - raised by uncle Abu Talib
- ca. 595 marriage to Khadijah
- ca. 610 first revelations
- ca. 613 first preaching
- ca. 614 preaches in House of al-Arqam; about 39 followers
- ca. 615 "migration" of a group of Muslims to Abyssinia (Ethiopia)
 - (some stay until 628)
- ca. 615 Abu Jahl leads opposition to Muhammad
- ca. 616 Boycott of the the Prophet's clan, the clan of Hashim
- ca. 619 Abu Talib and Khadijah die;
 - Another of the Prophet's uncles, Abu Lahab ('Abd al-'Uzza) becomes leader of the clan of Hashim.
 - He initially pledges, then withdraws, support for the Prophet
 - M. goes to a nearby Arabian town, al-Ta'if, to
 - M. approaches nomadic tribes
- 620-621 natives of Yathrib (later Medina = al-Madinah, the City of the Prophet) come to Mecca on pilgrimage;
- 622 Hijrah "Emigration" = Exodus from Mecca to Medina
 - Muhajirun "Emigrants" = Meccan Muslims
 - Ansar "Helpers"/ "Disciples" = Muslims of Medina
- 24 September 622 Muhammad arrives in Medina
- August 623 The Prophet's House/mosque in Medina completed
- March 624 Battle of Badr; victory for the Muslims vs. Meccans
- 625 Battle of Uhud; defeat of Muslims by Meccans, or at best stand-off
- 627 Battle of the Trench; failure of Siege of Medina by Meccans
- 628 Truce of Hdaybiyah with Meccans
- 629 Lesser Pilgrimage to Mecca; Meccans evacuate town for 3 days while Muslims perform their own pilgrimage.
- 630 Conquest of Mecca by Muslims
- January 31, 630 Battle of Hunayn (Muslims and Meccans vs. Hawazin federation and Thaqif tribe (al-Ta'if))
- 630 Expedition to Tabuk in the North of Arabia
- 630 Delegations from tribes of Arabia pledge allegiance to the Prophet
- 631 "Farewell Pilgrimage"—the Prophet's last pilgrimage to Mecca
- 632 Death of Prophet

I. Characters in the Qur'an from the Hebrew Bible and Jewish tradition:

God	Allah
Adam and Eve	Adam; Eve appears, but is not named
Cain and Abel	Qabil, Habil
Noah	Nuh
Abraham	Ibrahim
Sarah, Hagar	both appear, but are not named
Isaac, Ishmael	Ishaq, Isma`il
Lot, his wife	Lut; wife not named
Jacob	Ya`qub
Joseph and his brothers	Yusuf; brothers not named
Potiphar and his wife	al-`Aziz; wife not named
Moses	Musa
Amram, Moses' father	`Imran
Aaron	Harun
Pharaoh	Fir`awn
Saul	Talut
David	Dawud
Goliath	Jalut
Solomon	Sulayman
the Queen of Sheba	Saba'
Job	Ayyub
Elijah (Elias)	Ilyas
Ezra	`Uzayr
Elisha	Ilyasa`
Ezekiel	Dhu al-Kifl
Jonah	Yunus
Gabriel	Jibril
Michael	Mikal
Haman	Haman
Korah	Qarun
Satan	al-Shaytan
Gog and Magog	Yajuj and Majuj
Baal (a Canaanite god)	Ba`l

II. Characters in the Qur'an from the New Testament and Christian tradition:

Jesus Christ	`Isa al-Masih
Mary	Maryam
Zechariah	Zakariyya
Elizabeth	not named
John the Baptist	Yahya
the Disciples	al-Hawariyun
the Devil	Iblis (< Gr. diabolos)

III. Characters in the Qur'an from pre-Islamic Arabian traditions:

Hud and his tribe, `Ad

Salih and his tribe, Thamud

Luqman, famous for his wisdom

ʿunayn

Tubba` = Kings of Yemen

Shu`ayb and the people of Midian [conflated with Jethro, Moses' father-in-law]

Genies (Jinn)

Pre-Islamic gods:

Wadd (Love)

Suwa` (Time, Fate)

Yaghuth (He Helps, Provides)

Ya`uq (He Hinders)

Nasr (Eagle)

al-Lat (the Goddess)

al-Manat (Fate)

al-`Uzza (the Strong One (fem.) = Venus, Aphrodite)

Shams = the Sun

Hebrew, Greek, and Terms related to the Bible in the Qur'an:

Jannaatu `Adn	paradise	< Garden of Eden
jahannam	hell	< Heb. <i>Gehinnom</i>
Babil	Babel	
Sina' or Sayna'	Sinai	
al-Tur	The Mountain = Sinai	< Aramaic <i>Tor</i>
al-Tawrat	Torah	
al-Injil	the Gospel	< Gr. <i>Evangelion</i>
asbat	the Tribes of Israel	< Heb. <i>sheva'im</i>
sabt	the Sabbath	< Heb. <i>shabat</i>
tabut	the Ark of the Covenant	
sakinah	God's presence	< Heb. <i>shekhina</i>
sadaqah	alms	
al-yamm	the river, sea	< Heb. <i>ha-yamm</i>
yawm al-din	the Day of Judgment	
al-Masih	the Messiah; Christ	
al-Shaytan	Satan	
Iblis	the Devil	< Gr. <i>diabolos</i>
hijrah	literally "flight, migration"	= Exodus, deliverance
ansar	literally, "allies, helpers"	= Disciples
bayt	literally "house"	= Temple
al-Ma'idah	literally "table" (title of the fifth Surah)	= the Last Supper
Kalimah	the Word	= Christ
al-Ruh al-quddus	the Holy Ghost	
al-Kitab	literally "the Book"	= the Bible
ahl al-kitab	literally "people of the Book"	= people of the Bible
nabi	prophet	< Heb. <i>nevi</i>
ayat	"signs, miracles"	< Heb. <i>otot</i> "signs"