

# Islamic Perspective: Judaism and Jews

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# The Gradual transition: from accepting to rejecting Jewish customs and practices

Examples:

Al-Qibla: first Jerusalem, then Mecca

Fasting the Day of 'Ashura

Shaving beards

Dying of Hair

## 2. Fasting the Day of 'Ashura

**First:** Muslims were ordered to fast in the day of 'Ashura.

**Second:** Fasting in the Day of 'Ashura became optional.

**Third:** Abandoning the fast on the Day of 'Ashura.

**First: Mohammad ordered Muslims to fast on the day of 'Ashura' since the Jews fast on that day.**

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- Narrated Ibn 'Abbas
- The Prophet came to Medina and saw the Jews fasting on the **day of Ashura**. He asked them about that. They replied, "This is a good day, the day on which Allah rescued Bani Israel from their enemy. So, Moses fasted this day." The Prophet said, "**We have more claim over Moses than you.**" So, the Prophet fasted on that day and ordered (the Muslims) to fast (on that day).

- Source: **003.031.222** (SB)

## Second: Fasting on the Day of 'Ashura became optional

- Narrated 'Aisha:
- Allah's Apostle ordered (the Muslims) to fast on the day of 'Ashura', and when fasting in the month of Ramadan was prescribed, it became optional for one to fast on that day ('Ashura') or not.
  - Source: Volume 3, Book 31, Number 219 (SB)

# Third: Abandoning the Fast of Day of 'Ashura

- Narrated Ibn 'Umar:
- The Prophet observed the fast on the 10th of Muharram ('Ashura), and ordered (Muslims) to fast on that day, but when the fasting of the month of Ramadan was prescribed, the fasting of the 'Ashura' was abandoned. 'Abdullah did not use to fast on that day unless it coincided with his routine fasting by chance.

• Source: Volume 3, Book 31, Number 116  
(SB)

Muslims should do the opposite of what the Jews (and Christians) do.

Muhammad Said: "The Jews grow their moustaches and shave their beards. Do the opposite of what they do."

Source: Al Ghazali, P.189 (in Arabic).

# Muslims are ordered to do the opposite of what the Jews and Christians do.

- Narrated Abu Huraira
- Allah's Apostle said, "The Jews and the Christians do not dye (their grey hair), so you shall do the opposite of what they do (i.e. dye your grey hair and beards)."
  - Source: [004.056.668](#) (SB).

# The treatment of Jews and Christians in Al-Hijaz

- First: Humiliating the Jews and Christians in Al-Hijaz.
- Second: Expelling the Jews and Christian from Al-Hijaz.

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- Narrated Ibn 'Umar
  - Umar expelled the Jews and the Christians from Hijaz. When Allah's Apostle had conquered Khaibar, he wanted to expel the Jews from it as its land became the property of Allah, His Apostle, and the Muslims. Allah's Apostle intended to expel the Jews but they requested him to let them stay there on the condition that they would do the labor and get half of the fruits. Allah's Apostle told them, "We will let you stay on thus condition, as long as we wish." So, they (i.e. Jews) kept on living there until 'Umar forced them to go towards Taima' and Ariha'.

• Source: 003.039.531 (SB)

Muhammad's deal with the Jews: they cultivate the land and give half of its yield to Muslims.

- Narrated 'Abdullah
- The Prophet gave (the land of) Khaibar to the Jews (of Khaibar) on condition that they would work on it and cultivate it and they would have half of its yield.

- Source: [005.059.550](#) (SB)

# Muslims' Hostility against the Jews

- killing the Jews of Bani Quraiza, and distributing their women, children, and properties among Muslims.
- Muhammad exiles All Jews from Medina.  
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# Killing and Exiling of the Jews

- Narrated Ibn Umar
- Bani An-Nadir and Bani Quraiza fought (against the Prophet violating their peace treaty), so the Prophet exiled Bani An-Nadir and allowed Bani Quraiza to remain at their places (in Medina) taking nothing from them till they fought against the Prophet again) . He then killed their men and distributed their women, children and property among the Muslims, but some of them came to the Prophet and he granted them safety, and they embraced Islam. He exiled all the Jews from Medina. They were the Jews of Bani Qainuqa', the tribe of 'Abdullah bin Salam and the Jews of Bani Haritha and all the other Jews of Medina.
  - Source: [005.059.362](#) - (SB)

Sad's (a friend of Muhammad)  
judgment of killing the Jewish  
men (of Bani Quraiza) and take  
their women and children as  
prisoners

- Narrated Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri
- When the tribe of Bani Quraiza was ready to accept Sad's judgment, Allah's Apostle sent for Sad who was near to him. Sad came, riding a donkey and when he came near, Allah's Apostle said (to the Ansar), "Stand up for your leader." Then Sad came and sat beside Allah's Apostle who said to him. "These people are ready to accept your judgment." Sad said, "I give the judgment that their warriors should be killed and their children and women should be taken as prisoners." The Prophet then remarked, "O Sad! You have judged amongst them with (or similar to) the judgment of the King Allah."

▪ Source [004.052.280](#) (SB)

# God ordered Muslims to cast terror and Kill the Jews (of Banu Quraiza)

## The Confederates (33:25-26)

25. And Allah turned back the Unbelievers for (all) their fury: no advantage did they gain; and enough is Allah for the believers in their fight. And Allah is full of Strength, able to enforce His Will.
26. And those of the People of the Book who aided them - Allah did take them down from their strongholds and cast terror into their hearts. (So that) some ye slew, and some ye made prisoners.

- Note: These verses are related to the judgment of Sad (in Hadith).

Muhammad's offer to the Jews:  
to either embrace Islam (to be safe)  
or to sell their property and leave.

The Earth belongs to Allah and His  
apostle.

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- Narrated Abu Huraira
- While we were in the Mosque, the Prophet came out and said, "Let us go to the Jews" We went out till we reached Bait-ul-Midras. He said to them, "If you embrace Islam, you will be safe. You should know that the earth belongs to Allah and His Apostle, and I want to expel you from this land. So, if anyone amongst you owns some property, he is permitted to sell it, otherwise you should know that the Earth belongs to Allah and His Apostle."
- Source: [004.053.392](#) - (SB)

The stone will tell Muslims to kill the Jew who hides behind it.

- Narrated Abu Huraira
- Allah's Apostle said, "The Hour will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say. "O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him."
- Source: [004.052.177](#) (SB)

# Muhammad wishes God to curse the Jews (Because they sell the fat of animals)

- Narrated Jabir bin 'Abdullah
- The Prophet said, "May Allah curse the Jews! When Allah forbade them to eat the fat of animals, they melted it and sold it, and utilized its price! "

■ Source: 006.060.157 (SB)

# The Jews are punished in their graves.

- Narrated Abi Aiyub
- Once the Prophet went out after sunset and heard a dreadful voice, and said, "The Jews are being punished in their graves."

- Source: [002.023.457](#) (SB)

# When Jews greet Muslims, they say "death be on you."

- Narrated 'Abdullah bin 'Umar
- Allah's Apostle said, "When the Jews greet you, they usually say, 'As-Samu 'alaikum (Death be on you),' so you should say (in reply to them), 'Wa'alaikum (And on you).'"
- Source: [008.074.274](#) (SB)

# Gabriel, among all angels, is the enemy of the Jews.

- Narrated Anas
- "... Allah's Apostle said, "Gabriel has just now told me of their answers." 'Abdullah said, "He (i.e. Gabriel), from amongst all the angels, is the enemy of the Jews."...
- Source: [004.055.546](#) (SB)

Jews and Christians will be sent to Hell-Fire:  
they believe that God has a wife and son.

- Narrated Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri
- .... Jews and Christians (companions of the cross) will be sent to (Hell) Fire for they believe that God had a wife and son: The Jews believe that Izra was God's son, and Christians believe that Jesus is God's son. They lie because Allah has neither a wife nor a son.
  - Source: 009.093.532s (SB)

According to the Qur'an,  
the Prophets of the Banu Israel  
were Muslims.

# Joseph asked to be Muslim.

## ■ Joseph (12:101)

- "O my Lord! Thou hast indeed bestowed on me some power, and taught me something of the interpretation of dreams and events, - O Thou Creator of the heavens and the earth! Thou art my Protector in this world and in the Hereafter. Take Thou my soul (at death) as one submitting to Thy will (as a Muslim), and unite me with the righteous."

# Queen of Sheba and King Solomon Became Muslims.

## The Ant (27-44)

- She was asked to enter the lofty Palace: but when she saw it, she thought it was a lake of water, and she (tucked up her skirts), uncovering her legs. He said: "This is but a palace paved smooth with slabs of glass." She said: "O my Lord! I have indeed wronged my soul: I do (now) submit (in Islam), with Solomon, to the Lord of the Worlds."

# People of the book were Muslims

The Stories (28:52-53)

52. Those to whom We sent the Book before this, - they do believe in this (revelation):

53. And when it is recited to them, they say: "We believe therein, for it is the Truth from our Lord: indeed we have been Muslims (bowing to Allah's Will) from before this.

# Islamic Perspectives:

## Women

- Women in Hadith

The veil (Al Hijab): A complete body cover excluding the woman's eyes.

God revealed the verses regarding veiling because Umar was concerned for such divine order.

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- Narrated 'Aisha:

- The wives of the Prophet used to go to Al-Manasi, a vast open place (near Baqia at Medina) to answer the call of nature at night. 'Umar used to say to the Prophet "Let your wives be veiled," but Allah's Apostle did not do so. One night Sauda bint Zam'a the wife of the Prophet went out at 'Isha' time and she was a tall lady. 'Umar addressed her and said, "I have recognized you, O Sauda." He said so, as he desired eagerly that the verses of Al-Hijab (the observing of veils by the Muslim women) may be revealed. So Allah revealed the verses of "Al-Hijab" (A complete body cover excluding the eyes).

- Source: [001.004.148](#) (SB)

Many men reached the level of Perfection.  
Only three women reached that level.

- Narrated Abu Musa
- Allah's Apostle said, "Many amongst men reached (the level of) perfection but none amongst the women reached this level except Asia, Pharaoh's wife, and Mary, the daughter of 'Imran. And no doubt, the superiority of 'Aisha to other women is like the superiority of Tharid (i.e. a meat and bread dish) to other meals."

- Source: [004.055.623](#) (SB)

Women, dogs, and donkeys annul the prayers,  
if they pass in front of praying people

- Narrated 'Aisha:
- The things which annul the prayers were mentioned before me. They said, "Prayer is annulled by a dog, a donkey and a woman (if they pass in front of the praying people)." I said, "You have made us (i.e. women) dogs. I saw the Prophet praying while I used to lie in my bed between him and the Qibla. Whenever I was in need of something, I would slip away. for I disliked to face him."

▪ Source: 001.009.490 (SB)

The witness of a woman equal to half of a man's because of the deficiency of a woman's mind.

- Narrated Abu Said Al-Khudri
- The Prophet said, "Isn't the witness of a woman equal to half of that of a man?" The women said, "Yes." He said, "This is because of the deficiency of a woman's mind."

- Source: [003.048.826](#) (SB)

# Most of the inhabitants of the Hell-fire are women

- Narrated 'Abdullah bin Abbas:
- ... The Prophet replied, " ..... I also saw the Hell-fire and I had never seen such a horrible sight. I saw that most of the inhabitants were women." The people asked, "O Allah's Apostle! Why is it so?" The Prophet replied, "Because of their ungratefulness." It was asked whether they are ungrateful to Allah. The Prophet said, "They are ungrateful to their companions of life (husbands) and ungrateful to good deeds..."

▪ Source: 002.018.161 (SB)

# God curses women who lengthen their hair artificially.

- Narrated 'Aisha:
- An Ansari woman gave her daughter in marriage and the hair of the latter started falling out. The Ansari women came to the Prophet and mentioned that to him and said, "Her (my daughter's) husband suggested that I should let her wear false hair." The Prophet said, "No, (don't do that) for Allah sends His curses upon such ladies who lengthen their hair artificially."
- Source: Volume 7, Book 62, Number 133: (SB)

# Women should not fast except with permissions from their husbands.

- Narrated Abu Huraira:
- The Prophet said, "A woman should not fast (optional fasts) except with her husband's permission if he is at home (staying with her)."
- Source: Volume 7, Book 62, Number 120 (SB)

The angels curse the woman who refuses to sleep with her husband.

- Narrated Abu Huraira:
- The Prophet said, "If a man invites his wife to sleep with him and she refuses to come to him, then the angels send their curses on her till morning."

- Source: Volume 7, Book 62, Number 121 (SB)

# No flogging and intercourse in the same day (or night).

- Narrated 'Abdullah bin Zam'a:
- The Prophet said, "None of you should flog his wife as he flogs a slave and then have sexual intercourse with her in the last part of the day."
  - Source: Volume 7, Book 62, Number 132: (SB)

# Women in Qur'an

# Women in the Qur'an: Men's right to beat their wives

## The Women (4:34)

Men are the maintainers of women because Allah has made some of them to excel others and because they spend out of their property; the good women are therefore obedient, guarding the unseen as Allah has guarded; and (as to) those on whose part you fear desertion, admonish them, and leave them alone in the sleeping-places and beat them; then if they obey you, do not seek a way against them; surely Allah is High, Great.

# Men may marry up to four women

## The Women (4:3)

If ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly with the orphans, **Marry women of your choice, Two or three or four**; but if ye fear that ye shall not be able to deal justly (with them), then only one, or (a captive) that your right hands possess, that will be more suitable, to prevent you from doing injustice.

# The male has twice the share of the female in inheritance

## The Women (4:176)

They ask thee for a legal decision. Say: Allah directs (thus) about those who leave no descendants or ascendants as heirs. If it is a man that dies, leaving a sister but no child, she shall have half the inheritance: If (such a deceased was) a woman, who left no child, Her brother takes her inheritance: If there are two sisters, they shall have two-thirds of the inheritance (between them): **if there are brothers and sisters, (they share), the male having twice the share of the female.** Thus doth Allah make clear to you (His law), lest ye err. And Allah hath knowledge of all things.

Women are as tilth unto their husbands. Husbands can approach them when or how they will.

The Caw (2:223)

Your wives are as a tilth unto you; so approach your tilth when or how ye will; but do some good act for your souls beforehand; and fear Allah. And know that ye are to meet Him (in the Hereafter), and give (these) good tidings to those who believe.