

The revealed books

A Muslim believes in every book Allah sent down — and judges by the one He promised to keep.



☀ All of them, not one

كُلُّ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ

“All of them have believed in Allah and His angels and His books and His messengers.” Belief in the books is plural.

Qur'an 2:285 · 4:136

☀ The scriptures of Ibrahim and Musa

The Qur'an points back to “the former scriptures — the scriptures of Ibrahim and Musa.” We are not told their contents.

Qur'an 87:18–19

☀ The Tawrat

“Indeed, We sent down the Torah, in which was guidance and light.” The prophets of the Children of Israel judged by it.

Qur'an 5:44

☀ The Zabur

Given to Dawud. The Qur'an names it and says no more — so neither do we.

Qur'an 17:55 · 4:163

☀ The Injil

Given to 'Isa son of Maryam, “in which was guidance and light,” confirming the Tawrat that came before it.

Qur'an 5:46

☀ The Qur'an

إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ

“Indeed, it is We who sent down the Qur'an, and indeed, We will be its guardian.” The one book with that pledge on it.

Qur'an 15:9

☀ Confirming, and deciding

مُصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيِّمًا عَلَيْهِ

Revealed “confirming that which preceded it of the Scripture, and as a criterion over it.” Where they differ, it decides.

Qur'an 5:48

☀ Why the last one was needed

The Qur'an warns of those who wrote scripture with their own hands and called it Allah's. We honour what was revealed; we judge by what is kept.

Qur'an 2:79 · 5:48

☀ Its own test

“Then do they not reflect upon the Qur'an? If it had been from other than Allah, they would have found within it much contradiction.”

Qur'an 4:82