

## KUTUB; REVEALED BOOKS

### Sahifah (Scrolls)

- Referred to in the Qur'an but now lost
- Seen by Muslims as part of Islamic scriptures, or the revealed books (kutub)
- Believed to contain the words of the revelations received from God to Moses (Musa) and Abraham (Ibrahim). The scrolls are believed to have been written by the prophets, their families, scribes and helpers
- Their contents are not given in the Qur'an, but their existence and the continuity of God's message is confirmed:

*This is indeed in the former scriptures,  
the scriptures of Abraham and Moses* **Qur'an, 87: 18-19**

*Has he not been informed of what is in the scriptures of Moses,  
and of Abraham, who fulfilled [his summons]* **Qur'an, 53: 36-37**

*Rather you prefer the life of this world,  
while the Hereafter is better and more lasting.  
This is indeed in the former scriptures,  
the scriptures of Abraham and Moses.* **Quran 87: 16-19**

*Has he not been informed of what is in the scriptures of Moses,  
and of Abraham, who fulfilled [his summons]:  
that no bearer shall bear another's burden,  
and that nothing belongs to man except what he strives for,  
and that he will soon be shown his endeavour,  
then he will be rewarded for it with the fullest reward;  
and that the terminus is toward your Lord,* **Qur'an 53: 36-42**

### Zabur (Psalms)

- Revealed to Dawud (David)
- 'zabur' = song, music in Arabic. 'Zimrah' or 'zimir' = song, music in Hebrew
- Zabur mentioned three times in the Qur'an:

*Your Lord knows best whoever is in the heavens and the earth. Certainly We gave some prophets an advantage over others, and We gave David the Psalms* **Qur'an 17: 55**

*We have indeed revealed to you as We revealed to Noah and the prophets after him, and [as] We revealed to Abraham and Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and the Tribes, Jesus and Job, Jonah, Aaron, and Solomon, —and We gave David the Psalms—* **Qur'an 4: 163**

- Knowledge is shown of the Psalms in this passage:

*Certainly We wrote in the Psalms, after the Torah: 'Indeed My righteous servants shall inherit the earth'* **Qur'an 21: 105**

Which appears to be an echo of **Psalm 37:29**: *The righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it for ever*

## Injil (Gospel)

- Revealed to Isa (Jesus)
- The original revelations to Isa have been lost or corrupted over time. Eg the divinity of Jesus. Tawhid does not allow this to be true- it is an addition or corruption by Jesus' followers, such as Paul.

*And We followed them with Jesus son of Mary, to confirm that which was before him of the Torah, and We gave him the Evangel [injil] containing guidance and light, confirming what was before it of the Torah, and as guidance and advice for the Godwary. **Qur'an 5:46***

*Muhammad, the Apostle of Allah,  
and those who are with him  
are hard against the faithless  
and merciful amongst themselves.  
You see them bowing and prostrating [in worship],  
seeking Allah's grace and [His] pleasure.  
Their mark is [visible] on their faces,  
from the effect of prostration.  
Such is their description in the Torah  
and their description in the Evangel [injil]  
Like a tillage  
that sends out its shoots and builds them up,  
and they grow stout  
and settle on their stalks,  
impressing the sowers,  
so that He may enrage the faithless by them.  
Allah has promised those  
of them who have faith and do righteous deeds  
forgiveness and a great reward. **Qur'an 48:29***