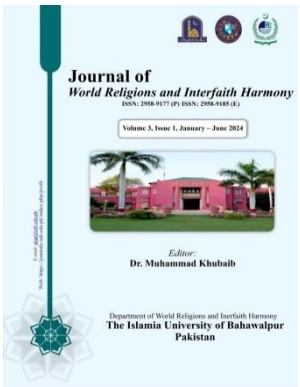


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Abstract
The powerful nations were involved in many hot and cold wars In the Last Century. Now the beginning of clashes between the civilizations is a serious alert. Like the secular wars, the religious conflicts are also appearing. Since the beginning of the 21st century, the regional series of wars in the Middle East has been increasing. Many countries have been devastated, and people have been forced to migrate. This region is the founding place of the three Semitic religions, and the dispute over the custody of the holy land, among in these, is growing in it. Contemporary Scholarship of Semitic Religions is continuously talking about Jesus Christ's come back. His arrival will be due to disturbing the whole world by a villain role. He will be claiming to be the messiah that is a hero. Humanity can get rids of him only by Jesus. Contemporary Scholarship is divided in their opinion about him. There is a verity of opinions about him that he is a prophet, God, Messiah or nothing? Some new messianic theories and ideas are introduced at the start of this century. These have impacts on public opinions and policies of national interest. In this article, international relations especially coordination between civilizations is examined. In the favor of humanity and world peace, a comparative study of religions is also made analytically and critically as an issue of conflicts, clashes and wars. It is a critical study of contemporary thoughts about Jesus Christ and his role to restore the World Peace that is the need of this global world. There is a race to gain power between the nations. Weapon industry and technology is developing every day and disarming the nations is only a dream. This planet is armed with weapons, only a messiah can make this world peaceful. The concept of Messiah assures the world peace after the huge unrest and chaos. A messiah is a character who leads his nation in curtails and proves his abilities as a man of crisis. This leadership is need of all humanity.

Keywords: Civilization, Evil, Humanity, Messiah, Religion, World Peace, World Wars.

1- Introduction:

The concept of Messiah in Semitic Religions assures the World Peace. This research is about the contemporary interpretations of Messianic Eschatology. The main objective of this project is to solve the question that how interpretations of Messianic Eschatology effects on World Peace and what are the solutions for it. The research method used in this paper is literature study.

The concept of Messiah has been very popular in Judaism since its early age. Jesus was a true messiah, appeared in Jews but the Jewish elite class did not accept him. He preached them day and night. His followers faced many problems in early centuries. Islamic concept about Jesus is balanced. It recognized him as the True Messiah. Muslims know that religious conflicts cannot be solved until his second arrival. Quran tells us that his rule is authorized. Adam was chosen in all creation then Noah got that position in humanity. It is time for him, as Jesus is the alone in the descendant of Imran after the chosen status of Children of Abraham.[1]

Messiah's name implies to be "Anointed," or to have oil poured on his head.[2] In fact, the promise of a future period of perfection, characterized by all people living in peace and acknowledging God, is one of the main themes of Biblical prophecy.[3] Although, People of Book have different views in recognizing the messianic personality, they are aware of his importance for the welfare of humanity. "We all desire peace, and we also all have the same idea that suffering will continue, until the coming of the Messiah, until one becomes accustomed to it."[4]

The Messianic Eschatology encourages the Muslim World and made it hopeful in future. It is suffering by the West by centuries and looking for a man of crisis. Like Moses, for his salvation efforts to escape Israelites by Pharaoh. This concept is also a hope for believers who are behind the developed powers. Advanced countries of the West are exploiting the third word by centuries and not allowing a true leadership to perform for its nation.

The interest in interpretations of Messianic Eschatology has increased in the 21st Century. Like the Pharaoh, World Powers are trying best that Moses should not be born in the Muslim World. Some Biblical Scholars are alarming about the future Muslim heroes. They are targeting Islam and its war strategies as the terrorist activities. These efforts are effecting on World Peace as the influence of these comprehensions is seen in public opinion. A 2010 Pew Research Center poll

1 Al-Imran: 33

2 Cf. Exodus 29:7, I Kings 1:39, II Kings 9:3

3 Isaiah 2:1-4; Zephaniah 3:9; Hosea 2:20-22; Amos 9:13-15; Isaiah 32:15-18, 60:15-18; Micah 4:1-4; Zechariah 8:23, 14:9; Jeremiah 31:33-34.

4 https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/333074

revealed that 41% of Americans believe Jesus Christ will likely return to Earth by 2050.[5]

All kinds of resources are in the control of the West. A true Messianic Figure should face the advanced technology. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had warned about the false messianic figures and their deceived miracles. Use of Artificial Intelligence is increasing in every field. Debate about Artificial Super Intelligence has been started. It is noteworthy that there is a correlation with the anticipated messianic timeline for ASI.[6]

Islam is facing crisis at the start of the new century. This paper tells that hard tasks are around of the believers. Muslim Scholarship should aware the Neo-Orientalism. This type of scholarship have been in favor of the West and harmed the Muslim World. These Interpretations should be examined as these are making doubts about the real concept. Muslim World wants dialogue to build reconciliation between civilizations. This paper encourages the humanity to see the real Islamic messianic concept and its comprehension in contemporary world. Islam is a religion of peace and its efforts to survive the Humanity will be continued till the Last Day.

2- World Peace in the Twenty First Century:

The modern world faces numerous obstacles to international peace. Technology has brought people closer together. International relations are becoming more and more important. An isolated nation finds it extremely difficult to survive in the global world. For there to be peace, "the causes of conflict, war, and clashes must be resolved. Achieving a stable and lasting peace for the new millennium will require addressing a number of global issues, including putting an end to hunger and poverty, preventing wars and conflicts between nations, addressing widespread corruption and moral degradation in society, and addressing the serious problem of international terrorism."[7]

The contemporary world is worldwide and global. While progress is being achieved, humankind is still suffering in the modern world. The number of conflicts is rising daily. "Three guiding principles: economics, politics, and ethics are interdependence, mutual prosperity, and shared universal values. These principles

5 Pew Research Center. (2010, July 14). Jesus Christ's Return to Earth. Pew Research Center. Retrieved February 23, 2022, from https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2010/07/14/jesus-christs-return-to-earth/

6 Jasmine Pandit, How an Artificial Superintelligence (ASI) Could Be Perceived as God: A Futurist Analysis, Journal of Student Research, Volume 11 Issue 3 (2022)

7 Cano, Miguel Angel, Great Challenges for World Peace. Create Space Independent Publishing Platform, 2018, p. 12.

address the four major concerns that humanity faces. These include the global poverty and food crisis, the moral decline of both public and private life, the deterioration of democratic regimes, and the threat of new intercultural conflicts."[8]

2.1- War for World Rule in Civilizations:

To rule the world is a greedy wish. Faith tells that at last, evil collapses in mass clashes. The Western Civilization has Christian bases. New century began with clashes in Muslim World. Before it, in his 1993 article "Clash of Civilizations," Samuel P. Huntington projected that "Islamic extremism will emerge as the greatest threat to international peace, foreshadowing the current struggle between the Christian West and Islam."[9]

Muslim Christian clash has been a danger and threat in the civilized world. Together, Christians and Muslims account for well over half of the world's population. There cannot be a true world peace without harmony and fairness between these two faith groups.

Muslim world wishes peace between Christians and Muslims. It is essential to the destiny of this planet. This peace already has a foundation. Love for the One God and love for one's neighbor is one of the core tenets of both religions. Islam and Christianity are undoubtedly two distinct religions, and some of their formal distinctions cannot be minimized.

To search in similarities of religious thoughts is in favor of humanity. Interpretations of religious orders make difficulties. "There is no denying that the Qur'an, the Torah, and the New Testament are connected by the Two Greatest Commandments. The foundations of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism are the unity of God, love of Him, and love of neighbor."[10]

Eschatological research is at peak in 21st Century. Biased interpretations neglects other's existence. Some Biblical scholars think that there is no Islamic role in the End Times. Their hate to Islam, Muslims and both Holy Lands is clear, as David Cloud want to say that: "Although it is improbable that the Jews would recognize a Muslim prophet or messiah, there might be a Muslim savior who shares some connection with the Antichrist. Again, the Bible says absolutely nothing on the matter. Who knows, maybe Islam will be totally eradicated before or at that time. Nuclear bombs might be used to target Mecca and Medina, thereby beheading the

8 Miguel Angel Cano Jimenez, Building a Culture of Heart: Universal Values, Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity, Independently Published, 2019, pp. 202.

9 Samuel P. Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations?" Foreign Affairs, Vol. 72, No.3 Summer, 1993), 22-49.

10 Miroslav Volf, Muhammad Ghazi, and Melissa Yarrington, A Common Word: Muslims and Christians on Loving God and Neighbor (Michigan: William B Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2010), 28, 45.

faith. That's not a guarantee that will happen. I am proposing that the Bible is silent regarding Islam in the last days."[11]

Some biblical scholars' are targeting Islamic Eschatology contemporarily. Infect these western scholars are making the civil society's mind about the upcoming developments. These religious scholars are companions of Capitalism and its investors. They are trying hard to stop the Muslim Renaissance. They are afraid of Islamic role in the world peace. Some scholars are writing their dream that the West will be unbeaten in 21st century. They will not accept their defeat. They will bring a war in religious way. They will raise the concept of Messiah wrongly. Main problem of this research is the Messiah's Identity. It is a source of controversy. There are much confusions and a verity of this concept due to Oriental and Occidental researches in the Twenty First Century. These researches are increasing now. "For nearly fourteen centuries, the primary objective of Islam has consisted of to take over the globe and bring every individual under the rule of Islam," asserts Dr. Michael Youssef, an Emory University expert on Islamic movements.[12]

To make peace had been first priority of Muslims. Reconciliation, peace process and treaties were the best Muslim policies even during the wars. Neglecting it, Western scholars are telling that Islam will keep fighting against non-Muslim countries and non-believers.[13] In the publication of Blindsided, Michael Youssef makes the case that "Militant Muslims view Christians as the biggest enemy of Islam" and goes on to provide four main explanations for why these two religions are at odds right now.[14]

There is a political crisis after the fall of Ottoman Empire in Muslim World. If a national leader tries hard to make his nation progressive by good governance, a noise of Eschatological theories starts. A strange interpretation shows hate to Muslims that "according to the Bible, there will be blasphemy, false marvels, and a seven-year peace deal including Israel when the Antichrist is exposed. Imam Fethullah Gulen is coming back to Turkey when two Turkish leaders settle their

11 Cloud, David W. The Antichrist as a Muslim. Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 2018, p. 17.

12 Michael Youssef, Blindsided: The Radical Islamic Conquest, Kobri LLC Publisher, 2012, 101.

13 Joel Richardson, The Islamic Antichrist: The Shocking Truth about the Real Nature of the Beast (Los Angeles: WND Books, 2009), 138.

14 Youssef, Blindsided: The Radical Islamic Conquest, 102-3.

differences. Fethullah Gulen acts as the False Prophet, and Erdogan is the Antichrist."[15]

2.2- War for World Rule in the Holy Land:

It is said that religions are the cause of conflicts and wars. It is because of selfish and one-sided interpretation. "Humankind's destiny is to bring together all the points of view that are now dividing each other. The philosophy that will lead humanity in the future must be able to bring together all religions and philosophies. If we continue the era of people congregating only by religion or race, then humanity cannot avoid a repetition of war. The age of peace absolutely cannot come unless we transcend cultural customs and traditions."[16]

Religious Extremism is a threat to World Peace. European nations became in power due to their battles to control the Holy Land in the Middle Ages. Christian Scholars have an idea that beginning of a millennium is time for Rapture, a moment of salvation. The son of God will come back and his all believers will rise with him to heavens before the Last Day. It becomes very dangerous for World Peace. During the start of first millennium, The West started the Crusades. When crusaders saw the civilized orient world, they became astonished in medieval era. It is told that the 10th Red Heifer Sacrifice is ready. According to an ancient Jewish custom, nine Red Heifers have been offered up to this point on to support the Jewish people. The prophet Elijah offered the first, followed by Moses and Eleazar, Ezra the Scribe, Simon the Righteous, Yochanan the High Priest, and Yishmael, the son of Piabi (15–16 AD). Hanamel the Egyptian offered the eighth, and Yishmael the son of Piabi offered the ninth. According to legend, the Messiah will burn the tenth and last Red Heifer when the future Temple is being rebuilt (Mishnah, Parah 3: 5).[17]

According to the Jewish view it is the first step for their world rule through messiah. There is very support for it in the West. Christians link it to Christ, as a scholar writes: "The red heifer sacrifice, like all the sacrifices made in ancient Israel, is a potent symbol of Christ and provides us with numerous insights into Christ's intercession on behalf of all people. The purpose, setting, and components of the commandment of the color red heifer are all symbolic to the Savior, demonstrating and teaching his ability to make peace between God and humans and to save us from the grip of death and sin."[18]

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15 White, Craig C. Presenting the Antichrist and False Prophet: Warning to Jerusalem, North Charleston, South Carolina: Create Space Independent Publishing Platform, 2015

16 Sun Myung Moon, As a Peace-loving Global Citizen, The Washington Times Foundation, USA, 2009, p. 291.

17 https://www.hebrew4christians.com/Articles/Tenth_Red_Heifer/tenth_red_heifer.html

18 Banion, Mélbourne O', The Law of the Red Heifer: A Type and Shadow of Jesus Christ, (Studia Antiqua, Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, April 2005) Vo. 4 No. 1, p. 41.

Religious conflicts increased loss of humanity. "Nine million people, at least fifty percent of them were Christians, are estimated to have died in the two thousand years between the First Crusade and the decline of Acre (1291) during the attempts to retake and control the Holy Land. The majority had died from misery and persistent sickness, but even the slaughter itself had been incredible."[19]

Crusaders of Dark Ages West have been in hope of Messiah's arrival from the beginning as Gospel encouraged the believers: It's true that some of the attendees here won't pass away until they witness the arrival of the Son of Man in His Kingdom as King."[20] We name this blissful time "Rapture." Christian World had been waiting for this era reading the Old Testament that "There came one like a son of man with the thunderous clouds of heaven. His authority is an everlasting dominion, and he was granted dominion, glory, and a kingdom."[21] It is also told in another verse that "Behold, your ruler will come to mankind; he is fair and successful; lowly and travelling upon his donkey and with a colt, the newborn baby of a donkey."[22]

Many early Christians who were baptized believed they would not die at all, but rather would experience Christ's advent throughout their lifetimes and enter God's kingdom without passing away. Some were certain they would soar through the clouds to encounter Christ's second coming.[23]

Christians were wrong at first millennium. They brought killing in religious slogans. Now Jews and Christians are deceiving each other, but they are destroying Muslims by many ways. Before the start of second millennium, Israel was created by the Western Powers to fulfill the Messiah scenario. Christian Europe gain many benefits by helping the Jews to going back in Middle East. Before it, there were many problems for each other. "In our own time, anti-Semitism in Christendom culminated in the Nazi Holocaust. Though many factors were involved, religious hatred cannot be ignored as one of the main ones".[24] "There were killers who went to confession between massacres? And that they all came from Christian families and had received a Christian education".[25]

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19 *John Mackinnon Robertson, A Short History of Christianity, University of Michigan: Watts & Company, 1902, 2006, p. 278.*

20 Matt.16: 17-18

21 Daniel 7:13–14.

22 Zechariah 9:9

23 Ernest Wilhelm Benz and Martin E. Marty. *The Concept of Life after Death.* Access March 9, 2019, https://www.britannica.com

24 https://www.jw.org/en/library/books/world-without-war/messiah-lead-nations-to-peace/

25 Elie Wiesel, A Jew Today, New York: Random House, 1978

3- Interpretations about Messianic World Rule:

World peace is a dream of contemporary global village. Humanity always needs it. According to Islamic teachings Jesus was not failed in his short life. He performed his duties according to his task given by Lord. His role in second coming will also be a unique task to escape the Humanity by trapping messianic figures. The Messiah's primary mission was to reconcile humanity with God and eradicate all forms of injustice, pain, and conflict from the earth. He was not identified by Jews. Some scholars think that Jesus obviously did not succeed in this. To circumvent this setback, Christians developed the concept of the "Second Coming." The second time around is expected to see the fulfillment of all the predictions that Jesus failed to fulfill the first time. But the Jewish Bible provides little basis for the Christian concept of a "Second Coming." [26]

People believe that Jesus will return soon because of interpretations of his messianic reign over the world. According to a 2009 Pew survey, 79% of Christians in the US (or roughly 60% of all Americans) said they believe in the final coming of Jesus Christ, without attaching any timeline to His arrival by 2050. In fact, even if 41% of people do not believe the Coming will occur by 2050, it seems not likely that their faith in it will wane significantly given the large number of past predictions, which were failed, regarding the date of Jesus' return and the persistence of belief in it in spite of them.[27]

3.1- Interpretations to Establish the Messianic State:

The Western Civilization is a secular civilization but it has the support of Judeo-Christian alliance. The West had keen interest to establish the Zionist state. Zionism is a Messianic movement in it. This movement established the state of Israel with the help of Western Civilization. For this purpose, the origin of the coming Messiah was searched in Judaism. The West openly supported the establishment of the Zionist State according to its interests. "The belief in the arrival of the Messiah also served as the foundation for the Zionism movement, which got its start in the early 1900s."[28]

The people of Book were in hope of commanding role. They were waiting for the Messiah. The child of King David won't appear until the arrogant leave the Jewish people. The phrase states, "And I am going to raise my right hand with you as well as wash away your mud as with lye. The successor of David won't show up until

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[26] https://www.chosenpeople.com/no-peace-no-messiah/

[27] Pew Research Center. (2009, May 30). Christians' Views on the Return of Christ. Pew Research Center's Religion & Public Life Project. Retrieved February 23, 2022, from https://www.pewforum.org/2009/04/09/christians-views-on-the-return-of-christ/

[28] Bart D. Ehrman. 2004. The New Testament: A Historical Introduction to the Early Christian Writings. New York, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

all Jewish judges and officials have passed away; it will take your base alloy to separate it. And I will appoint your judges once more in their previous positions.[29] Cast out your enemy, for the Lord has taken away your judgments.[30] And you will redeem the oppressed people.[31]

Restructure Jews think that via doing good deeds, common people can usher in a prosperous and peaceful era. People will live in harmony, all Jews will return to Israel, and everyone will accept Judah as the only true God during the Messianic Age. There will be an abundance of food and water, high yielding crops, and no mutual predation between animals.[32]

Israel is a disputed area, but it is the dream of ruling elite class of the West. The Holy Land is known due to injustice in its occupied territory. Its presence in the Middle East is the cause of problem for world peace. After more than a century, has America continued to stand tall for humanity in the face of the true Beast? The third world war and the universal entrance of the Antichrist are part of the eschatological endgame between Islam and Judaism, but conflicts do not mean the end. How, shortly before Christ returns, disinformation will be the only news available. How Israel and the Arabs will at last find peace under the rule of the Antichrist.[33]

Biblically speaking, Judaism's claim to Truth seems to be validated by the Jewish people's accomplishment in rebuilding the State of Israel, subsequently enlarging its territory, and controlling the holy city of Jerusalem. We want to know how this was accomplished in the absence of the Messiah. The explanation is that it was made possible by a False Messiah tricking people![34]

3.2- Interpretations about Muslim Renaissance:

The Muslim World is facing crisis in the new century. It requires a man of crisis. The Holy Land is the center of problems. The Muslim world has tended to regard it as another instance of modern colonialism, or at best, a repetition of the Crusades. The scholarship of previous century was thinking that how Israel is neither one of these; but that it is both and more.[35]

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29 Isaiah 1:25-26.

30 Zephaniah 3:15.

31 II Samuel 22:28.

32 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh9vgdm/revision/4

33 Peter Jensen, Apocalypse 2027: Antichrist Unmasked: Scriptural Case for the Global Antichrist, Quanonical Books, 2018)

34 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 11.

35 Al-Faruqi, Isma'il Raji, Dr. Islam and the Problem of Israel. ICE, London, 1980, p. 25.

The prophet Solomon founded the Sacred State of Israel, but it hasn't truly been restored. Instead, the actual Israel has been replaced by a bloody Israel. Contemporary Muslim Scholars have opinion that it can be clearly see that the "End Time" has arrived and that the cloud has finally lifted.[36]

The establishment of the Israel was a night mare for Muslim World. Western Civilization is continuously supporting this Zionist State. The West is fully prepared for its crusade-era Muslim hostility to bless this so-called state of Israel. The Last Prophet of God, Muhammad (PBUH), declared: The building of Jerusalem is the destruction of Yathrib, and the destruction of Yathrib is the beginning of Armageddon, which is the conquering of Constantinople, which is the appearance of the antichrist.[37]

The Zionist State' oppressions are making the Ummah angry. Muslims are in hope of a true leadership. Jerusalem's destiny is for the State of Israel to be destroyed by a Muslim army, and Jerusalem will then become the Just capital cityof Jesus Messiah, ruling over all people. In place of the fictitious Zionist Jewish State of Israel, he would "rule" the entire world from the pious state that would thereafter be founded in the Holy Land.[38]

It is possible that because of solutions searching by Muslims, The Zionist Antichrist appear as Jesus. May be He announced the world order of Pas Judica. That moment will bring crisis for world peace. Muslims will not able to face him, until the true messiah will came by heavens.

The UNO will be the focal point of this society if it fails. Pas Judica is about to begin since it is predicted that the status of Jerusalem as a controlling city will represent crises for both Muslims and Medina. Israel has the potential to lead the West. Jerusalem, its capital, will serve as the global political hub. Until the UN is unable to avert a global conflict, it is impossible. Wars will continue on all fronts, particularly in and around Jerusalem's Holy Land, if the Zionist state of Israel takes over as the dominant state in the world.

4- Problems to recognize the Messiah:

The Jewish People, in their exile, continued to believe that the Promised Messiah would eventually arrive, bringing with him the restoration of Judaism's Golden Age, and that for this to happen, among other things, the Holy Land would need to be freed from Gentile rule, the Jews would need to return from exile to retake the land, the State of Israel would need to be restored, and the Temple would need to

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36 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 20

37 Abu Daud, Al- Sunan, al-baab fi al-amarat-ul-malahim, Islami kutab Khana, Lahore, Hadith No. 890, Vol: 3, p. 282.

38 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 106.

be rebuilt for the worship of Abraham's God, that a Jewish King, the Messiah, would rule the world from the throne of David, that is, from Jerusalem as the ruler of Israel; that Israel would eventually become the Ruling State in the world in a manner similar to that achieved in the times of David and Solomon; and that his rule would be eternal.[39]

4.1- Messiah as a God

Religion is the belief in and worship of a superhuman controlling power, especially a personal God or gods.[40] Some characteristics that set God apart from other entities include his creation of the universe, his status as the personification of the highest good, his omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence, among others. In today's globe, religion and belief systems continue to have a significant impact. Of the 6.13 billion people on the planet, 84% claim to practice an organized religion, with 4.04 billion of them self-identifying as Muslims or Christians.[41]

The concept of Messiah belongs to a human hero but Christian theologies view Jesus as the Son of God, distinct from Jewish and Islamic concepts. The New Testament Gospels have a literal anointing by a woman, with Mark, Matthew, and John in Bethany, and Luke in Galilee.[42]

Matthew, Mark and Luke are the Synoptic Gospels due to the same stories. In these Synoptic Gospels, Jesus rarely refers to himself as the Son of God, preferring to use the title 'Son of Man'. This avoids misunderstandings and incorrect notions of the Messiah.[43]

When we study the Qur'an we think that how God wishes to reveal of himself. Prophets ensure interpretation of revelation, ensuring God's message is understood, as prophecy allows God to remain veiled, and no mention of His current self-disclosure in the Qur'an.[44]

In the Qur'an, God strongly condemns the idea that God is the father. It is considered blasphemy, in fact. Muslims think the texts of the Bible have been tainted for a number of reasons, including this. They believe that Jesus never

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39 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 19.

40 Oxford Dictionary
https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/english/religion

41 Deshmukh, A. (2022, February 12). Mapped: The World's major religions. Visual Capitalist. Retrieved February 23, 2022, from https://www.visualcapitalist.com/mapped-major-religions-of-the-world/

42 https://encyclopedia.pub/entry/34064

43 Edward G. Parrinder, Jesus in the Qur'an (London: Oneworld, 2013), 128.

44 Mona Siddiqui, (2013). Christians, Muslims, and Jesus. Yale University Press. pp. 12. ISBN 978-0-300-16970-6. https://archive.org/details/christiansmuslim0000sidd/page/12.

referred to Himself as the Son of God.[45] The way that Judaism and Christianity see the messiah is one of their main points of contention. The Messiah is divine as well as human, according to Christian faith.[46]

4.2- Messiah's Identification in person:

Judaism is an old Monotheist Religion. For a minimum of two millennia, Jewish philosophy has been characterized by the idea of a messiah, a figure who will save the Jewish people, restore the Temple in the city of Jerusalem, raise the dead, and bring about a period of perfect peace.

King Cyrus of Persia is referred to as God's anointed, having made it possible for the Israelites to return from their diaspora in Babylon.[47] The uniqueness of Jesus Christ's Messiahship compared to previous figures has led to the belief that Jesus did not fulfill the demands of Jewish Messiah.[48]

The idea that a Jew should have played such a significant role in shaping the religious outlook and trajectory of humanity is too important for any rational Jew to ignore.[49] Islam makes clear that Jesus is a true messiah. People of Books are in doubts until now. They think that Messiah ben Joseph is also known as Messiah ben Ephraim. He was the first Israeli army commander during the Messianic wars. He achieved victories but died in a battle against Armilus. His corpse remains unburied in Jerusalem for forty days. Messiah ben David revives him.[50]

It has taken us a while to learn about the suffering Messiah, Mashiach ben Yosef, yet He came with a very essential mission to complete. It was His responsibility to atone for His people's transgressions. They wouldn't have murdered Him if He had arrived and brought about world peace. There could have been no atonement if they hadn't killed Him. Therefore, international peace was not possible at that time in order to fulfill Mashiach ben Yosef's needs.[51]

Jews did not accept Jesus as messiah. The Jewish Bible states that the Messiah will have to be a lineal descendant of King David.[52] Solomon, the son of David, must be the line through which the Messiah will come.[53] Numerous of these prophetic scriptures mention a King David ancestor who will lead Israel in the perfect

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45 M. Ali. *Islam Reviewed.* (Fort Myers, FL : Fish House Publishing, 1999), 11

46 Louay Fatoohi, The Mystery of Historical Jesus (Bandung: Mizan Pustaka, 2012), 369.

47 Isaiah 45:1

48 Pangeran Manurung, Jesus as a Special Messiah, Journal Kerugma, Indonesia: STTII Surabaya, Vol: 3 No. 1, April 2020, p. 35.

49 https://www.jw.org/en/library/books/world-without-war/messiah-lead-nations-to-peace/

50 Raphael Patai, The Messiah Texts: Jewish Legends of Three Thousand Years, (Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1988.

51 https://vision.org.au/articles/i-thought-mashiach-would-bring-world-peace-pt-1/

52 Jeremiah 23:5, 33:17; Ezekiel 34:23-24

53 II Sam. 7:14; I Chron. 17:11-14, 22:9-10, 28:4-6.

period.[54] Jews Tribal membership is solely transmitted by the father, and not through his mother.[55] It was a cultural issue if Mary's ancestors were not cited as proof that Jesus Christ was a descendant of David.[56]

The Torah states that the Messiah will be a male offspring of Jewish King David; Human, having been born of a human mother and father; Perfect in teaching God's law; outstanding in politics; inspiring and just as a judge; able to restore the Temple in Jerusalem; ruling over humanity in a loving way; the embodiment of world peace; and able to bring humanity together.[57]

According to Jesus, His kingdom is not like previous kingdoms. Not just in this instance. The Gospels reflect this interpretation of Jesus on several occasions, describing his kingdom in heaven as opposed to the earthly kingdoms of Cyrus, Saul, David, and Solomon.[58]

The notion of messianism, that is important to both Christianity and Judaism, is alien to Islam as embodied by the Qur'an, despite the fact that Islam shares most of the doctrines and traits of both of the Semitic religions that preceded it.[59]

Islamic belief holds that Jesus will return and use His healing abilities. He is going to permanently eliminate deception, as represented by the anti-Christ, the great falsifier. After that, God will rule eternally.[60]

It is divinely planned that Jesus would make a second appearance before his death. Therefore, on that day, all Jews must acknowledge and believe in Jesus as the Messiah, and all Christians must give up their faith in Jesus as the "son of God" and the third member of the divine trinity.[61]

Islamic thoughts are clear that Jesus is also among the great prophets and is alive in heavens. Islam will bring world peace in his command. Quran says that he was neither killed nor crucified. It is also narrated by the Prophet Muhammad that God angers the Jews, as they were in doubt about Messiah while Christians knew him the son of God, as narrated 'Adiyy bin Hatim:

It is evident in Islamic theology that Jesus is one of the great prophets and that he is alive and well in the skies. Islam will lead to global peace under his leadership.

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54 Isaiah 11:1-9; Jeremiah 23:5-6, 30:7-10, 33:14-16; Ezekiel 34:11-31, 37:21-28; Hosea 3:4-5.

55 Cf. Num. 1:18; Ezra 2:59.

56 Pangeran Manurung, Jesus as a Special Messiah, 17

57 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zh9vgdm/revision/4

58 Pangeran Manurung, Jesus as a Special Messiah, 22

59 Riffat Hassan, (Spring 1985). "Messianism and Islam". Journal of Ecumenical Studies 22:2: 263. http://soerenkern.com/pdfs/islam/MessianismAndIslamHassan.pdf.

60 Riffat Hassan, *Messianism and Islam.* (Yale: Yale University Press, 1985), 20

61 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 58.

The Quran claims that he was not crucified or slain. The Prophet Muhammad also tells the story of how God enrages the Jews because they doubted the Messiah, while Christians acknowledge him as the son of God. According to 'Adiyy bin Hatim, the Prophet (PBUH) said, "The Jews are those with whom God is wrath, and those who are Christians have wandered."[62]

4.3- Messiah's Identification in Biblical Era:

According to Jewish belief, the Messiah has not yet come. It is clear from several prophetic texts that Jesus Christ failed to appear in the messianic age that the Old Testament prophets had prophesied. Judaism views the messiah as a person of exceptional character. Jews believe that the future will bring about the eschatological age, which will comprise both the restoration of Jewish rule over the land of Israel and a world in which all peoples live in harmony. Biblical traditions inform Jews and Christians that Elijah is a prophet who will come before the arrival of the Messiah. Malachi predicted that Elijah would return physically, not just spiritually.[63]

The Jews observe that no such conflict has yet broken out inside the Holy Land. They think that it was impossible for the Messiah to come. As stated in Amos, "In the meantime I will set back up the destroyed booth of King David," the reconstruction of Jerusalem and the God-ordained temple is a prerequisite for the start of the messianic age. He also predicts the third assembly of the Jews, stating, "And I will establish them in their own territory, never to be driven from the land which I have given them."[64]

Jesus has been unable to fulfill all of the promises made during the Second Temple period that anticipate the building of Jerusalem and Zion. Jews quarrel with Christians and believe that followers of Jesus are more devoted to him compared to what they can be to their role as rulers of that region. According to Jewish theology, it is evident that Christianity is unable to be regarded as a valid religion based on how the word of prophets is interpreted.[65]

Jews are still confused about Jesus. They are not ready to recognize him. They have opinion that this Third Ingathering, however, has not yet occurred because the 3rd Temple and Jerusalem are still not being restored. The prophecy that said the Jews would never be exiled cannot be connected to the length of the time during the

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62 At-Tirmidhi. Jami` at-Tirmidhi, Darussalam, Vol. 5, Book 44, Hadith 2954.

63 Malachi 4:5-6

64 Amos 9:15.

65 Isaac Polqar, Teshuvat Apikoros/Iggeret ha-Ḥarafot [A Response to the Heretic], in Hecht 1993: 4b

to in Isaiah 45:1

Second Temple because the existing circumstances show that the period was marked by exile, especially given the word "forever" in it.[66]

Jews think that the Biblical Prophecies refer to the messianic era. Jews know that it hasn't begun yet. The prophecy of Ezekiel states that the God of Israel will never abandon the Israelites. He will move among them in spirit. He will bring each and every one of them back to Israel. They will always be free from fear there.[67] Square and moat included, Jerusalem will be rebuilt throughout a trying sixty-two-week period beginning when the order for repairs and restoration it was granted and lasting until the anointed leader's tenure.[68]

Quranic Verses tell that Jesus is the true messiah. Muslims think that Jews were wrong and they faced Almighty's anger not recognizing his prophets and trying to kill them. Christian scholars who comprehend these prophecies are studying the Second Temple era as the messianic era. It's also true that Jesus is the true messiah.[69]

4.4- Messiah's Identification in End Time:

A number of Maimonides' 13 Fundamentals of Faith is the fundamental Jewish belief in the ultimate arrival of a future messiah. It is claimed that the world will either need or deserve the arrival of the messiah the most—that is, when real goodness rules the globe and the planet is so wicked that it desperately needs to be saved.[70]

Maimonides describes the Messiah as a king from the House of David who studies Torah, enforces observance, and fights God's wars. If he builds the Holy Temple and gathers dispersed Israel, he is considered the anointed one. He will unite the world in worshiping the Lord, promoting a clear tongue and united resolve (Zephaniah 3:9).[71]

The Jewish belief that the Messiah would be the earthly king and deliverer of the Israelites is evidently where the Christian idea of Jesus as king originated.[72] Do we live in a society where there is no longer any war, where hunger, terror, disease, or

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66 Isaac Polqar, Teshuvat Apikoros/Iggeret ha-Ḥarafot [A Response to the Heretic], in Hecht 1993: 4b].

67 Ezekiel 39: 25 to 29.

68 Daniel 9:25

69 Judah Rosenthal, 1961, "The Third Letter of Abner of Burgos", Studies in Bibliography and Booklore, 5: 44.

70 "Judaism 101: Mashiach: The Messiah". Jewfaq.org. http://www.jewfaq.org/mashiach.htm. Retrieved 9 November 2012.

71 Mishneh Torah, Laws of Kings 11:4

72 Louay Fatoohi, The Mystery of Historical Jesus, Safis Publishing, Birmingham, 2007 377.

hatred are all eradicated? asks Rabbi Shmuley Boteach. Should Jesus be the actual Messiah that Isaiah predicted, the world would certainly be drastically transformed.[73]

Some Jews welcomed and believed in Jesus after he declared that he was, in fact, the Promised Messiah and boldly lectured about the "internal" meaning of religion while denouncing the corruption that is of the "external" form. However, the majority of Jews rejected him. He is still rejected as the Messiah by them today.[74] During the time of his disciples, Jesus knew that God had a plan to bring the earth back to his state.[75] God has know his plans and the Last Prophet Muhammad clarified the rationale for a Divine Plan that saw the Israelite Jews driven from the Holy Land following their attempt to crucify the son of a chaste and modest woman, Virgin Mary, the Messiah, and their rejection of him.[76]

5- Conclusion:

Scholars of Semitic Religions are agreed that all universal challenges will be settled by the Messiah. They are disagreeing to each other about that person. One's hero is other's villain. The concept of Messiah had been very important faith in Israelites. Jews are still waiting for a true Messiah as he has not arrived until now.

Interpretations of Messianic Concept are making distance. Christians and Muslims are agreed in believe that the Jesus Christ is the Messiah. He will come back before The End. He is the most revered and honored religious figure in human history. His life's story, morals, and theology provide a solid foundation for discussion among Muslims and Christians, especially in regards to his teachings on loving God and loving one's neighbor. The world could be more peaceful for everyone if all Muslims and Christians really loved good behavior for their neighbors, as God has ordered via His messengers. The scriptures present two opposing images of the Messiah: A mild and modest Messiah who would endure much suffering and a powerful victor. Jesus will fulfill the second image of him when he will return.[77]

Islam will bring world peace in the command of Jesus, the real Messiah. Islamic thoughts are clear about the return of Jesus. He is also among the great prophets and is alive in heavens. Islam will bring world peace in his command. Quran says that he was neither killed nor crucified. It is also narrated by the Prophet Muhammad that God angers the Jews, as they were in doubt about Messiah while Christians knew him the son of God.[78]

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73 Shmuley Boteach, Kosher Jesus (Jerusalem, Gefen Publishing House, 2012), p.177

74 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 53.

75 E.P. Sanders, The Historical Figure of Jesus (Inggris: Penguin Books, 1995), 95.

76 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 139.

77 Jerusalem in the Quran, p. 59.

78 Al-Tirmadhi, al-Sunan Al-Tirmadhi, Baab min Surah al-Fatiha, Hadith No. 2954.

6- Solutions and Suggestions:

Hate brings crisis and clashes. Coexistence and try to understand others can close the mankind. The interpretations of religious concept have hidden the reality. "The connection with one's Muslim neighbor is likely to be, at best, strained and, at worst, hostile if one begins with the presumptions that Muhammad is the anti-Christ and God is an idol."[79]

In conflict situations, dialogue is not a replacement for negotiation and mediation. It is a crucial component of processes for preventing and resolving conflicts, the aim of which is to establish a lasting peace. Dialogue, along with other processes, is part of a bigger peace initiative by making clear distinctions. Deliberation and dialogue are two distinct processes. Debate is a process of narrowing, as opposed to the opening, exploring, and visionary nature of discourse.[80]

79 John Azumah, *My Neighbor's Faith: Islam explained for Christians,* (Kenya: Hippo Books, 2008) 25.

80 Patrick Sookhdeo. *The Challenge of Islam to the Church and its Mission.* (America: Isaac Publishing, 2008), 90.