

The Bible

The Qur'an

Abraham chosen by God to be a blessing (Genesis 12-15)	Abraham chosen by God to destroy idolatry (21:51-71)
Ishmael called a wild and violent man (Genesis 16:12)	Ishmael called a messenger and a prophet (19:54)
	Abraham offers Ishmael as sacrifice (37:102-108)
Isaac miraculously born to Abraham (Genesis 21:1-7)	Isaac miraculously born to Abraham (37:112-113)
Ishmael disowned and settles in Arabia (Genesis 21:8-14)	Abraham & Ishmael build Ka'bah in Mecca (2:125-127)
	Abraham blesses Mecca as "City of Peace" (2:126)
Abraham offers Isaac as sacrifice (Genesis 22:9-14)	

Outreach Advice

1. The Qur'an does not explicitly name the sacrificial son
2. Muslim scholars have debated his identity for centuries
3. The Qur'an describes Isaac as "promised" (37:109-113)