9905 - The misguidance of the Jews with regard to ‘aqeedah

the question

we know where the christians went wrong, where did the jews go wrong ?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Undoubtedly the mistakes that the Jews made are more serious than those which the Christians made, although both of them have erred and are kafirs. The Quran mentions a number of the ways in which the Jews went astray.

1.Among them there is a group which claims that Allah has a son, as Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“And the Jews say: ‘Uzair (Ezra) is the son of Allah, and the Christians say: Messiah is the son of Allah. That is their saying with their mouths, resembling the saying of those who disbelieved aforetime. Allah’s Curse be on them, how they are deluded away from the truth!”

[al-Tawbah 9:30]

2.They described Allah as having shortcomings, and they killed the Prophets and Messengers of Allah, as Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“The Jews say: ‘Allah’s Hand is tied up (i.e. He does not give and spend of His Bounty).’ Be their hands tied up and be they accursed for what they uttered. Nay, both His Hands are widely outstretched. He spends (of His Bounty) as He wills”

[al-Ma’idah 5:64]

“Indeed, Allah has heard the statement of those (Jews) who say: ‘Truly, Allah is poor and we are

rich!’ We shall record what they have said and their killing of the Prophets unjustly, and We shall say: ‘Taste you the torment of the burning (Fire).’”

[Aal ‘Imran 3:181]

3.They distorted the word of Allah, i.e., the Tawrat (Torah). Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“So, because of their breach of their covenant, We cursed them and made their hearts grow hard. They change the words from their (right) places”

[al-Ma’idah 5:13]

“Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands and then say, “This is from Allah,” to purchase with it a little price! Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for that they earn thereby”

[al-Baqarah 2:79]

4.They deserved the curse of Allah, because of what Allah has said about them. Allah says:

“Those among the Children of Israel who disbelieved were cursed by the tongue of Dawood (David) and ‘Eesa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary). That was because they disobeyed (Allah and the Messengers) and were ever transgressing beyond bounds.

They used not to forbid one another from Al-Munkar (wrong, evildoing, sins, polytheism, disbelief) which they committed. Vile indeed was what they used to do”

[al-Ma’idah 5:78-79]

The lies that they have fabricated against their Prophets are many, such as the following:

1.The Jews claimed that the Prophet of Allah Sulayman (Solomon) was an apostate and that he worshipped idols, as mentioned in I Kings 11:5.

2.The Jews claimed that Loot (Lot) – peace be upon him – drank wine and committed incest with his two daughters, as mentioned in Genesis 19:30ff.

3.The Jews claimed that the Prophet of Allah Ya'qoob (Jacob) committed theft, as mentioned in Genesis 31:12.

4.The Jews claim that the Prophet of Allah Dawood (David) committed adultery, as a result of which Sulayman (Solomon) was born to him, as mentioned in II Samuel 11:4.

-- and so on, may Allah curse them and put them to shame.

Allah and His Messenger cursed them in numerous places in the Quran and Sunnah because of their shameless actions. For example, Allah says (interpretation of the meanings):

"And they say, 'Our hearts are wrapped (i.e. do not hear or understand Allah's Word).' Nay, Allah has cursed them for their disbelief, so little is that which they believe.

And when there came to them (the Jews), a Book (this Quran) from Allah confirming what is with them [the Tawrat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel)], although aforetime they had invoked Allah (for coming of Muhammad) in order to gain victory over those who disbelieved, then when there came to them that which they had recognized, they disbelieved in it. So let the Curse of Allah be on the disbelievers"

[al-Baqarah 2:88-89]

"Among those who are Jews, there are some who displace words from (their) right places and say: 'We hear your word (O Muhammad) and disobey,' and 'Hear and let you (O Muhammad) hear nothing.' And Ra'ina [in Arabic, this means'Be careful, listen to us, and we listen to you', whereas in Hebrew, it means 'an insult'] with a twist of their tongues and as a mockery of the religion (Islam). And if only they had said: 'We hear and obey', and 'Do make us understand,' it would have been better for them, and more proper; but Allah has cursed them for their disbelief, so they believe not except a few.

O you who have been given the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Believe in what We have revealed (to Muhammad) confirming what is (already) with you, before We efface faces (by making them like the back of necks; without nose, mouth and eyes) and turn them hindwards, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath-breakers. And the Commandment of Allah is always executed."

[al-Nisa' 4:46-47]

"So, because of their breach of their covenant, We cursed them and made their hearts grow hard. They change the words from their (right) places and have abandoned a good part of the Message that was sent to them. And you will not cease to discover deceit in them, except a few of them"

[al-Ma'idah 5:13]

"Say (O Muhammad to the people of the Scripture): 'Shall I inform you of something worse than that, regarding the recompense from Allah: those (Jews) who incurred the Curse of Allah and His Wrath, and those of whom (some) He transformed into monkeys and swines, and those who worshipped Taghoot (false deities); such are worse in rank (on the Day of Resurrection in the Hell-fire), and far more astray from the Right Path (in the life of this world)."

[al-Ma'idah 5:60]

"The Jews say: 'Allah's Hand is tied up (i.e. He does not give and spend of His Bounty).' Be their hands tied up and be they accursed for what they uttered. Nay, both His Hands are widely outstretched. He spends (of His Bounty) as He wills. Verily, the Revelation that has come to you from your Lord (Allah) increases in most of them (their) obstinate rebellion and disbelief. We have put enmity and hatred amongst them till the Day of Resurrection. Every time they kindled the fire of war, Allah extinguished it; and they (ever) strive to make mischief on the earth. And Allah does not like the Mufsidoon (mischief-makers).

[al-Ma'idah 5:64]

And the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

“May Allah curse the Jews, for they have taken the graves of their Prophets as places of worship.”

“May Allah curse the Jews: fat was forbidden for them, but they melted it down and sold it,”

These two hadeeths are both narrated in Saheeh al-Bukhari.

Ibn al-Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) described them well when he said:

“The nation upon whom is the Divine wrath are the Jews, the people of lies, slander, betrayal, conspiracy and trickery, the killers of Prophets and consumers of riba (usury) and bribes. They have the most evil hearts of all nations, and the worst attitude. They are the farthest removed from (divine) Mercy and the closest to (divine) wrath. Their way is enmity and stirring up hatred. They represent the house of witchcraft, lies and trickery. They do not see anything wrong in rejecting and disbelieving in Prophets whom they did not like. With regard to a believer, they respect not the ties, either of kinship or of covenant [cf. Al-Tawbah 9:10]. They do not respect the rights of those who agree with them, or show any compassion towards them, nor do they show any justice or fairness to those who work with them. There is no safety or security for those who mix with them, and there is no sincerity towards those who use their services. The most evil of them is the one who is most intelligent, and the cleverest one among them is the one who cheats the most. The one who is good at heart – which it is unlikely to find among them – is not a Jew in any real sense. They are the most bad-tempered of people, with the gloomiest houses and the filthiest courtyards. They have very bad manners – their greeting is a curse, and meeting them is bad news. Their slogan is wrath and they are filled with hatred.”

(Hidayat al-Hayara, p. 8)

These are just a few drops from a flood of information. Whoever researches the matter will find out a great deal about their shameful actions and the forms that their kufr and deviation take. We ask Allah to suppress them, humiliate them, put them to shame and defeat them, and to grant the Muslims victory over them sooner rather than later. May Allah bless our Prophet Muhammad.

And Allah knows best.