



## **The nickname of the Prophet Jacob (as) as "Israel" in the Old Testament and its reflection in Islamic hadith and commentary**

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### **Abstract**

It is stated in the Old Testament: "And when he saw that he could not overcome him, he touched the sinew of his thigh, and forth with it shrank. .. And he said: What is thy name? He answered: Jacob. But he said: Thy name shall not be called Jacob, but Israel; for if thou hast been strong against God, how much more shalt thou prevail against men". The same story is reflected in Islamic hadith and commentary, and "Israel" is considered the title of Jacob. While according to the evidence in the Holy Quran, Israel lived before the Prophet Jacob and was one of the companions of the Prophet Noah (AS) in the ship. The use of the term "Jacob" twice as opposed to the 41 uses of the "Children of Israel" also emphasizes the difference between the two families. The present article, by studying Islamic traditions and interpretations, has shown that the document and text of the reports indicating that the Prophet Jacob was nicknamed Israel are weak and fake and are among the Israelites. He also finds other evidence in Jewish sources that show that Israel is a person other than the prophet Jacob

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