

ABRAHAM: FIRST (and last) RECIPIENT OF SPECIFIC
RELIGIOUS PRACTICES.

The prophets and messengers prior to Abraham were not given any religious practices. The human society was so primitive, only BELIEF IN GOD ALONE was all that is required for salvation. See for example Sura 71, entitled "Noah." Thus, RELIGIOUS PRACTICES appear in Quran ONLY after Abraham; never before him.

(2:43) وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

"(O Children of Israel,) you shall observe the Salat prayers & Zakat charity; you shall bow down with those who bow."

﴿٤٤﴾ وَإِذْ جَعَلْنَا الْبَيْتَ مَشَاقِبَةً لِلنَّاسِ وَأَمَّا
وَأَن نَّخُذُوا مِن مَّقَامِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مُصَلِّينَ وَعِندَ نَاوَالِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مَا تَجْمَعُ
أَن طَهَّرْنَا بَيْتَ الْإِسْلَامِ لِلنَّاسِ وَاللَّكِبِينَ وَالرُّكَّعَ السُّجُودَ ﴿٤٥﴾

"We made the Kaaba a focal point for all the people, and a sanctuary; thus, you shall consider this station of Abraham a place of worship. And we appointed Abraham and Ismail to purify My shrine for those who would visit it, those who would retreat therein, and those who bow and prostrate."

(2: 125)

