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This work claims that Musaylima served as a prophet for his own people in Yamama in more or less the same way as the Prophet Muḥammad in Mecca and Medina. However, unlike Islam, Musaylimas religious movement did not survive. Here, a complete story of Musaylima his claim of prophethood, quran (reading), religious activities, followers, opponents, and defeat is reconstructed. A critical reading of the sources that contain the accounts of Musaylima is performed. Additionally, this study reveals that the remaining fragments of Musaylimas quran bear substantial similarities to the early Meccan verses of the Quran in terms of diction, style, and pattern. To formulate the findings of this study, there was more than one prophet in the sixth-seventh century of the Arabian peninsula, as Umayya b. Abi ḥalt, Abu Amir, Tulayḥa, Sajaḥ, Aswad, and Musaylima claimed prophethood. There was more than one quran, as Musaylima also revealed his own quran. It is possible that other prophets also did so. There was more than one mosque (masjid), since the followers of Abu Amir established their own, as did those of Abu Qays. So did the followers of Musaylima. There was more than one Abrahamic ḥanif monotheistic movement in the ḥijaz and around the region, as some figures assumed the same mission.

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