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the question

What is our attitude towards al-Israa’eeliyyaat (reports from Jewish sources)?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Shaykh al-Shanqeeti said: It is known that the reports from the Children of Israel [the Jews], which are known as al-Israa’eeliyyaat, may be of three kinds: 1 – those which we have to believe in, which are those which are shown by the Qur’aan or the sound Sunnah to be true 2 – Those which we have to disbelieve in, which are those which are shown by the Qur’aan and Sunnah to be false. 3 – Those which we are permitted neither to believe nor disbelieve, which are those which are not proven in the Qur’aan or Sunnah to be either true or false. From this definition we know that with regard to the stories which contradict the Qur’aan and saheeh Sunnah, which are in circulation among them now, claiming that they are from the revealed scriptures, we must reject them because they go against the texts of the sound Revelation which has not been distorted or altered [i.e., the Qur’aan]. And Allaah knows best.