

Extract from a Tablet of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

In the Writings of the Báb mention is made of a David who lived before Moses. Some have taken this to refer to David the son of Jesse, even though he lived after the days of Moses. Thus the enemies and detractors, ever lying in wait, took this as a pretext and, from atop the pulpits, denounced—I implore God’s pardon!—the Báb’s ignorance and folly. But the truth of the matter is that there are two Davids: one who lived before Moses and one who lived after Him, just as in the Qur’án there are two Ishmaels: one the son of Abraham, and the other, one of the Prophets of Israel.

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá

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