

# ISLAM & Prophecy

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**ARABS** All are nomadic descendants of Abraham. Not all are Islamic. Over one million Arabs are Christians, and even Christian Arabs call God Allah, the name of God in Arabic. Most are from Ishmael (2<sup>nd</sup> wife Hagar—Egyptian). Some are from Esau, Jacob’s brother (1<sup>st</sup> wife Sarai). Some are from Keturah (3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Abraham). Note that all Arabs in “Palestine,” prior to Mohammed, were Christians, Jewish, or pagan—many Arab tribes continued to worship many gods, because of their heritage (see **Fertile Crescent Timeline Study**, or **Book of Chronologies & Time Charts** – [Target Truth Ministries.com](http://TargetTruthMinistries.com)). Palestine Arabs worshiped one God, whereas many tribes outside the influence of Palestine worshiped many gods (until Mohammed established one main god 600 years *after* Jesus).

**ISLAM** Islam means “submission” and “peace”...submission to Allah to find peace. Not to be confused with Arab people. Only 15 % of Islam are Arab people. Islam is a religion founded by Mohammed, who received a vision, in a cave, from an angel, exactly like the Mormon Joseph Smith (Gal. 1:8-9), proclaiming that theirs is the last revelation from God...Abraham being the first. The penalty for leaving Islam is death (see **Truth Matrix Study** concerning many religions at [Target Truth Ministries.com](http://TargetTruthMinistries.com)).

**ORIGIN** Islam is the worship of the moon god Sin (2000 B.C., 2,500 years before Mohammed), which means the controller of night, also known as the moon god Al-ilah, which was the main god of Ur of the Chaldees (Abraham, Genesis 11:28). Dr. Morey states, “*Islam is a modern version of one of the ancient fertility cults. The Allah of the Qur’an is not the same as the God of the Bible, and the religion of Abraham is not derived from paganism.*” Alfred Guillaume states, “*the other gods mentioned in the Qur’an are all female deities: Al-Lat, al-Uzza, and Manat, which represented the Sun, the planet Venus, and Fortune respectively. At Mecca they were regarded as the daughters of Allah. As Allah meant ‘the god,’ so Al-lat means ‘the goddess.’*” John Van Ess states, “*At Mecca Allah was the chief of the gods and the special deity of the Quaraish, the prophet’s tribe. Allah had three daughters : Manah, the goddess of destiny, Al-lat, the goddess of vegetable life, and Hubal (moon god), and more than 300 others made up the pantheon.*” G.J.O. Moshay states, “*The word Allah was derived from al-ilah, which had become a generic title for whatever god was considered the highest god.*” Each Arab tribe used Allah to refer to its own particular high god. This is why Hubal, the moon god (Sin), was the central focus of prayer at the Ka’aba, and the people prayed to Hubal (Sin), using the name Allah. Historians like Vaqqidi have said, “*Allah was actually the chief of the 360 gods being worshipped in Arabia at the time Mohammed rose in prominence.*” Ibn Al-Kabi gave 27 names of pre-Islamic deities. Interestingly, not many Muslims want to accept that Allah was already being worshipped at the Ka’aba in Mecca by Arab pagans long before Mohammed came along.

The mythical mother god with resurrection power came from the moon god Sin. The moon god was common to many cultures all over the world long before Mohammed, and can be traced all the way back to Nimrod, and Babylon – 2,000 B.C. In Rome Diana was the moon god (1,000 years before Mohammed), the daughter of Jupiter, and Diana was a virgin, controller of childbirth, and resurrection – her symbol was a crescent moon. The moon god Sin (2,000 B.C.), commonly called by Arabs “Hubal,” was considered the highest of gods, or Al-ilah.

The mythical origin of the entire universe was due to Nanmu, the water goddess. From her waters was birthed all we see. One of these births was the moon god Sin (male). Sin was transformed to a female goddess as a result of the earth goddess Inanna, becoming Queen of Heaven, as well as Queen of Earth, due to her marring many other gods, including Anu (12 - pg 78, 81). She became the moon goddess with resurrection power, thus replacing the male god Sin. As time passed, the moon goddess combined with Isis (Egypt), and became known as Namaia. Eventually, male dominance caused a return to the worship of the moon as a male god, Sin, also known as Al-ilah, the highest god, who became the primary god of most of the tribes including Mohammed’s. Al-ilah was the primary god of the Ka’aba in Mecca, as well as Ur, where Abraham came from, (and where Abraham was called out of – Gen. 12:1). Mohammed received a revelation while under great physical stress from an Angel (see Mormon also – Gal. 1:8-9), and Mohammed proclaimed the moon god Sin (Hubal), known

as Al-ilah to the Arab tribes, to be the one true god—Allah. (see **The Queen of Heaven Study**, or books *Flat Earth & Genesis*, or *God's Plan / Satan's Plan* – [Target Truth Ministries.com](http://TargetTruthMinistries.com)). Daniel 11:37 denotes that Allah, the “so-called” god of Abraham, is not the same as the true God of Moses, by asserting that false faiths end up worshipping “other” gods, not the one true God of Abraham. Today, both witchcraft and Islam share the exact same symbol – a crescent moon with a star. In Satanism and witchcraft, Lucifer is lower than the Moon God, which is also true also of Islam.

The black cube in Mecca (Ka'aba - most holy site), was to honor all the gods, and primarily the mood god Allah (Al-ilah). A believer is called Moslem (Muslim). The goal of Islam is to overtake the whole world for Allah (see quotations from Quran), peacefully or forcefully, to overtake the Jew and the Christian who pervert their god. Islam is not to be confused with Arabs, many of whom are Christian. Eleven million Americans are Muslims. If only ½ of one percent are radical, that means there are 50,000 extremists in America. Louis Farrakhan, the leader of Nation Islam here in the United States, was considered by many to be very extreme, and his group claimed up to one million followers. Louis Farrakhan claimed to have met with Mohammed when he was transported to the “mother ship” which supposedly exists above our earth. They claim the Jewish people actually caused 9-11.

**MECCAN CHRONICLES** From Mohammed's period - state that all Jews are to be annihilated.

**QURAN** The Quran is divided into 114 chapters, called suras, and they are unequal in length. Eighty-six chapters were revealed during the early Meccan period (the period of peaceful co-existence), and twenty-eight were revealed later at Medina (the period of holy war to preserve and advance Islam). The suras (chapters), are not in any chronological or logical order. Generally speaking, the chapters are arranged according to length, with the exception of the first chapter, which functions as a short introductory prayer. The Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad over a period of 22 years from 610-632 A.D., when Mohammad died. In 650 A.D., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Caliph established the text of the Qur'an which exists today. Sura 16:101 reads Allah can change his revelations. Sura 41:9-10, 12 reads Allah took eight days to create the world, and Sura 50:38 reads creating humans took six days. Muslims believe Ishmael (**Gen. 16**), is the chosen lineage, not Isaac, and that it was Ishmael who Abraham was to sacrifice (**Gen. 21-22**).

5:82 Jews are the main enemy of Islam.

5:51 Jews and Christians are defiled filth and not to be trusted.

2:61 Jews are vileness, and are separated from Allah.

3:112 The just reward for Jews is destruction.

3:156-159 Those who die during a Jihad (holy war), are martyrs and receive immediate entrance into paradise (4:74-76, 9:88-89, 111 – 12:58-59, 61:4,9-13).

3:167-175 To be a martyr is the ultimate show of submission and devotion to Allah.

5:51 To take a Christian or Jew for a friend is to offend Allah.

9:112 The Umma (true believer of Islam), has the promise of Allah, written in the blood of the moon, that paradise comes to those who kill and are killed in a holy war.

**HADITH** – Note that the text which is used to interpret the Qur'an is called the **Hadith**. The Hadith is said to amplify the Qur'an, because it quotes the actual words and actions of Muhammad. Muslims follow the example of Muhammad laid out in the **Hadith**. The Qur'an is said by Islam to be ambiguous without the Hadith. The Hadith was put together around 860 A.D. by Sahih-Al-Bukhari, 200 years after Muhammad's death.

- 4:177 – The end times and peace will not come until the Jews are subdued.
- Hadith says the only assured way to paradise is to die in jihad, a holy war, otherwise there is no guarantee. Even if one keeps all the five pillars, Allah may still overlook you. Those that overcome suffering, and are purified in hell, may be acceptable to paradise, but there is still no assurance.
- Hell contains mostly women.
- Those who commit suicide, not as a result of jihad, will stay in hell for all eternity.

- Muhammad taught that women were less intelligent. Women are not considered inferior, but dangerous, and therefore must be controlled.
- Women must worship separately.
- Women must cover their hair, as hair is an object of sexual temptation (1 Cor. 11:10 – see **Angels Study**, or book *Flat Earth & Genesis* – [Target Truth Ministries.com](http://TargetTruthMinistries.com)).
- Women can marry one Muslim man, whereas men can marry up to four women, and they can be non-Muslim. Women cannot divorce, whereas men can.
- In Paradise men can have many companions, otherwise, women mostly stay in hell.

## **JIHAD**

*Jihad* means “My struggle.” Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* means “My struggle.” Modern understanding is that Jihad means: My struggle in holy war to overcome the non-believers.

## **History**

570 A.D. Mohammed is born, but by six years of age both his father and mother have passed, and he is raised by his uncle Abu Talib in Mecca, who was an elite leader of his tribe, the Quraysh. The center of worship for all the Arab tribes is the Ka’aba, which is maintained by the Quraysh (the tribe of Mohammed), which traces its history all the way back to Adam. Tradition holds that the Ka’aba was rebuilt by Abraham. The Ka’aba held a multitude of idols to various gods of the pagan tribes of Arabia.

596 A.D. Mohammed married an older woman named Khadija (a merchant), who asked Mohammed to marry her—unheard of in the tribal customs. In 610 A.D., Mohammed has his first revelation in the cave he visits for meditation, and he is unsure of what to do. His wife convinces him that the revelations are real, and that he needs to pursue their lead. They were married for 24 years, and had four daughters, and two boys, both of whom died young. Mohammed’s cousin Ali married one of Mohammed’s daughters, and this would lead later on, after the death of Mohammed, to the lineage of leadership for the Shiite Muslims (see 661 A.D.).

620 A.D. Mohammed’s wife Khadija died, and Mohammed began marrying several women from various tribes (16 in total over the years), to unite the tribes under his authority as the prophet of God.

622 A.D. After 13 years of trying to get the local tribes in Mecca to worship only one God, and being rejected, Mohammed leads his 150 followers to go to Medina, where they can worship the way they want without persecution. This marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar, which is based upon 354 day years (the moon cycle)—the Islamic year will be 1442 on the Roman calendar in 2020. Medina has several tribes in the area, including a Jewish community, as well as several pagan communities.

624 A.D. The tribes in Mecca still wanted Mohammed to follow their customs of many gods in the Ka’aba, and kept trying to intimidate Mohammed, including warfare. Mohammed received a new revelation to fight the unbelievers, and Mohammed’s followers withstood their attacks, including one where the Jewish tribes aligned themselves with the Meccans, because Mohammed was denying the Jewish community to live by their own laws, and demanded the Jewish tribes to submit to Islam and Mohammed’s laws, including no longer allowing the Jewish people to pray toward Jerusalem, but instead requiring the Jewish people to pray toward Mecca and the Ka’aba. As a result of supporting the Meccans, the Jewish men were all killed by Mohammed, and their wives and children were enslaved.

After several years, Mohammed took his people to Mecca for the Hajj, the traditional visit to the Ka’aba for the Arab tribes. The tribes in Mecca did not fight Mohammed, yet still rejected Mohammed’s visit. However, the Meccans agreed that one year later they would let Mohammed and his followers come to Mecca for the Hajj. A year later they entered without any resistance. After that, with his new found acceptance, Mohammed returned to Medina and established the great Mosque of Medina, where he ruled and forged the new faith of Islam.

Mohammed and this new religion of worshiping only one god (Allah), was now accepted along with pagan practices, and eventually, the new faith of Islam replaced all the pagan ways. Mecca, being the historical home of the Ka’aba, became the primary center of worship for Islam.

632 A.D. Mohammed dies, poisoned by the widow of a man he had executed (15).

632 to 634 A.D. Much of Arabia tried to leave Islam, having been forced into it. The followers of Mohammed enforced obedience to Allah, which resulted in the killing of 70,000 Arabs during the Wars of Apostasy to reconvert Arabia. What had been known as the “Ummah” (the community of various groups—even including the Jewish tribes in the very beginning in Medina), is now replaced by the newly defined “Ummah,” which is the community of Islam only, following only the laws of Islam from the last writings of Mohammed—Sura 9—Convert, or be killed, or treated as property (slaves).

636 A.D. Iran / Persia (Pagans under Sassan) battle Saudi Arabia (Muslims under Saad Abi Waggas) at the battle of Al Qadisiya for control of entire region, and even though greatly outnumbered, the Muslims win what is called a Jihad—a Holy War to serve Allah. This begins the establishment of Islam across the entire region outside of Saudi Arabia.

638 A.D. Two Arab cities are established as strongholds in the area of what becomes known as Iraq—Kufa and Basra.

661 A.D. The center of Islam has moved east from Saudi Arabia into the old Persian empire, and Islam splits into two basic camps—Shiite and Sunni. The Shiites follow the leadership of the decedents of Ali, the cousin of Mohammed who married Mohammed’s daughter, and they consider the bloodline as divinely inspired (called Imams), and settle their base in Iraq. The Sunnis follow the leadership of whomever the community of elders select, following the original tribal method of the Umayyad tribe—the first rulers in Saudi Arabia, and they base their center of authority in Damascus, in what is Syria today.

752 A.D. Sunni Islam chooses Baghdad as the center of the Sunni Muslim world.

1258 A.D. Genghis Khan’s armies conquer Baghdad. This is considered the “Dark Ages” for Islam.

1453 A.D. Turkish Ottomans, which are Sunni, take control of Byzantium from the old Roman Empire and rename Byzantium as Istanbul.

1534 A.D. This is considered the high point of Islam under Suleiman the Magnificent, as they take back Baghdad and establish Sharia law.

1638 A.D. Iraq becomes part of the Turkish Ottoman Empire.

1850 A.D. The Ottoman Empire divides Iraq into the three basic tribal areas we see today.

1908 A.D. Oil is discovered in Iran.

1909 A.D. Britton enters the oil market in Iran.

1914 A.D. Germany declares war against Russia—WWI—The Ottomans join with Germany.

1916 A.D. Britton’s holdings are threatened, and they capture and hold Baghdad.

1918 A.D. Britton controls all of Iraq as the Ottomans and Germany are defeated.

1919 A.D. Britton and France divide control of the Arab nations under the Iraq Mandate.

1920 A.D. Iraq people revolt against British control.

1921 A.D. Britton installs an Arab leader, King Feisal (a Saudi Arabian Meccan decedent of Mohammed), but to the people of Iraq, the king was an outsider.

1932 A.D. Iraq becomes part of League of Nations.

1940’s British blamed for oil creating a wealthy ruling class and leaving most Arabs in poverty, and again Islamic areas join with Germany and Hitler—even an SS squad is under Islamic control with the purpose of eliminating the Jewish population. However, for a second time Germany is defeated, and the Islamic peoples come under British and French control. This eventually develops into land being set aside for the nation of Israel in 1948.

1958 A.D. King Feisal’s son is now king and is assassinated in a revolution.

1963 A.D. In Iraq, the Baath Party (Resurrection Party), rises to power.

1968 A.D. Baath Party in Iraq takes over—Saddam Hussein comes to power in 1979.

## ISLAM

- **A religion** of peace for Islamic countries, referred to as the “House of peace,” as opposed to the “House of war” for all others. Islam has been misused by some people who see it as a religion of peace for all people, when it is the duty of Muslims to convert people to Islam, or rule them as sub-human.

**Qur’an Sura** 2:191-193; 5:33; 5:51; 8:12, 38-39, 67; 9:5; 9:29, 41, 73; 33:60-62; 47:3-4; 48:17; 66:9; 98:6

**Hadith** 4-52-196, 4-53-386, 4-53-392, 8-82-705

**Hadith-Bukhari** 52:65, 256

- **Good or Bad?** All people are basically good. People do sin and must do good works to compensate for sin and mistakes.

- **Fundamental** elements of Islam are that Allah is not tolerant – Allah is patient. Muslims are called to be patient until they are in a position of power to intervene in **this life**.

Fundamental Muslims are called to force or coerce conversion to the fundamental position.

**Quran** 8:38-39; 9:5, 11, 29, 193

**Hadith-Sihah** 1:33; 19:4294

**Hadith-Bukhari** 2:24; 59:643; 60:40; 60:80

To tolerate Christian groups in society, is to invite the **sword**. Muslims are taught that the later teachings of Muhammad (Jihad), override the early teachings of peace, and co-existence.

- **Judgment** - Muslims believe they are correct. Muslims believe others are lost, and going to Hell. Muslims are to convert non-believers by force if necessary.
- **Instruct** a person they must follow Allah, and the Islamic laws, or they will be punished with death in this life, and hell in the next.  
**Qur’an Sura** 5:33, 47:4, 98:6
- **The government** is to be controlled by the law of Islam. Arabic must be the language of the world. Peace treaties must expire in 10 years maximum, and used only to strengthen the Islamic position.
- **Law** – Sharia law is based upon the Quran, and using the example of Muhammad, as laid out in the Hadith and interpreted by the religious leaders. Sharia will be the law of the governments for all Islamic nations.
- **To deny Allah**, or deny Islam, or deny the Islamic laws, is to show yourself to be sub-human, and subject to being killed, as one would kill an ape, or pig, and hell thereafter.  
**Qur’an Sura** 5:33, 5:51, 8:67, 9:5, 9:29, 47:4, 98:6  
**Hadith** 4-52-196, 4-53-386, 4-53-392, 8-82-705

- **Evidence** Islam has no evidence of any power

## CHRISTIANITY

- **A religion** of peace for the individual (**John 14:26-27, 16:33**). This world will not have peace (**Matt. 10:34-39**). Christians are to respect a person’s right to reject God – it is their right to deny God receive hell (**Matt. 5, 6, 7**).

Christianity has been misused by some people who want to convert people by force.

- **Good or Bad?** All people are sinners at conception (**Rom. 3:10-12**). No works will save us (**Eph. 2:8-9**).

**Fundamental** elements of Christianity are that Jesus is not tolerant – Jesus is patient. Christians are called to be patient until Jesus intervenes, in the judgment at **the end**.

Fundamental Christians are **not** called to force or coerce conversion to the fundamental.

To tolerate Fundamental Islamic groups in society, is to invite **debate**. Christians are not to use force, only warn the world of the judgment to come. Judgment will be carried out by Christ alone.

- **Judgment** - Christians believe they are correct. Christians believe others are lost, and going to Hell. Jesus will be the judge (**John 5:22**). Christians are to spread the Word (**Rom. 10:13-17**).

**Instruct** a person they must follow Jesus, and the ways of Jesus, or they will be punished with eternal hell in the life to come (**Matt. 28:16-20**), and suffer a lack of peace of mind in this life.

**The government** and the laws are to be submitted to by the Christian. If the laws are opposed to the teachings of Jesus, then a Christian is to accept punishment rather than deny God (**Matt. 22:21, Mk. 12:17, Rom. 13, 1 Pet. 2:13-16**). Jesus established the laws for Christians (**Matt. 5,6,7,15,etc**).

**Law** – whatever laws are established by the local governments. Christians are to submit to biblical principles, and resist pagan ways.  
See government above.

**To deny Jesus**, and God’s laws, is to separate oneself from the kingdom of God, and to be subject to eternal separation, which Jesus will carry out in the judgment to come (**Mk. 9:43**).

- **Evidence** Christianity has eyewitness evidence, of hundreds

over death. Islam is a philosophy of how to live in this world, with no evidence to support their view of life after death. The only miracle of Islam is the Quran, which was written by Allah, as Mohammed could not read or write. No early manuscripts exist. Like the Mormon faith, an angel convicted Mohammed—

### **Galatians 1:8-9.**

(see Hand Out on **Evidences – The Truth Matrix** – at [Target Truth Ministries.com](http://TargetTruthMinistries.com))

- **Adultery/fornication** – sex outside of marriage or homosexual relations.

#### **Punishment** –

requires head to be severed.

**Hadith** 2-23-413

- **Lying** – To protect Islam, it is acceptable to lie – otherwise, it is not acceptable to lie (**Qur'an** 16:106; 9:3—**Hadith-Bukhari** 49:857; 84:64-65).

**Punishment** – whatever the Muslim leader establishes in the district you live in.

**Quran** Sura 3:28, 16:106

**Hadith** 4-52-269, 7-67-427

- **Salvation and death** – Muslims believe we are created good, and fall into sin, and must submit to the teachings of the Quran to be able to enter paradise. At death, most Muslims believe that two angels named Munkar and Nakir, visit the dead in the grave and ask three questions to determine if they are worthy of heaven. 1) Who is his Lord? 2) What is his religion? 3) Who is his prophet? Heaven can be earned by good works to overcome shortcomings. There is no assurance of entering heaven except through dying in Jihad, a Holy War to advance Allah.

of people, on several occasions, over many weeks, seeing Jesus returning from the dead, and promising that those who trust in Him will be received into His kingdom, and others sent to hell (**1 Cor. 15:1-8; Acts 1:1-8**). There are hundreds of prophecies which are very exacting that have fulfilled (**Luke 16:31**)—see Message/Study “Great Prophecies” at [Target Truth Ministries.com](http://TargetTruthMinistries.com).

**Adultery** – sex outside of marriage, or homosexual relations (**Matt. 15:17-20**).

**Punishment** – may be none – to be determined by government. Christians are to be admonished by the church they belong to, and if unrepentant, they will suffer eternal separation, which will be administered by Jesus at the final judgment to come (**Mk. 9:43-44**).

**Lying** – Do not lie (**Ex. 20:16; 23:1**).

**Punishment** – Christians are to be admonished by the church, and if unrepentant, eternal separation will be administered by Jesus at the judgment to come.

**Matt. 15, 19; John 5:28-29**

**Salvation and death** – Christian believe we are all sinners at conception, and that no one can do any works to save themselves—we need a Savior (**John 14:6**). Only a Holy God can pay the price for the debt of sin against our Holy God, and Jesus did just that (**Phil. 2:5-11**). No works will save anyone (**Eph. 2:8-9**).

**ISLAMIC TRADITION** from Mohammed is that the complete military subjugation of the earth is commanded by Allah (see Islam Prophecy). Also the tradition from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, after the 12<sup>th</sup> Iman disappeared in 974 AD, is that the 12<sup>th</sup> Iman (the Mahdi), will return, and establish Islam as the global religion, and he will reign for seven years before bringing about the end of the world.

- The 12<sup>th</sup> Iman (the Mahdi), will return to convert the world to Islam. The **Sunnis** basically believe that he is either yet to be born, or may be alive already, and has not yet emerged, or been revealed. The **Shiites** believe the Mahdi (the 12<sup>th</sup> Iman), was hidden by Muhammad until an appointed time. There is a holy well where messages can be left for the Iman, and today some expect the Iman (the Mahdi), to emerge from this well. The leaders of Iran in 2005, announced that they expected this to happen by 2009. Iranian leaders announced in 2014 that the Mahdi had arrived, and is in preparation for Islam to take control over the world.
- A false messiah, a Jew, will lead an army against Islam in the end of days.
- Many Shiites and Sunnis say the prophet Jesus (Jesus seen by these to escort the 12<sup>th</sup> Iman), will be sent by Mohammed, will return to defeat the Jewish army, and Islam will become the sole faith and power, and Jerusalem will become the new Islamic capital.
- Islam expects the Jewish people to attack the Al-Aqsa Mosque, a temple mount worship area at the south end of the temple mount in Jerusalem.

- Muslim tradition teaches that the final judgment of all humankind will take place in the Kidron valley between the Dome of the Rock (Temple Mount – Moriah), and the Mount of Olives on the East Side of Jerusalem.

**ISLAMIC PROPHECY** from the 13<sup>th</sup> century, based upon an ancient manuscript held in Suleymaniye Library in Turkey--# 3664/Al-medina Al-Munawana, predicted the end of the world would be ushered in only after three things occurred, as well as the arrival of the lost Mahdi, which was to occur between August 3 2013, and August 4 2014:

- 1) The Jews would control Palestine (Israel lost control 2,500 years ago and regained control in 1948, and in 1967 regained control over Jerusalem—these were a fulfillment of the prophecy given to Ezekiel in chapter four). **This has happened !**
- 2) Only after the Byzantines invade Hijaz (said to have been fulfilled when America, seen as the Byzantines (the west), entered Kuwait and northern Saudi Arabia, the area of Hijaz in 1990's). **This has happened !**
- 3) The long lost Mahdi needs to return. He has arrived per Islamic leaders in Iran (where the well is located that the Mahdi was to come back from). **This has happened !**
- 4) Only after the Jews occupy Al-Aqsa on the temple mount (still to happen).

After these things, the Mahdi (the 12<sup>th</sup> Iman), will destroy the Jew and Christian, and will establish Islam as the global religion, and he will reign for seven years before bringing about the end of the world. According to this prophecy, the seven years of tribulation is to begin in 2016, and the infidel powers (including America), will fail in 2018, and then Israel will be completely destroyed in 2022.

Only after these have occurred, then will the Holy Qur'an be fulfilled, by the Jew being conquered and destroyed. Islam regards the Bible as a corrupted record of God's revelation. Islam sees the Qur'an as the correct revelation, and says the Qur'an has foretold of the Jew being in the land, and then being destroyed, and this is to be accomplished by Islam.

Other Islamic prophecy states the Christian Anti-Christ will actually be a future Jewish Messiah – (not Jesus). Islamic prophecy states we are in the last 120 years of this earth age. The end will be in the year 1,500 on the Islamic calendar (2076 on the western calendar), (1). The Last Days then for Islam began in 1956, exactly in the midst of 1948 and 1967. On, or before, the year 2076, Islam expects that many living will see Jesus, or the 12<sup>th</sup> Iman (Mahdi), return to the earth, to conquer the Jews and Christians in the final holy war, and establish Islam as the rule of the earth. The year 2006 for Islam will see the last generation born before the end (as a generation is 70 years), and it is the duty of this generation to finish the command of Allah, and eliminate the Christian and Jewish presence. Present day Islamic teaching state that Ezekiel 38:5-6 confirms that Iran / Persia, is to lead the assault on Israel...Iran, being the first country listed by God in this passage, and therefore the significant one.

### **Five Pillars of Faith**

- 1) One God – Allah. Jesus was created, and is not God (similar to Jehovah's Witness and Mormon). The term Son of God refers to his being a physical creation and is not a reference to a relationship, and he did not die on the cross, someone else did. But, Jesus was taken to heaven like Enoch and Elijah. The Holy Spirit is the angel Gabriel.
- 2) Pray five times a day (Shia pray three times). Face Mecca (they used to face Jerusalem until 622 A.D.). Women must worship separately. When Mohammed was in Mecca in the early years of his teaching, he taught peace and prayer facing Jerusalem. When he was forced out of Mecca, by other tribes after 13 years, he went to Medina in 622 A.D., and changed his position from peace, to oppression against those who would not accept him as the prophet of God, including Christians, Jews, and Arab pagan tribes. Prayer was now to face Mecca. All "Palestinian" Arabs were Christian in 622 A.D., until Mohammad began to overtake them.

- 3) Give 2 ½ % of earnings to help people and strangers – the purification tax – do good – man is not born sinful, man is born good, but weak, and must do good works. A person will prosper if he does enough good work.
- 4) Fast during one month of Ramadan from sunrise to sunset.
- 5) Once in a lifetime do the Hajj to Mecca and the Ka’aba – One must cut their hair, wear white clothes, no jewelry, and bathe. They are to circle the Ka’aba three times running, four times walking, and throw seven pebbles (or 7x7 – 49), at the three stone pillars which represent Satan’s temptations of Abraham – Kiss the black stone because Muhammad did it, and because the black stone removes sins. At the end of the pilgrimage there is a feast of sacrifice – a blood sacrifice – as a reminder of Genesis 22 and the story of Abraham sacrificing Ishmael (not Isaac – Sura 37:102,112). Tradition is that Adam and Eve built the Ka’aba, and it was restored by Abraham and Ishmael. Adam was given a white stone when he was forced out of paradise, and it has turned black by taking the sins of pilgrims away as they kiss it.

### **5 Articles of Faith** (Some say 6, the 6<sup>th</sup> being God’s Decree)

- 1) Allah is the greatest god.
- 2) Angels are instruments of god’s will.
- 3) Holy Book is the Qur’an, an updated revelation of the Bible. The Qur’an respects the Bible, but claims the Bible was corrupted by Jewish people. The Qur’an was revealed to Muhammad over a period of 22 years from 610-632 A.D. In 650 A.D. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Caliph established the text of the Qur’an which exists today. Sura 16:101 reads Allah can change his revelations. Sura 41:9-10, 12 reads Allah took eight days to create the world, and Sura 50:38 reads creating humans took six days.
- 4) There are 28 prophets of Allah including Moses and Jesus, and Muhammad, who was the last.
- 5) There is a judgment, and hell.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Heaven**

The term 7<sup>th</sup> heaven is associated with Islam, but originates with Aristotle in 300 B.C., and refers to the seven crystal spheres – earth at the center – sun, moon, four planets, and the sphere of the stars (see Hand Out on the **Zodiac** at Target Truth Ministries.com).

### **Major Groups**

**Sunnis** – 85% of Islam (Egypt’s major group). They accept the political leadership and authority of the first three Caliphs (beginning with the close companion, and father-in-law of Muhammad, Abu Bakr. The last Caliph, Uthman, was assassinated in 656 A.D., and later on, the authority transferred to the Umayyad dynasty in Damascus, which took over the line of Caliphs, which existed until 1924, through the Ottoman Empire. The spiritual leaders are called “Ulama,” and they interpret Shari’a Law from the Quran and Hadith. Sunnis believe salvation comes from being part of the greater community of faith. The Sunnis believe the group, not an individual, exercises control and reveals truth. Al-Qaeda is basically Sunni, with connections to Wahhabis.

**Shiites** – 10 % of Islam (Iran’s major group). They follow their Iman (political and spiritual leaders), to receive salvation. The Iman comes from the blood-line of succession belonging to the family of the prophet Muhammad, beginning with Ali, the 4<sup>th</sup> Caliph, who was assassinated (the decedent of Muhammad’s cousin Abutalib, who was also Muhammad’s son in law). The 12<sup>th</sup>, and final Iman, disappeared, and is expected to return in the end times (see the sections on Islamic Tradition, and Islamic Prophecy). Today, a council of leaders elects a supreme leader called the Ayatollah, and they receive their revelations from cabalists involved in channeling and occultation. The



leader interprets. Marriage can be temporary. Hezbollah is Shia, with connections to Wahhabis.

**Sufis** – 1 % of Islam (found mainly in Iraq). They trace their roots to Zoroaster, which taught that a future king from the line of Abraham would raise the dead. Muhammad was the prophet, but not the king which they are waiting for. They receive their understanding of God through direct mystical revelation to each individual.

**Alawites** – Less than 1 % (found mainly in Syria). They believe in reincarnation, in addition to Allah.

**Takfirs** – Less than 1 % (found mainly in Kuwait). They lean toward materialism and positivism as good ideals, and these pursuits are not necessarily evil.

**Wahhabis** – Less than 1 % (found mainly in Saudi Arabia). They lean toward being practical and reasoning, and see themselves as the generation called to fulfill Islamic prophecy, and are the primary source of radical Islam, and Jihad, today...with connections to many other groups.

Indonesia is the largest country – 150 million, followed by Pakistan – 140 million, Bangladesh, India, Turkey, USSR, Egypt, Iran, Nigeria, Iraq – 16 million, and USA – 11 million.

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