

Islam: In History and in Current Events

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"And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

- (Genesis 16:11, 12)

1. As I sat in my hotel in Honduras on September 11th, watching the terrifying collapse of the World Trade Center, there came into my mind these words: "Revelation 16:12, 13 and 14."

Verse 12 says, *"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, **that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.**"* (This thought is completed in verse 14.) *"to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."*

Verse 13 and 14 are very timely: *"And I saw **three unclean spirits like frogs** come out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world."*

These unclean spirits like frogs remind me of the plague God poured out upon Egypt. Of this plague, David wrote, *"He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; **and frogs, which destroyed them.**"* I look at these unclean spirits which have the power to destroy, as the poison of deception, and it proceeds from three sources:

the dragon - (this, of course, refers to Satan, himself),
the beast – (this is an allusion to the Papacy of the Roman church), and
the false prophet – (this is Mohammad, the antichrist prophet, revered by over a billion believers.)

2. The great deception of Islam is twofold; (a) its opposition to Christ, as the Son of God and (b) that it is a religion of peace and love. The great danger of Islam has always been the large number of fanatic clerics and leaders demanding an Islamic state, and inciting the people to a "holy war" to achieve it.

From an article in the *Arizona Republic*, Oct. 6, 2001: *"Assassins who gunned down Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in 1981 hoped to bring Islamic rule to Egypt. Egyptian militants have played a role in international terrorism since the government's heavy-handed response to the assassination sent many militants fleeing abroad to support myriad Islamic causes."* Have things changed with these terrorists in the last 20 years? Give attention to what is happening at this moment in Pakistan. This article from the *Arizona Republic*, November 19, 2001:

“A hard-line cleric..., Maulana Sufi Mohammed led more than 10,000 armed tribesmen to Afghanistan last month to help the Taliban regime wage a jihad, or holy war, against the United States. Mohammed’s Tehrik Naifaz Shariat ...group wants to impose a Taliban-style Islamic system in the tribal regions along Pakistan’s border.”

The words of a patriotic American Muslim are revealing. This article appeared in the *Arizona Republic* on October 14, 2001: ***“The Israeli-Palestinian question has nothing to do with Islam... With Machiavelian intent, Osama bin Laden and the terrorists hijacked this issue. The Koran admonishes unequivocally: ‘No compulsion in Islam.’ No Islamic country today exists that lives up to that.”***

Satan has already garnered many apologists in our country for such antichrist religions as Reincarnationism, Buddhism and Hinduism. Recent events have turned the spotlight on Islam. As usual, our country falls all over itself to promote diversity and avoid any suspicion of being labeled a Christian nation. The result is, and will continue to be, increasing interest in, and support for, Islam, another antichrist religion.

3. Perhaps we Americans need a little historical perspective about Islam. In the book of Revelation there is a parallel passage to Chapter 16, verse 12.

“And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.” (Revelation 9:13–15).

a. The noted historian, Edward Gibbon, in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, describes what took place: the eastern half of the Roman Empire ***“was suddenly assaulted by an unknown race of Barbarians, who united the Scythian valor with the fanaticism of new proselytes (to Islam – dem)... The myriads of Turkish horse overspread the frontier of 600 miles..., and the blood of 130,000 Christians was a grateful sacrifice to the Arabian prophet.”*** (Vol. 4, p. 707, 708)

b. Who was this unknown race of Barbarians? On p. 696, Gibbon replies, ***“...a powerful and independent people, (who) were scattered over the desert from China to the River Oxus*** (known as the Amu Darya River today - dem).” To identify them by name, they are the Uzbeks, the Turkmen, Tadziks and Afghanis we are either allied with, or opposing, in our present war against terrorism. As one writer cautioned our political leaders, ***“Be careful; there are no good guys in this mix.”*** A case in point comes from an article in the *Arizona Republic*, November 14, 2001 after the stunning victory of the Northern Alliance over the Taliban forces.

“The alliance record in Kabul seemed forgotten for the moment. After the defeat of the Soviet-backed Najibullah government here in 1992, the coalition took over a grateful nation but soon exploded into a violent civil war that killed 50,000 people, left the capital in tatters and led to the Taliban rise to power in 1996.” Why such a terrible civil war? – Because the various ethnic, tribal or regional groups are led by Muslim War Lords, just as they were one thousand years ago. Will our government remember our tragic experience in Somalia a few years ago, when every humanitarian effort of ours was thwarted by savage, murderous war lords? I doubt it.

c. As they swarmed out of central Asia, they conquered Persia, then Syria then, crossing the River Euphrates, they attacked the Roman Empire. A. Henri Saye, in his *Ancient Empires of the East*, writes, ***“Khalid*** (their leader - dem) ***fought many signal battles; an immense multitude of infidels were slaughtered, and spoils infinite and innumerable were acquired by the victorious Muslims. Khalid was known as the “Sword of God, and the Scourge of the Infidels.”*** (p. 259)

d. As Khalid began his campaign, he wrote to the Muslims of Arabia, ***“This is to acquaint you that I intend to send the true believers into Syria to take it out of the hands of the infidels. And I would have you know that the fighting for religion is an act of obedience to God. His messenger returned with the tidings of pious and martial ardor which they had kindled in every province... Medina was filled with bands of Saracens who panted for action...”*** (pp266, 267) ***“The hatred of the Christians, the love of spoil, and the contempt of danger were the ruling passions of the audacious Saracens.”*** (p. 271)

e. A Christian city, about to fall before the Muslim might, sent an envoy with a liberal offer of peace. The answer he received – ***“ye Christian dogs, you know your option: the Koran, the tribute, or the sword. We are a people whose delight is in war, rather than in peace; and we despise your pitiful alms, since we shall be speedily masters of your wealth, your families, and your persons.”*** (p. 271)

f. ***“Except for a captive, who was pardoned and dismissed, the Arabs enjoyed the satisfaction of believing that not a Christian of either sex escaped the edge of their scimitars.”*** (p. 276).

g. We should be aware that this delight in war stems directly from the “false prophet”. ***“The sword,”*** said Mohammed, ***“is the key of heaven and of hell; a drop of blood shed in the cause of God, a night spent in arms, is of more avail than two months of fasting and prayer.”*** (p. 225)

h. From the Koran, in the chapter entitled Women, come these comforting words of peace and love: ***“You to whom the Scriptures were given!***

Believe in that which we have revealed, confirming your own scriptures, before we obliterate your faces and turn them backward, or lay our Curse on you as we laid it on the Sabbath-breakers. Those that deny Our revelation we will burn in Hell-fire. No sooner will their skins be consumed than We shall give them other skins, so that they may truly taste Our scourge.” (pp. 362, 363)

4. America must remember that today’s radical Muslim leaders and clerics are no different than these descriptions from the pages of history. Consider this article from the *Arizona Republic* on November 16, 2001: Nasser Ahmed Mujahed, chief military commander for the al-Qaida terrorist network, is quoted as saying, ***“Wherever there are Americans and Jews, they will be targeted.”*** Even as the Taliban is reduced to tatters, their supreme leader maintains his defiance: ***“The real matter is the extinction of America, and God willing, it will fall to the ground. Omar said these apparent setbacks for his regime were all part of a larger plan that will end with America’s destruction.”***

5. We have grown accustomed to their rhetoric against America and Israel, but we must remember the ***“frog”*** which comes out of the mouth of the ***“false prophet”***. Their war is every bit as much aimed at Christendom. This article from the *Arizona Republic* of November 11, 2001 identifies this truth, and demonstrates that their terrorism has been, and yet is, aimed, not only at the United States, but at many Christian nations: ***“Intelligence agents on an anti-terrorism raid detained five men in this eastern French city (Strasbourg – dem). The men reportedly had ties to an Osama bin Laden deputy. ...the arrests stemmed from the recent discovery of a 12-minute video that included footage of Afghanistan and of a cathedral in Strasbourg in which an off-camera voice could be heard calling the church “the symbol of heathens.”***

6. I am caused to think of their blatant hypocrisy as I remember the dramatic appeals, and demands, from Islamic nations about our aerial attacks during the holy month of Ramadan. Just last week, Arafat pleaded for the leaders of all Muslim nations to unite behind the Palestinians in their jihad against Israel during the holy days of Ramadan. I haven’t heard a Muslim voice raised against this appeal.