

Islam, the Prophecies of Revelation, and the Immigration Crisis

Writing about the devastating events of the Tribulation as foretold in the book of Revelation as found in the Bible is not pleasant. It can be downright scary to many. Yet many are being led by God to study Revelation, to see what the future holds.

In the past I have written materials on the book of Revelation, but near the beginning of 2015, I thought it was time to revisit the book. This time around, I noticed three places that imply or include Islam or the Muslim war against the rest of the world (the Muslims call it *the Great Battle*). God knows the beginning to the end, and prophesied about future events in quite great detail so that we might be prepared. Here are the unique things that I had not seen before.

The Four Angels

The following event takes place AFTER the sealing of the 144,000 and throwing down of the censor, indicating the end of Christ's intercessory ministry in heaven. In addition, balls of fire, asteroid impacts have hit the earth devastating cities and coastlines. Much harassment from the events of the 5th Trumpet event has already taken place and the demonic leader *Abaddon* or *Apollyon* (death and destruction) has been unleashed. It is likely that Satan himself, the beast from the bottomless pit, the evil one who once was visible, now is not visible, yet will become visible has been allowed by God to come to earth and rule it as the eight king of Revelation 17:7 ff. Within that context, let's pick up the verses:

Revelation 9:13-16 says:

¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded [his trumpet]: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen [fighters] was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.

The Greek word *angeloi* translated angels, is the same word used in the messages to the seven churches and can also mean: leaders or demonic angels who are released by the great River Euphrates. The Euphrates starts in Turkey, flows through Syria, then Iraq, and empties into the Persian Gulf.

A portion of the area around the Euphrates is controlled by the ISIS caliphate, but it would not be improper



to say that the entire Euphrates River valley is surrounded by Muslims, whether Sunnis, Shiites, Kurds, etc. A portion of the area, as mentioned, is currently controlled by the Islamic State (ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) with Raqqa as their capital in Syria. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, a descendant of Mohammad claims to be the 8th caliph. Muslims believe there will be four more caliphs to get to the 12th caliph, who Muslims believe will be their Jesus (not the Jesus Christ the Son of God) returning to lead the Muslims in battle against the world and to prevail against them. Revelation foretells that 200 million fighters (perhaps from our perspective “terrorists”, out of ~1.8 billion Islamic adherents) will turn on the world and a 1/3 of mankind will perish. This desire to kill those they deem infidels and take over the world is a fundamental teaching of Islam regarding end time events.

Revelation 9:18 “By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone.”

Fire, smoke, brimstone (sulfur) all represent explosives in the ancient mindset. Symbolically, the description can be considered elements of or the results of the explosion of gunpowder or chemical explosives. Isn't that what the jihadists are usually using to kill people in their suicide attacks (though they do behead in smaller numbers –which is also referenced in Revelation 20:4).

Is it really plausible that 200 million fighters could kill one third of the world's population of 7.3 billion people or ~2.4 billion people? During World War II, millions of people died. Examining the death ratio between the Axis and Allied nations, showed that the attacking nations (i.e. Germany and Japan) lost ~16% of the total killed while 84% of those who died belonged to the Allied nations. That's a ratio of 5.25 to 1. Using the same ratio would suggest that 200 million fighters could easily kill 1.05 billion people plus themselves totaling 1.25 billion people. However, a suicide bomber kills and maims many more people than him- or herself. On September 11, 2001, 19 attackers killed nearly 3000 people. If Satan or destroying angels were leading the attack the ratio would go much higher. Note that God allows this to happen. Why? Because the world has rejected Him and His allocated time of mercy has run out. Jesus is no longer interceding in the heavenly sanctuary on behalf of sinful man. And so He removes His restraining hand, His hedge of protection from the world and leaves them to the consequences of rejecting the Creator and Redeemer. In a parallel to the trial of Jesus before Pilate, the world has rejected Christ and asked for the release of Barabbas.

The Players in the Battle of Armageddon

The great battle of Armageddon will be fought between the major religiopolitical powers and will involve the entire world. In the Bible verses quoted below, the five primary players can be designated as three headed by: the dragon, the beast, the false prophet, and then physical Israel and spiritual Israel.

Revelation 16:12-16 (NKJV)

¹² Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the **great river Euphrates**, and its water was dried up, so that **the way of the kings from the east might be prepared**. ¹³ And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the **dragon**, out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. ¹⁴ For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

¹⁵ “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

¹⁶ And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

These religiopolitical powers can be generally classified as:

1. The nations that primarily belong to the sphere of influence of the religions of the dragon,
2. The nations that primarily belong to the sphere of influence of the religions of the beast, and
3. The nations that primarily belong to the sphere of influence of the religions of the false prophet.

If one studies the characteristics of the entities, it is fairly straight forward to identify them.

1. The religions of the **dragon** include: Hinduism, Buddhism, Shintoism, Taoism, animism, and others of the Far East. The primary countries (kings) adhering to these include those of the Far East: China, Thailand, Japan, Myanmar (Burma), Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, North Korea, Bhutan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, India, Mauritius, Taiwan, Singapore, Bangladesh, Sierra Leone and others.
2. The religions of the **beast** refer to the Roman Catholic Church and her daughters, the Protestant churches. The “kings” associated with these essentially constitute the West, as much of the world knows it, Europe, North, Central and South America, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, most of the Caribbean and South Pacific Islands. Russia (Russian Orthodox) also most likely falls into this category along with the former countries belonging to the Soviet Union.
3. The religions of the false **prophet** are those of the various branches of Islam including Sunnis, Shias (Shiites), Ahmadis, etc. The primary countries or “kings” that are Islamic include those of the Middle East, Asia and Africa: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey,

Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Western Sahara, Yemen, parts of India and others.

Note that God calls this prophet a **false** prophet, because the prophet points *not* to Yahweh, but to a different god, Allah. I have traveled the world quite a bit, and whenever I visit a mosque, I often respectfully ask our tour guide or an imam (Muslim preacher), “Is your god Allah, the same being as the God of Israel, Yahweh the Creator who is worshipped by Jews and Christians? (after all, in the Arab bible, the term *Allah* is used for the English word *God*). And I have nearly always gotten the same answer, “No, he is not.” So if the *being* they worship and refer to as Allah is *not* the same as the God of Israel, then we have to conclude that their being is part of the other side in the great controversy between God and His adversary. “Ye shall know them by their fruits.” (see Matthew 7:16-20)

Now some will ask, isn't the false prophet the same as that found in Revelation 13, the lamb-like beast that supports the authority of the beast? That is a good question and worth thinking through. Not every time a term is used in scripture does it refer to the same thing. The word “beast” doesn't always refer to the same beast (in fact in Revelation, there are at least 4 different beasts mentioned¹), 1260 day/year time periods aren't always referring to the same time period any more than 40 literal days always refer to the same event. A false prophet points to a religious authority that is not Yahweh, the Creator. So in the case of the lamb-like beast (the U.S.), it points to and supports the authority of the beast or papacy. In the case of the Armageddon prophecy, the false prophet (i.e. Mohammed, the Mahdi, or another) points to Allah. This also fits better in with the prophecy of the beast and the false prophet being thrown into the lake of fire (see Revelation 19:20). The beast and false prophet represent entire different religiopolitical groups.

Another important factor is: the final battle will involve the entire world (“kings of the earth and of the whole world” Revelation 16:14). If the religions of the beast (the Roman Catholic Church *et al*) supported by the false prophet (the U.S.) affect the same countries (western Europe, the Americas, etc.), that rather leaves the Muslim world out of the picture. And I can not imagine God, who knows all things, leaving 1.8 billion people out of His prophecy, especially the people of a religion that is sworn to violence and death of infidels and unbelievers, and who are playing a dominant and provocative role in today's world events.

Physical Israel, while not in one of these major groups, will be involved as a target, likely a catalyst and focal point for the all-out war, as foretold by the Creator in Revelation 16:16. Armageddon is a Greek translation of the Hebrew *Har Megiddo*, or the hills of Megiddo, lying on the southern boundary of the plain

¹ The beast and the lamb-like beast of Revelation 13, the beast from the Abyss and the beast on which the harlot rides. Some may consider the dragon another beast, but this should be considered a separate entity though it empowers the other beasts. While there is some overlaps among these 4 beasts, one has to analyze each one individually (or its heads individually) to determine its identity and role.

or valley of Jezreel, the bread basket or agricultural center for growing grain in northern Israel. The valley was the scene of a number of historic battles.

The only group not part of this literal battle will be **Spiritual Israel**. These are they who are sealed by God's Holy Spirit, those who follow the Father and believe in His Son Jesus Christ and show their loyalty by obeying Their commands; they have no unconfessed sins that the devil can use against them. The Bible puts it this way 2-3 times, they hold "on to the testimony of Jesus Christ and obey His commandments." We find spiritual Israel implied in the Armageddon passage, as Jesus warns them:

¹⁵ "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

Literal or Symbolic?

Some may ask, isn't the battle of Armageddon symbolic, isn't it just a spiritual battle? Of a truth, it is a spiritual battle but which has a literal physical manifestation. As we can see from above, the book of Revelation treats it as a literal event. A latter day messenger of the Lord, Ellen White, also has some guidance for God's people.

Battle of Armageddon Soon to Be Fought.

"--There are only two parties in our world, those who are loyal to God, and those who stand under the banner of the prince of darkness. Satan and his angels will come down with power and signs and lying wonders to deceive those who dwell on the earth, and if possible the very elect. The crisis is right upon us. Is this to paralyze the energies of those who have a knowledge of the truth? Is the influence of the powers of deception so far reaching that the influence of the truth will be overpowered?

"The battle of Armageddon is soon to be fought. He on whose vesture is written the name, King of kings and Lord of lords, leads forth the armies of heaven on white horses, clothed in fine linen, clean and white" (White, Manuscript 172, 1899).

"Every form of evil is to spring into intense activity. Evil angels unite their powers with evil men, and as they have been in constant conflict and attained an experience in the best modes of deception and battle, and have been strengthening for centuries, they will not yield the last great final contest without a desperate struggle. All the world will be on one side or the other of the question. **The battle of Armageddon will be fought**, and that day must find none of us sleeping. Wide awake we must be, as wise virgins having oil in our vessels with our lamps. . . .

"The power of the Holy Ghost must be upon us, and the Captain of the Lord's host will stand at the head of the angels of heaven to direct the battle. Solemn events before us are yet to transpire. Trumpet after trumpet is to be sounded, vial after vial poured out one after another upon the inhabitants of the earth. Scenes of stupendous interest are right upon us." (White, Letter 112, 1890).

Two Opposing Powers.

"--Two great opposing powers are revealed in the last great battle. On one side stands the Creator of heaven and earth. All on His side bear His signet. They are obedient to His commands. On the other side stands the prince of darkness, with those who have chosen apostasy and rebellion." (White, *Review & Herald*, May 7, 1901).

Control of Jerusalem given to the Gentiles

The last reference to Islam I found in Revelation is:

Revelation 11:1-2

And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But **the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

Now this prophecy could still be future, or it could be past, with a potential time break between verses 2 and 3 when the Two Witnesses show up (which is clearly future). In the Old Testament, e.g. Daniel, a time break or discontinuity is at times indicated by the terms "at the end" or "at that time".

From the context of the rest of the chapter, it becomes evident that the "holy city" which the angel is referring to in verse 2 is Jerusalem. Verse 8 in referring to the two witnesses says:

⁸ And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

"Where also our Lord was crucified" obviously refers to Jerusalem, and doing a little research turns up that Jerusalem was also derogatorily called Sodom and Egypt by the LORD. (see footnote 2)

The temple of God and the altar obviously would have been in Jerusalem but note what the KJV of Revelation 11:2 says, "the court which is *without* the temple..." Most translations render this as "outside the Temple," but it is interesting that the Temple Mount lacks or is *without* the Temple of God.

² Where the two witnesses' bodies lie is easily determined by the multiple descriptions provided, including "holy city," "Sodom," "Egypt" (Cush), "where also their Lord was crucified." Amos 9:7 states, "Are not you Israelites the same to me as the Cushites [Egyptians]?" declares the LORD." Additionally, the only city in the Bible called Sodom by God, other than the original Sodom, is found in Isaiah 1:8-10. "And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as **Sodom**, and we should have been like unto **Gomorrah**. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of **Sodom**; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of **Gomorrah**." God is calling Jerusalem Sodom and Gomorrah because of its wickedness. And that neatly coincides with the identifiers "holy city" and "where also their Lord was crucified."

Note also that regarding Jerusalem and the Temple Mount, the verse says "...for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months."

The 42 months or 1260 days, may in this context be interpreted using a day-for-year principle as 1260 years (or taken literally in the future tense to mean a literal 1260 days).

Let's see if we can find anything interesting about Jerusalem being empty of Jews (or not under their control) for 1260 years, and where the Gentiles (Muslims or Christians) trampled on the holy city.

In 613 A.D., a number of Jews along with some Persians took over the city of Jerusalem from the Byzantines. **In 637 AD**, the Muslims (Gentiles) took over control of the holy city. Jerusalem's control by Muslims was uncontested until the 11th century when the Crusades began (the Christians also being Gentiles). Jerusalem went back and forth between Muslim and Crusader control for a number of years. **Then 1260 years later in 1897**, the Zionist movement began to acquire land in Jerusalem and Palestine, and Jews began emigrating back to the holy land and Jerusalem. This was a remarkable fulfillment of the prophecy. Add another 20 years to get to 1917 AD when the British under General Allenby, took control of Jerusalem from the Ottoman empire near the end of World War I. This event continued the march towards the establishment and independence of the modern state of Israel.

Some commentators use this 1260 year period to refer to the Holy Roman Empire's reign from 538 A.D. to 1798 A.D., also a 1260-year period. However, this does not meet the 4-way criteria of the city being Jerusalem and does not do an adequate job of delineating between Israelites and Gentiles. Certainly the prophecies pertaining to the Papacy also have a 1260-year time prophecies associated with them, but not every 1260-year prophecy needs to refer to the same time period.

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The Fifth Column – Infiltrated fighters

In an ancient attack on a walled city, a city of 4 sides was attacked by 4 columns, one attacking each wall. A 5th column was an infiltrated group of fighters who had gotten into the city before the gates were shut and barred, and yet, who at opportune times could fight from inside the city and open the gates for the attackers on the outside.

When the U.S. is about to go to war, it prepositions assets (military and supportive equipment) near the battle zone. Its aircraft carrier battle groups are one way to project this power. It sends special forces and reconnaissance missions to the potential battlefield to gather as much information and data as possible and to carry out sabotage and destroy missions.

God also allows the prepositioning of assets that will play a key role in end time events. Part of that is the distribution of Muslims into the West or western countries. It matters not the mechanism by which they get there, seeking education, asylum, immigration, refuge, etc. The end result is some of the children of these transferees grow up having been involved in some criminal activities, become disenfranchised with western culture, turn towards the teaching of Islam (which by its very nature is radical (non-radical Muslims are essentially secular, reformed or non-practicing Muslims)), see Islam as a way to use their criminal bent to “redeem themselves” by killing infidels and then play their part in the fight against the West and its values (as degenerative and immoral as those countries have become). In essence, these along with other infiltrators are a 5th column, fighting from positions inside the walls or borders of the western countries. Note that most of the suicide missions in the West are conducted by 1st, 2nd or 3rd generation Muslims that became indoctrinated by more radical imams permitted in mosques in the West or through Internet proselytizing.

So what the West takes in, in kindness for refugees, becomes the beginning of the 5th column. Perhaps call the current Syrian refugee crisis one of the largest prepositioning of assets that the world has seen for many decades.

And of a truth, it was the USA, through its ignorance of culture and its desire to promote and impose its western democratic values on the Middle Eastern cultures that led to this chaos in the first place. Arabs and Middle Easterners can *only* be ruled by a dictator, a strong-man.³ And anything the West does to remove that strong-man can only result in chaos, anarchy and death until a new strong-man rules the country. Examples include Saddam Hussein (Iraq), Muammar Gaddafi (Libya), Hosni Mubarak (Egypt), and Bashar al-Assad (Syria). With the moderate exception of Egypt (which has another strong-man leader in Abdel Fattah el-Sisi), the other countries are in chaos, where practicing Muslims (extremists as the West calls them) have taken over portions of the countries.

Immigration and Refugees from the Middle East

Let’s address the issue of the migration of millions from the Middle East to Europe from the historical perspective of the ancient books, the books of Antiquity.

Genesis 10:25 states, and I Chronicles 1:19 repeats, “And two sons were born to Eber; the name of the one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided.”

³ God told Hagar (the wife of Abraham and mother of part of the Arab nations) through the angel, the defining characteristic of her offspring in Genesis 16:11-12: “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.”

While this term “divided” is an enigma to many, *The Book of the Law and the Testimony* (aka *Jubilees*) explains it in detail in Chapter 8:8-30 and Chapter 9.⁴ I’ve excerpted a small portion:

And in the sixth year thereof, she [Azurad] bare Eber a son, and he called his name Peleg; for in the days when he was born the children of Noah began to divide the earth amongst themselves: for this reason he called his name Peleg. And they divided (it) secretly amongst themselves, and (then) told it to Noah.

And it came to pass in the beginning of the thirty-third jubilee that they divided the earth into three parts, for Shem and Ham and Japheth, according to the inheritance of each, in the first year in the first week, when one of us who had been sent [an angel, a holy judge], was with them.

And Noah called his sons, and they drew nigh to him, they and their children, and he divided the earth into the lots, which his three sons were to take in possession, and they reached forth their hands, and took the writing out of the bosom of Noah, their father.

Without going into lots of details in this paper, the dividing of the world was as follows:

- The children of Japheth were to get the northwestern part, from what is essentially the Don River north and westward to Europe.⁵
- The children of Shem were to get the central part, from the Don River eastward and southward through the Sinai Peninsula to the Nile River (The majority of the Russians are Semites or of the offspring of Shem or Sem)
- The children of Ham were to get the southern part, the continent of Africa from the Nile River westward and southward.

Egypt is also called Mizraim, it being initially inhabited by the children of Mizraim, son of Ham. The Arab nations are of the offspring of Abraham with his wives Hagar (Ishmael), Keturah (Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah), and Sarah (Isaac > Esau). The Israelites are the offspring of Jacob, grandson of Abraham through his wife Sarah (Isaac > Jacob). God promised Abraham that:

“Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea [Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean] shall your coast be.” Deuteronomy 11:24 (see map on the following page)

So God promised the area including the Euphrates to Abraham’s offspring, BUT NOT EUROPE! Europe was not the territorial right of the offspring of Shem! It is

⁴ You can download a free copy of “The Book of the Law and the Testimony” from the following link: http://bibleplus.org/endoftime/The_Book_of_the_Law_and_the_Testimony.pdf. It is more commonly known as *Jubilees*, but internally, it calls itself *the Law and the Testimony* seven times.

⁵ See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_River_\(Russia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don_River_(Russia))

not for Middle Easterners to inhabit Europe. In fact, Canaan, who insisted on settling in territory that was not his, was strongly rebuked by his siblings during the migration from the land of Shinar.

“And Ham, his father, and Cush and Mizraim his brothers said unto Canaan: 'Thou hast settled in a land which is not thine, and which did not fall to us by lot: do not do so; for if thou dost do so, thou and thy sons will fall in the land and (be) accursed through sedition; for by sedition ye have settled, and by sedition will thy children fall, and thou shalt be rooted out for ever. Dwell not in the dwelling of Shem; for to Shem and to his sons did it come by their lot. Cursed art thou, and cursed shalt thou be beyond all the sons of Noah, by the curse by which we bound ourselves by an oath in the presence of the holy judge, and in the presence of Noah our father.'

“But he did not harken unto them, and dwelt in the land of Lebanon from Hamath to the entering of Egypt, he and his sons until this day. And for this reason that land is named Canaan.”

Book of the Law and the Testimony (Jubilees) 10:29-34



Thus, it is *not* for the Middle Eastern refugees or immigrants to settle in Europe, but to find refuge and solace among the lands of Shem. Let Saudi Arabia and the countries of the Arabian Peninsula open up their borders. Let Iran accept the Shiites. Let Iraq open up its lands to the refugees. Let Turkey take back the immigrants as it agreed to. But it is an error and a curse for Europe to do so.

In Conclusion

From the forgoing, one can see that the Muslim religion and nations play a very prominent role in the end time events, one resulting in the death of many people throughout the world. As God used Assyria and Babylon of old to chastise and punish Israel, God allows the Muslims to chastise and punish the West for its rejection of Him as God and Creator, for dignifying what to Him is gross immorality and an abomination, for making the Creator, the Word, essentially useless by teaching evolution, atheism, promoting the tolerance of false religions and often rejecting Christianity, and treating Him and His laws with contempt. And the list could go on and on.

Thus it is important to be prepared spiritually for that day, to sigh and cry (grieve and lament) over the sins of this country and its people (and the West in general), and to be obedient to the commandments of God and to hold onto the Testimony of Jesus (which is the Word of the Lord that He has provided through the spirit of prophecy to His messengers).

There is much more that can be added, but I will leave that for a book or more detailed paper with many more references.

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