

## **“The Time Of The End” Part 7**

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Muhammad claimed to be a prophet by the revelation that he received. However, christians and jews began to reject him. In the early part of his life, he was very friendly towards christians and jews but as they began to call him a false prophet he turned on them. He began to go after and kill them, even jewish tribe for referring to him as a false prophet.

Interesting enough, muhammad wife was jewish. At age 62, while he and his friend were eating muhammad's favorite meal which was lamb, she poisoned the meat. Muhammad's friend died and after he tasted it, he knew something was wrong, spit it out of his mouth.

According to islamic history, muhammad never regained his full strength back. This is just one of the reasons that the jews, in this example his wife, was blamed for the death of muhammad. This isn't the only reason why muslims do not like the jewish people, but this is one of the reasons. They will say that a jew killed muhammad, his wife who was jewish led to his death. So, there was much animosity from the very beginning along with many other things that were taught as well.

He was kicked out of Mecca after he “cleansed” it and moved to Medina. He formed an army and started conquering tribes around Medina. He continued to organize the arab people under his leadership and then went back to Mecca and took it over.

By the time of his death there were thousands of groups all over Arabia. Then they began to go into Syria, Iraq, Iran and Lebanon to spread their message to the arab speaking people.

## **Sunni And Shia Overview**

When muhammad died, the religion split into two parts. You have heard these 2 names in our current events and on the news at home, there are the sunni(s) and the shia/shiite.

The group now known as Sunnis chose Abu Bakr (muhammads second convert) to be their leader. He was, to become the first successor, or caliph, to lead the Muslim state. The shia or Shiites favored Ali, Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law. Ali and his successors are called imams, who not only lead the Shiites but are considered to be descendants of Muhammad.

So, you had the sunnis following Abu and the shiites following Ali. The sunnis gave Abu the title “caliph” meaning successor. It is a religious and political ruler in the islamic religion.

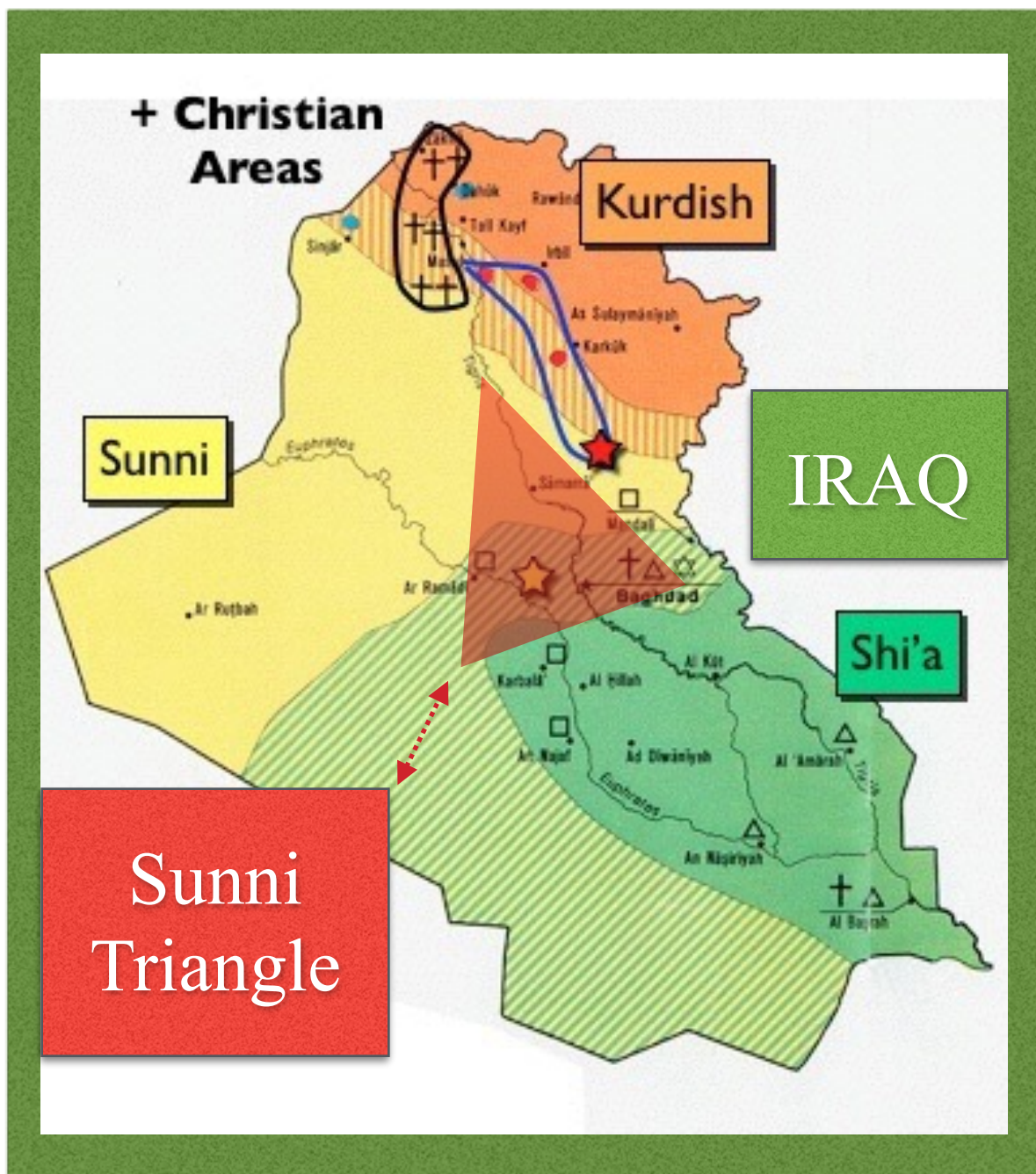
When the “caliph” forms a groups around him in a nation that is what you would call a “caliphate”. The caliph is representing god here on earth. When one dies, then another one rises to power and it continues.

The goal in islam has been to get the world to unite under islam by forming a caliphate. This would put a muslim leader over an entire region of the world and cause everyone to submit to allah and the islamic religion. The outcome if someone does not join is: radicalized islam would kill and the moderate would tax that person and business. They would let them coexist along as they would never teach about another religion or say anything against islam.

The second caliph lasted for about 100 years. They built the dome of the rock in Jerusalem. They extended their territories into Iran, Iraq and into Central Asia. In the seventh century, Syria came under islamic control and Damascus became the center of the islamic religion.

The third caliph was slain in a war between the sunnis and the shiites. Baghdad would then become the headquarter of the shias.

The shias branch of islam, they chose Baghdad while the sunnies remain faithful to the area of Saudi Arabia. This is really important...the division between the sunnis and shias was so great that the sunnis killed the first 11 leaders (caliphs) of the islamic religion after the death of muhammad.



The shias were so afraid that the 12th leader (the son of number 11) was going to be killed that they hid him in a cave in Iraq. So, the sunnis have never found the 12th caliph, this is called the doctrine of the 12, which he has been hidden for hundreds of years. But this 12th leader will emerge at the end of days out of Iraq as the mahdi - the enlightened one or the awaited one.

This is the one that muhammad and muslims say/predicted will come at the end of days (their end times). Out of his lineage, out of his family who will convert the entire world to the islamic religion.

At the end of time they believe there will be a terrible time as well but they are going to be rescued with islamic justice. This islamic justice gets instituted by a man called the *mahdi*.

The mahdi is a title given to the enlightened one or the awaited one. The one that will open up the eyes of the world to the islamic faith. The one that will form a global caliphate, meaning, that all nations, including Israel, all christian nations will submit to the leadership of this man.

One of the reasons they will submit is because they believe the Isis, the son of Mary will appear with him and cause the christians to be pulled into the faith of islam.

So, in the belief of muslims, not just one particular sunni or shia group, but all muslims, they believe they will rule the world.

They believe the they will be the one religion that everyone will submit to.

When Saddam was killed and hung in Iraq and Bin Laden was shot and killed and his body dumped at sea...many felt as if Al Qaeda had been defeated.

In fact our president said that Al Qaeda is on the run now...the bible says that this beast has a deadly wound to the head and the world wonders, who can make war with this system in Revelation 13:3-4.

**Revelation 13:3-4 King James Version (KJV)**

*3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

*4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

**Revelation 13:3-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*3 And one of his heads seemed to have a deadly wound. But his death stroke was healed; and the whole earth went after the beast in amazement and admiration.*

*4 They fell down and paid homage to the dragon, because he had bestowed on the beast all his dominion and authority; they also praised and worshiped the beast, exclaiming, Who is a match for the beast, and, Who can make war against him?*



Last week we left off with ISIS, which is an acronym for Islamic State Of Iraq. We just started to go into the black banners...

**In the muslim world,** this is a big sign (the black banners) that the end is about to come. This means that the time to raise up their caliphate has arrived.

Once again, this is important because knowing about these 2 groups will help you understand ISIS and what is happening in the news when they speak of these groups.

Understanding ISIS and what is happening will help us see how the antichrist is going to come to power and how the platform is being set for him.



## Timeline

The war of Gog and Magog will take place right around the time of the Rapture of the Church which begins the seven year Tribulation period.

### **Revelation 17:10-14 King James Version (KJV)**

*10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.*

*11 And the beast (this is the system of the antichrist) that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, (meaning the 8th empire) and is of the seven, (meaning he comes out of one of the 7 prophetic empires that we just named -which is either Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece or Rome) and goeth into perdition. (which is destruction)*

*12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.*

*13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

*14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*



The 7th Empire begins following the Rapture of the Church and the war of Gog and Magog. The 7th Empire, the Bible says, will have a coalition of 10 nations coming together for 3 1/2 years or 1,260 days. During the first 3 1/2 year period of the Tribulation, the 2 witnesses will appear.

Also during the 7th Empire, the Bible says it will have an “apostate Christianity” headquartered in Rome, Italy. This will serve as the religion and “Mystery Babylon” as its’ governmental structure. Both headquarters will be from the old empires that we have been studying.

At the conclusion of 3 1/2 years (the time of the 7th Empire) which is from the time of the Rapture of the Church, the antichrist will rise up. He will receive authority from the coalition of 10 nations and will take out Rome, Italy and Mystery Babylon in one day.

**Revelation 17:12-13 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.*

*13 These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.*

**Revelation 17:16 King James Version (KJV)**

*16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.*

The antichrist will then take over Jerusalem, killing the 2 witnesses (which will rise again as the whole world watches in 3 1/2 days after lying in the street).

**Daniel 11:45 King James Version (KJV)**

*45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas **in the glorious holy mountain;** yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.*

He will set up a caliphate or governmental/religious system or the system of the beast. In order to operate in the New World Order, you must take a mark or chip. This chip represents the religion, government and that you are slave to it in order to live/buy/sell.

**Revelation 13:16-18 King James Version (KJV)**

*16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

*18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*

## Modern Day Iraq

**Now, lets go back to importance of Iraq.** The United States helped get a man named Nour Al Maliki elected. Al Maliki is a Shia. His strengths were more with Iran than with others in the nation.



*Biography (2006-2015): Al Maliki was elected Prime Minister of Iraq from 2006 to 2014. He is secretary-general of the Islamic Dawa Party and was Vice President of Iraq from 2014 to 2015.*

*Al-Maliki and his government succeeded the Iraqi Transitional Government. His first Cabinet was approved by the National Assembly and sworn in on 20 May 2006; his second Cabinet, in which he also held the positions of acting Interior Minister, acting Defense Minister, and acting National Security Minister, was approved on 21 December 2010.*

*Al-Maliki began his political career as a Shia dissident under Saddam Hussein's regime in the late 1970s and rose to prominence after he fled a death sentence into exile for 24 years. During his time abroad, he became a senior leader of the Islamic Dawa Party, coordinated the activities of anti-Saddam guerrillas and built relationships with Iranian and Syrian officials whose help he sought in overthrowing Saddam.*

*Al-Maliki worked closely with United States and coalition forces in Iraq following their departure by the end of 2011. In the wake of a string of defeats during the Northern Iraq Offensive, United States officials said that al-Maliki should give up his premiership. On 14 August 2014, he announced his resignation as Prime Minister of Iraq.*

When he came to power, the United States began to pull the troops out of Iraq. The idea was to form a constitution, let the Kurds in along with the Christians, Sunnis and Shias come in. At first, this looked like this was going to take place, however Al Maliki began to kick out the Sunnis and began to surround himself with the Shias.

Remember, when Muhammad died, Islam split into two parts. They are the Sunni(s) and the Shia/Shiite. The group now known as Sunnis chose Abu Bakr (Muhammad's second convert) to be their leader. He was to become the first successor, or caliph, to lead the Muslim state. The Shia or Shiites favored Ali, Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law. Ali and his successors are called imams, who not only lead the Shiites but are considered to be descendants of Muhammad.



Many of the sunnis towns were not being taken care of and much of the monies that were coming from the United States and other countries were not going to these cities.

This caused an uprising, although it didn't look like much at first, but then ISIS stepped in. ISIS first started working in Syria to overthrow the Syrian government. ISIS has now moved over the border into Iraq and are taking over city after city. They are sunni muslims, but they are extremely radical.



The news has reported that ISIS is a branch of al Qaeda and although that was once true, even al Qaeda has now said they no longer have control or are affiliated with them in Iraq. Al Qaeda said they didn't want them any more because they were too violent.

The point is, that ISIS is very fanatical, very radical and they are armed. That is the important thing to keep in mind as we talk about this. Remember, the Kurds are in the north, the sunni's are in the middle and the shias are in the south.





But, ISIS has announced that they have formed a new group, a new caliphate, a new islamic state. Iraq and Syria were already predominately islamic except for a few pockets of christians. half of Lebanon is islamic, 98% of Iran is islamic.

So, why would you want to form an islamic state when every one of those four countries has total islamic control or it has islamic populations that are the majority?

The answer is this, this is not just about coming in and making a particular branch of islam the head, that is part of the plan but not the only thing. This is about uniting these countries or heads of states together to defeat the west. This would include Great Britain, England, France, the United States and Israel.

ISIS wants to go into Israel with an overpowering army and take over the city of Jerusalem. So, why does ISIS want to go into Israel and take it over ? The city of Jerusalem is where two Islamic mosques are: (1) The Dome Of The Rock and the (2) Al Aqsa Mosque.





These 2 mosques are the 3rd holiest sites in Islam. Muslims see these mosques surrounded by christians and jews and to them, they are surrounded by infidels.

Even in Saudi Arabia, when you talk about Mecca and Medina...you can't take a bible, christian t-shirt or talk about Jesus in that part of the world without persecution.

ISIS/islam wants it that way in Jerusalem as well. Because, to them it is a sacred city and it is the 3rd most holiest city of Islam. That is why there is so much fighting and battles going on.

According to islamic traditions, Syria has to go into a major war and has to fall. Then Syria and Iraq must submit to the coming Mahdi of Islam. Both of those nations will be joined together as one.

These are were the major battle zones have taken place over the last several years. Amazingly, right in the heart of Islam or at the heart of the “beast” kingdom.

Syria has already had a terrible civil war with over 140,000 people dying as this war has been going on for several years now. But more things need to take place...

Here are some quotes from the Turkish Grand Sheikh Nazim Adil Al- Haqqani.



*“As believers of the traditions, we believe in a savior who will come first, before Jesus. We have in our traditions his name, which is muhammad d’ul **mahdi**. He is coming, but his arrival will be after a great war. It will be the fight of the big powers with each other. In that war, the savior will come like a divine hand from heaven to the earth and stop the war.”*

*“The Great War will break out between east and west (the united states etc). These will be very difficult days for mankind. There will be very strong fighting. Very many people will be killed. Then, the lord will command al-mahdi to appear. Now he is in a cave, in a big deep cave. No one can approach it. Jinnus (genies) are protecting and guard in him.”*

Note: Remember, Bin Laden held out in a cave against the United States. He was trying to be that mahdi or portray himself as such. This is why I believe he was out in the desert,

hiding in a cave. He defeated the Russians and kept them out in a ten year war in Afghanistan. We, the United States went in there looking for him and couldn't find him for years. We got to him after his doctor told of where his location was.

If you look at what Bin Laden did, he was charismatic, he initiated war in the west. He tried to set himself up as the mahdi of Islam but he is dead and it failed.

Bin Laden is there one who got these black banners going, he is the one that initiated these uprisings behind the scenes in the areas we're are looking at today. It wasn't just the west, he wanted Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria.

So what is ISIS? It is the islamic state of Iraq. It is a group of radical sunni muslims that have been crucifying christians. ISIS has been beheading people, lining up men and shooting them in the back of the head with mass graves. They have also been robbing banks, taking hundreds of millions of dollars in gold and silver coins along with currency out of the banks.

The islamic state of Iraq (ISIS) is operating in eastern Syria and western Iraq. It is a jihad movement. There are different degrees of jihad or definitions in islam, but to the radicals it means war for the islamic faith.

The last "S" in ISIS comes from an arabic word meaning "the Levant", Syria or at times Damascus.



“The Levant” is an approximate historical geographical term referring to a large area in the eastern Mediterranean. In its widest historical sense, the Levant included all of the eastern Mediterranean with its islands, that is, it included all of the countries along the eastern Mediterranean shores, extending from Greece to Cyrenaica. The term Levant entered English in the late 15th century from the French. It derives from the Italian levante, meaning “rising,” implying the east. rising of the sun in the east.



This group is being led by Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. When ISIS began it's fighting in Mosul, they started killing shiite muslims or anyone who stood against Saddam Hussein.

Abi Bakr was born in Samarra, Iraq and he wants that city. That is a city which is the opposite group then he is so you and I need to watch Samarra for that reason. Watch for information on the news that reports specifically about him and Samarra.

In order for the christians to live along side them in this area they must follow strict islamic law and pay a tax which is part of the islamic teaching.

In the hadith, we read where Thawbaan reported that the messenger of allah (muhammad), bless him and peace be upon him, said, when you see the black banners coming from Khorasan, then go the them even if it means crawling over the snow. The deputy of allah, the mahdi, will be among them. It is also reported that muhammad said, the black banners will come from the east and their hearts will be as firm as iron.

Here's the point. It was predicted centuries ago, with muhammad, that a non stop army will be coming from the area of Khorasan holding black flags at the time of the end.

In ISIS every truck has a black flag. Not every person but every truck and vehicle. ISIS is planting these black flags in every city that they take over. According to islamic tradition, the army will conquer several occupied lands and will eventually line up with the mahdi and take the city of Jerusalem.

There are 2 types of Islamic banners. The Al- Liwaa flag and Ar-Raya Flag. The Al-Liwaa flag is the sign for the islamic army or the flag of the islamic state. The Ar-Raya Flag is used by the muslim army. It is made of black wool with white writing. The writings that appear on flags, head bands etc will say 'there is no god but allah and mohammad is his prophet'.

We will pick up next week about the islamic banners...





