

## “The Time Of The End” Part 8

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### **Recap from last week...**

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 Malik 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 and 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, Sunni's and Shia's come in. At first, this looked like it was going to take place, however Al Maliki began to kick out the Sunnis and began to surround himself with the Shia's.

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 Sunni's 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.



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 two of the three 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 where the major battle zones have taken place over the last several years. Amazingly, it's 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.

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 got these black banners going, he is the one that initiated these uprisings behind the scenes in the areas we 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 (ISIS) 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 than 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 alongside 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 to 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.

Now, 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 Muhammad is his prophet’.



So, where is this area of Khorasan? It is partly in Pakistan, Afghanistan and northeast Iran. This is very important that you see where the location of this is because all of your fighting, all of your activity, Bin Laden and several other terrorists came out from this area.



This area had a different name back in Muhammad's day but all that area through there is a stronghold of Islam - very important area for us to understand the history and what is happening now.

The Taliban, (Taliban is a tribe and Al Qaeda is an organization) took over Afghanistan. To them, this was a prophetic sign - the time of the end for them.



Bin Laden was originally from Saudi Arabia, he also lived in Northern Africa for awhile. During President Clinton's time in office, our military leaders told him that Bin Laden was a terrorist and that he would be trouble.

They knew he was making plans to attack the US back then and asked to take him out years ago. They did not do it and so he lived and went on to carry out what happened on 9-11.

He eventually moved to the area of Afghanistan and ended up dying in Pakistan, this was his territory or area in which he ruled and lived.

There was a caliphate that came into existence after the death of Muhammad. Muhammad's youngest uncle was the third caliphate and he ruled in Kufa in 762 AD.



He established Baghdad, as Baghdad was close to Persia (which is the country of Iran) and this is what established the gold age of Islam. From math, building development, to the silk industry, many things of this nature. They later began to create a community called Khorasan in Persia.

Here are some of the Hadiths or the traditions being used by ISIS to make a self fulfilling prophecy take place. In other words, by what they are doing, they are making the “end time” happen in Islam.

Remember, the Hadith is the teachings, deeds, and sayings of Muhammad as reported by his followers. There were statements that were alleged by Muhammad from his early followers.

“The black flags will come from the east. Led by mighty men, with long hair and beards. Their surnames are taken from the names of their home towns...”

So, what is America’s involvement in this idea? Remember, we are the West and we were also in the teaching of the Quran and the Hadith as Christians. Back when this was written the Romans were considered Christians. So when you read about the Romans they are not talking about the Roman Empire but the Christians back then who were called Romans. Now, lets look at this from the Hadith:

“You’ll join hands with a Christian group and war with another. You’ll gain victory at that time, you will be present in a plain of great mountains with plenty of trees. In the meantime, the Christians will raise the crucifix and refer the victory to it. At this, a Muslim will become angry and will pull the crucifix down. At which time, the Christians will unite breaking all treaties with the Muslims...this will start the war. One-third of the Muslims will run away...One third will be killed...the remaining one-third will gain victory.”

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It is this one-third in this teaching that gains victory that is very significant in what we see happening right now in Iraq.

Many of the radical and moderate Muslims look at the Gulf War and especially the second war under President George W. Bush, as a Christian crusade. Where the Christians (not just Americans), but Christians coming in and trying to rule the country.

Now that the “void” (American soldiers) are gone, ISIS along with other groups connected with Al-Qaeda and Sunni group can come into Iraq.

Remember the Sunni’s hate the Shia’s. The Shia’s are now rising up to fight ISIS and the Sunni’s and this is what you see happening in the news every day.



We have talked about the black flags but now we are going to talk about black turbans which are predominately worn by the Shia's. This is interesting, the black flags are predominately being used by the Sunni ISIS groups. There are thousands of these flags everywhere. But, the black turbans are worn by the Shia's which is the opposite group. The mahdi army along with the Shia's have worn black turbans.

***Note:*** Now remember the black flags is a world wide signal to start the last caliphate in order for the mahdi to come.

So what is the mahdi army?

First, let me say this: I believe that the antichrist will come out of Iraq and that the mahdi title is connected to him (meaning the Biblical antichrist). This is my personal opinion based on my studies.



Years ago there was a man name Muqtada Al-Sadr who wears a black turban and he has the mahdi army. He started out years ago with 500 seminary students and now has well over 70,000 students. He believes that he is going to head up the mahdi army which will eventually conquer Iraq.

So now, we have ISIS, which is one army and is Sunni. We have the mahdi army which is in the southern part of Iraq, Baghdad and south in more of the poor areas against each other. So who is going to come out on top?

The black turbans are worn by the Shia's and the Hadith says that when Muhammad attacked Medina that he was wearing a black turban. It's interesting that the colors of the turbans can be black, white, red or green. Why is this interesting?

If you go to Revelation 6:2-8 we read about the four horseman.

**Revelation 6:2-8 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*2 And I looked, and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer.*

*3 And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, Come!*

*4 And another horse came out, flaming red. And its rider was empowered to take the peace from the earth, so that men slaughtered one another; and he was given a huge sword.*

*5 When He broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, Come and look! And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance).*

*6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine!*

*7 When the Lamb broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, Come!*

8 So I looked, and behold, an ashy pale horse black and blue as if made so by bruising], and its rider's name was Death, and Hades (the realm of the dead) followed him closely. And they were given authority and power over a fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and with wild beasts of the earth.

**Revelation 6:2-8 King James Version (KJV)**

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

*8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*

So, you have a white horse, red horse, black horse and pale horse which in the Greek that word is green. It is a sickly looking green. (We are going to get back to this in a little bit about the different colored flags.)

Islam wears white turbans, black turbans, red turbans and green turbans. One branch of Islam always wears green turbans because they believe that green is the favorite color of Muhammad.

(Note: The flags of Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the Palestinian group Hamas also include the color.)

The Islamic prophet is said to have worn a green cloak and turban, and his writings are full of references to the color. A passage from the Quran describes paradise as a place where people "will wear green garments of fine silk." One Hadith, or teaching, says, "When Allah's Apostle died, he was covered with a Hibra Burd," which is a green square garment. As a result, you'll see green used to color the binding of Qurans, the domes of mosques, and, yes, campaign materials.

The United States military when dealing with Iraq have talked about the strongholds that the Muslims have, either Sunni stronghold or Shia stronghold.

This is what Daniel 11:38, says about the prophecy of the antichrist,

**Daniel 11:38 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*38 But in their place he (antichrist) shall honor the god of fortresses; a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold and silver, with precious stones, and with pleasant and expensive things.*

**Daniel 11:38 King James Version (KJV)**

*38 But in his estate (the antichrist) shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.*

Hezbollah has a stronghold in Lebanon. ISIS has a stronghold in Syria and Iraq. Hamas has a stronghold in the Gaza strip (this is what they call them - strongholds).

This verse in Daniel says that the antichrist will be honoring war gods or gods of war, where there are strongholds.

It says that they will be honoring with gold and silver...we know that ISIS has been not just killing people in the Middle East but taking all the gold and silver.

They have taken billions of dollars and more than that of gold and silver which is now in their possession. Which is self fulfilling prophecy for them (Islam) but Bible prophecy that he said would take place thousands of years ago.

**Daniel 11:39 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*39 And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall magnify with glory and honor, and he shall cause them to rule over many and shall divide the land for a price.*

**Daniel 11:39 King James Version (KJV)**

*39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.*

The division of the land is going to be taking place in that part of the world in the very near future. But, the land of Israel is going to be divided as well in the very near future.

Then the antichrist after ruling for 42 months in the Iraq/Syria area or even longer..this is what happens...

**Daniel 11:41 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*41 He shall enter into the Glorious Land [Palestine] and many shall be overthrown, but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, Moab, and the main [core] of the people of Ammon.*

**Daniel 11:41 King James Version (KJV)**

*41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.*

The antichrist eventually gets to Jerusalem which is between the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The plan is to form this huge caliphate with millions of war like people who will physically march into the land of Israel and take it over.

**Daniel 11:45 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

*45 And he shall pitch his palatial tents between the seas and the glorious holy Mount [Zion]; yet he shall come to his end with none to help him.*

**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.*