

Chapter 8

The Time-of-the-End Holy War

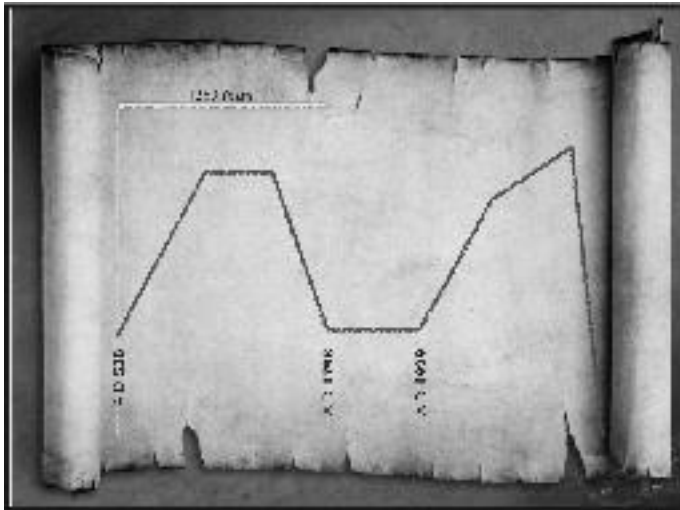
The Three Conflicts

Daniel 11:29 states: “At the appointed time he shall return and go toward the south; but it shall not be like the former or the latter.” This verse describes the second major conflict between Christianity and Islam. The king of the North has headed south for a second round, but it will not be like the “former,” nor like the “latter.”

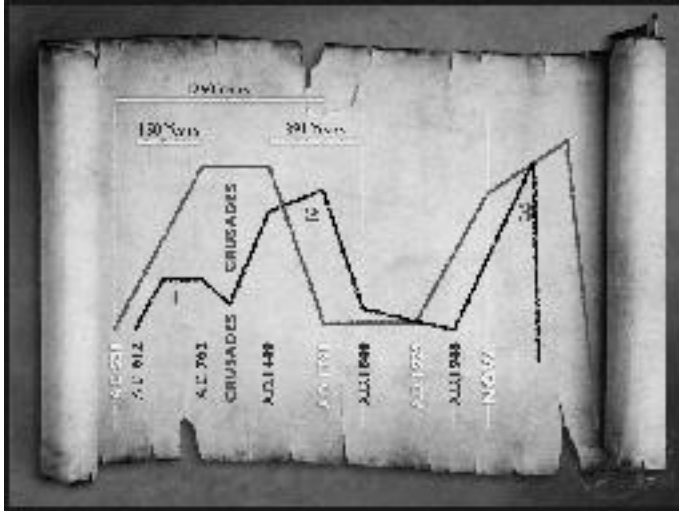
From this statement we can conclude that three general periods of conflict take place between the kings of the South and North in Daniel 11:23-45. In Daniel 11:40 the first two conflicts have passed, and the third one begins. This leads me to conclude that we will see a third and final conflict between Islam and Christianity.

Furthermore, it suggests still another similarity between the kings of the North and South. A deadly wound would be healed, according to Revelation 13:3. The papacy was wounded in 1798, but eventually regained its power. What about Islam? Did it go through a period when it had great strength, lost it, and got it back again?

One day I decided to graph the power curve, as I call it, of the papacy. It rose to prominence in A.D. 538, increased in influence for centuries, reached a zenith, and then, after 1,260 years of strength, saw its power ended in 1798. In 1929 the papacy began to rise again and, according to the Bible, will expand in strength until Jesus destroys it at the very end.



Then I thought that I would find out what happens if I plot the power curve of Islam over that of the papacy. Here's what I got.



Wow! It's almost identical. If we regard Revelation 9 as portraying the role of Islam and interpret a day for a year (as suggested previously), then 150 years extends from A.D. 612 (about the period His followers believe that Muhammad began receiving revelations) to 762. Starting in 1449 A.D., we have the 391 years of the second woe as the period of the Turkish Empire, and that brings us to 1840 and the change in the Ottoman Empire. From the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s Islam did not have much power at all.

It wasn't until the 1920's that the Muslim Brotherhood was formed in Egypt. Most of today's radical Muslims trace their roots back to the Brotherhood.

In 1948, Islamic countries acquired a common enemy, Israel. That common enemy rallied Islamic nations, and instead of fighting each other as much, they would now turn on Israel. At about the same time, many of those countries started earning petroleum dollars, so now they had funding for their fight. In the 1960s, the new tool of terrorism appeared. Radical Islam or Islamists had begun to grow in power.

Here in the graph is the early (with the Crusades), the middle (with the Ottoman Empire), and the latter struggles in Daniel 11. The third one is the one "at the time of the end"—the period we live in.

In the first edition of this book I said that I believed that a third holy war between Islam and Christianity could be expected. Three years later, the third and final "holy war" had begun. Let's look at the Daniel 11:40-43 description of this third and final conflict.

A Hard, Fast War

"At the time of the end the king of the South [Islam] shall attack him [the papacy and its alliance]; and the king of the North [the papacy] shall come against him [Islam] like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he [the papacy] shall enter the countries, overwhelm *them*, and pass through. He [the papacy] shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his [the papacy] hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon.

“He [the papacy] shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He [the papacy] shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians *shall follow* at his [the papacy’s] heels.”

In Daniel’s description of rapid destruction, the forces will “overwhelm them, and pass through. He [the king of the North, the papal alliance] shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown.” Notice that these forces enter Israel. As I mentioned in chapter 6, that means the Israeli nation’s sovereignty is compromised either by the Christian powers or, more likely, the Christian powers are “saving” Israel from radical Islam. Many countries will be overthrown—not just a couple of them, but many. The whole of the Middle East will be in turmoil.

The overwhelming attack from the north causes a three-way breakup of Islam:

1. Those who escape the king of the North
2. Those who are overthrown by the king of the North
3. Those who follow after the king of the North

We will first look at items 2 and 3, saving item 1 for last because it is the good news.

Egypt and Many Countries Overthrown

In this third and final “time of the end” conflict, the Bible says that Egypt and many countries will be overthrown. Remember that the king of the North, the king of the South, and Israel are geopolitical and religious. To be consistent, we should expect that Egypt will be geopolitical and religious as well. This means that I expect that the geopolitical nation of Egypt will radicalize and be overthrown. Additionally, I also expect that the religious application will be the overthrow or destruction of radical Islam and end-time caliphate supporters around the world.

Libya and Ethiopia will follow the king of the North. Again, this should be geopolitical and religious. I expect that the countries or areas of ancient Libya and Ethiopia will choose to follow Papal-led Christianity rather than to face destruction. At the same time I expect that moderate or secular Islam will follow papal-led Christianity, basically saying “Don’t kill us—we don’t like radical Islam either.”

It is no longer a question of whether this final holy war could happen or not. I believe it has already begun.

The Final Holy War Begins

For the first time since the Ottoman Empire, we now have a functioning caliphate, and for the first time since the Ottoman empire, the papacy has called for military action against the caliphate. Since the Ottoman conflict was the second conflict between Islam and Christianity in Daniel 11, the resumption of hostilities would be the beginning of the third and final conflict between Islam and Christianity.

Here is when and how the final conflict began. On June 29, 2014 the Islamic State Caliphate was declared. Here is how the London Telegraph reported it. “Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the self-proclaimed leader of the 'Islamic State' stretching across Iraq and Syria, has vowed to lead the conquest of Rome as he called on Muslims to immigrate to his new land to fight under its banner around the globe.”¹

Note that on day one of the Islamic State Caliphate’s existence they said they would attack Rome and conquer the world. Daniel 11 said the king of the South would attack the king of the North. This matches perfectly! During the next five weeks the Islamic State rapidly conquered a huge area of Syria and Iraq, killing thousands of Christians, Yasidis, and Muslims who did not join with them.

On August 7, 2014 the pope called for action. “Pope Francis appealed to world leaders on Thursday to help end the crisis in northern Iraq after a sweeping advance by radical Islamic state militants forced thousands of residents of Iraq’s biggest Christian town to flee their homes. His Holiness addresses an urgent appeal to the international community to take action to end the humanitarian tragedy now underway.”²

Over the next few days, it became clear from papal diplomats’ statements that this was a call for military action. “Referring to military action, Archbishop Giorgio Lingua, the Vatican's nuncio to Iraq, told Vatican Radio, ‘This is something that had to be done, otherwise [the Islamic State] could not be stopped. Such a call is virtually unprecedented for a papal envoy in modern times, but our age is an extraordinary one and the Islamic State has no interest in a bargaining table. Instead, the Islamic State is bent on genocide and barbarism, ruthlessly exterminating anyone who opposes them.’”³

Statement of the papal envoy to the United Nations, “The Holy See's ambassador to the United Nations, Silvano Tomasi, this weekend supported U.S. air strikes aimed at halting the advance of Sunni Islamic State (IS) militants, calling for "intervention now, before it is too late. Military action might be necessary," he said.

While the Vatican vocally disapproved of the US-led campaign in Iraq in 2003 and the 2013 plan for air strikes on Syria, fearing that both might make the situations worse for Christians on the ground, fears of ethnic cleansing by Islamists has forced a policy change.”⁴

Note that there is no question that the pope was calling for military action. Remember that in Daniel 11, the king of the South (Islam) attacks the North (papal-led Christianity) and the king of the North retaliates with military action. This is exactly the order of events we saw in 2014.

¹ The Telegraph July 1, 2014

² Reuters, “Francis calls for action as Iraqi Christians forced to flee”, August 7, 2014

³ Catholic Online “Chaldean Patriarch calls for Armed Response to defend Christians from Genocide”, August 11, 2014

⁴ Breitbart News, “Vatican’s Approval of Iraq Strikes a Rare Exception to Peace Policy”, August 13, 2014

Not only was there a call for action, there was action. Just over a day after the pope called for military action the US began to bomb the Islamic State Caliphate. Earlier in this book, I stated that the U.S. would become the military enforcer for the papacy. Even the Islamic State now recognizes this to be true following the papal call for action.

“Jihadi John said: ‘To Obama, the dog of Rome. Today we are slaughtering the soldiers of Bashar and tomorrow we will be slaughtering your soldiers and with Allah’s permission we will break this final and last crusade and the Islamic State will soon, like your puppet David Cameron said, begin to slaughter your people on your streets.’”⁵

So the Islamic State calls the U.S. the dog of Rome. This makes sense. The papacy said to attack, and just like a guard dog, the U.S. attacked.

Two weeks after the popes call for military action, the Islamic State began to film the beheading of hostages and post the footage on YouTube. All of this was a part of the Islamic State’s plan to anger the world in order to induce them to attack the Islamic State.

After the territory of the Islamic State came under attack, it slowed its expansion and began to lose territory. Internationally, however, they began to spread, with many radical Islamist groups swearing allegiance to the Islamic State. These groups included Nigeria’s Boko Haram, Al Shabaab from East Africa, and many other Islamist groups.

With the Islamic State under military siege, the caliph called for terror attacks around the world. “Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader of extremist group ISIS, called on his supporters to ‘erupt volcanoes of jihad’ in an apparent new audio message.”⁶ Since then, Islamic State followers have unleashed terrorism around the world. We have had major, well-publicized terrorist attacks in France, Belgium, and the U.S. There have also been far greater attacks in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East that the Western press has largely ignored.

During all of this activity, the papacy has been growing in power. It was because of anger at violent Islam that the Christian world followed the papal call for military action at the time of the crusades. It was because of the anger at violent Islam that it followed the papacy again at the time of the Ottoman Empire.

The following news quotes will show that the same is happening today. “Former Israeli President Shimon Peres has said that Pope Francis is more powerful than the United Nations when it comes to advocating peace. While visiting the Vatican earlier today, Mr. Peres asked Pope Francis to head a parallel United Nations called the “United Religions” to counter religious extremism in the world today.

Peres said the United Nations and its peacekeepers do not have the force or the effectiveness of any one of the Pope’s homilies, which can draw half a million people in St. Peter’s Square alone. “So given that the United Nations has run its course, what we need is an organization of United

⁵ London Telegraph, “US Army Veteran Peter Kassig ‘Murdered by Isis’”, November 17, 2014

⁶NBC News, ISIS Leader al-Baghdadi: ‘Erupt Volcanoes of Jihad’ November 13, 2014

Religions,” Mr. Peres said, as “the best way to counteract these terrorists who kill in the name of their faith. What we need is an unquestionable moral authority who says out loud, ‘No. God doesn’t want this and doesn’t allow it,’” he added.⁷

The problem is that historically, papal-led Christianity has been responsible for the deaths of millions of Christians, Jews, and Muslims who disagreed with their teachings. This is asking the fox to guard the henhouse. The papal power continues to grow. “But shrewdly, methodically and with a showman's flair, the soft-spoken, 78-year-old Argentinian Jesuit priest named -- Pope Francis -- showed Thursday that he is running to become president of the planet...”⁸

Prophetically, we are now in the early stages of Daniel 11’s “whirlwind”. Even the news stories give the feel of a whirlwind, such as this one from the New York Post. “These are unprecedented developments, veering so far from the norm and happening so fast that consequences are piling up faster than they can be comprehended. Alliances built over decades are shattered in a relative flash, inviting aggression and endless conflict. The toxic brew of Islamic fanaticism and nuclear proliferation could ignite a world conflagration.”⁹

This is just what Islamists want. “The Caliphate seeks to unite dozens of factions of the Pakistani and Afghan Taliban into a single army of terror. It includes a never-before-seen history of the Islamic State, details chilling future battle plans, urges al-Qaeda to join the group and says the Islamic State's leader should be recognized as the sole ruler of the world’s 1 billion Muslims under a religious empire called a caliphate. “Accept the fact that this caliphate will survive and prosper until it takes over the entire world and beheads every last person that rebels against Allah,” proclaims an Islamic State recruitment document. "This is the bitter truth, swallow it.”¹⁰

Many Christian prophecy teachers have said that Russia is the king of the North. However, Russia did not attack Israel from the north since the breakup of Rome, so it cannot be the Daniel 11 king of the North. Instead, Russia is a part of the papal-led Christianity king of the North. Russia would be a part of all the world that follows the Beast, papal-led Christianity. This is now becoming clear.

For years, Russia has had its own challenges with radical Islamic terrorism. Putin, the leader of Russia, has considered himself the protector of Orthodox Christianity in the Middle East. Now consider these facts that show Russia is fighting radical Islam in cooperation with the papacy.

“In an unusually blunt endorsement of military action, the Vatican’s top diplomat at the United Nations in Geneva has called for a coordinated international force to stop the ‘so-called Islamic

⁷ Catholic Herald, “Shimon Peres: Francis is More Powerful Peace Advocate than UN”, September 4, 2014

⁸ Huffington Post, “Pope Francis Wants to be President of the World” September 24, 2015

⁹ New York Post, “Obama’s Race to Chaos” March 28, 2015

¹⁰ USA Today, Islamic State Recruitment Document Seeks to Provoke ‘End of the World’ July 28, 2015

State' in Syria and Iraq. He said the joint statement originated with Russia, which traditionally sees itself as a protector of Orthodox Christians in the Middle East.”¹¹

When Russia entered the war in Syria against radical Islam, FrontPage Mag posted a story entitled “Russia Declares ‘Holy War’ on Islamic State While Obama Sides With Christian Murdering ‘Freedom Fighter.’”

It read, “The head of External Church Relations, Metropolitan Illarion ... asked Putin to make the protection of Christians one of the foreign policy directions in future. ‘This is how it will be, have no doubt,’ Putin answered.”¹² So Russia is now a part of the papal-led Christianity, king of the North alliance.

While the threat of terror is causing fear and anger, Islamic immigration into the West is also causing additional fear and anger. “I don’t think this wave can stop,” said Sonja Licht of the International Center for Democratic Transition. “The global north must be prepared that the global south is on the move, the entire global south. This is not just a problem for Europe but for the whole world.”¹³ This combined threat of terror and mass immigration is causing a rapid rise in power of the far right and in anti-Islam sentiment in the Christian world.

Then came the 2016 US presidential campaign and Donald Trump. During the campaign he said, “The point is, they [Radical Islamists] want to do serious harm. We have to take them out. We have to take them out very, very swiftly and viciously, if necessary....We have got to destroy the brand of jihad.”¹⁴ This sounds like the whirlwind of Daniel 11:40. He won the election and said this in his inauguration, “We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones – and unite the civilized world against Radical Islamic Terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth.”¹⁵ This is what Daniel 11 indicates, radical Islam is overthrown, while the moderate Muslims follow Papal led Christianity and the US against the radicals. I believe we are watching prophecy fulfilling in our time!

Then President Trump began to make good on his promises. He ordered increased bombing of the Islamic State, and began to build a coalition of moderate Islam to help take out the radical Islamists. His first trip out of the US as president was to Saudi Arabia (where the king of the South comes from), Jerusalem (caught in the middle), and the Vatican (where the king of the North comes from). He said, “The visit to Saudi Arabia will include a “truly historic gathering in Saudi Arabia with leaders from all across the Muslim world. We will begin to construct a new foundation of cooperation and support with our Muslim allies, to combat extremism, terrorism and violence.”¹⁶

¹¹ Crux Now, “Vatican Backs Military Force to Stop ISIS ‘Genocide’”, March 13, 2015

¹² FRONTPAGE MAG, Russia Declares ‘Holy War’ on Islamic State While Obama Sides with Christian Murdering ‘Freedom Fighters’”, October 7, 2015

¹³ New York Times, “A Mass Migration Crisis, and it May Get Worse” October 31, 2015

¹⁴ Fox News, “Hannity, Trump Town Hall” August 18, 2016

¹⁵ Trump Inauguration Speech, January 20, 2017

¹⁶ Politico, “Trump to Visit the Vatican on First Foreign Trip as President” May 4, 2017

This meeting resulted in a relationship between Trump and the Saudi Crown Prince. It shows the success of Trump in building a coalition of moderate Muslims against radical Islamists. The Crown Prince clearly identifies who the radicals are. "Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has described Turkey as part of a "triangle of evil" along with Iran and hardline Islamist groups... The Saudi prince also accused Turkey of trying to reinstate the Islamic Caliphate, abolished nearly a century ago when the Ottoman Empire collapsed."¹⁷ He says more on the subject in another interview. "In this triangle, they are trying to promote the idea that our duty as Muslims is to reestablish the caliphate,... that the glory of Islam is in building an empire by force.... We have no duty anymore to fight to spread Islam. But in the triangle of evil, they want to manipulate Muslims, to tell them their duty as Muslims requires the establishment of a Muslim empire....I believe the Palestinians and the Israelis have the right to have their own land. But we have to have a peace agreement to assure the stability for everyone and to have normal relations."¹⁸

Trump then moves the US embassy to Jerusalem, angering the radical Islamists because they want to take Jerusalem as their world wide capital of the caliphate. In a way, Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and his peace plan are causing the radicals to self identify so he and the moderate Muslims know who to eradicate.

Then the moderate Muslims, who are opposed to the caliphate supporting radicals that all have their roots in the Muslim brotherhood, actually made an alliance with the Pope. The Atlantic Monthly explains it in an article subtitled, "The meaning of the pope's historic visit to the United Arab Emirates". "What has changed, in brief, is the dual rise of the Muslim Brotherhood and Islamic State. The following analysis applies equally to the Emirates and to Saudi Arabia....Facing direct challenges, the Gulf States calculated that they could no longer appease Islamists and should instead crush them. That is precisely what they have done, both in the UAE and in Saudi Arabia... The institutional authorities of Islam, and the political authorities with which they are aligned, have just bought themselves an institutional ally, if not a theological one. Whether the alliance keeps the theological barbarians at bay is another question."¹⁹

There are several ways that Islamists could trigger papal-led Christianity into a even more intense holy war. The first would be to instigate more frequent and/or larger terrorist attacks in the Western world. The second would be to use a nuclear device of some type in a terror attack. The U.S. called an international summit to deal with just this risk. Forbes said, "Front and center were potential nuclear terrorist threats, not surprising given last week's Brussels attack and the terrorist's surveillance of nuclear scientists and facilities."²⁰

The third way that Islamists could push the world into full-scale holy war would be to assassinate the pope, and they hope to do so. "What has been declared by the self-declared Islamic State is clear—they want to kill the Pope. The threats against the Pope are credible ... The Pope had made himself a target by speaking out against the human rights abuses committed against

¹⁷ Jerusalem Post, "Saudi Prince Says Turkey Part of 'Triangle of Evil'" March 7, 2018

¹⁸ The Atlantic, Saudi Crown Prince: Iran's Supreme Leader 'Makes Hitler Look Good'", May 2, 2018

¹⁹ The Atlantic Monthly, "The Vatican and the Gulf Have a Common Enemy", February 6, 2019

²⁰ Forbes, "Fallout from the Nuclear Security Summit" April 3, 2016

Christians in Syria and Iraq, as well as by his approval of attempts by the US to try to roll back Isil.”²¹ This threat was also alluded to by Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential campaign: “If and when the Vatican is attacked by ISIS, which as everyone knows is ISIS’ ultimate trophy ...”²²

Although I have focused on the threat of the Sunni Islamic State, the Shia Islamists of Iran could also attack the Western world and lead into a holy war. Shia Islamists continue to threaten military expansion and the development of nuclear weapons, all the while threatening to wipe Israel off the map. The worst-case scenario would be for Sunni and Shia Islamists to join together to fight against Israel and papal-led Christianity. They are already talking about trying to take back Jerusalem. “The Iranian leader called on all other Muslims to support the Palestinian war on Israel. Khamenei called Arab states willing to consider the plan in a positive light - such as the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and others - traitorous and incompetent.”²³ A sermon at the Al-Aqsa mosque on the temple mount in Jerusalem leaves no doubt, “Siam can be seen telling the enthusiastic crowd that three prophecies would soon be fulfilled: that the rightly guided caliphate will be established, that Jerusalem will be liberated and established as its capital, and that Islam achieve world domination”²⁴

At the time of this revision, I see the “time of the end,” or third and final conflict between Islam and Christianity, already in its early stages. I am expecting it to intensify and to truly become a holy war from both sides. Radical Islam will be defeated, moderate Islam will follow papal-led Christianity, and there will be a group of Muslims that join with a group of true Christians to share the final warning message with the world in the greatest evangelistic opportunity of all time. I also believe that at the same time we will have natural disasters and diseases that combined will warn those who will listen of Christ’s soon coming. This is based on Jesus’ words in Matthew 24:7.

The Good News!

Now let’s look at the *good* news. Edom, Moab, and Ammon escape from the king of the North in the third conflict as recorded in Daniel 11:40-43. The Hebrew word translated as *escape* is also in Daniel 12:1, but is translated as *delivered*. Those who are delivered in Daniel 12:1 would be followers of Christ who are written in the book.

Revelation 17:8 reports that “all the world follows the beast, except those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” Since Edom, Moab, and Ammon do not follow the king of the North, then they must be followers of Christ. Additional proof comes from Hebrews 2:3, 4: “How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him ... ?”

²¹ London Telegraph, “ISIL Want to Assassinate the Pope, Says Iraq’s Ambassador to Vatican”, September 16, 2014

²² New York Times, Donald Trump Calls the Pope’s Criticism Disgraceful” February 18, 2016

²³ Jerusalem Post, “Khamenei Calls for Palestinian Jihad on Israel after Trump Peace Plan”, February 5, 2020

²⁴ Jerusalem Post, Al-Aqsa Preacher: Jerusalem will soon be capital of Global Caliphate”, January 20, 2020

Concerning the time of Christ's return, we find the following in 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 3: "For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape."

Repeatedly the Bible says that those who survive the coming of Christ are those who trust in Jesus, and so I interpret "escape" in Daniel 11:41 as referring to those who trust in Jesus. The groups listed as "escaping" this third holy war—Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon—were called the "people of the East" in Bible times (Isa. 11:14). They were related to Abraham through Lot, Esau, and Ishmael. Could any of them be people of the Book, or Bible-believing Christians?

Before the time of David, God used the people of the East to chastise Israel for its idolatry and disobedience. During the reign of David, their territory formed part of the Davidic kingdom. In a similar way, after using Islam to chastise modern Israel (Christians), God rescues those Muslims who refuse to follow the papacy and accept Jesus instead, and He includes them as a part of Jesus' restored "Davidic" kingdom.



While Scripture focuses on the blessing given Isaac, we must not forget that God also blessed Ishmael (Gen. 21:13, 18). If Gentiles can be sons of Abraham by being grafted in, why can't a Muslim person become a "son of Abraham" through faith in Jesus also?

Within Islam today is a growing movement of people who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. There are hundreds of thousands of them! They believe in Him as their judge and believe that He is coming back to rescue them. In fact, they are willing to die for Him and trust Him with their lives. I believe that among Muslims, this group that believes in Jesus is the "Edom, Moab, and the sons of Ammon" in Daniel 11.

Many of these have had dreams or visions of Issa (Jesus), and He tells them to trust in Him for their salvation and to follow The Book (Bible). In Joel 2:28-32 it says, "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions ... before the coming of the

great and awesome day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance.”

In a similar way Revelation depicts a group of people who come out of the king of the North/papal-led Christianity who truly follow Jesus and the Bible. Revelation 18:4 says, “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her (Babylon or papal-led Christianity), my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.’”

Consider one more thing about those who escape. Daniel 12:1 tells us: “At that time your people shall be delivered, every one who is found written in the book.” According to Revelation 13:8: “Those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life . . . when they see the beast.” All the world follows the beast except those who are included in the book of life.

We just learned that when the beast power, the king of the North, wipes out Islam with its counterattack, a group from within Islam will escape. In Revelation, we either follow the Lamb or follow the beast. The ones who escape the beast must be following the Lamb. That applies to Muslims as much as anyone else. Christians should not look down their noses at Islamic people. We should share Jesus with them—should love them, not hate them. If we did that on both sides, we could really do some good and might lead many to become our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The big problem is that Satan, the power from the bottomless pit, has stirred up the majorities on both sides, and he is causing havoc in the world. God’s people get caught in the middle between the kings of the North and the South. His people always find themselves in that position and often get hit from both sides in the worldwide spiritual battle.

While the Smoke Rises

The papacy and its allies (possibly NATO) eventually overthrow Islam, and that leaves the papacy and the United States in control.

My understanding of Islam is that God will use it as a counterweight against the problems of Christianity. The showdown between the various powers will bring people within Islam to a decision point. Will they go with the radicals? Will they choose the example of secular Islam and support the papacy? Or will they accept Jesus Christ and truly follow Him?

Likewise, those within the Christian world will have to decide whether they will join those who follow the papacy or will obey God’s Word in the Bible. At that time, a core group of people will gather from both Christianity and Islam, one that holds true to Jesus Christ. Stuck between north and south, they will suffer abuse from both sides at the time of the end.

This will be the time of the greatest evangelistic opportunity of all time! Radical Islam is gone and moderate Islam is following the king of the North (pretending to be Christian) while papal-led Christianity is trying to consolidate. For a short time there will be no one to stop true believers from both sides who choose to follow Jesus and His Word the Bible.

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.” Are you ready to stand for Jesus when everyone else is following a counterfeit?

In the next Chapter we will examine the aftermath of this third and final holy war.