



GOD PUNISHES THE DESCENDANTS OF BOTH OF ISAAC AND ISHMAEL FOR REFUSING TO BELIEVE THE TRUTH--YET A REMNANT OF BOTH IS BEING SAVED TODAY!

Abraham had a child with his servant Hagar. This child was named Ishmael. Some years later Abraham had a child with his wife Sarah. This child was named Isaac. In Genesis chapter 22 we are told God commands Abraham to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. After Isaac is bound to an altar, a messenger from God stops Abraham at the last minute, saying "now I know you fear God." Abraham looks up and sees a ram and sacrifices it instead of Isaac. Despite both children being blessed by God, most of their descendants did not believe the truth of Jesus. But a remnant of both is saved.



Isaac was a miracle child, born to Abraham and Sarah in their old age as the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham to make his descendants a great nation. Jesus descends from the line of Isaac. King David, who represented the 13th generation from Abraham in the family tree, was the youngest son of Jesse. Jesus—the Messiah—is the "shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse." (Isaiah 11:1-*A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*)

According to Paul in Galatians chapter 4, despite being younger, Isaac was the child "of promise." God made both Isaac and Ishmael into great nations.

Galatians 4: 28-31 (NIV)

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. But what does Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

Jesus warned the Jews in Jerusalem (the descendants of Isaac) of their coming tribulation because they refused believe the truth of His Gospel:

Matthew 23:37-39 (NIV)

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Paul was sent to preach to the Gentiles. Paul tells us that God will send a strong delusion to those who chose not to believe the truth of the Gospel of Jesus—the Son of God. But what group of people does Paul know refused to love the truth? While this applies to anyone who mocks or rejects Jesus as the Son of God, Paul is specifically referring to the group of people who rejected the Gospel of Jesus preached by Paul, and are later deceived by the man of lawlessness when Satan revealed himself to the False Prophet Mohammad during 610-632.

After the Gospel was first offered to the Jews, Jesus sent Paul to preach to the Gentiles in far-away places such as Arabia. Arabia is the land of Ishmael's descendents. They refused to believe the truth. Paul had little success, apparently establish no churches there and wrote no letters to them. After returning from Arabia, Paul explains why God is sending a strong delusion in the latter days:

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 (NIV)

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

JESUS FIRST GAVE THE GOSPEL TO THE JEWS—WHOSE CHIEF PRIESTS REJECTED HIM

Jesus is the Messiah that the Jews had been anticipating for centuries (see Luke 2:25; 3:15). He was born into a Jewish family and was reared according to Jewish law in a Jewish town (see Luke 2:27; Galatians 4:4). Jesus selected Jewish disciples, spoke in Jewish synagogues and the Jewish temple, and traveled mostly in Jewish areas. Paul tells us the Gospel was first offered to the Jew and then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The mission of Jesus, in fulfillment of the Jewish prophets, was to the Jewish people. However, none of this means that Jesus’ ministry was limited exclusively to the Jews. But it was offered first to the Jews.



There is overwhelming evidence that the high priests at the time of Jesus had become so completely corrupt and involved in the political intrigues of the Roman rulers, that no matter how many Messianic proofs were laid out on the table, no honesty would be forthcoming, as far as they were concerned!

What caused the Jewish religious leaders to resist and reject Jesus as the Messiah? These men had spent much of their time in the Old Testament Scriptures. They heard John the Baptist and knew he had identified Jesus as the Messiah. These men personally witnessed our Lord healing the sick, casting out demons, and even raising the dead. How could they possibly fail to get the message?

Jesus claimed to be the promised Messiah but was rejected by His people. The hearts of the people were hardened to the truth. In addition, there was a corrupt religious leadership who would not receive his claims. Therefore it was the sin of the people that kept them from accepting Jesus as the Promised One.

Jesus told the chief priests that their rejection of him was foretold in the Scriptures.

Matthew 21:42 (NIV)

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Matthew 21:43-46 (NIV)

"Therefore, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

The Messiah is the Chief Cornerstone which the Builders Rejected. Psalm 118:22-23 The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; whoever believes will not act hastily. Matt 21:42-43 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: `The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and

THE FIRST PUNISHMENT—THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE

The Olivet Discourse was prompted by one of Jesus' disciples as they were leaving the Temple where Jesus had been teaching. The disciple, looking at the Temple, said, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings" (Mark 13:1).

The answer Jesus gave must have seemed an impossibility: "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down" (Mark 13:2). This must have greatly perplexed the disciples of Jesus, because later, after they had ascended the Mount of Olives and had stopped to rest, they asked Jesus: "Tell us when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3).



JESUS PROPHECY: TEMPLE STONES DOWN BY ROMANS IN THE 70 AD JERUSALEM DESTRUCTION

The Siege of Jerusalem in the year 70 AD was the decisive event of the First Jewish–Roman War. The Roman army, led by the future Emperor Titus, with Tiberius Julius Alexander as his second-in-command, besieged and conquered the city of Jerusalem.

The siege ended with the burning and destruction of its Second Temple, and the Romans entered and sacked the Lower City. The destruction of both the first and second temples is still mourned annually as the Jewish fast Tisha B'Av. The Arch of Titus, celebrating the Roman sack of Jerusalem and the Temple, still stands in Rome. The conquest of the city was complete and the destruction of the Temple was complete--just as Jesus said.

THE SECOND PUNISHMENT—ZECHARIAH AND JACOB’S TROUBLE: THE HOLOCAUST KILLED TWO THIRDS OF JEWS IN THAT LAND

During World War II, the Nazis murdered two thirds (about 5.933 million) of all Jews under their control. With the help of the Islamic Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, they intended to kill all the Jews in the Middle East. They would have killed more if the days of the war were not shortened with the Allied victory. The killing of the Jews ended in 1945, shortly before Israel was reborn in 1948. The year 1948 marked the fulfillment of many prophecies and timeline dates. Zechariah 13 tells us two thirds will be killed. Nothing like this ever occurred before or since.

Zechariah 13:7-8 (NIV)

“Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the Lord Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land," declares the Lord, two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

Country	Pre-Final Solution Jewish Population	Jewish Population Killed in Final Solution	Percent Killed
Poland	3,300,000	3,000,000	91%
Baltic Countries	253,000	228,000	90%
Germany/Austria	240,000	210,000	88%
Protectorate	90,000	80,000	89%
Slovakia	90,000	75,000	83%
Greece	70,000	54,000	77%
The Netherlands	140,000	105,000	75%
Hungary	650,000	450,000	69%
White Russia	375,000	245,000	65%
Ukraine (est)	1,500,000	900,000	60%
Belgium	65,000	40,000	62%
Yugoslavia	43,000	26,000	60%
Romania	600,000	300,000	50%
Norway	1,800	900	50%
France	350,000	90,000	26%
Bulgaria	64,000	14,000	22%
Italy	40,000	8,000	20%
Luxembourg	5,000	1,000	20%
Russia (est)	975,000	107,000	11%
Denmark	8,000	--	n/a
Finland	2,000	--	n/a
Total	8,861,800	5,933,900	67%

Source : <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/killedtable.html>



Jeremiah 30:3-10 (NIV)

The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,' says the Lord." These are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: "This is what the Lord says: "Cries of fear are heard—terror, not peace.

Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

'In that day,' declares the Lord, 'I will break the yoke off their necks and will tear off their bonds; no longer will foreigners enslave them. Instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. 'So do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel,' declares the Lord. 'I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.

IF THE LORD HAD NOT CUT SHORT THOSE DAYS, “NO ONE WOULD SURVIVE”

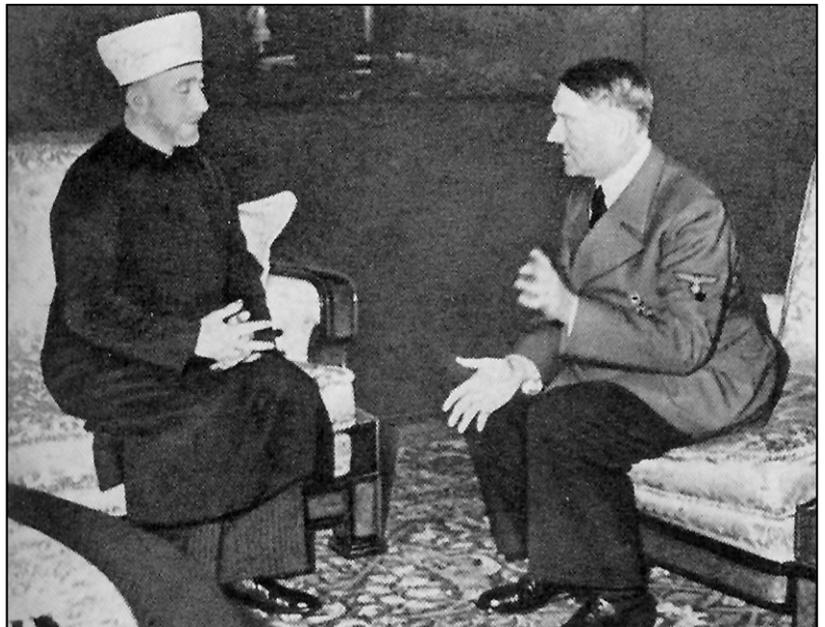
If Adolph Hitler had more time, he would have killed every Jew living in the Muslim lands. Had the United States lost World War II, all Jews would have been killed in America. But because the United States entered the war and won these things did not come to pass. God shortened those days.

Mark 13:20-23 (NIV)

“If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

Mohammad Amin al-Husseini (1897-1974) was a Palestinian Muslim nationalist and the Muslim leader in Palestine. His opposition to the British peaked during the 1936–39 Arab revolt in Palestine.

The Supreme Muslim Council had at its head al-Husseini, who regarded himself as guardian of the Temple Mount (“abominations”) holy sites of Islam, launched an international campaign in Muslim countries to gather funds to restore and improve the Temple Mount Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.



Hitler wrote: “Germany and Italy recognize the right of the Arab countries to solve the question of the Jewish elements, which exist in Palestine and in the other Arab countries, as required by the national and ethnic interests of the Arabs, and as the Jewish question was solved in Germany and Italy”.

Al-Husseini wanted to form an Arab legion, using Arab prisoners from the French Empire who were then POWs inside Germany. He also asked Hitler to declare publicly, as the German government had privately, that it favored “the elimination of the Jewish national home” in Palestine. Hitler promised more help to the Muslims would come after further advances into the USSR, and through the Caucasus. But Germany’s “fundamental attitude,” Hitler said, “was clear: Germany stood for uncompromising war against the Jews,” including, obviously, the “national home” in Palestine.

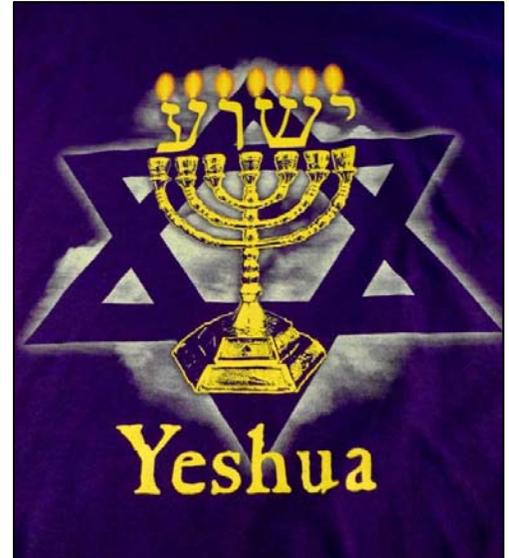
TODAY ISRAEL HAS BEEN RESTORED AND A REMNANT OF ISAAC IS BEING SAVED

“Baruch haba B'Shem Adonai”

“Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord”

Jesus said prepare for His return, you do not know the hour. It will surprise you. But Jesus also did say we would recognize the season. One sure sign of the season is the outpouring of the Spirit into the Jewish remnant.

Shortly before his crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus warned the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders in Jerusalem that they would not see him again until the phrase “Baruch haba B'Shem Adonai” is said by Jews who recognize finally Jesus is the Messiah. Today many Jews say this phrase!



Matthew 23:37-39 (NIV)

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Jesus was teaching the Pharisees a prophecy given in Psalm 118.

Psalm 118:26 (NIV)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Today, in the last days, it is simply astonishing to see the large number of Jewish people coming to faith in Yeshua all over the world (a miracle of fulfilled prophecy). Today it is estimated there are some 325,000 Messianic Jews in the world with an estimated 80,000 living in Israel. There are more Jews today who believe in Jesus than at any other time since the first century in the book of Acts.

For example, just through the ministry of Jewish Voice alone, some 75,000 Jewish people have responded to the Gospel in the last decade. Other groups, such as Jews for Jesus, Chosen People Ministries, and Friends of Israel have reached many tens of thousands of Jewish people with the truth of the Gospel.

PAUL WENT TO ARABIA SHORTLY AFTER HIS CONVERSION TO PREACH TO THE GENTILES

Some of the authorities on the life of Paul seem to conclude that he spent two or three years in Arabia, directly after his conversion, to meditate and discern what Jesus was trying to tell him. Did Paul go to Arabia to meditate or preach? The better part of three years of secluded reflection in Arabia is an incredible anomaly in the early days of the first love, and the new-found joy of a converted Paul. Paul was a man of preaching—not a monk living on a mountaintop in solitude.

Galatians 1:15-17 (NIV)

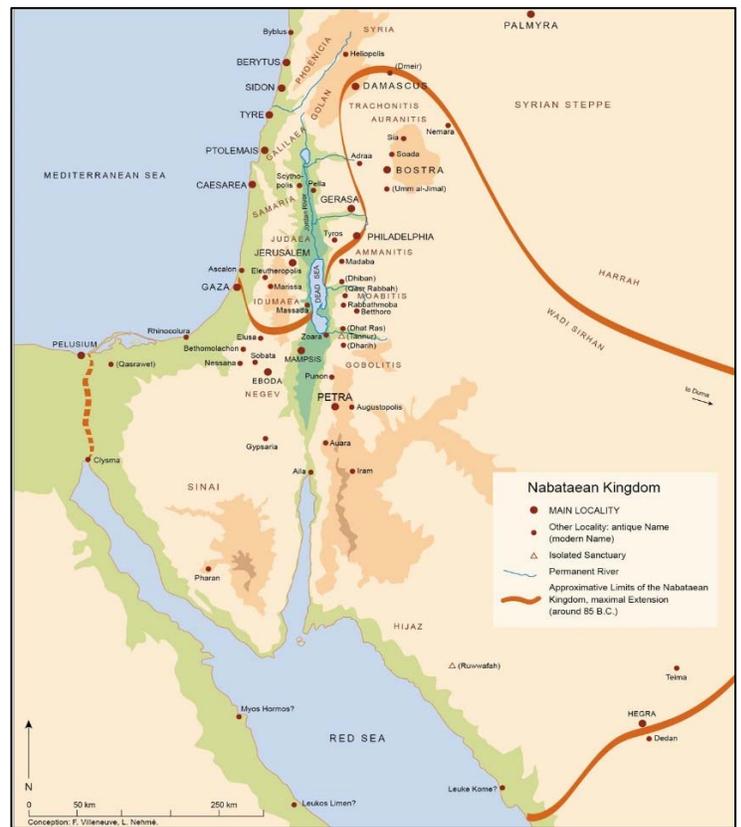
“But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.”

Paul’s writings in Romans, Galatians, and his speeches quoted in Acts, and his efficient career as a missionary, all indicate that Paul's conversion was not a process of unsettling, but of bringing order and light where before there was uncertainty and the darkness of a great, deep unrest and contradiction of soul; that his spirit, baffled by the hopelessness of legalism, was liberated by a vision of the heavenly Messiah. Paul immediately went to preach the Gospel truth to the Gentiles.

Paul went to the land of Ishmael. Paul went to the Nabatean kingdom. And Ishmael did in fact, analogous to Isaac's son Jacob, produce twelve sons—that is, twelve tribes.

According to Genesis 25:13, Ishmael's firstborn was “Nebaioth”. Josephus in the first century AD viewed Ishmael's oldest son as the progenitor of the Nabateans. That is why, according to Josephus, the entire territory from the Euphrates to the Red Sea is called Nabatene.

We know how in Paul's time, “Arabia” referred to the Nabatean land stretching from modern-day Jordan, extending to Damascus in the north and to the western part of what we now call Saudi Arabia. The Nabatean kingdom provided Paul with ample opportunity to preach.



ISHMAEL WILL BECOME AN ARCHER AND A GREAT NATION

God was faithful to those who were not of the chosen genealogical line. The God of Abraham and Isaac was also the God of Hagar the Egyptian and her son Ishmael. Despite the fact that Ishmael was not chosen to deliver the Messiah into the world, this did not mean that he and his descendants would be forever outside the orbit of God's grace. Isaiah 60:7 speaks of Ishmael's sons "Nebaioth" and "Keder" coming to the light of the gospel for all nations. In fact on the Day of Pentecost we read of Arabs in Jerusalem listening to all the wonderful works of God (Acts 2:11). There are many Arab Christians in the world today, despite persecution from their own people.



Genesis 16:11-12 (NIV)

The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he will live in hostility toward all his brothers."

Genesis 21:8-10 (NIV)

The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

Genesis 21:17-21 (NIV)

God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.”

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

The fact that Ishmael was an archer (Genesis 21:20) is very important for prophecy. The Bible strongly warns us about Four Horsemen that attempt to fight the true God. The leader and first horseman is on a white horse, carries a bow, wears a crown, ranks the highest of the four and conquers many. The False Prophet Mohammad is a descendant of Ishmael, and this explains why the first rider on the white horse also carries a bow. The first rider is Mohammad.

Revelation 6:1-2 (NIV)

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

This highest-ranking rider leads a vast spiritual war against the truth of Jesus, and conquers many with his false doctrine. False doctrine comes from a False Prophet. The first rider on the white horse claims to speak for God, but instead speaks for Satan.

PAUL WRITES TO THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS WILL BE REVEALED-- A POWERFUL DELUSION WILL BE GIVEN TO THEM TO BELIEVE THE LIE

This was a punishment for rejecting the Gospel. Note how Paul writes in the past tense: “they refused to love the truth and so be saved”, and “who have not believed the truth.”

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 (NIV)

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing.

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Paul says in First Corinthians we are the temple. Satan wants to be worshipped in the hearts of deceived people. The man of lawlessness (Satan) does not enter the physical temple in Jerusalem. Satan wants to be in people's hearts.

1 Corinthian 3:16-17 (NIV)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

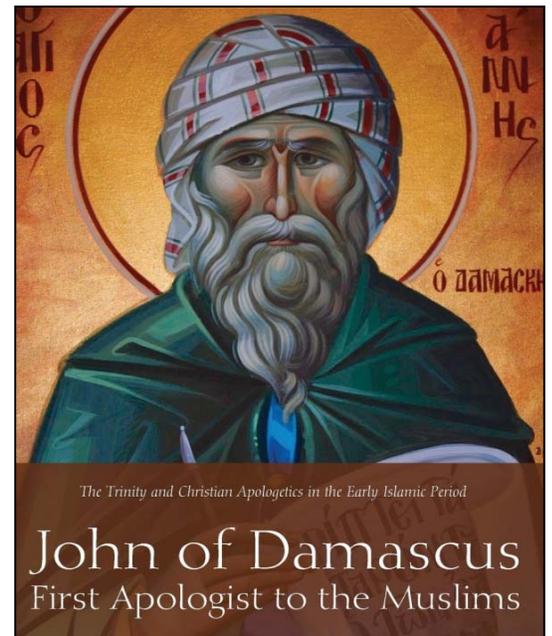
YEARS LATER THE PROPHECY OF PAUL CAME TRUE

JOHN OF DAMASCUS WROTE: "A SARACEN FALSE PROPHET NAMED MOHAMMAD"

John was born in Damascus on or around the year 675. John was born to a Christian family in Damascus, Syria, when Syria was under Muslim control (Syria was conquered by Muslim forces in 630). He wrote the first apology to Muslims and made clear out Mohammad was deceived by the "Angel Gabriel" and was a false prophet.

John of Damascus prefixed to his great work *De Fide Orthodoxa* a compendium of one hundred heresies. His arguments pointing out the false teaching of Islam and Mohammad.

- There is also the superstition of the Ishmaelites which to this day prevails and keeps people in error, being a forerunner of the Antichrist.
- They are descended from Ishmael, who was born to Abraham of Hagar, and for this reason they are called both "Hagarenes" and "Ishmaelites." They are also called "Saracens", which is derived from Sarras kenoi, or destitute of Sara, because of what Hagar said to the angel: "Sara hath sent me away destitute."
- He says that the Christ is but a creature and a servant, and that He was begotten, without seed, of Mary.



TODAY A REMNANT OF ISHMAEL IS BEING SAVED-- MUSLIMS ARE CONVERTING TO CHRISTIANITY IN RECORD NUMBERS

More Muslims have converted to Jesus Christ in the last four decades than in all the other years combined since the advent of Islam in the 7th Century. Something is certainly happening among Muslims and God is pouring out his Spirit in the latter days.

DREAMS & MIRACLES

Many Muslims have Jesus or the Holy Spirit appear to them in dreams. They are happening quite frequently, and Westerners should accept this as a fact. A miracle is from God--it's that simple. Often times in dreams people see Jesus, though at times it is one of the saints. This may not result in conversion, but it opens a path of inquiry that sometimes leads to conversion.

THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD--JESUS

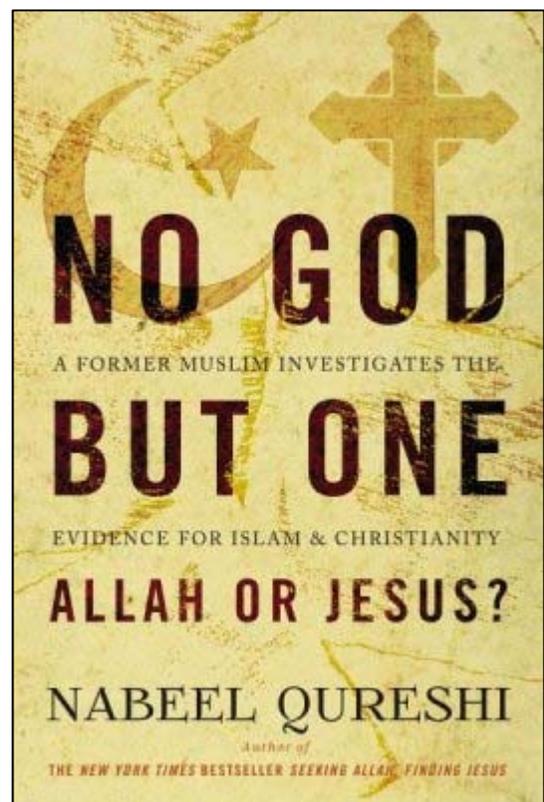
In orthodox Islam you're never quite sure of God's disposition towards you. If you have been very good, he might love you. If not? Who knows. There is a verse in the Koran about a people who first love Allah, and Allah will love them. But even this verse, it turns out, is actually a threat against Muslims who will not engage in Jihad--if they won't follow the instruction to exert themselves on Allah's behalf, then he'll find someone better--the people who will love him and whom he will love. Allah is harsh.

Christianity is different, giving the truth that God's love is unconditional and directed towards each and every person. That is an attractive teaching for many Muslims who are apprehensive about the supposedly deity's disposition towards them.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Islamic State has been filling the headlines for a long time and filling the hearts of many people in the Middle East with fear. But in the midst of all this, the church in the Middle East is showing the love of Christ to those who fled their homes. In the Middle East, Muslims converting to Christianity is now happening on a large scale.





200 FORMER MUSLIMS ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST



FORMER MUSLIMS PRAY TO JESUS—THE RISEN SON OF GOD

HELPING A MUSLIM LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS

Culture plays an important part in Christian Witness. It is often taught that there are three different methods of evangelism based upon culture. Different methods are required when cultures are different. It is no wonder that many Americans make some mistakes when trying to witness to Muslims. Islam is not only a religion but it is also a culture and a way of life. Americans who have learned western methods will often make mistakes in their witness to those of the Islam. Here are three important concepts to follow when attempting to be a witness to a Muslim.

1. UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF RELIGION IN AN ISLAMIC CONTEXT

For most in the western world a decision to follow Jesus Christ is very serious indeed, but if the person says yes it will have an only a limited effect on the immediate circumstances. Not so with a Muslim. The Koran teaches very strongly that any Muslim who converts to another religion, whether it is Christianity or some other belief system is guilty of apostasy and must be put to death. This is carried out in all Islamic Republics but since those living in the west cannot kill a person for switching religions the friends and family will use other very harsh means to keep the person a Muslim. This will include kidnapping and imprisonment, beatings, and total exclusion from the family.

The Christian who witnesses must realize how serious a matter this is for the Muslim and their family. In witnessing to a Muslim, you must be aware that the person you are working with, if they accept Christ, will probably be persecuted and could even be killed. Many Americans simply do not realize how serious a change in religion can be in a Muslim context.

2. TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DISCIPLING A CONVERT FROM ISLAM

For a Muslim his family and community provide each member with their health insurance, their job, their food, their fellowship, their mate, and practically everything else of importance in life. When we win a Muslim to Christianity then we need to be prepared to make the necessary sacrifice in the disciplining process. They need much more of our time and love because we have torn them from their support system and we must find a way to make this up.

3. UNDERSTAND ISLAM

A typical Muslim will know more about Christianity than a Christian will know about Islam. Just as Christians are taught how to witness to others, many Muslims are being taught how to refute the Christians arguments thus making our witness ineffective. The more one builds up their knowledge of Islam the better the Christian can build good ideological bridges so as to find a good way to approach the Muslim. Christians should not be afraid of witnessing to Muslims but rather should aggressively search out Muslims to talk with. The most important part of witness to Muslims is being led by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will show you how best to approach the Muslim. The most effective means of helping a Muslim find Jesus Christ is still love.