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The Global Threat of Islam

*“And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints,
and of all that were slain upon the earth.” Revelation 18:24*

By Mike Wingfield

Just a few weeks ago, as we marked the 25th anniversary of 9/11, we were painfully reminded of our nation's experience of being attacked by radical Islamic terrorists. They methodically planned and carried out their attack, hijacking two commercial airliners loaded with jet fuel and deliberately crashing them into the World Trade Center in New York City. Nearly 3,000 innocent people were killed. A third airliner was hijacked by five al-Qaeda terrorists and deliberately flown into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., killing 189 people.

That same morning United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in an open field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, killing 44 people. Four Islamic terrorists hijacked this plane. It is believed they intended to crash the airliner into the U.S. Capitol or the White House. As the passengers realized the horrifying fate that awaited them, they used onboard phones to make calls to their loved ones. Through those

calls, they learned of the deadly attacks already unfolding in New York. Faced with the terrible realization that their aircraft had been hijacked, these courageous men and women made the extraordinary decision to fight back. They bravely confronted the hijackers in a desperate effort to regain control of the aircraft and prevent them from carrying out their murderous mission.

I will never forget that morning. I flew several flights, totaling 18 hours, from New Zealand, to Roanoke, Virginia. My plane was the last to land at the Roanoke airport. My wife, Joyce, and I hurried home to watch the news coverage. Even before the full details of the attack emerged, I told her that what we were witnessing was an act of terrorism carried out by Islamic terrorists.

Just as I predicted, in the days that followed, we learned that all these hijackers were radical Islamic terrorists.

Many of them were from Saudi Arabia. The full story of this attack has never, in my view, been openly and honestly confronted. Too often, difficult questions about Islamic ideology and its hostility toward the United States and Israel have been left unaddressed or inadequately examined. The American people deserve a candid examination of the facts, the ideology, and the forces that led to the tragedy of 9/11.

Only six days after 911, President George W. Bush publicly declared that Islam is “a religion of peace.” He stated that the hijackers of 911 were not true representative of Islam. But was that assessment simply naïve, or did it reflect a deliberate unwillingness to confront the ideology that motivated the terrorists? Those are questions that deserve to be examined honestly and without hesitation.

It is hard for me to believe that President Bush heard the factual reports from the intelligence community about 911 and concluded that Islam posed no threat to America or the world! Are our leaders and intelligence personnel that spiritually blind? Or is there a sinister plot that remains hidden in plain sight?



The Islamic revolution in Iran occurred in 1979, and since that time, many Islamic groups have referred to the U.S. as “the Great Satan,” while calling Israel “the Little Satan.” If our leaders 25 years ago had sought the perspective of Israeli officials and intelligence experts, they might have gained valuable insight into the Islamic mindset. Today, Israel continues to sound the alarm about Islam, warning that Muslim extremists are plotting to destroy Western civilization as a part of their dream to build a global Islamic Empire. This ideology lies behind much of the violence and conflict that has been directed against Israel and the United States. This violence has existed for decades and remains a serious threat today.

The leaders of the West remain trapped in a secular worldview that refuses to acknowledge the powerful influence of religious ideology on global events. They fail to understand that political leaders are not in complete

control of the world. Our world is being directed by the spirit world – a battle between God and His angels and Satan and his demons. The Bible declares that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has established a divine plan for the nations. In the last days, the Jewish Messiah will reign over the nations from Jerusalem, Israel, fulfilling God’s promises and affirming His sovereign purposes for Israel and all humanity.

Satan, God’s adversary, has an opposing plot to thwart the plan of God. The Bible reveals that Satan has a master plan of deception to deceive the nations by providing a false messiah [the Antichrist] and a global religion [Islam] that will advance His evil kingdom across the globe.

In the last book of the Bible, in **Revelation 17-18**, God reveals the religious and political system that will control the world during the last days of man’s rule on earth. In these two chapters the truth about who will control the world is symbolically depicted as a harlot riding a wild beast. In this biblical imagery, which is immersed in Old Testament history and customs, the harlot represents a very powerful religion that will control the Antichrist and his global kingdom. The seven-headed wild beast represents the Antichrist and his global kingdom.

In this newsletter, we will focus upon the powerful religion that will rule over the world during the Tribulation Period. Let us examine five biblical clues that inform us this religion is Islam.

Clue #1- The Nature of this Religion

Revelation 17:1-3

In these two chapters, the Antichrist and his religion will operate from the same headquarters and share the same power and wealth. They will rule over many nations (**Revelation 17:1, 15**). Today, Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world. The followers of this religion, Muslims, live in every nation on the planet. Almost 2 billion Muslims face Mecca in Saudi Arabia five times each day as they prostrate themselves in prayer to their god, Allah. They control 57 nations and have excessive power in the United Nations. Their diabolical schemes illustrate they are poised to take over the world.

Revelation 17:2 says the leaders of the world will “*have committed fornication*” with this religion. This speaks of the powerful, mesmerizing, spiritual influence this religion will have over the kings and people of the earth.

Furthermore, **Revelation 17:2** says the world will be made “*drunk*” by this religion. This means the world will be spiritually intoxicated with this religion.

They will become spiritually incoherent and ignore the reality of the violent and sensual nature of this religion. Like a person who is drunk, they lose all sense of moral clarity. The world will desire to commit spiritual adultery by loving and worshipping the god of this false religion. [In the Bible, God speaks of those who worship other gods as committing spiritual adultery. God has declared that He is a jealous God and demands that we only worship Him (**Exodus 20:1-7**). This is the first three of the 10 commandments.]

This helps explain why leaders in our nation and around the world continue to embrace Islam while overlooking the threat posed by its extremist interpretations, which have contributed to centuries of violence carried out in the name of their god.

Revelation 17:6 reports this religion is intoxicated with the murder of those who are followers of Jesus Christ. **Revelation 20:4** explains they will kill their enemies by beheading them. This has been the trademark of Islamic terrorists who have murdered innocent civilians for centuries.



Revelation 17:3 depicts the harlot religion as riding on the beast, the ruler of the global kingdom, the Antichrist. This religion will control the political system of the Antichrist. Islamic governance combines religious and political authority. In many Islamic nations, political leaders govern according to Islamic principles, and enforce aspects of Sharia law, based on interpretations of Islam’s foundational texts. These systems can require citizens to follow religious laws that influence both public life and personal conduct.

Clue #2- The Location of this Religion

Revelation 17:1-5

Revelation 17:3 declares this religion is in the “*wilderness*.” This word can also be translated “desert.” So, this is a religion that is primarily located in the desert. While the inhabitants of Islam number 2 billion, most

Muslims are not Arabs. They do not live in the desert areas of the Middle East. Most Muslims live in Asia – Indonesia, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh. And because of lax immigration policies, they are spreading throughout Europe. However, Mecca, Saudi Arabia, remains the spiritual center and heart of Islam.

According to Jesus, during the Tribulation period, the people in Israel will be told that the false messiah [the Antichrist] will be “*in the desert*” (**Matthew 24:26**). The desert in Israel is primarily located southeast of Israel.

Revelation 17-18 provides a detailed prophetic account of the judgment and destruction of “Babylon the Great,” portrayed as a powerful religious and worldly system that will ultimately be brought to ruin by God at the end of the Tribulation. The destruction of this region is repeatedly connected to the devastation of the area of the ancient Babylonian Empire. Babylon was first conquered by the Medes and Persian in 539 B.C. The Bible demands that when the final destruction of Babylon takes place it will be completely obliterated like Sodom and Gomorrah and never be inhabited by man again (**Isaiah 13:19-20**). Archeological remains of the ancient city of Babylon have been uncovered and demonstrate that it was never reduce to nothing like Sodom and Gomorrah (see photo from ancient

Babylon on this page). Furthermore, people have continually lived in ancient Babylon since it fell to the Medes and Persians.

Therefore, the Bible is declaring that this region of the end-time religion will fall a second time at the end of the Tribulation. That is why the Bible speaks of this destruction with the expression, “*Babylon is fallen, is fallen*” (**Isaiah 21:9; Revelation 14:8; 18:2**).

Clue #3- The History of this Religion

Revelation 17:5

The identity of this religion is connected to the name of this religion [harlot] in **Revelation 17:5**. The harlot had a name imprinted on her forehead, “**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS, AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.**”

This religion is identified as *“mystery Babylon the great.”* The word *“mystery”* simply refers to something that was once hidden but is now being revealed. This word refers to something that can only be revealed to man by God. The word *“Babylon”* does suggest some type of historical connection to this area. The religion of Islam has been associated with this geographical area since its inception. The word *“great”* would suggest that it has some degree of prominence in the Scriptures. The area of Babylon and the city of Babylon are very prominent in the Bible. Only one other city is mentioned in the Bible more than Babylon. Jerusalem is the most prominent city in the Bible. Jerusalem represents the city of God ([Psalm 48:1](#)). Babylon represents the city of man and man’s desire to elevate himself above God ([Genesis 11:1-4](#)).

The beginning of Babylon is traced back to the tower of Babel ([Genesis 11](#)). In the land of Shinar (later known as Babylon) rebels of God attempted to build a tower to worship the sun, moon, stars, and planets. [Isaiah 47](#) identifies Babel as the birthplace of all false religions. [Revelation 18](#) reflects upon [Isaiah 47](#) in the destruction of the religion’s headquarters. So, the name of the religion of the last days is identified as *“the mother of harlots”* ([Revelation 17:5](#)). This name connects the religion of the last days with the religion that dominated the Middle East during Old Testament times.

In other words, the religion of the last days will be a continuation or revival of the ancient religion that can be traced back to the days of Abraham, who came out of Ur of the Chaldees.

Scholars who have studied the religion of Islam have concluded it did not begin with Muhammad, but it was a revival of the ancient worship of the crescent moon god in Mesopotamia in ancient times. The official emblem of Islam is the crescent moon. This religion can be traced through history by following the records of the religious crescent emblem. Biblical and archaeological records show the dominant religion in Arabia was the cult of the moon-god. The Bible testifies that the ancient wars Israel fought were driven by the Arab’s commitment to their crescent moon god. In the days of Gideon, Israel fought for seven years against the Midianites [today it is the area of Saudi Arabia] and the people from the east. In [Judges 6-8](#), they fought in the Armageddon Valley and God

supernaturally defeated them. All their camels had golden crescent moon images around their necks ([Judges 8:21](#)).

This sheds light upon the final verse of [Revelation 18](#). As the Spirit of God caused the Apostle John to record the significance of the destruction of the religion of the Antichrist, he wrote, *“And in her [the ancient religion of Babylon] was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth”* ([Revelation 18:24](#)).

Archeologists have discovered that the ancient centers of worship for the crescent moon god during the time of Abraham were in Ur, Babylon, and Haran. These centers of this religion were related to the historical account of Abraham’s family in [Genesis 11:27-32](#). Some scholars have suggested that Abraham’s father may have been employed in making images that related to the moon god. If this is true, it suggests that this was the religion Abraham was called to leave behind.

Archeology also indicates that the worship of the ancient crescent moon god was connected to war and sex. The religion of Islam is presented as a revival of an ancient religious tradition associated with war and sensuality. Muhammad promised his warriors that they could capture women in war and make them their sex slaves. In the Islamic culture, women must wear clothing that covers their entire body and face so that no man will lust after them. The Islamic concept of heaven is living in a paradise with plenty of food and each man will have 72 beautiful virgins, which he can sensually enjoy each day. Satan is clever to appeal to the lustful pleasures of men.

Clue #4- The Wealth of this Religion

[Revelation 17:4; 18:3, 7, 11-17](#)

This religion will be known for its wealth and for making others wealthy. Islam is the only religion that fits this mold today. The nations surrounding the Persian Gulf are among the wealthiest in the world, making this region one of the greatest concentrations of wealth on earth. Most of the leaders in this region live in extraordinary luxury and have few material needs. Much of this wealth emerged after the rebirth of the nation of Israel. How fitting that so many biblical prophecies appear to converge on the same time and place in these last days.

The immense wealth of the kings and princes of the Persian Gulf states captivates leaders around the world.

This great envy has silenced accusations against Islam for its many atrocities. No leader in our world, including our leaders in America, have the political fortitude to stand up to the wealthy leaders of Islam

Furthermore, the Bible says this religion will make rich kings, merchants, and those who transport commercial goods by sea (**Revelation 18:3; 11-17**). There is no other religion that fits this description. The oil that flows out of the Persian Gulf area has made many people rich in the last 75 years. This has been especially true in America. In 1974 the U.S. and Saudi Arabia agreed that Saudi oil would be exclusively traded in U.S. dollars. This move made the U.S. dollar the reserve currency of the world. This alone explains why our leaders have been silent about the Saudi connection to 911!

The oil exports out of the Persian Gulf have made the region where Islam is centered one of the great commercial centers of the world (**Revelation 18:9-10, 17-18**). The biblical description of the destruction of this religion's headquarters will be visible from international waters to those who transport its merchandise around the world.

It is not an accident the entire world is focused on America's war with Iran. Specifically, the world is being affected by the connection of Islam to the strategic Strait of Hormuz, located near Iran. The flow of oil through the Strait has a great impact on the global economy, as witnessed by the rising gasoline prices in the U.S. This conflict involving Iran is setting the stage for the final showdown in the Middle East that will shape the events for the Tribulation Period.

Clue #5- The Prideful Exaltation of this Religion

Isaiah 47:7-8; Revelation 18:7

Islam, unlike any of the world's major religions, has forcefully asserted that Islam alone should govern public life and shape the world according to its religious principles. Those who adhere to the example of Islam's founding prophet, Muhamad, say all other religions are frauds and must be eliminated. Islam is not only a religious system but is a political ideology that demands submission by the rest of the world.

Their holy book, the Quran, demands they kill all who worship any other god than Allah. Quran 2:191-193 says, "And kill them wherever you find them, and turn them out from where they have turned you out. And Al Fitnah [disbelief or unrest] is worse than killing... but if they desist, then lo! Allah is forgiving and merciful. And fight them until there is no more Fitnah [disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allah] and worship is for Allah alone."

As a part of their strategy to conquer the world, Muslims are using immigration to flood the nations. In depicting the global kingdom of the Antichrist, Daniel prophetically described them as those who will ***"mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay"*** (**Daniel 2:43**). When Muslims immigrate to traditional non-Muslim countries, their goal is to exercise great influence on the culture. As part of their master plan, Muslims eventually seize control through political force and upheaval. They refuse to assimilate into the culture of the nation where they settle. This is evident in Europe and is becoming more of a reality in America.



While commemorating the 25th anniversary of 911, many American leaders expressed thanks that we have escaped another major Islamic terrorist attack. However, these people are blind to the tactics being used by Islam to bring America down. Approximately 7 million Muslims are living in America today. It is one of the fastest growing demographic groups in the U.S. In areas such as Dearborn, Michigan, Muslims exert great influence and control.

Some Muslim men have multiple wives and large families. I once met a Muslim man in my local barbershop who told me he had 14 children! Some large Muslim families rely on U.S.-funded public assistance programs to

help meet their financial needs. Shockingly, there are almost 3,000 mosques in America. In many of these mosques, each Friday night an anti-American message is openly proclaimed by Muslim clerics.

Islam is accomplishing its goals in America because most of the U.S. leadership and citizenry are blind to what is occurring. We are a country that is ignorant to the goals of Islam. We are at war. This is a spiritual war against America. This war is not best fought with weapons of war. Spiritual warfare requires a different approach.



We must use our votes this November to defeat those who hate America and Israel, while promoting a way of life that opposes the God of the Scriptures. Our vote must agree with the Word of God. This is not a campaign against opposing political parties. This is a satanic war against God and His Word. Those who promote abortion, any sexual activity outside of the biblical marriage of a man and woman, or the destruction of the authority of parents over the children, must be opposed. A vote for those who hold these godless principles is a vote against God and a vote for the destruction of America.

We must vote against any candidate who supports the surrender of Israel's ancient homeland to an Islamic group called "the Palestinians." The Bible declares that God gave the land the world calls "Palestine" to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in an eternal and unconditional covenant (**Genesis 13:14-15**). God promised the Jewish people that in the last days He would return them to their own land. In **Ezekiel 36:24** God said, *"For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land."* God is currently fulfilling His promise. Those who oppose this are

opposing the sovereign God of heaven. They are inviting the curse of God upon themselves (**Genesis 12:3**).

Let me be clear. If we vote in November to oppose God's moral standards and oppose the occupation of the Jewish people in their own land, then we will eventually cease to exist as a nation!

Socialists are attempting to sweep our nation. A vote for socialism is a vote for a godless form of government that goes against many of the biblical principles of God. **Socialism is a lie promoted by liars and deceivers** who want to make you their slave and take everything you own, including your life! Socialism is based upon the idea that you need to promote a government that will take care of you and give you what you want. It is based upon the idea that people deserve to enjoy life without working, while relying on the wealth of others. That is not way of life God created. In the beginning, God worked six days and rested the seventh day as an example for man (**Exodus 20:10-11**). Work is honorable. Being lazy is a sin. The message of the Bible declares that the person who does not work, should not eat (**2 Thessalonians 3:10**).

Socialism appeals to people who do not want to work!

Socialism is promoted by politicians, professors, and people who do not work and want to forcefully take what others have worked for. **Being rich is not a sin!** Money is not sinful. The Bible says, *"For the love of money is the root [or cause] of all evil"* (**1 Timothy 6:10**). People are greedy, they lie, steal, and cheat to get money. It is not money that is evil. Their sinful actions in acquiring that wealth are evil. **Some rich people are good people.** Honest people have worked hard, saved, invested, and lived a disciplined life to acquire wealth for future days when they might need it. **That is exactly what the Bible says we are to do!**

Socialism is evil. It is evil because it is a devious form of government that makes promises it never intends to keep. Those who promote socialism are liars. They want power so they can transform this nation into a country that hates God and His Son, Jesus Christ. God's way is the only way!

Pray brothers and sisters, pray!

Get ready for the shout that will take us out!