

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."
- Last week we began looking at how Bible prophecy may now be finding its fulfillment in the rise of Islam and its pronounced presence.

- I'm of the belief that certain attributes of the One World Religion under the Anti-Christ's control have at its core, Muslim components.
- There are a number of reasons for this; Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today, and will dominate the world tomorrow.

"The Catholic church recently reported that Islam has just surpassed their membership numbers. Some studies show that at Islam's current rate of growth, in five to seven years, it will be the dominant religion of the world!"

"Muslim Demographics" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU>

- In concert with this report, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Hawaii State Senate approved a bill to proclaim and celebrate September 24<sup>th</sup> as "Islam Day!"
- This is one reason I believe that Islam will be the prominent player in the prophetic program that prevails in the 7 year tribulation period.

- There's another compelling reason why certain prophecies may find their fulfillment in the increasing growth and prominence of Islam.
- The Bible tells us how that, during the seven year tribulation, there will be those who are beheaded for rejecting the "Mark of the Beast."

**Revelation 20:4** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. NIV

- It's important to know that beheading has always been and even now is a Muslim practice that is actually commanded in the Qur'an.

**FRONTPAGEMAG.COM - The Sacred Muslim Practice of Beheading**, Thursday, May 13, 2004, Reactions to the grotesque jihadist decapitation of yet another "[infidel Jew, Mr. Berg](#), make clear that our intelligentsia are either dangerously uninformed, or simply unwilling to come to terms with this ugly reality: such murders are consistent with sacred jihad practices, as well as Islamic attitudes towards all non-Muslim infidels, in particular, Jews, which date back to the 7<sup>th</sup> century, and the Prophet Muhammad's own example. <http://www.frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=13030>

**Reality With Bite July 10, 2004, - Killing by Beheading is Islamic! By Syed Kamran Mirza - Big question-'is the beheading Islamic?'** Yes, beheading is, of course, an Islamic justice to the infidels, criminals, and sinners. This cruel way of killing infidels is sanctioned by Islamic Sharia laws. Denial to the grotesque beheading of western Kaffirs by those Islamic terrorists (in Iraq) that it is not Islamic is yet another clear sign of ignorance, hypocrisy, or intellectual dishonesty by the defenders of Islam. Islamists are not ready to take the burden of ugly reality of the fact that human beheading is 100% consistent with the sacred Islamic Jihadi practices. Quranic verses that dictate beheading Kaffirs:

5:33-"The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger, and strive with might and main for mischief through the land is: **execution (by beheading), or crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet** from opposite sides, or exile from the land: that is their disgrace in this world, and a heavy punishment is theirs in the Hereafter;"

8:12- "I will instill terror into the hearts of the unbelievers: **smite ye above their necks** and smite all their finger-tips off."

47:4- "Therefore, when ye meet the Unbelievers (in fight), **strike off their heads**; at length; then when you have made wide Slaughter among them, carefully tie up the remaining captives": thereafter (is the time for) either generosity or ransom: Until the war lays down its burdens."

9:123: "Oh ye who believe! **Murder those** of the disbelievers and let them find harshness in you."

2:191- "**Kill them wherever you find them**, and drive them out from wherever they drove you out."

5: 45-- "We ordained therein for them: "**Life for life, eye for eye, nose for nose, ear for ear. Tooth for tooth, and wounds equal for equal.**"

2:193- "Fight them on until there is no more tumult and religion becomes that of Allah"

9:29- "Fight those who do not believe in God and the last day... **and fight People of the Book**, (Christian and Jews) **who do not accept the religion of truth (Islam) until they pay tribute** (Zizziya tax) by hand, being inferior."

8:17-It is not ye who Slew them; it is God; when thou threwest a handful of dust, it was not Thy act, but God's....."

<http://www.geocities.com/realitywithbite/beheading.htm>

- What's my purpose in doing this? It's to inform you and encourage you in your heart so you are not deceived by what is now happening.

**Colossians 2:2-4** 2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. NIV