

“Rumors from the East (4): Star Rising Over Islam”

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- The _____ must rise over _____, too (Revelation 18:1).
- Islam’s statistics:
 - ◆ Like Judaism and Christianity, Islam is classified as an Abrahamic, _____ religion.
 - ◆ It is estimated there are _____ billion adherents today, making Islam the _____ largest religion in the world.
 - ◆ It is the second largest religion in the _____ and Europe, and soon will be the second largest in the _____, too.
 - ◆ The majority of Muslims are not _____ —only 20% of Muslims originate from Middle East countries.
 - ◆ The largest Muslim nation on earth is _____.
 - ◆ Muslims are a _____ in 45 African and Asian countries.
 - ◆ A U.N. demographic report forecasts Muslims will represent at least _____ of the global birthrate after the year 2055.
- Islam’s origin:
 - ◆ Muhammad was born into the Quraish tribe in Mecca around _____ AD.
 - ◆ In _____ at the age of forty while meditating in a cave outside Mecca he received a vision from the angel _____ during the month of Ramadan.
 - ◆ Unable to read or write, Mohammad was instructed by the angel to _____ the visions (given over a period of twelve years).
 - ◆ Thus Mohammad began to preach these revelations from _____ to the wayward tribes of Mecca.
 - ◆ But his message of monotheism met strong resistance in Mecca, resulting in Mohammad’s flight (the Hegira) to Medina on July 16, 622, the most famous _____ in Islam.
 - ◆ There he further developed his new religion of Islam, adopting _____ as patriarch (the father of Ishmael and Arabs and the first and most prominent *hanif*, “the obedient one” or “Muslim”).
 - ◆ Twenty years after his death in 632, Mohammad’s followers transcribed, collected and codified his recited visions into the _____.
 - ◆ Within a century of his death, an Islamic state would stretch from the _____ Ocean in the west to central _____ in the east, eventually forming one of the largest and most powerful empires in the world.
- Genesis 16—three Bible firsts:
 - ◆ This marks the _____ time in recorded sacred history that the _____ of the LORD appears to a human being.
 - The very first recorded appearance of the Divine _____ (see Exodus 3) Angel is to an _____ maidservant.
 - ◆ This is the _____ time in recorded sacred history that God _____ a child.
 - The first baby _____ ever names is _____, the father of the _____.
 - ◆ This is the _____ time in recorded sacred history that a human testifies to _____ God.

☐ Is Islam in Bible prophecy?

- ◆ Revelation 8:13 and the Three Woe's (5th, 6th and 7th trumpets)
- ◆ J. A. Wylie, *The History of Protestantism*:
"When a crisis arose in the affairs of the Reformation, and the kings obedient to the Roman See had united their swords to strike, and with blow so decisive that they should not need to strike a second time, the Turk, obeying One whom he knew not, would straightway present himself on the eastern limits of Europe, and in so menacing an attitude, that the swords unsheathed . . . had to be turned in another quarter. The Turk was the lightning-rod that drew off the tempest. Thus did Christ cover His little flock with the shield of the _____ ." (Vol 1, pp 739, 740)
- ◆ Kenneth Oster, *Islam Reconsidered*, "There would have been no Protestantism had there been no _____ ." (p 72)
- ◆ As with Joseph, God has used the sons of Ishmael to protect his remnant community from destruction.

☐ Does Revelation 18:1 include the Islamic world?

- ◆ Stephen Dickie, *Islam: God's Forgotten Blessing*: "Any thinking Muslim will tell you that the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the _____ in belief to Islam." (p 90)
- ◆ "Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given. Miracles will be wrought, the sick will be healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers." (GC 612)

We must go and share the Light!

Son, Islam, monotheistic, 1.4, 2nd, U.K., U.S., Arabs, Indonesia, majority, half, 570, 610, Gabriel, recite, Allah, date, Abraham, Quran, Atlantic, Asia, first, Angel, "I AM", Egyptian, first, names, God, Ishmael, Arabs, first, seeing, Moslem, Turk, closest