

## “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 (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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