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#### PREFACE

A specter is haunting the globe, the specter of a nuclear world war. Experts in international relations who know, due to lifelong studies, the trouble points and bones of contention among the nations, scholars of Christian and Jewish faiths who know the biblical prophecies, and knowledgeable Islamic leaders such as Maududi all agree on one thing, (in spite of their obvious differences in sources of obtaining the truth) that the Middle East is already in a great turmoil ready to engulf the globe into a bloody confrontation unparalleled in human history.

We Muslims alone have the privilege to know and believe the prophetic forecast of Muhammad (Peace be upon him) on the upcoming tribulation. Should the widely predicted holocaust arrive today, tomorrow or in the near future, should not every Muslim be mentally prepared to face the catastrophe? Should not we convey this warning to others?

The media coverage reflects that, if it is not prejudice and distortion, then surely it is the most

deplorable lack of knowledge in the West about the message of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The single most important challenge facing the Western media is, whether it applies the same rigor of investigation that has taken man to the moon, to examine the claim of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) objectively.

It is time now to "declassify" authentic information about Islam, Qur'an and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), lest a misjudgment results in immense miseries to mankind.

The writer of this concise essay, fully aware of his limitations, invites scholars, activists, clergy, and concerned humanist to extend his efforts on this universally important problem. It is hoped that the reader can rise above the slanderous misrepresentation of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to objectively consider how his massage illuminates the entangled Middle Eastern events that are thrusting us headlong into nuclear war.

# DID THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (peace be upon him) PREDICTE A GREAT DESTRUCTION (WORLD WAR III)?

#### Social Scientists and the Global Conditions

In the dedication of *The Logic of International Relations*, Walter Jones, professor of political science at the University of Maryland, and Steven Rosen, senior research analyst at the Rand Corporation, affirms that this generation may have the final opportunity to answer the question, "Will man survive?"

The 1981 meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science was dedicated to discussing, "the crucially important and increasingly worrying developments in the nuclear arms race." Frank Barnaby, director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute form 1971-81, said in his keynote speech at the association meeting that we seem to be on the threshold of a new round of nuclear weapon proliferation. Barnaby's evidence compels

one to believe that beyond the threshold is the chilling prospect of global nuclear conflict.

In the last five years, scores of books written by highly respected scholars, have been published in the west on the ungency, probability and seriousness of the nuclear threat.

In Nuclear War and You: Before, During, After, 
Jerrold Richards says; "Like any war, nuclear war
will happen the minute any one of the groups which
controls nuclear weapons convinces itself the
cost/benefit ration of having such a war beats not
having (one). Both the Soviet Union and Unties
States are close to reaching this conclusion."

Some writers argue that in light of escalating militarization and rampant strategic arms conflict, the question of the decade is not whether there will be a nuclear holocaust, but the hour of its arrival. Why do these coldly analytical minds resort to such apocalyptic and alarming language? Why do increasing numbers of scientists, politicians, militarists, and religionists describe the drift to World

War III in terms more reminiscent of science fiction than contemporary science? The answer to these questions lies in the workings of international politics and military technology.

International politics is both a cause and a consequence. Simplistically, this is to say that good international relations can support peace whereas bad relations can lead to social upheaval or even war. It is also to say that international relations are a consequence of actual material conditions viewed from various world perspectives. The single most important material condition destabilizing present international relations is the shortage of energy supplies.

Desperately, many individuals are beginning to put their faith in alternative energy sources, such as solar and nuclear energy. However, the development of solar or nuclear power is not being promoted fast enough to alleviate the energy shortage before the end of this century. We are already witnessing the sad consequences of this fact. Throughout the world -- and especially the Third World -- negative economic

growth rates are resulting directly from the spiraling burdens that nations must assume to cover their imported energy needs. Because expanding obligations for energy imports reduce the amount of capital available to a nation for the development of its agriculture and industry, economic recessions, with their resultant high unemployment and inflation. come to construct the slim fortunes of already devastated economies. Even the wealthy. industrialized countries -- which have the most to lose from economic hard times -- are beginning to feel the resultant political and social unrest. It is dire social consequences such as these that might lead to attempted military solutions; in the final analysis, the struggle over raw energy materials, could set the stage for an international nuclear war.

#### Middle East Oil: Lifeline for World Industries

Presently, oil is the energy supply having the greatest impact on international peace and security. Fifty percent of the energy used by the Unites States, Western Europe and South Korea is supplied by oil. Japan and Taiwan obtain 75 percent of their energy

from oil. Most of this oil comes from the Persian Gulf. While the U.S. imports only 15 percent of its total consumption from the Gulf; Western Europe depends for 60 percent of its need on Middle East oil. This increases to more than 80 percent for Japan.<sup>4</sup>

The USSR obtains only 30 percent of its total energy from oil. Although the Soviets are presently producing oil equivalent to their needs, the decrease in production is compelling them to cut exports to their allies. Consequently, Soviet interest in the Middle East will continue to increase.<sup>5</sup>

#### Superpower Involvement in the Middle East

There are several reasons for Soviet involvement in the Middle East:

- I. It contains three-fourths of the world's oil reserves.
  - II. It is geographically close to the USSR and thus a security concern.
  - III. It is strategically located.

IV. The people of the region are frustrated over unfair policies of the West and disappointed with their generally unrepresentative rulers and thus vulnerable to "emotional exploitation."

The United States perceives the following as her national interest in the Middle East

- I. Oil for the Western Alliance.
- II. A market for American goods, particularly military hardware, as the area is rich in resources to pay inflated prices to buy American goods and dependent due to its industrial under development.
- III. Denying the Soviets dominance in that area.
- IV. Due to a combination of factors, the strong
  Zionistlobby, legacy of the crusades, lack of
  knowledge about Islam (except for a limited
  number of experts), and the "threat to the JudeoChristian character of her culture," the necessity
  to check the emerging Muslim power.

But the strongest motive for the Soviet Union and the Unites States is the dependence of Western Europe and Japan on the oil supply of this region. If the USSR controls this lifeline it can neutralize West Europe and Japan, the first line of defense of the United States.

As Vice-Admiral (retired) Ruthven E. Libby, former Deputy Chief of Navel Operations (Plans and Policy) for the U.S. Navy, says: "West Europe, with it population of 200 million and its complex industrial plant, is the factor that retains the balance of power for the West. Barring resource to the catastrophe of thermonuclear war, the economicindustrial balance of power will remain with the West only as long as Western Europe and the United States remain Allies."6 And USSR is desperately trying to weaken this alliance. It is exploiting every opportunity to increase the fears of West Europeans of a nuclear war, many of whom still can recall the Second World War more vividly than any other people on the earth. The increasing number of demonstrations against the arms race in Western Europe reflect the vulnerability of the Western Alliance

In addition to the Soviet blackmailing of West European public opinion, the Western Alliance is threatened by its own internal clash of interests. In the 1960s, De Gaulle defied the United States, and by the late 1970s it became evident that Europe as a whole was reluctant to follow the U.S.

The Iranian crisis, the invasion of Afghanistan by the Soviets, and the gas pipeline issue demonstrated European reluctance to follow U.S. policies. Canada, Japan, New Zealand and Australia also publicly expressed their disagreement with the U.S. This has compelled the U.S. to increase it military presence in the Gulf and to show its western partners "who it was who protected their interests in this area."

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Experts believe that by 1990, an Arab-Israeli war might find 30 to 40 Hiroshima-sized nuclear warheads on both sides.

Can the superpowers restrain their use in the fifth Arab-Israeli conflict? No expert would dare answer that in the affirmative.

#### Nuclear War By Accident

Does it seem so farfetched that someday a mechanical failure, a human error, an irresponsible government, o a group of terrorists could help ignite one of the 12 daily wars into a nuclear world war?

A report of the Senate Armed Services Committee confirmed that in the 18 months period from January 1979 to June 1980 alone there were 3,703 alarms. One hundred forty-seven were evaluated as serious enough. On June 6, 1980, because of the failure of an electronic chip worth 46 cents, the computer screens at Cheyenee Mountain, Colorado were flashing Warning: The Soviet Union has launched a

large scale attack from its land based missiles and strategic submarines, positioned close to the U.S. coast. The error was discovered just in time and an imminent catastrophe was avoided.<sup>12</sup>

This is about only one nuclear state, not to mention what happened in other member states of the nuclear club.

In the U.S. about 5,000 people are transferred from nuclear weapons duty each year (about 4 percent of the total), mostly because of irresponsible behavior, drug abuse or psychiatric problems. In Germany, U.S. soldiers have sometimes been "high" on drugs when connecting two pieces together to make nuclear missiles operational!<sup>13</sup>

The effect of just one of the 140 wars escalating to a limited nuclear war is beyond imagination. As Henry Kissinger has said, "for the first time in history, two nations have the capacity to destroy mankind." Presently, as never before, the world's nuclear arms arsenal contains over 50,000 nuclear weapons equivalent in explosive power to 1 million Hiroshima bombs. If a significant portion of these

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weapons were dropped on the major cities of the Northern Hemisphere, immediately, nearly all of the urban population would be destroyed and millions in the Southern Hemisphere would die of radiation poisoning. The Northern Hemisphere would be reduced to stone age living conditions. In the long range, one could see a change in the global climate, a reduction of the ozone layer (the atmospheric layer over the earth essential to sustain life), and devastating geneticmutations that would make Hiroshima look like a child's war game.

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The president of the United States, Mr. Reagan, views the Middle East crisis in this way: Recently in a telephone conversation with Thomas A. Dine, Israel's chief lobbvist in Washington, Mr. Reagan expressed a stark view of where events were moving in Lebanon. "We've got to find a settlement there," he said. "You know, I turn back to your ancient prophets in the Old Testament, and signs foretelling Armageddon, and I find myself wondering if -- if we've the generation that's going to see that come about. I don't know if you've noted any of those prophecies lately, but, believe me, they certainly describe the times we're going through."15 Reagan repeated this view while answering a question during his second televised presidential debate. His opponent Walter Mondale even went further about the strong possibility of a nuclear war by appealing to voters to elect him "since (he is) more informed than Mr. Reagan and there will be no time for advice of staff and advisors should the President face the decision of pressing the nuclear button."

(The advance warning time for a nuclear attack by either of the superpowers in less than 30 minutes and both can reach their targets in any part of the globe in just 10 minutes.)

Referring to the critical word situation, Mr. Richard Nixon, the former U.S. president, writes under the chapter heading, "No Time to Lose," "The next two decades represent a time of maximum crisis for America and for the West, during which the fate of the world for decades will be determined." 16

Quoting Herman Kahn's most vivid books On Thermonuclear War and Thinking of the Unthinkable, Mr. Nixon says, "But the 'unthinkable' has become not only thinkable, but something about which we must think." 17

The veteran New York Times Middle East correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt writes, "The point at which the United States would come to rescue Israel would be the point at which the United States would be most likely to clash with the Soviet Union. This could be World War III -- Armageddon for the World." 18

Senator Gary Hart, a presidential candidate of America's Democratic party, described the world situation in this way:

"At this moment of peril, our nuclear weapons are in the hands of a president who is the prisoner of old ideas.

"Ronald Reagan believes more nuclear weapons will bring more security. He seeks four more years in office to build thousands of more nuclear weapons -- in his deepest convictions, have led to a total breakdown in nuclear arms talks by including many intended to fight and 'win' a nuclear war. Such policies, rooted the Americans and Soviets."

Mrs. Gandhi, the late Indian Premier, one the most well-informed third world politicians had said this recently at the Commonwealth Conference. "Disaster looms on the horizon" because of the arms control impasse between the United States and the Soviet Union. "At this critical juncture," she said, "the Commonwealth must urge the two powers to exert themselves with greater determination to break the stalemate over the arms race."

Other world leaders at the meeting had similar thoughts. T. Tabai, president of the Pacific Island Nation of Kiribati, sounded the small nations' note of concern. "We are no longer justified to continue to believe that we are safe," he said. "There is no reason for anyone to remain comfortable."

Former Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Trudeau, who visited world capitals as part of his effort to mobilize leaders of nuclear powers for a freeze in the arms race, opened the first working session of the Commonwealth Conference. The session was described by Commonwealth spokesman Charles Gunawardena as "marked by very deep disquiet and unease about the state of the world, about the arms race, increasing tension between East and West and nuclear proliferation." <sup>119</sup>

In a conference held in Washington, D.C., in November 1983, Nuclear Scientists from all over the world including the Soviet Union (who participated via satellite from USSR) have expressed their gravest concern about the possibility and severe consequences of the nuclear war.<sup>20</sup>

In an interview before his death, Mr. Chernenko, the Soviet leader, answered the question, "What is your assessment of the situation in the world at the present moment? with "Alas, the situation in the world is not improving. It remains very dangerous." (N.Y. Times, April 9, 1984)

Eve Kedourie, Professor of Politics at the universally respected London School of Economics and author of several books on the Middle East writes:

Observe believe Soviet military superiority, their ability to threaten and intimidate, will so frighten a craven, divided, and demoralized Western camp that without firing a shot the Soviets will be able to seize control, directly or indirectly, of the Persian Gulf. The Soviets will then be in a position to bring about neutralization of Western Europe by controlling its supply oil.

(New Republic)

Dr. A. Sakharov, the world famous Soviet physicist, and a dissident who is still respected for his work on the Soviet hydrogen bomb, called on the United Nations and the Soviet government to work out some arrangement for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan. He said, "Unless that is done, the disruption of the balance of power in central Asia could touch off an escalation of power moves by East and West resulting in a possible nuclear conflict and a third world War."

(New York Times, 1/3/80)

Similar warnings are reiterated by the theologians who have millions of followers. The Moral Majority leader Dr. Jerry Falwell, the 700 Club head Pat Robertson, Mr. Jimmy Swaggart, and the editor of the monthly magazine *Plain Truth* (circulation over 6 million) W. Armstrong, are telecasting these warnings by satellite in the strongest terms. Their theme: "Israel is key to survival of the United States."

A pastoral letter was addressed to 51 million American Catholics and approved by 276 bishops.

Bishop Bernardin describes the nuclear arms race in these words:

"The issue is not simply political. The church must be a participant in protecting the world and its people from the specter of nuclear destruction." (*Time*, November, 1984)

Billy Graham, the famous Christian evangelist, who has been a friend and confident of seven past U.S. presidents and has discussed the critical world situation with heads of states and religious leaders worldwide, shares the urgency of the ABC TV movie, The Day After (the movie graphically describes nuclear war and was watched by over 100 million viewers). Billy Graham says in his best-selling book, Approaching Hoofbeats, "I have become more deeply aware of the enormous problems that face our world today and the dangerous trends which seem to be leading our world to the brink of Armageddon."

The quotes speak for themselves. We are not suggesting that the present international tension may not ease.

The question is whether the atheist communism, the western secular materialism in alliance with Zionism,\* and the rising global Islamic movement can reconcile? Can they co-exist? Can any of them eliminate anyone else without an unprecedented destructive world war?

#### The Bible About the "Final Days"

If this hypothetical scenario seems otherworldly and apocalyptic, it may be because it is so reminiscent of Biblical descriptions of the last days. Anyone with a basic knowledge of the secular accounts knows that these are amazingly similar to the Biblical stories of the Antichrist, Armageddon, the Tribulation, Gog and Magog, and Jesus' Second Advent. Many contemporary Christian theologians. particularly those in the fundamentalist Protestant tradition, interpret modern historical events, including the threat of nuclear war and the Middle East crisis, using biblical prophecies. In the following section, we have quoted the biblical passages that are often quoted by fundamentalists in their attempt to substantiate their argument. Since we do not believe

or accept the Bible as authoritative and untampered, we have attempted to minimize our interpretation of the scriptures, letting the passages speak for themselves

Although the Bible mentions the second coming of Jesus about 500 times, we are quoting the most vivid passages.

What does the Bible designate as the signs of the end?

While he was seated on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came up to him privately and said: "Tell us, when will all this occur? What will be the sign of your coming and the end of the world?" In reply Jesus said to them: "Be on guard!" Let on one mislead you. Many will come attempting to impersonate me. 'I am the Messiah!' they will claim, and they will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Do not be alarmed. Such things are bound to happen, but that is not yet the end. Nation will rise against nation, one kingdom against another. There will be famine and

pestilence and earthquakes in many places. There are the early stages of the birth pangs. They will hand you over to torture and kill you...Only after that will the end come.

"When you see the abominable and destructive thing which the prophet Daniel foretold standing on holy ground, let the reader take note, those in Judea must flee to the mountains...Keep praving that you will not have to flee in winter or on a Sabbath, for those days will be more filled with anguish than any from the beginning of the world until now or in all ages to come. Indeed, if the period had not been shortened, not a human being would be saved. For the sake of the chosen, however, the days will be shortened. If anyone tells you at that time, 'Look, the Messiah is here,' or 'He is there,' do not believe it. False Messiahs and false prophets will appear, performing signs and wonders so great as to mislead even the chosen if that were possible.

<sup>\*</sup>See "Taking Sides -- America's Secret Relations with a Militant Israel" (Stephen Green -- William Morrow and Co., New York, 1984), and "Non-Jewish Zionism" (Regina Sharif -- Zed Press. London, 1983).

"Immediately after the stress of that period, 'the sun will be darkened, the moon will not shed her light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the hosts of heaven will be shaken loose. Then the sign of man will appear in the sky, and 'all the clans of earth will strike their breasts' as they see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. He will dispatch his angels 'with a mighty trumpet blast, and they will assemble his chosen from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."

(Matthew 24: 1-35)

Nearly 600 years before these words were uttered, Ezekial spoke to the Babylonians in the following Words:

Thus says the Lord God: It is of you that I spoke in ancient times through my servants, the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days that I would bring you against them. But on that day, the day when Gog invades the land of Israel, says the Lord God, my fury shall be aroused. In my anger and in my jealousy, in my fiery

wrath, I swear; On that day there shall be a great shaking upon the land of Israel. Before me shall tremble the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, the beasts of the field and all the reptiles that crawl upon the ground, and all men who are on the land. Mountains shall be overturned, and cliffs shall tumble, and every wall shall fall to the ground. Against him I will summon every terror, says the Lord God, every man's sword against his brother. I will hold judgment with him in pestilence and bloodshed; flooding rain and hailstones, fire and brimstone, I will rain upon him, upon his troops, and upon the many people with him. I will prove my greatness and holiness and make myself known in the sight of many nations; thus they shall know that I am the Lord

(Ezekial 38: 17-23)

Ezekiel's third prophecy against Gog describes God's judgment upon Gog and Magog within the mountains of Israel.

Now son of man, prophesy against Gog in these words: Thus savs the Lord God! See! I am coming at you. Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. I will turn you about, I will urge you on, and I will make vou come up form the recesses of the north: I will lead vou against the mountains of Israel. Then I will strike the bow form your left hand, and make the arrows drop from your right. Upon the mountains of Israel you shall fall, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you. To birds of prey of every kind and to the wild beasts I am giving you to be eaten. On the open field you shall fall, for I have decreed it, says the Lord God.

I will send fire upon Magog and upon those who live securely in the coastlands; thus they shall know that I am the Lord...

To purify the land, the house of Israel shall need seven months to bury them.

(Ezekial 39: 1-6, 11-12)

More than 700 years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah graphically described the devastation of the world in the end of times.

Lo, the Lord empties the land and lays it waste; he turns it upside down, scattering its inhabitants . . . The earth is utterly laid waste, utterly stripped, for the Lord has decreed this thing. The earth mourns and fades, the world languishes and fades; both heaven and earth languish. The earth is polluted because of its inhabitants, who have transgressed laws, violated statutes, broken the ancient covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth turn pale, and few men are left. . . Broken down is the city of chaos, shut against entry, every house. In the streets they cry out for lack of wine; all iov has disappeared and cheer has left the land. In the city nothing remains but ruin; its gates are battered and desolate. . . Terror, pit and trap are upon vou, inhabitant of the earth; He who flees at the

sound of terror will fall into the pit; he who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the trap. For the windows on high will be opened and the foundations of the earth will shake. The earth will burst asunder, the earth will be shaken apart, the earth will be convulsed. The earth will reel like a drunkard, and it will sway like a hut; its rebellion will weigh it down, until falls, never to rise again." On that day the Lord will punish the host of the heavens in the heavens, and the kings of the earth on the earth. They will be gathered together like prisoners into a pit; they will be shut up in a dungeon, and after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will blush and the sun grow pale, for the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, glorious in the sight of his elders.

(Isaiah 24:1-23)

Of all the Biblical passages, the most vivid account of Jesus's Second Coming at the end of the period of Tribulation is found in the book of Revelation.

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison. He will go out to seduce the nations in all four corners of the earth, and muster for war the troops of Gog and Magog, numerous as the sands of the sea. They invaded the whole country and surrounded the beloved city where God's people were encamped; but fire came down from heaven and devoured them, the devil who led them astray was hurled into the pool of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had also been thrown. There they will be tortured day and night, forever and ever.

#### The Islamic Perspective

These biblical passages describe in vivid language the corruption, destruction, and death typifying the end of times. We see the godly forces confronting the evil of Satan, the Antichrist, and Gog and Magog. We learn that the cataclysmic events will take place in the Middle East. But still the picture needs to be completed. Unanswered questions need to be answered. Who are Gog and Magog? Where will Jesus return? Where in the Middle East will Jesus confront the evil military forces? What nation(s) will supply the forces? Where will the Antichrist be slain?

Fundamentalist biblical scholars have hotly debated the answers to these questions, but still no consensus has been reached. This is probably due to the vague nature of most biblical prophecies. In stark contrast is the specific nature of the Islamic sources for the answers to these questions. In the reminder of this essay, we will quote from the Qur'an (the holy book for Muslims, revealed by God to the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him). The evident nature

of the message of the Qur'an and ahadith makes it unnecessary to interpret them. It is hoped that the reader will begin to consider the wealth of information that Islam can offer on this issue.

We reproduce below, with full references to their sources, the authentic Traditions, which are found in the most reliable *Hadith* Collections. By going through these Traditions everyone can know what the Holy Prophet has said in this regard. (The footnotes are taken from *The Meaning of Quran, Surah Ahzab* by Maududi.)

# Traditions Relating to the Second Advent of Jesus Son of Mary

(1) Hadrat Abu Hurairah reports that the Holy Prophet said: "I swear by Him in Whose hand is my soul: the son of Mary shall descent among you, as a just ruler. Then he will break the Cross, and kill the swine, and put an end to war (in another Tradition, there is the word *jizyah* instead of *harb* (war), meaning that he will abolish of *jizyah*); then there will be such abundance of wealth that nobody will

like to accept it, and (conditions will be such that) performing of one sajdah (prostration) before Allah will be considered better than the world and what it contains." (Bukhari: Kitab Ahadith al-Anbiya', bab Nuzul "Isa Ibn Maryam; Muslim: bab Nuzul 'Isa; Tirmidhi: Abu ab al-Fitan, Bab fi Nuzul 'Isa; Musnad Ahmad: Marwiyat Abu Hurairah).

A"To break the Cross and kill the swine" means that Christianity will cease to exist as a separate religion. entire creed of Christianity is based on the doctrine that God caused His only son (the Prophet Jesus) to die an "accursed" death on the Cross, which made him the Atonement for the sin of man. And the distinction of the Christians among the prophetic communities is that they abandoned the whole Divine Law and only took this doctrine; so much so that they made the swine lawful, which was forbidden in the Law of all the Prophets. Therefore, when the Prophet Jesus will himself declare: I am neither son of God, no did I die on the Cross, nor became atonement for any body's sin," the Christian faith will have no basis left for it. Likewise, when he will declare that he had neither made the swine lawful for his followers nor given them the freedom to disobey the Law, the other distinctions of Christianity will also disappear.

- (2) Another Tradition from Hadrat Abu Hurairah is to the effect: "Resurrection will not take place until Jesus son of Mary has descended..."(This is followed by the same theme as reported in the above cited Tradition). (Bukhari: Kitab al-Mazalim, Bab Kasr as-Salib, Ibn Majah: Kitab al-Fitan).
- 3) Hadrat Abu Hurairah reports that the Holy Prophet said: "How will you be when the son of Mary will descend among you, and your Imam at that time will be from among yourselves?" (Bukhari: Kitab Ahadith Anbiya', Bab Nuzul 'Isa: Muslim: Nuzul 'Isa; Musnad Ahmad).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup>In other words it means: "All kinds of differences among the communities will disappear and human beings will join one community, the Community of Islam; thus, war will be put to aend to, and *jizyah* will cease to be imposed." This same thing is supported by the Traditions No. 5 and 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>C</sup>That is, "The Prophet Jesus will not lead the people in the Prayer, but will perform his Prayer behind the existing Imam of the Muslims."

4) Hadrat Abu Hurairah has reported that the Holy prophet said: "Jesus son of Mary shall descend; then he will kill the swine and destroy the Cross; and a congregation will be held for him for the Prayer; and he will distribute so much wealth that people will be satiated with it;

and he will abolish the tribute; and he will encamp at Rauha', <sup>D</sup> and from there will go to perform Hajj or "Umrah, or both." (The reporter is in doubt as to what exactly the Holy Prophet said).

(Musnad Ahmad: Marwiyat Abu Hurairah; Muslim: Kitab al-Hajj).

(5) Hadrat Abu Hurairah reports that the Holy Prophet (after making mention of the appearance of the *Dajjal*) said: "In the meantime, when the Muslims will be making preparations to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>D</sup>A place at a distance of 35 miles form Madinah.

fight him, will be lining up (for the Prayer) and the *Iqamah* will have been pronounced, **Jesus son of Mary** shall descend and lead them in the Prayer; and the enemy of Allah (Dajjal i.e. the Antichrist) on seeing him alone, he would melt to death anyway, but Allah will have him killed at his hand, and he will show his blood on this spear to the Muslims." (Mishkat: *Kitab al-Fitan*, with reference to Muslim).

(6) Abu Hurairah reports that the Holy Prophet said: "There is no prophet between me and him (i.e. Jesus Christ), and he shall descend. So, recognize him when you see him. He is a man of medium height, of ruddy and fair complexion; he will be dressed in two yellow garments; the hair of his head will appear as though water was going to trickle down from it, whereas it will not be wet. He will fight people in the cause of Islam, will break the Cross and kill the swine and will abolish jizyah; and Allah will put an end to all communities in

his time except Islam; and he will slay the Antichrist (*Dajjal*); and he will stay in the world for 40 years; then will die and the Muslims will offer the funeral Prayer for him." (Abu Da'ud: *Kitab al-Malahim;* Musnad Ahmad: *Marwiyat Abu Hurairah*).

(7) Hadrat Jabir bin 'Abdullah says that he heard the Holy Prophet say:"...then Jesus son of Mary will descend. The leader of the Muslims will say to him, "Come, lead us in the Prayer', but he will say, "No: you yourselves are leaders over one another." This he will say in view of the honor that Allah has bestowed on this Community." (Muslim: Bayan Nuzul "Isa Ibn Maryam; Musnad Ahmad: Marwiyat Fabir bin 'Abdullah).

EThat is, "Your leader should be from among yourselves."

<sup>(8)</sup> Jabir bin 'Abdullah reports (in connection with the story of Ibn Sayyad):

"Then, "Umar bin al-Khattab submitted: O Messenger of Allah, permit me to kill him. The Messenger of Allah replied: If he is the same person (i.e. the Dajjal), then you will not kill him, but he will be killed by Jesus son of Mary. And if he is not he (i.e. the Dajjal), then you have no right to kill a man from among the dhimmis." (Mishkat: Kitab al-Fitan).

(9) Jabir bin "Abdullah reports that the Holy Prophet (while relating the story of the Dajjal) said: "At that time suddenly Jesus son of Mary (on whom be peace) shall appear among the Muslims. Then the people will stand up for the prayer, and he will be asked, "Step forward, O Spirit of Allah (and lead us in the Prayer); but he will say, 'No: your own leader should step forward and lead the Prayer." Then, after offering the Morning Prayer, the Muslims shall go forth to fight the Dajjal.' He said, 'When the liar will see Jesus, he will start dissolving like the salt in water. Then

Jesus will advance towards him and will slay him; and it will so happen that the trees and the stones will cry out: "O Spirit of Allah, here is a Jew hiding being me.' None will be left from among the followers of the Dajjal, whom he (i.e. Jesus) will not kill." (Musnad Ahmad: Rawayat Fabir'bin Abdullah).

(10) Hadrat Nawwas bin Sam'an Kilabi reports (in connection with the story of the Dajjal): In the mean time when the Dajjal will be busy doing this and this, Allah will send down Messiah son of Marv and he will descend in the eastern part of Damascus, near the white tower, dressed in the two yellow garments, with his hands resting on the arms of two angels. When he will bend down his head, water drops will appear trickling down, and when he will raise it, it will appear as though pearl-like drops are rolling down. Any disbeliever whom the air of his breath reaches -- and it will reach up to the last limit of his sigh --

will fall dead. Then the Son of Mary will go in pursuit of the Dajjal, and will overtake him at the gate of Lod, and will kill him. (Muslim: Dhikr ad-Dajjal; Abu Da'ud: Kitab al-Malahim; Tirmidhi: Abwab al-Fitan; Ibn Majah: Kitab al-Fitan).

11) 'Abdullah bin 'Amr bin 'As reports that the Holy Prophet said: "The Dajjal will appear in my Ummah, and will live for forty (I do not know whether he said 40 days, or 40 months or 40 years). Then Allah will send Jesus son of Mary. He will closely resemble " Urwah bin Mas'ud (a Companion). He will pursue him and kill him. Then for seven years the people will live in such a state that no ill-will and enmity will exist between any two of them," (Muslim: Dhikr ad-Dajjal).

FLod (Lydda) is situated 13 miles south-east of Tel-Aviv, Capital of Israel, and is the most import airport of the country.

(12) Hudhaifah bin Asid al-Ghifari says: Once the Holy Prophet joined our company and we were engaged in mutual talk. He asked "What are you talking about?" The people said, "We were talking about Resurrection."

He said, "Resurrection will not take place until ten Signs have appeared." He then pointed out the ten Signs: (1) Smoke, (2) the Dajjal, (3) Daabbat al-Ard, (4) Raising of the sun in the West, (5) Descent of Jesus son of Mary, (6) Gog and Magog, (7) Three big landslides: one in the east, (8) the second in the west, (9) the third in the Arabian peninsula, and (10) a fire which will arise from the Yaman and will drive mankind towards the plain of Resurrection." (Muslim: Kitab al-Fitan; Abu Da'ud: Kitab al-Malahim).

(13) Thauban, the freedman of the Holy Prophet, reports that the Holy Prophet said: "Allah has saved from the fire of Hell two armies of my Ummah: the army which

will invade India, and the army which will be with Jesus son of Mary." (Nasa'i: Kitab al-Fihad; Musnad Ahmad: Rawayat Thauban).

- (14) Mujammi' bin Jariah Ansari says: "I have heard the Holy Prophet say that the son of Mary will slay the *Dajjal* at the gate of Lod." (Musnad Ahmad; Tirmidhi: *Abwab al-Fitan*).
- (15) Abu Umamah Baheli (while mentioning the Dajjal in a lengthy Hadith) reports: Exactly at the time when the Imam of the Muslims will have stepped forward to lead them in Morning Prayer, Jesus son of Mary shall descend upon them. The Imam will step back so that Jesus may step forward (to lead the Prayer), but Jesus, placing his hand between his two shoulders, will say, "No, you should lead, for the congregation has assembled to follow you." So. the Imam will lead the Prayer. After the salutation, Jesus will say, "Open the

gate." so the gate will be opened. Outside there will be the Daiial along with 70,000 of the armed Jews. As soon as he will look at Jesus (upon whom be peace) he will start melting like the salt in water, and will flee. Jesus will say, "I shall strike you a blow which will not let you live." And he will overtake him at the eastern gate of Lod, and Allah will cause the lews to be defeated. And the earth will be so filled with the Muslims as a vessel is filled with water. The entire world shall recite and follow one and the same Kalimah and none shall be worshipped except Allah." Majah: Kitab al-Fitan).

(16) "Uthman bin Abi al-'As says: I have heard the Holy Prophet say:"...and Jesus son of Mary (peace be upon him) shall descend at the time of the Morning Prayer. The Imam of the Muslims will say: O Spirit of Allah, lead us in the Prayer. He will reply: The people of this Ummah are themselves leaders one over the other.

Then the Imam will step forward and lead the Prayer. After the Prayer, Jesus will hold his weapon and advance towards the *Dajjal*. On seeing Jesus he will start melting like lead. Jesus will Kill him with his weapon and his followers will flee, routed and vanquished, but will find no place to hide; so much so that the trees will call out: "O believer, here is a Jew behind me," and the stones will call out: "O believer, here is a Jew behind me." (Musnad Ahmad, Tabarani, Hakim).

- (17) Samaurah bin Jundub (in a lengthy Hadith) has reported that the Holy Prophet said: Then in the morning Jesus son of Mary will join the Muslims, and Allah will cause the *Dajjal* and his hosts to be routed, until the walls and the roots of the tree will call out: "O believer, here is a disbeliever hidden behind me: come and kill him." (Musnad Ahmad, Hakim).
- (18) Imran bin Hasin reports that the Holy Prophet said: There will always be in my Ummah group who will remain steadfast on the Truth,

and will overwhelm the opponents, till Allah Decree comes to pass and Jesus son of Mary (on whom be peace) descends. (Musnad Ahmad).

- (19) Hadrat 'A'ishah has reported (in connection with the story of the *Dajjal*): Then **Jesus** shall descend and kill the *Dajjal*. After this Jesus will stay on the earth for forty years as a just leader and an equitable ruler. (Musnad Ahmad).
- (20) Safinah, freed slave of the Holy Prophet, reports (in connection with the story of the *Dajjal*): Then **Jesus** (on whom be peace) will descend, and Allah will cause the *Dajjal* to be killed near the mountain pass of Afiq.<sup>G</sup> (Musnad Ahmad).

GAfiq (mod. Fiq) is the last Syrian city on the border between Syria and Israel. A little further on towards west at a few miles is the Lake Tiberias (Sea of Galilea), the source of River Jordan. Towards the south-west in the mountains is a low pass, which descends about 2,000 feet to the point from where River Jordan comes out from Lake Tiberias. This same mountain path is called "Aqabah Afiq, the pass of Afiq.

(21) Hadrat Hudhaifah Bin Yaman reports (with reference to the Dajjal): Then, when the Muslims will stand up to offer the Prayer, Jesus son of Mary will descend just in front of them, and he will lead the Muslims in the Prayer. Then after the salutation, he will tell the Muslims to go away from between him and the enemy of Allah...And Allah will make the Muslims to dominate over the followers of the Dajjal, and they will inflict heavy casualties on them; so much so that the trees and the stones will cry out: "O 'Abdullah, O 'Abdur Rahman, O Muslim, here is a Jew, kill him." Thus, Allah will annihilate them, and the Muslims will be dominant; they will break the Cross, kill the swine and abolish the Fijyah. (mustadrak *Hakim.* A brief version of this Tradition has also been reported in Muslim, and Hafiz Ibn Hajar in his Fath al-Bari (vol. VI, p. 450) has declared it to be authentic).

There are 21 Traditions in all, which have been reported on the authority of 14 of the Companions of the Holy Prophet and related with correct references in the most reliable and authentic *Hadith* Collections. Though in addition to these, there are many other Traditions on the subject as well, we have cited only those few which are sound and authentic as regards the chains of their transmitters.

Abul A'la Maududi, one of the most respected Islamic scholars of this century, finds within these ahadith the key to understanding the affairs of the Middle East and the future of that region. Maududi says,

Now if a person looks at the affairs of the Middle East and studies them in the light of the background of the Holy Prophet's prophecies, he will at once perceive that the stage is fully set for the emergence of the great Dajjal, who would arise as the "promised Messiah" of the Jews as foretold by the Holy Prophet. The Muslims have been expelled from the major part of Palestine and a Jewish state of Israel has been established there. The Jews from all over the world are being drawn

(Russia has been supplying the manpower)21 the U.S.A., Britain and France have turned it into a great military power. The Jewish scientists and experts are developing it with the massive aid of the Jewish capital and its this power has become a great danger for the Muslim nations of the region. The leaders of Israel have never made a secret of their desire that they want to have the "land of their heritage"...From this one can clearly perceive that taking advantage of the confusion and chaos created by the prospect of some future world war, they will try to occupy these territories. Right on that occasion the great Dajjal will arise as their Promised Messiah. The Holy Prophet has not only given the news of his coming but has also foretold that the Muslims will suffer colossal hardship in those days; so much so that one day will appear as long as a year. That is why not only did the Holy Prophet himself ask for Allah's refuge from the great mischief of the Dajjal but also exhorted his followers to implore Allah for protection against him.22

The following ahadith also explain the Middle East crisis. Abu Huraira reported Allah's messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The last hour would not come before the Euphrates uncovers a mountain of gold for which people will fight. Ninety-nine out of each one hundred would die but every man amongst them would say that perhaps he would be the one who would be saved (and thus posses the gold).\*

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The Last Hour would not come until the Romans would land at al-A'maq or in Dabiq.\*\* An army consisting of the best (soldiers) of the people of earth\*\*\* at that time will come from Medina (to counteract them). When they will arrange themselves in ranks, the Romans\*\*\*\* would say: Do not stand between us and those (Muslims) who took prisoners from amongst us. Let us fight with them; and the Muslims would say: Nay, by Allah, we would never get aside from you and from our brethren that you may fight them. They will then fight and a

third (part) of the army would run away, whom Allah will never forgive. A third (part of the army), which would be constituted of excellent martyrs in Allah's eye, would be killed and the third who would never be put to trial would win and they would be conquerors of Constanatinople. And as they would be busy in distributing the spoils of war (amongst themselves) after hanging their swords b y the olive trees, the Satan would cry: The Dajial has taken your place among your family. They would then come out, but it would be of no avail. And when they would come to Syria, he would come out while they would be still preparing themselves for battle drawing up the ranks. Certainly, the time of prayer shall come and then Jesus (peace be upon him) son of Mary would descend and would lead them in prayer. When the enemy of Allah would see him, it would (disappear) just as the salt dissolves itself in water and if he (Jesus) were not to confront them at all, even then it. would dissolve completely, but Allah would kill them by his hand and he would show them their blood on his lance (the lance of Jesus Christ). (Sh. Muslim Kitabul Fitan)

# Euphrates (Iraq) Falling in the Gulf Will Uncover Gold (Oil - Black Gold)

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#### Hostage Crisis at Medina

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and the Muslims would say: Nav. by Allah, we would never get aside from vou and from our brethren that you may fight them. They will then fight a third (part of the army) which would be constituted of excellent martyrs in Allah's eve, would be killed and the third who would never be put to trial would win and they would be conquerors of Constantinople. And as they would be busy in distributing the spoils of war (amongst themselves) after hanging their swords by olive trees, the Satan would cry: The Daijal has taken your place among your family. They would come out, but it would be of no avail. And when they come to Syria, he would come out while they would still be preparing themselves for battle drawing up ranks. Certainly, the time for prayer shall come and then Jesus (peace be upon him) son of Mary would descend and would lead the prayer. When the enemy of Allah would see him, it would (disappear) just as the salt dissolves itself in water and if he (Jesus) were not to confront them at all, even then it would dissolve completely, but Allah would kill them by his hand and he would show them their blood on his (The Lance of Jesus Christ).

(Sahih Muslim - As raat us Saah) Hadith No. 6924

#### Destruction of the House of Allah-Kabba At Mekkah

Harith b. Abi Rabi'a and 'Abdullah b. Safwan both went to Umm Salama, the Mother of the Faithful, and they asked her about the army which would be sunk in the earth, and this relates to the time when Ibn Zubair (was Governor of Mecca). She reported that the Allah's Messenger (may peace and blessings be upon him) had said that a seeker of refuge would seek refuge in the Sacred House and an army would be sent to him (in order to kill him) and when it would enter a plain ground, it would be made to sink. I said : Allah's messenger, what about him who would be made to accompany this army willy nilly? There upon he said: He would be made to sink along with them but he would be raised on the Day of Judgment on the basis of his intention. Abu Ja'far said: This plain ground means the plain ground of Medina. (Sahih Muslim - As raat us Saah) Hadith No. 6886.

## Destruction of the Ummah by Killing each Other?

Thauban reported that Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) said: Allah drew the ends of the world near one another for my sake. And I have seen its eastern and western ends. And the dominion of my Ummah would reach those ends which have been drawn near me and I have been granted the red and white treasures and I begged my Lord for my Ummah that it should not be destroyed because of famine, nor be dominated by an enemy who is not amongst them to take their lives ad destroy them root and branch, and my Lord said: Muhammad, whenever I make a decision, there is none to change it. Well, I grant you for your Ummah that it would not be destroyed by famine and it would not be dominated by an enemy who would not be amongst it and would take their lives and destroy them root and branch even if all the people form the different parts of the world join hands together (for this purpose), but it would be from amongst them, viz. your Ummah, that some people would kill the others or imprison the others

(Sahih Muslim - As raat us Saah) Hadith No. 6904.

### Approaching of Dajjal to Medina

Narrated by Abu Sa'id: One day Allah's Apostle narrated to us a long narration about Ad-Dajjal and among the things he narrate to us, was: "Ad-Dajjal will come, and he will be forbidden to enter the mountain passes of Medina. He will encamp in one of the salt areas neighboring Medina and there will appear to him a man who will be the best or one of the best of the people. He will say, "I testify that you are Ad Dajjal whose story Allah's Apostle has told us." Ad Dajjal will say (to his audience), "Look, if I kill this man and then bring him back to life, will you have any doubt about my claim?" They will reply, "No"

Then Ad Dajjal will kill that man and then will make him alive. The man will say, "By Allah, now I recognize you more than ever!" Ad-Dajjal will then try to kill him (again) but he will not be given the power to do so.

(Bukhari 28, Hadith 246)

### Gog & Magog (Russian & Chinese Tribes)

Qu'ran mentioned Gog and Magog twice, Surah Anbiah and Al Kahf.

Zanier bint Jahsh reported that Allah's Apostle (may peace be upon him) got up from sleep saying: There is no god but Allah; There is destruction in store for Arabia because of turmoil which is at hand, the barrier of Gog and Magog 3005 has opened so much. And Sufiyan made a sign of ten with the help of his hand (in order to indicate the width of the gap) and I said: Allah's Messenger, would we be perished in spite of the fact that there would be good people amongst us? Thereupon he said: Of course, but only when the evil predominates.

<sup>3005</sup>The question of Gog and Magog and the iron barrier built to keep them out is of great interest. The Bible refers to "Magog" as the second son of Japheth between Gomer and Madai, Gomer representing the Cimmerians, Madia and Medes. But in the list of nations, Gen. 10, the term refers to a complex group of barbarian peoples dwelling at the extreme north

and north-east of the earth as one finds in that chapter; in Ezek 39:6, the Magog is referred to as a northern people, the leader of whom is Gog. According to the *Jewish Encyclopedia*, article "Gog and Magog," Josephus identifies them with the Scythians, a name which among classical writers stands for a number of unknown ferocious tribes.

According to Jerome, Magog was situated beyond the Caucuses near the Caspian Sea (Jewish Encyclopedia). It is agreed that they were the wild tribes of Central Asia who made inroads on settled kingdoms and empires at the various stages of world history. The barrier referred to in the Hadith and the Qu'ran is the famous wall built between Derbend and Darial. It is a narrow defile, with overhanging rocks, occurring on the main route between Turkestan and India. It is now in Soviet territory in the district of Daghistan. Before the southern expansion of Russia it belonged to Persia. A spur of Mount Caucuses here comes up north, close to the sea.

# What the Quran says about the covenant with Abraham (Peace Be Upon Him)

And remember that Abraham was tried by his Lord, with certain commands, which he fulfilled. He (Allah) said: "I will make thee leader of the mankind." He (Abraham) pleaded, "And also (leaders) from my offspring!" He (Allah) answered: "But my promise does not reach to the evil doers. (S. Chapter II verse 124)

## Covenant With Jacob (Israel) Peace Be Upon Him)

Ask the children of Israel how many clear (signs) we have sent them. But if anyone, after Allah's favor has come to him, substitutes (something else), Allah is strict in punishment.

Allah did aforetime take a covenant from the children of Israel and we appointed twelve captains among them, and Allah said: "I am with you: if ye but establish regular prayers, practice regular charity, believe in my apostles, honor and assist them, and

loan to Allah a beautiful loan, verily I will wipe out from you your evils, and admit you to gardens with rivers flowing beneath; but if any of you, after this, resisteth faith, he hath truly wandered from the path of rectitude.

But because of their breach of their covenant, we cursed them, and made their hearts grow hard: they change the words from their (right) places and forget a good part of the Message that was sent them, nor wilt thou cease to find them barring a few-- ever bent on (new) deceits: But forgive them and overlook (their misdeeds): for Allah loveth who are kind. (S. V. 12,13).

While the Zionists (Christian and Jewish) never get tired of quoting the Covenant of God with Abraham mentioned in the Bible, in their attempts to legitimize occupation of Palestine by forcing millions of Palestinians out of their homes, they somehow "forgot" to mention the fact that the children of Ishmael also become beneficiary to this Covenant according to the same Bible they claim to believe in. (Genesis 21).

As Dr. Mary Weaver, Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University writes, "Abraham did have a son (two in fact), though the first, Ishmael, drops out of the story." The prophets had claimed that unfaithfulness to the covenant would lead to destruction, those who spoke for God in some way, especially in terms of the covenant."

Although Ishmael and his descendants were also included, but -- this was qualified for both sons of Israel and sons of Ishmael with -- obedience, according to Quran!

Behold! The Lord said to Abraham) to him: "Bow (thy will to me):" He said: I bow (my will) to the Lord and cherisher of the universe.

And this was the legacy that Abraham left to his sons and so did Jacob:

"O my sons: Allah hath chosen the faith for you; then die not -- except in the faith of Islam." (S. II 132, 133).

The interpretors of the Bible unaware of the Quran or indifferent to it, try to conclude that Jesus is coming to save the "Zionist" state. Perhaps this is due to the lack of knowledge, provided by the Creator through the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him), or due to the sense of guilt for the historical persecution of the Jews. Whatever the reason may be, the wealth of information Ahadith provide point out to an important worldwide revolution of information that will reconcile the theological and political differences of the Jews, the Christians and the followers of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). If seen in this context the coming of the Messiah will be a historical event (see Hadith I).

#### Downfall of the Zionists

Since the Jews fail to accept Jesus (peace be upon him) as the true Messiah, which both Christians and Muslims know to be the truth, the Antichrist will arise as their "Messiah". The shrewd false Messiah will take advantage of the insidious Zionist military expansionist fervor ultimately leading to the downfall of the Zionists.

Already Muslims have been mercilessly expelled from Palestine while Zionists in their bloodthirsty lust for land and power are not satisfied with Palestine. In their arrogance they openly admit that they want all of Syria, all of Lebanon, all of Jordan in addition to Iraq. Iskenderun from Turkey, the Sinai, and the Delta area from Egypt and the upper Hejaz and Najd from Saudi Arabia. Yes, they even want the holy city of Medinah.<sup>25</sup>

It is within the context of this Zionist expansion that the Antichrist will arise bringing suffering to the Muslims such that one day will appear as long as a year. However, it is from Allah's mercy and justice that the real Messiah rejected by the Jews will return to the battle front in Damascus.

According to the Hadith No. 15 it is very clear that the Antichrist will enter Syria followed by 70,000 armed Zionists to position himself in Damascus. One morning, Jesus (PBUH) will descend in the eastern part of Damascus near a white minaret to begin the holy campaign against the false messiah. The

Antichrist will flee toward Israel through the Afiq Pass, but Jesus (Peace be upon him) will overtake him and destroy him at the airfield in Lod just 13 miles south-east of Tel-Aviv. The Israelites will be destroyed putting an end to their treacherous community; whereas with the destruction of the Cross, all the religious communities will merge into the single community of Islam.<sup>26</sup>

Notice that according to a hadith, one of the signs before the Resurrection will be Go and Magog. Remember also that the Bible associates Go with Meshech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tubalsek), which will come from the north invading Israel amid earthquakes, fire, and brimstone. According to Maududi, Gog and Magog will be let loose in the sense that they will swoop down on the regions of the earth like a beast of prey which is set free from its cage suddenly. (See Qur'an Al-Anbiyaa 94--103.) The Qur'an also mentions Gog and Magog in relation to the Day of Resurrection.

They said: "O Zul-qurnain! The Gog and Magog (people) do great mischief on

earth: Shall we then render thee tribute in order that thou mightiest erect a barrier between us and them?

He said: "(The power) in which my Lord has established me is better (than tribute): Help me therefore with strength (And labor): I will erect a strong barrier between you and them:

"Bring me blocks of iron." At length, when he had filled up the space between the two steep mountain-sides, he said, "Blow (with our bellows" Then, when he had made it (red) as fire, he said: "Bring me, that I may pour over it, molten lead."

Thus were they made powerless to scale it or to dig through it.

He said: "This is a mercy from my Lord: But when the promise of my Lord comes to pass He will make it into dust; and the promise of my Lord is true." On that day We shall leave them (Gog and Magog -- Yajooj and Majooj) to surge like waves on one another: The trumpet will be blown and We shall collect them all together.

And We shall present Hell that day for Unbelievers to see, all spread out, --

(Unbelievers) whose eyes had been under a veil from remembrance of Me, and who had been unable even to hear.

(Sura XVIII: 94-101)

Maududi says that Gog and Magog are generally believed to be the wild tribes of Central and Northeastern Asia including the Tartars, Mongols, Huns, and Scythians. In general, this would identify Gog as the atheistic USSR which now controls half the world and Magog as some mighty force to the south and east of Russia; e.g., part of China. It is indeed interesting that social scientists are now predicting that by the mid-1980's, USSR will be forced to enter more actively into the Middle East.

#### Establishment of Islam on the Globe

The prophet (peace be upon him) said:

"The beginning of your Deen is Prophethood and compassion, it shall remain among you as long as Allah desires, then He will remove it, then Vicegerency of the pattern of Prophethood will remain as long as He intends, then Allah will remove it. Then the rule will be (in the hands of) dictators as long as He desires, and Allah will remove it. Then again Vicegerency (khilafah) on the pattern of prophet's Sunnah will be established, which will function among the people according to the sunnah of the prophet. Islam will be established on the globe, those in haven will be happy with it as well as those on the earth. The haven will shower its bounties generously and the earth will unleash its treasures completely." (Imam Shatebi in Mauwafaqat and Ismail Shahed in Mansab Risalat. See traditions of same theme in Muslim, Tirmizi & Ibn Majah.) Maududi says that we are passing the Fourth stage and entering into the last stage. (see The Revivalist Movements in Islam by S. A. Maududi.)

Allah alone knows the hour of the Resurrection, but He has seen fit to reveal the events preparatory to the Day of Resurrection. The turmoil of the Middle East, the predictions of the social scientists, the increase of nuclear stockpiling, the emergence of China as a world power, and the continued Zionist and Russian expansions in harmony with the moral turpitude and spiritual decay among Muslims should alert everyone to the punishments and rewards Allah (SWT) has prepared for all mankind. Every seeker of the truth should pay attention to the Qur'an and to Ahadith of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) as they watch the unfolding of international politics within the Middle East. Above all, the believers must purify themselves and their societies by submitting to the will of Allah (SWT) which He revealed through the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him).

For these reasons the Prophet (throughout his life in every Salat) used to seek the protection of Allah (SWT) for the Ummah during this turbulence.

It is interesting to note that 14 centuries ago the Our'an said:

- 1. The Calamity!
- 2. What is the Calamity?
- 3. Ah, what will convey unto thee what the Calamity is!
- 4. A day wherein mankind will be as thicklyscattered moths.
- And the mountains will become as carded wool (Surah C1)

And (Jesus) shall be a sign (for the coming of) the Hour (of Judgment): Therefore have no doubt about the (hour), but follow ye me; this is a straight way. (S. XLIII. 61)

This is understood to refer to the second coming of Jesus in the Last Days just before the resurrection, when he will destroy the false doctrines that pass under his name, and prepare the way for the universal acceptance of Islam, the Gospel of Unity and Peace, the Straight Way of the Qur'an.

(Holy Qur'an, Commentary By . Yusuf Ali)

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# Who Was Prophet Muhammad? (Peace be upon him)

He was born at Mekkah (Mecca, a city of present Saudi Arabia) around 570 A.D. being the descendent of the patriarch Abraham (Arabic-Ibrahim P.B.U.H.) through his son Ishmael.

At the age of 40, in 610 A.D. he proclaimed that he had been chosen by the Almighty Creator to receive revelation, to convey His final message to mankind. Contrary to common misunderstanding in the west, Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him) never claimed to found any new religion.

### What is Qur'an?

Describing the Qur'an, Muhammad Marmaduk Pickthal, the first Englishman who translated it, and who was a Muslim, writes, "The Qur'an cannot be translated. That is the belief of traditional Sheykhs and the view of the present writer. The Book is here rendered almost literally and every effort has been made to choose befitting language. But the results is not the Glorious Qur'an, that inimitable symphony, the very sounds of which move men to tears and ecstasy." (Glorious Qur'an, the preface, New American Library, N.J.).

Encyclopedia Britannica records this about Qur'an "Muslims believe the Qur'an is written in the very words of God himself, and sound scholarship requires that Muhammad be adjudged sincere in his view that the Qur'an was not the product of his conscious mind."

It says this about the prophet, "Few great men have been so maligned as Muhammad, Christian scholars of medieval Europe painted him as an impostor, a lecher, and a man of blood. A corruption of his name, Mahound, even came to signify the devil. This picture of Muhammad and his religion still retains some influence. The English author Thomas Carlyle in 1840 was the first notable European to insist publicly that Muhammad must have been sincere. (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1976, vol. 12, pages 606-607). Is there any other divine book on the face of earth

intact in its original form and can stand any scholarly and critical examinations besides the Qur'an?

# WHAT QURAN SAYS ABOUT JESUS (Peace and Blessing of Allah Be Upon Him).

He was neither God, nor the son of man. Quran always called him Jesus son of Mary

Surah: IX. 30-31

30. The Jews Call "Uzair a son of Allah, and the Christians call Christ the Son of Allah. That is a saying from their mouths; (in this) they but imitate What the Unbelievers of old used to say. Allah's curse be on them: how they are deluded Away from the Truth!

Surah: V. 72-78

72. They do blaspheme who say:

"Allah is Christ the son of Mary." but said Christ: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Whoever Joins other gods with Allah, -- Allah will forbid him the Garden, and the Fire will be his abode. For the wrong-doers there will be no one to help.

73. They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity: for there is No god except One Allah. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.

- 74. Why turn they not to Allah, and seek His forgiveness? For Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.
- 75. Christ the son of Mary was no more than nn Apostle; many were the apostle that passed away before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They had both to eat their (daily) food. See how Allah doth make His signs clear to them; yet see in what ways they are deluded away from the truth

#### He was not Crucified.

Surah: IV> 156-159

156. That they rejected Faith; that they uttered against Mary a grave false Charge;

157. That they (the Jews) said (in boast),
"We killed Christ Jesus the son of Mary, the
Apostle of Allah"; -- But they killed him not,
nor crucified him, but so it was made to
appear to them, and those who differ

therein are full of doubts, with no (certain) knowledge.

But only conjecture to follow, for a surety they killed him not; --

158. Nay, Allah raised him up Unto Himself; and Allah is Exalted in Power, Wise; --

159. And there is none of the people of the book but must believe in Him before his deth; And on the Day of Judgement He will be a witness against them;

His birth to a virgin mother was a will of Allah similar to the birth of Adam.

Surah: III. 59-62

- 59. The similitude of Jesus before Allah is as that of Adam: He created him from dust, then said to him: "Be": and he was
- 60. The truth (comes) from Allah alone; So be not of those who doubt.
- 61. If anyone disputes in this matter with thee, now after (full) knowledge Hath come to thee, Say: "Come! let us gather together, —Our sons and your sons, Our women and your women, ourselves and yourselves: Then let us earnestly pray, and invoke the curse of Allah on those who lie!"

# He performed miracles.

Surah: V. 110-111

110. Then will Allah say: "O Jesus the son of Mary! recount My favor to thee and thy mother. Behold! I strengthened thee the holy spirit, So that thou didst speak to the people (as) toddler and in Maturity. Behold! I taught thee the Book and wisdom, the law and the Gospel. And behold! thou makest out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, by my (Allah's) leave. And thou healest those born blind and the lepers by my leave. And behold! thou bringest forth the dead by my leave and behold! I did restrain the children of Israel from (violence to) thee. When thou didst show them the clear signs, and the "This is unbelievers among them said: nothing but evident magic."

And see Surah XIX 31-34 in Qur'an

#### Surah: 61:6

And Remember, Jesus the son of Mary, said:
"O Children of Israel! I am the apostle of Allah (sent) to you confirming the Law (which came) before me, and giving glad tidings of an apostle to come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad. (i.e. Prophet Muhammad)

## He will come just before the end of the world.

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61. And (Jesus) shall be A sign (for the coming of) the hour (of Judgment): Therefore have no doubt about the (hour), but follow ye Me; this is a straight way.

(For more details about Jesus, please see Quran)

#### What Is Islam?

Islam (obedience to God), according to Qur'an, is the only divine way of live revealed to all the prophets -- Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and finally to Muhammad (Peace be upon them).

"The same religion (way of life) has He (God) established for you as that which He enjoined on Noah -- that which We have sent by inspiration to thee -- and that which we enjoined on Abraham, Moses, and Jesus: namely, that ye should remain steadfast in religion, and make no divisions therein." (S. XLII 11-13).

## A message to Mankind by Almighty the Creator!

157. Those who follow the messenger, the Prophet who can neither read or write, whom they will find described in the Torah and the Gospel (which are) with them. He will enjoin on them that which is right and things and prohibit for them only the foul; and he will relieve them of their burden and the fetters that they used to wear. Then those who believe in him, and honor

him, and help him, and follow the light which is sent down with him: they are the successful. (Surah VII, Al Qur'an)

158. Say (O Muhammad): O mankind! Lo! I am the messenger of Allah to you all -- (the messenger of ) Him unto whom belongeth the Sovereignty of the Heavens and the earth. There is no God save Him. He quickeneth and He giveth death. So believe in Allah and His messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write, who believeth in Allah and in His words and follow him that happily ye may be led aright. (Surah VII, Al Qur'an)

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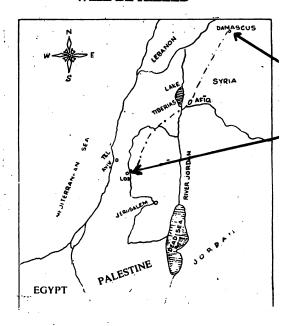
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# THE PLACE WHERE THE REAL MESSIAH (JESUS) WILL DESCEND AND ANTICHRIST (DAJJAL) WILL BE KILLED



Remember!

- --Never before was the capacity and possibility for nuclear destruction so evident.
- --Never before have the Zionists occupied Jerusalem and elevated the Jewish State to a major world power with nuclear war capability. (*Time Magazine*, April 12, 1986)
- --Never before Syria possessed nuclear weapons as now! The Prophet (P.B.U.H.) says Jesus (P.B.U.H.) will descend in Damascus (the capital of Syria). Russia has supplied Syria SS21 missiles with nuclear warheads. (Confirmed by *New York Times* reports and Syria!)
  - --Never before did so few persons (decision makers in states) possess the power to destroy the masses.
- --Never before was the Middle East the fulcrum in the political and economic struggle between the superpowers.
  - --Never was atheistic Russian superpower so close to achieving control of a warm port and thus tightening its grip over the Gulf.

# THE LATEST ALARMING DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN AND THE MIDDLE-EAST

(June 1995)

#### **GAWADAR**

The Israeli Prime Minister Rabin secretly visited Oman, a tiny but strategically very important Sheikdom close to Pakistan and Iran. The offer to let the Ruler of Oman build a "castle" in Gawadar, a very important port city on the border of Iran and Pakistan, was given by the present Pakistani Government. Was this an offer for a small piece of land? The former Pakistani Home Secretary Mr. M. K. Chaudhry says no, infact according to him, the western military experts consider Gawadar a substitute for the Iranian port facilities, which the west lost due to the Islamic revolution.

#### <u>KARACHI</u>

The most important port city, Karachi, of the most

important Muslim country militarily, i.e. Pakistan, is the target of the efforts of anti-islamic forces. By breaking the already fragile unity of Karachi through creating ethenic and sectarian loyalties, the enemy plans to achieve its strategic goals to reach the emerging Muslim countries of central Asia, as well as destabilise Pakistan, before or during World War III.

#### **KASHMIR**

The so called third option, neither join to India nor Pakistan is being vigorously advanced by western powers, so that a new "State of Israel" is created in the sub-continent, both to influence India-Pakistan as well as to keep an effective eye on China. The experts believe that the Kashmir problem may lead to N-War in South Asia.

Mr. Shekar Gupta one of the authors of a new report Published by the reliable Henry Stimson Centre concludes "The prognosis on the nuclear and Missile Issues on the Sub-Continent does not provide much Scope for optimism".

as reported in Daily Dawn Karachi on June 2nd, 1995.

#### P.L.O.

P.L.O. is being pressed hard by the Zionists to crack down on the Palestinian Mujahedeen and Hamas. Israel is vigorously trying to strike a deal with Assad so that in exchange for Golan, Syrian may come on the Israel's side to crush Lebanese Mujahedeen and Hizbullah.

# CO-ORDINATING THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST DEDICATED (FUNDAMENTALIST) MUSLIMS

K.G.B. (Russian intelligence), C.I.A. (the U.S.), RAW (Indian), Mossad (the Israeli) intelligence experts met in Washington recently and decided to cooperate with each other by exchanging intelligence information and co-ordinate their effort to check the rising "threats of Islamic Fundamentalism".

# PRESSURE ON IRAN, SUDAN AND ALGEIRS

On the eve of the new year the Israeli military intelligence chief declared 1995 as decisive to

eliminate any Irani effort to develop nuclear weapon. The Western Press is launching a major propaganda campaign against the Iran's "Secret effort" to develop nuclear weapons. The U.S. is exerting pressure on every one, particularly western powers, to apply economic sanctions on Iran.

Every possible effort is being made to discredit Islamic Regime in Sudan, while our 40 thousand Muslims were killed in the last three years and they are denied the right to have the government of their choice in Algiers.

#### NPT

The so called nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty was extended for "infinity" and jubilant Western Block is now preparing to crack down on Pakistan's nuclear programme. The treaty was extended by the "consensus" of 170 countries, infact after an unparalleled behind the seen dirty tricks and pressures from U.S.

#### **AFGHANISTAN**

Despite the sacrifice of over a million Afghan Mujahedeen and martyrs, independence and peace have been denied. The so called help given by the U.S. to Pakistan and Afghanistan during the Reagan era, was used to established C.I.A. contacts among the Afghans. After breaking the Soviet Union with the help of the Afghan, the Zionists are reaping the fruits of Afghan Mujahedeen's sacrifices. 1/2 million Jews, including the best Soviet scientists, were brought from the former Soviet Union to Israel. The U.S. gave \$10 billion in soft "loan" (to be written off later) to Israel for the rehabilitation of Jews in Israel. Are they playing golf over there? Who is denying Afghani people the right to enjoy peace? The press portrays that only the Afghani leaders are intolerant of each other and are causing self destruction, and the U.S., under the U.N. umbrella, is only "trying to help" Afghan solve their problem.

There were certain signs predicted by the Bible which were to herald man's doomsday. Over the past 20 years, world developments have fulfilled most of the conditions set forth by seers in both the Old and New Testaments. . . . all these happening were foreseen by prophets from Moses to Jesus being the key signals for the coming of an antichrist. And a war which will bring man to the brink of destruction. . . The false prophet—in Revelations 13:11-18 we are introduced to this infamous character. This person, who is called the second beast, is going to be a Jew.

Hal Lindsey in the national bestseller The Late Great Planet Earth

Now if a person looks at the affairs in the Middle East and studies them in the light of the background of the Holy Prophet's prophecies, he will at once perceive that the stage is fully set for the emergence of the great Dajjal, who would arise as the "promised Messiah" of the Jews as foretold by the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him).

Abul Ala Maududi, the Great Islamic Scholar, (In the Meaning of Qur'an Surah Ahzab.)

The New World Order is the establishment of the government of the Messiah Dajjal (The Messiah of the Jews)

Dr. Safar Hawali (The Great Scholar from Mekkah Al Mukarramah)

