Hear the Voice of Their Threats:
A Guide to why Islam is a Danger to Israel and Jews Worldwide

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ISHMAEL, MUHAMMAD, AND THE QUR'ĀN

I will first speak about two of Abraham's children, and then I will discuss Muhammad and the Qurʾān.

Abraham begat Isaac, who begat Jacob, from whom came the children of Israel. Abraham also begat Ishmael, of whom the LORD said, "he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." This declaration was spoken not only of Ishmael but also of his descendants. Paul makes mention of this in his epistle to the Galatians, "we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now." That is, Ishmael persecuted Isaac, and so it is with their descendants, a reality shown in a psalm wherein the Ishmaelites are among those who say of Israel, "Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." We see that from of old the progeny of Ishmael, who are Arabs, have been adversaries to the children of Israel. (References: Genesis 16:12; Psalm 83:1–6; Galatians 4:28,29.)

'Tis no marvel that Muhammad was an Arab descendant of Ishmael, according to Islamic tradition.

Muhammad, whose Arabic name signifies "the praised one," was born circa 570 AD and died in 632. It was from the year 610 to his death that Muslims say he received the words of the Qurʾān, the holy book of Islam. How were its words given to him? Old Islamic tradition records that Muhammad was praying alone in a cave when a spirit appeared unto him, an encounter which frightened him terribly. The spirit commanded him to read and recite certain words, to which the illiterate man replied, "I do not know how to read." The spirit then forcefully caught Muhammad and squeezed him until he could not bear it anymore; this happened two more times, with the spirit accosting Muhammad, pressing him, and then releasing him. It was during this encounter that the spirit first revealed to him a portion of the Qurʾān, saying, "Read, in the name of thy Lord, who hath created *all things*; who hath created man of congealed blood. Read, by thy most beneficent Lord; who taught the use of the pen; who teacheth man that which he knoweth not." Distressed by what had happened, Muhammad later told his wife that he thought a devil or jinni had visited him, exclaiming, "Woe is me, poet or possessed!" That is, he was unsure whether he had been influenced by a jinni or possessed by an evil spirit. 'Twas a Christian named Waraqah ibn Nawfal who convinced Muhammad that the spirit was not a devil but rather the angel Gabriel sent from God; this same man also swayed Muhammad into believing that he, Muhammad, was a prophet of God. The spirit reappeared to him intermittently over the next 23 years, during which time it revealed to him the words of the Qurʾān. Muhammad had few followers in the early days of his preaching, but their numbers eventually grew. After becoming politically and militarily strong, the prophet and his followers began their conquests, and he became more feared than sheep fear a wolf.

There exists a different story about Muhammad and the origin of Islam. Christians of old said that a runagate monk who cherished Christian heresies traveled into Arabia, where Muhammad obliged him by his friendship, and by him Muhammad learned to corrupt the Scriptures so as to frame a new religion, which was neither Christian nor altogether Jewish, but a composition of both, a confused chaos, a new heresy. ’Twas thus believed that Islam was forged between Muhammad and his heretical teacher. Put forth as evidence of this is a portion of the Qurʾān wherein *Allah*, an Arabic word signifying “God,” says to Muhammad, “they say, Verily, a *certain* man teacheth him *to compose the Koran*. The tongue of *the person* unto whom they incline, is a foreign tongue.” That is to say, some people accused Muhammad of being taught not by God, but by a foreigner, whom Christians identified as the monk.

I am reminded of what Paul said, “though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” Whether Muhammad accepted the words of an apostate angel, or he was guided by a heretical monk, it is certain that the fountainhead of Islam was cursed by the LORD for his heresies. And if the religion’s fountainhead is cursed, then those who drink from its waters shall become ill and perish.

Whether Muhammad received the words of the Qurʾān from a spirit and thereby taught Islam; whether he was tutored by a Christian heretic, which led to the formation of Islam; or whether, as some propose, the Qurʾān is partly comprised of heretical Christian hymns, prayers, dogmas, and narratives that predate Muhammad and found their way into the hands of 7th-century Arabs, let each man judge for himself according to his own studies. But this is certain, that Islam sprang forth from Arabia and the Ishmaelites therein.

The word *Qurʾān* means “reading” or “recitation” and derives from the Arabic verb *qaraʾa* “to read,” “to recite.” As for its size, the book is 56% of the length of all the apostles’ writings combined, and approximately 14% of the length of the whole word of God, from Genesis to Revelation.

All who profess Islam read the Qurʾān. While not all do so, most Muslims also study the Hadith, the collected sayings and deeds attributed to Muhammad. One of the things he supposedly said is, “Judgment Day will not come until you fight the Jews and kill them. The Jews will hide behind stones and trees, and the stones and trees will call, *Oh Muslim, oh servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him* — except for the Gharqad tree, which is the tree of the Jews.” Those who regard this hadith believe that Allah will one day give rocks and trees power to speak so that nature itself might deliver Jews into the hands of Muslims to be killed: for Muslims are the executors of the divine punishment, as the Qurʾān says, “Attack them *therefore*; God shall punish them by your hands, and will cover them with shame, and will give you the victory over them; and he will heal the breasts of the people who believe, and will take away the indignation of their hearts.” Old Islamic commentaries explain the meaning of this text as follows: *Fight the unbelievers, and Allah will give them into your hands to be killed, captured, and disgraced.*

To understand the meaning of the two phrases “free Palestine” and “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” we will first look at Scripture and then history, after which the interpretation of those phrases will be given.

The LORD promised to give a portion of the earth’s land to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants. He said unto Abraham, “I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.” He said unto Isaac, “Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father.” He said unto Jacob, “the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.” He reaffirms this to the children of Israel, “Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.” The place that he gave them is called *the land of Israel*, with Judaea being a central and most holy place. (References: Genesis 17:8; 26:3; 35:12; Deuteronomy 1:8.)

In 63 BC, the Romans began their control and occupation of Judaea. In the 2nd century AD, a major Jewish rebellion against Roman rule occurred, which the Romans crushed and stamped out, resulting in the slaughter, enslavement, and expulsion of many Jews, leaving nearly all of Judaea desolate. By Roman decree, the Jews were thenceforth prohibited from going up to the country around Jerusalem, for the Roman emperor gave orders that they should not even see the land of their fathers from a distance. The Romans also renamed Judaea as *Syria Palaestina*. Many historians believe the renaming was meant to sever any link between the Jews and their homeland, although another theory posits that the change was a practical administrative decision to reorganize Judaea and parts of Syria into a larger province; the dispute lies in the fact that there are no ancient writings explaining why the Romans renamed Judaea, and so historians must interpret the Romans’ motives based on circumstantial evidence. The land later became known as *Palestine*. Hence, the geographic region of Israel and Palestine is one and the same.

In the 4th century, Palestine came under Byzantine control. In the mid-7th century, several years after Muhammad’s death, Muslim forces conquered Palestine and subsequently built a mosque therein. The region largely remained under their rule thereafter.

The Qurʾān and Islamic tradition teach that when a place is conquered and controlled by Muslims, especially when a mosque is built there, the land belongs to Muslims for ever. If the territory is later taken from them, the belief is that it is their duty to wage war to reclaim the land. For example, the Qurʾān says, “kill them wherever ye find them, and turn them out of that whereof they have disposed you.” That is to say, *kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from where they drove you out*. It does not say, *make a covenant of peace with them and*

live harmoniously together, nor does it say, *drive them out of part of it and leave them the remainder in a two-state solution*. Now think of the Jews' homeland, which was captured by the Romans in 63 BC, renamed *Syria Palaestina* by the same in the 2nd century AD, became known as *Palestine* thereafter, came under Byzantine control in the 4th century, and taken by Muslims and stamped with a mosque in the 7th century.

How was Palestine defined and understood hundreds of years ago? I shall show you. Published in 1616, *An English Expositor* says, "Palestine, or the holy land." *Glossographia*, a 1661 dictionary, says that the wise men in Matthew's book "came out of the East into the Country of *Palestine* or *Jewry*." Published in 1661, *A Complete Christian Dictionary* has this line, "There were *Jews* of *Palestine*, which in Act. 6. 1. are called *Hebrews*, born and bred there." Published in 1677, *An English Dictionary* defines *Palestine* thus: "part of *Syria*, containing *Judaea*, *Samaria* and *Galilee*." *The New World of English Words*, a 1658 dictionary, concurs with the 1677 definition. Gesenius' early 19th-century lexicon says, "the land of Israel, i.e. Palestine." We see it was common knowledge that Israel and Palestine referred to the same place, with *Israel* being the land's original and scriptural name, and with the Jews being its true inhabitants. Writers of old referred to ancient Israel as *Palestine* because it was thus called in their day.

Jews began returning to their homeland in large numbers in the early 20th century. This enraged the Arab Muslims, contrary to the misconception that they welcomed Jewish immigrants. The Muslims' anger stemmed from the belief that the land belonged to them, not the Jews. When the State of Israel was declared in 1948, the neighboring Arab countries—Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Transjordan—declared war to reclaim the land, but their hostile actions were in vain. Thenceforth, Arabs and Muslims have been fighting Israel because they want the land back.

In the mid-1900s, Arabs and Muslims began propagandizing the notion of a Palestinian people against Israel, claiming that the Palestinians are the true indigenous people of the land and that they have the right to it, not the Jews. I will show you proof:

The Palestinian Liberation Organization (*PLO*) was formed in 1964, with Muslim leader Yasser Arafat sitting as chairman from 1969 until his death in 2004. Yasser Arafat said in 1974, "Palestine is only a small drop in the great Arab ocean." He said in the same year, "The goal of our struggle is the end of Israel, and there can be no compromises or mediators," and, "We don't want peace, we want victory. Peace for us means Israel's destruction and nothing else." But being a master deceiver, he said to the Prime Minister of Israel in 1993, "The PLO recognizes the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and security." Arafat had two tongues: with the one, he spoke wholesomely; with the other, he uttered his true intents to destroy the State of Israel and unite the land with the Arab world, using the PLO and the so-called Palestinians as tools thereto.

Zuheir Mohsen, an Arab militant leader, prominent politician, head of the PLO military department, and adversary to Israel, said in a 1977 interview with journalist James M. Dorsey, "The Palestinian people does not exist. The creation of a Palestinian state is only a means for continuing our struggle against the State of Israel for our Arab unity. In reality today there is no

difference between Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese. Only for political and tactical reasons do we speak today about the existence of a Palestinian people, since Arab national interests demand that we posit the existence of a distinct Palestinian people to oppose Zionism. Yes, the existence of a separate Palestinian identity exists only for tactical reasons. Jordan, which is a sovereign state with defined borders, cannot raise claims to Haifa and Jaffa, while as a Palestinian, I can undoubtedly demand Haifa, Jaffa, Beer-Sheva and Jerusalem. However, the moment we reclaim our right to all of Palestine, we will not wait even a minute to unite Palestine and Jordan."

Unsurprisingly, there were tensions and disagreements in the Middle East between those who wanted to dismantle Israel, as seen when Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, an enemy to Israel, scolded his rival Yasser Arafat in 1976, saying, "You do not represent Palestine as much as we do. Never forget this one point: there is no such thing as the Palestinian people, there is no Palestinian entity, there is only Syria! You are an integral part of the Syrian people, Palestine is an integral part of Syria. Therefore it is we, the Syrian authorities, who are the true representatives of the Palestinian people."

Here are more enlightening quotes regarding Palestine and the Palestinians. Ahmed Shukairy, an adversary to Israel and Saudi Arabia delegate to the United Nations, told the Security Council in 1956, "It is common knowledge that Palestine is nothing but southern Syria." The Crown Prince of Jordan, El Hassan bin Talal, told the Jordanian National Assembly in 1970, "Palestine is Jordan, and Jordan is Palestine. There is one people and one land, with one history and one destiny." His brother King Hussein said on Egyptian television in 1977, "The two peoples are actually one. This is a fact," referring to the Jordanians and Palestinians. Abdul Hamid Sharif, the Prime Minister of Jordan, said in 1980, "The Palestinians and Jordanians do not belong to different nationalities. They hold the same Jordanian passports, are Arabs, and have the same Jordanian culture." Faruq al-Qaddumi, an adversary to Israel and head of the PLO Political Department, told an interviewer in the late 1970s, "Jordanians and Palestinians are considered by the PLO as one people." Azmi Bishara, a Middle Eastern philosopher and intellectual, said in the 2000s, "My Palestinian identity never precedes my Arab identity," and, "I don't think there is a Palestinian nation, there is an Arab nation."

Salim Al-Zre'i, a Fatah Revolutionary Council member and former associate of the late Yasser Arafat, said of Palestine in 2025, "The Crusaders were here for 200 years, the Turks for 400 years, and they all left, and then the Palestinian people arrived." That is to say, there were no Palestinians during the days of the Crusaders and the Ottoman Empire, the latter of which ended in the early 1900s; instead, the Palestinians came after them. This contradicts the propaganda that the Palestinians have been the indigenous people of Palestine for millennia. 'Tis evident that Salim Al-Zre'i inadvertently admitted a secret truth, that the so-called Palestinians were not here before the early 1900s.

The question arises, *Who are the Palestinians?* They are Arabs, a reality voiced by ex-Hamas member Mosab Hassan Yousef, whose father was a co-founder of Hamas and a senior leader in

the organization. The so-called Palestinians are culturally, racially, religiously, and linguistically indistinguishable from the Arabs of Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan, and differ only slightly from those in Egypt. *Who are the Palestinians?* They are Arabs, mostly Muslim, whose predominant language is Arabic.

Now pause and consider that some 17th- and 18th-century historians retroactively referred to ancient Jews as *Palestinians*, since that was the name of the region at the time they were writing. Furthermore, dictionaries and lexicons from those periods show that linguists not only equated Palestine with Israel, but said that the Jews were the ancient inhabitants thereof. Nowadays, however, the Jews are often deemed colonizers and modern settlers of the land, with Arabs touted as the true indigenous people, thanks to the propaganda and work of people like Yasser Arafat and organizations such as the Palestinian Liberation Organization. We see that history has been revised and words redefined by people who wish to dismantle the State of Israel, take the land from the Jews, and unite it with the Arab world.

What territory does Palestine encompass according to Muslims? Hamas' revised 2017 charter says, "Palestine, which extends from the River Jordan in the east to the Mediterranean in the west and from Ras Al-Naqurah in the north to Umm al-Rashrash in the south." That is to say, the entirety of Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.

Having looked at the history of the term *Palestine* and the territory it includes, I will now explain the meaning of two phrases that began to be chanted worldwide after Hamas attacked Israel in 2023. The first, "Free, free, Palestine." This is a call to liberate Palestine from a certain thing. The second, "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." The river refers to the Jordan River, and the sea is the Mediterranean Sea; between them lies Israel. These phrases call for the dismantling of Israel, the expulsion of Jews from the land, and the establishment of an Islamic state under Muslim control. In short, the phrase "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free" means that Palestine ("Israel") will be freed from the Jews and taken by Muslims, whereas the phrase "free Palestine" means *to liberate the land from the Jews*. Consider what senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said in 2018, "Palestine is from the sea to the river! And we shall never, never, never recognize Israel." That is to say, from the Mediterranean Sea to the Jordan River. Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said in a 2020 speech, "Palestine from the river to the sea is the property of the Palestinian people and they shall return to it," adding that Jews "must leave" Israel.

However, many non-Muslim Westerners say that the two aforementioned phrases do not refer to the eradication of Israel, but rather a call for equity, justice, self-determination, and human rights. These people are either lying or ignorant of history and the reality of things in the Middle East. Such people shout "free Palestine" with lunacy, having devilish voices in their throats, like unto the possessed man who wailed amongst the tombs; and having had their minds spoiled through philosophy and lies, they wear colorful clothing that says "love all," yet they seek to destroy by peace; and being desolate themselves, they want a destroyer as a saviour.

It is evident that many Muslims want to demolish Israel. But what would happen afterward if they were to succeed? The answer was given by ex-Hamas member Mosab Hassan Yousef in 2024, saying, *There are many tribes within Islam, and each one has different interests, and all of them are conflicted, and if they did not have Israel as the common enemy, they would kill each other*. That is, Muslims will start fighting each other when their common enemy is taken away.

Moving on to a related matter. History shows that there was no ancient ethnic group called "Palestinians." A naysayer might say, *There were no Israelis before 1948, when Israel was declared a state*. While those who believe the holy Scriptures know that Israel existed anciently, atheists demand historical evidence — and we have such evidence.

One such piece of evidence is the Merneptah Stele, an Egyptian inscription dating to 1,212–1,202 BC, which says, "The Great Ones are prostrate, saying: 'Peace;' not one raises his head among the Nine Bows; plundered is Thehenu; Khatti is at peace; Canaan is plundered with every evil; Ashkelon is conquered; Gezer is seized; Yanoam is made non-existent; Israel is laid waste, his seed is no more; Kharu has become a widow because of Egypt! All lands together are at peace; any who roamed have been subdued." Here, Israel and her people are mentioned among other nations.

The Tel Dan Stele, a stone document dating to the 9th century BC, also speaks of God's people, saying, "*I killed Jehoram* son of *Ahab* king of Israel, and *I* killed *Ahaziahu* son of *Jehoram king* of the house of David." This shows the existence of Israel and the family of David. In contrast, there are no ancient writings that talk about a distinct people called "the Palestinians" that dwelled in the province of Israel, nor do the Scriptures speak of such a people.

A derider of the truth might say, *The Scriptures use the words "Palestine" and "Palestina," proving that the Palestinians existed anciently*. However, those two words refer to the land of the Philistines, a people long extinct, to whom modern Palestinians have no cultural or ethnic connection, as I will show. The Palestinians are Arabs, whereas the Philistines were not, having come from a non-Arab country called Caphtor. The Arabs descend from Ishmael, the son of Abraham, a descendant of Shem, whereas the Philistines came out of Casluhim, which sprang from Mizraim, the son of Ham. Those who identify as Palestinians largely speak Arabic, whereas the Philistines spoke a different language. Muslim Palestinians worship one god, that being Allah, whereas the Philistines worshipped several gods, including Ashtoreth, Baalzebub, and Dagon. Lastly, the Philistines were never called *Palestinians*, even though their land was named *Palestine* and *Palestina*. We see that other than occupying the same region, that being Gaza, the Palestinians have nothing in common with the Philistines. Though I must say, their enmity toward Israel is similar, with both warring against Israel, taking Jews captive, being thorns in Israel's side, and speaking swelling words against the land of Israel and her people. I perceive that the same apostate angel that ruled over ancient Gaza still rules there today.

TROUBLING WORDS AGAINST ISRAEL AND JEWS

Listen to what people say to know and understand what they believe. Take them at their word.

To grasp the seriousness of the Islamic threat against Israel and Jews worldwide, consider the following declarations made against them by Muslim leaders.

Yasser Arafat, a powerful Muslim leader and chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization from 1969 until his death in 2004, said in 1974, "The goal of our struggle is the end of Israel, and there can be no compromises or mediators." He further stated, "We don't want peace, we want victory. Peace for us means Israel's destruction and nothing else."

Nasrallah, a senior leader of Hezbollah, said in 1997, "if we search the entire globe for a more cowardly, lowly, weak, and frail individual in his spirit, mind, ideology, and religion, we will never find anyone like the Jew — and I am not saying the Israeli: we have to know the enemy we are fighting." He also said that Jews are "the enemies" of Allah.

Mahmoud al-Zahhar, a Palestinian Foreign Minister, said in 2006, "Israel is a vile entity that has been planted in our soil, and has no historical, religious or cultural legitimacy. We cannot normalize our relations with this entity."

Muhammad Hussein Ya'qoub, an Egyptian Islamic scholar and cleric, said during a 2009 speech in Egypt, "If the Jews left Palestine to us, would we start loving them? Of course not. We will never love them. Absolutely not." He further said, "It is Allah who said that they are infidels. Your belief regarding the Jews should be, first, that they are infidels, and second, that they are enemies." He also stated, "We must believe that our fighting with the Jews is eternal, and it will not end until the final battle — and this is the fourth point. You must believe that we will fight, defeat, and annihilate them, until not a single Jew remains on the face of the Earth. It is not me who says so. The prophet said, Judgment Day will not come until you fight the Jews and kill them. The Jews will hide behind stones and trees, and the stones and trees will call, *Oh Muslim, oh servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him* — except for the Gharqad tree, which is the tree of the Jews." The Egyptian cleric also said during his speech, "As for you Jews — the curse of Allah upon you." His words echo those of Ibn Kathir, a 14th-century Muslim scholar who said of the Jews, "may Allah's continued curses descend on them until the Day of Resurrection." Muhammad Hussein Ya'qoub also said in 2009, "The Jews are our enemies. Allah will annihilate them at our hands. This is something we know for certain." He knows this "for certain" because it is what the prophet Muhammad foretold.

Atallah Abu Al-Subh, former Hamas minister of culture, said during a 2011 sermon, "The Jews are the most despicable and contemptible nation to crawl upon the face of the Earth, because they have displayed hostility to Allah."

Ahmad Bahr, a top Hamas official, prayed amongst other Muslims in 2012, "Oh Allah, destroy the Jews and their supporters. Oh Allah, destroy the Americans and their supporters. Oh Allah, count them one by one, and kill them all, without leaving a single one."

An unnamed imam speaking at a 2014 Hamas sermon from the Gaza Strip said, "Our doctrine in fighting you (the Jews) is that we will totally exterminate you. We will not leave a single one of you alive, because you are alien usurpers of the land and eternal mercenaries. You are the mercenaries of all times."

In 2017, Iran unveiled a large digital clock that counts down the days to the promised annihilation of Israel. Located in the capital and economic hub of Iran, the clock is colored blue and white to mimic the Israeli flag, with a Star of David in the middle being struck by a rising fist. Two phrases are written on the clock: "[these many days] Left before destruction of Israel" and "The zionist regime will not survive the next 25 years." Both phrases are written in Arabic, Farsi, and English.

Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader in Gaza, said of Jews in 2018, "from us here in Gaza, they will never get anything but guns, fire. They will never get anything but martyrdom. They will never get anything but death and killing."

Fathi Hammad, a senior Hamas political leader in the Gaza Strip, said in May 2019, "We have come to tell the Zionist enemy—including its people, its army, its government, and the Israeli Parliament—leave us, for the day of your slaughter, extermination, and annihilation is near." He said in July 2019, "There are seven million Palestinians abroad, enough of your warming up. You have Jews everywhere. We must attack every Jew on the planet — slaughter and kill, Allah willing."

Fathi Hammad, senior Hamas official, said in 2021, "People of Jerusalem, we want you to cut off the heads of the Jews with knives. With your hand, cut their artery from here," pointing to the right side of his neck.

Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader in Gaza, said in 2021, "We support the eradication of Israel through armed jihad and struggle. This is our doctrine."

Hamad Al-Regeb, a Hamas official, said during a 2023 sermon in Gaza, "Oh Allah, bring annihilation upon the Jews. Oh Allah, bring annihilation upon the Jews. Paralyze them, destroy their entity, tear them apart, bring upon them a terrible punishment. Oh Allah, enable us to get to the necks of the Jews."

In late October 2023, Hamas member Ghazi Hamad said in an interview broadcasted on a Lebanese television station, "Israel is a country that has no place on our land. We must remove

that country, because it constitutes a security, military, and political catastrophe to the Arab and Islamic nation, and must be finished."

In January 2024, an IS source released a speech and the corresponding transcription titled "And Kill Them Wherever you Find Them," wherein IS spokesman Abu Hudhaifah Al-Ansari tells readers that "the battle with the Jews is a religious one" and directs supporters to focus on targeting civilians, synagogues, and large gatherings.

Adnan Abyat, an imam, said in August 2024, "You mock the prophet. He was poisoned by the Jews … may Allah curse them." *The prophet* refers to Muhammad, who was killed by a Jew according to Islamic tradition. In addition, the imam prayed that Allah would "act with cruelty against" the Jews, Zionists, Christians, and those who aid them.

Salim Al-Zre'i, a Fatah Revolutionary Council member, said in 2025, "The Israelis will not achieve security or peace as long as Palestine is occupied."

In February 2026, Iranians at a state-organized rally chanted "Death to Israel" while burning a 20-foot horned statue of Baal seated upon a throne. Imprinted on Baal's forehead was a Star of David; on his chest, the word *Baal* in three languages; on the armrests, carvings of human skulls; between his knees, an encircled pentagram, under which was the number 666; and below the statue was an Israeli flag, among other items. Next to the effigy was an obelisk with Egyptian hieroglyphs. The Iranians not only burned the statue but also threw stones at it. Shortly after this, a video was released showing the burning of a smaller seated Baal statue. Beside it stood an Egyptian obelisk featuring a Star of David, an Egyptian Eye of Horus, a Freemason symbol, and other markings. In the video a man looks at his watch, showing the time "11:33," the significance of which is unclear. The video also shows an hourglass; in the bottom bulb is a Star of David, onto which sand is being poured, signaling that Israel's time is coming to an end. For context, they associate Israel with Baal to frame the state as evil, corrupt, satanic, and immoral.

The slogan of the Houthi movement, an Islamic group in Yemen, says, "Death to Israel, Curse the Jews, Victory to Islam."

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a woman who grew up in Kenya, wrote of her Islamic upbringing in 2026, "A distinction was made between Israel as a state and Jews, who embodied a type of metaphysical evil. The Jew was synonymous with the word Satan. He was behind all evil things, and had designated Islam and Muslims as his enemy, and was hell-bent on destroying us all. In all of our prayers, and in all of our *dua* is the supplication that God would destroy and eliminate the Jews."

SUDDEN SPIKE IN ANTISEMITISM

Global antisemitism spiked when Hamas attacked Israel on October 7th, 2023. Here are statistics from the Anti-Defamation League.

Poland: in 2023, antisemitic incidents increased by 91%.

USA: from October 7th, 2023 to September 24th, 2024, there was an increase of more than 200% in antisemitic incidents compared to the same period a year earlier.

Netherlands: in 2023, antisemitic incidents increased by 245%.

Germany: from October 7th, 2023 to December 31st, 2023, antisemitic incidents were up 350%, compared to the same period in 2022.

Austria: antisemitic incidents increased 500% from October 7th, 2023 to December 31st, compared to the same period in 2022; the full-year of 2023 saw a 60% increase in antisemitic incidents.

Argentina: January 2024 saw a 600% increase in antisemitic incidents versus January 2023.

South Africa: during the last three months of 2023, antisemitic incidents were up 631%, compared to the same period in 2022.

Australia: during the last three months of 2023, antisemitic incidents were up 738%, compared to the same period in 2022.

Brazil: there was a 961% increase in antisemitic incidents during the month of October 2023, in comparison to 2022.

France: antisemitic incidents rose 1,000% in the three months after October 7th, 2023, more than the number of incidents for the prior three years combined.

Denmark: in 2023, there was a 1,244% increase in antisemitic incidents compared to 2022.

United Kingdom: 4,103 anti-Jewish hate incidents were recorded across the UK in 2023, the largest-ever total recorded in the country up to that point.

In late 2023 and throughout 2024, worldwide demonstrations featured chants including “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free”—a call for Israel’s destruction—and “Khaybar Khaybar, oh Jew, the army of Muhammad will return,” referencing the slaughter of Jews in the 7th century.

While antisemitism has always existed, the global surge following the 2023 Hamas attack cannot be overlooked, nor can the subsequent rise in hostility toward Israel be ignored. This is a spiritual matter, not merely a fleshly one. For as an evil spirit came upon king Saul and troubled him, so have devils rested upon wicked people across the world, whereby these lovers of evil have been moved to deride Israel and her people. And as Lucifer, that invisible adversary, influenced the king of Babylon, in like manner are principalities swaying the kings of the earth. And as Satan stirred Peter to rebuke Jesus, so too have devils moved many Christians to revile Israel and say things which the antichrist would surely applaud. I say again, the antichrist would applaud the words of those who speak evil of Israel and the Jews.

A RELIGION OF PEACE?

Those who say that Islam is a peaceful and tolerant religion often cite a portion of the Qurʾān wherein Muhammad says to unbelievers, "I will not worship that which ye worship; nor will ye worship that which I worship. Neither do I worship that which ye worship; neither do ye worship that which I worship. Ye have your religion, and I my religion." This sounds like religious tolerance, and indeed it is. However, he said these things at the beginning of his ministry, when he and his followers were a minority. It makes sense that he taught tolerance in the early years, because otherwise he might have gotten cut down by larger religious groups that opposed him. But later, when his followers became numerous and stronger, he began teaching defensive warfare, offensive warfare, conquest, and other such things, even declaring, "I have been commanded to fight against people, till they testify to the fact that there is no god but Allah, and believe in me *that* I am the messenger." In short, he preached religious tolerance when he could have been killed by larger groups, and he taught with the sword when he became politically and militarily powerful.

There are those who say that Islam does not teach what Hamas preaches. But consider the following things. Founded in 1987, Hamas is an offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, a movement that was established in Egypt in 1928 by Hassan al-Banna, a man who wanted to purify Islamic beliefs to align with traditional, foundational Islam; he also sought to unify Muslims under a caliphate governed by sharia law. The word *Hamas* is an Arabic acronym for *Harakat Al-Muqawama Al-Islamia* "Islamic Resistance Movement." Hamas' 1988 charter says of the group, "Allah is its target, the Prophet is its model, the Koran its Constitution; Jihad is its path, and death for the sake of Allah is the loftiest of its wishes," that is to say, *Muhammad is Hamas' model, the Qurʾān is Hamas' Constitution, Jihad is Hamas' path*, etc. Hamas certainly practices Islam, and they understand their holy book and the history of their religion quite well.

Lest anyone forget, Hamas was not the first, nor is it the only, nor will it be the last Islamic group that promotes anti-Jewish violence based on the Hadith and their holy book. There are also Hezbollah, ISIS, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Al-Qaeda, Hizb ut-Tahrir, the Taliban, the Houthis, the Muslim Brotherhood, the Axis of Resistance, the Islamic Resistance Front in Syria, and others, all of which are anti-Israel and anti-Jewish. There is also *Within our Lifetime*, a NYC-based, Palestinian-led, Muslim-driven activist group that campaigns for the dismantling of Israel.

Are all Muslims dangerous or willing to harm others? No. Many are moderate, tolerant, peaceful, and kind; they would never harm someone, even if commanded to do so. Do all Muslims teach warfare, conquest, and disdain toward Jews? No. But it can be argued that these are Muslims in name only. For when the Qurʾān is taken seriously, when traditional Islam is practiced, when Muhammad is revered as an excellent example of how a man ought to behave, when his conduct is imitated, and when his words are obeyed, the religion becomes one of conquest and submission, and reflects the rhetoric and corpus of actions of its founder.

A person might ask, *Can Islam be reformed to be peaceful? Why have the problematic aspects of Islam not been done away with?* The answer is that Islam is flawless in every way and should not be changed, according to the Qurʾān. Allah says to Muslims, "This day have I perfected your religion for you, and have completed my mercy upon you; and I have chosen for you Islam, *to be your* religion." Hence, the religion and its teachings are perfect and ought not to be altered. Nevertheless, there have been Muslims who attempted to do away with certain aspects of Islam, but some were killed by stricter Muslims. For example, the Sudanese Islamic reformer Mahmoud Mohammed Taha was executed in 1985 for his opposition to sharia law and his progressive, moderate interpretation of Islam; during his public hanging, Muslims shook their fists at him and waved their Qurʾāns in defiance against him. There have also been reformers of another kind, those who sought to revitalize Islam to its traditional form, so that Muhammad and the Qurʾān are followed more strictly, which ultimately results in the spreading of Islam and the subjugation of non-Muslims under the religion. One such example is Hassan al-Banna, an early 20th-century Egyptian politician, Muslim leader, and founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, who sought to remove Western influence from Islam and purify the religion to that of the olden days, when sharia law ruled and non-believers were subjugated under Islam. The original motto of the still-active Muslim Brotherhood was, "Allah is our goal, the prophet our leader, holy war our way, the Qurʾān our constitution, and death in the cause of Allah our sole desire," a slogan which Anayiotis J. Vatikiotis reported on in the mid-1900s, saying that it was "chanted by the mobs in the streets of Cairo."

In addition to Allah's proclamation that the Islamic faith is perfect, Islam also teaches that the Qurʾān is infallible, as the book says of itself, "*This* book, the verses whereof are guarded against corruption, and are also distinctly explained, *is a revelation* from the wise, the knowing *God*: that ye serve not *any other* than God." That is to say, the Qurʾān is a revelation from Allah, its words are clear, the text is incorruptible, and believers ought to serve Allah. If Muslims believe their book is pure and their religion was given by Allah, then why would they want to alter either?

Lastly, consider that those who wish to reform their religion often want to purify it by discarding contemporary ideologies and returning to the original foundation of standards and practices. Think of the 16th-century Christian Reformation, for example. Hence, if a devout Muslim wants to reform his religion, he will likely do so by trying to return all things to how they were in the days of the prophet Muhammad.

ISLAM DURING THE TRIBULATION

I perceive that several Scriptures indicate that Islam will have a part in the tribulations of the last days. Allow me to explain in three points: *first*, beheadings; *second*, the Assyrian; *third*, the abomination of desolation.

Point one. John says in Revelation chapter 20, "*I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands." This shows that the antichrist and his followers will behead dissenters and those who reject his command. Consider that beheadings occur in several modern-day Middle Eastern areas, including Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, all of which are predominantly Islamic. The reason they behead people is threefold. Firstly, the prophet Muhammad authorized the beheading of enemies. Secondly, there is an instruction in the Qurʾān saying, "When ye encounter the unbelievers, strike off *their* heads, until ye have made a great slaughter among them." Ibn Kathir, a 14th-century Muslim scholar, said that when fighting unbelievers, Muslims ought to "cut them down totally with your swords" until "you have killed and utterly destroyed them." Thirdly, the beheading of infidels, adversaries, and apostates has a long historical precedent, solidifying its place in traditional Islamic practice. 'Tis noteworthy that in 2021, Muslim leader Fathi Hammad said that he wants people "to cut off the heads of the Jews with knives," specifically those in Jerusalem. And Muslim leader Yahya Sinwar said of Jews in 2018, "They will never get anything but martyrdom." Now consider that the antichrist and his followers will behead and martyr people. (References: Daniel 11:40–45; Revelation 20:4.)

Point two. Micah chapter five says of the last days, "this *man* shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver *us* from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders." The words "this man" refer to Christ, and "the Assyrian" is an adversary that attacks Israel during the seven years of the last days. Isaiah chapter eight says, "behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks." Isaiah's tenth chapter says, "when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks." Unless I am mistaken, the Assyrian in those two Scriptures refers to an end-times tyrant. It is interesting that Daniel's eleventh chapter speaks of a vile person called "the king of the north," a title given to Syrian kings because Syria is north of Israel; this king is prophesied to attack African and Middle Eastern countries during the seven years before Christ's second coming. I mention these things because modern-day Syria is predominantly Islamic, and it is a place of antisemitism, beheadings, and Christian persecution.

Point three. Daniel the prophet says, “arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.” That is to say, a military force will stand on the antichrist’s part, and this army will defile the Jews’ temple at Jerusalem, and they will take away the daily sacrifice, and those of the army will put an abominable object into the temple. Now think of the Islamic forces neighboring Israel, and call to mind all that they have done and all they desire to do. ’Tis not a stretch of the imagination to think that those prophesied by Daniel are Muslims attacking Jerusalem at the behest of the antichrist. (Reference: Daniel 11:31.)

I will conclude with these things:

Islam teaches that Jesus, who Muslims believe was an Islamic prophet who worshipped Allah, will return to earth in the latter days to destroy the antichrist, judge the world, reign in Jerusalem, proclaim Islam, kill Jews, and “break the cross,” for the Qurʾān teaches that Jesus never died on a cross, saying, “they slew him not, neither crucified him, but he was represented *by one* in his likeness.” Islamic tradition interprets this to mean that someone was made to resemble Jesus, and that this other man was crucified instead. While the person’s identity remains a mystery, the 17th-century French traveler Jean de Thévenot wrote that Muslims in Turkey believed Judas was crucified, having been mistaken for Jesus. Rather than being fastened to a cross, the Qurʾān says of Jesus, “God took him up unto himself,” that is to say, Jesus did not taste death but ascended into heaven alive.

Other than opposing the sacrifice of Christ, Islam also denies that God has a Son, rejects the oneness of Jesus and the Father, opposes the eternality of Jesus, rejects the belief that Jesus is God, rejects the belief that Jesus is the Saviour, and dismisses the truth that Jesus came from heaven to be the Christ, teaching rather that Jesus was a mere man created by Allah. I am reminded of what John says in his first epistle, “He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son,” and, “every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” He says in his second epistle, “many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.” I am also reminded of what Paul said to the Corinthians in his second epistle, warning them of those who preach “another Jesus.” Islam, which came hundreds of years after the apostles, teaches a different Jesus from that of the Scriptures. The Muslims’ religion is the quintessence of what it means to be antichrist, a word compounded of *anti* and *Christ*, signifying *against Christ* or *contrary to Christ*. Antichrist is an enemy of Christ, an opposer of Christ, an adversary to Christ. Of a truth, Islam is antichrist.

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