



# Islam & World Events

## 9. ISLAM AND ISRAEL THE BACKGROUND



Model of the Temple in Jerusalem beside the Kaaba in Mecca

### Islam and Israel an Introduction

The linking of the nation of Israel with the emergence of Islam as a major world religion, encompassing over 20% of the earth's population is just a coincidence to some. However, for those

who know Bible Prophecy there is no such thing. Central to the scriptures is God's prophetic plan for the nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

To understand these amazing circumstances, we need to comprehend the emergence of the nation of Israel in 1948, a recent event. Prior to this period, the last time an independent Jewish Kingdom existed was during the Maccabean period<sup>1</sup>, which lasted about 100-years (164-63 B.C.), over 2000-years ago.

In A.D. 70, the Roman Empire, which invaded the land of Judah over 100-years earlier, had enough of the rebellions of Jerusalem; they destroyed the city and the Temple. According to the Jewish historian Josephus, over 1,000,000 Jews died in the destruction of Jerusalem. Another Jewish rebellion, the Bar Kochba



Jerusalem and Mecca the centers of Judaism and Islam

<sup>1</sup> The name Maccabees is derived from the leader of the rebellion against the Greek rule, which followed Alexander the Great conquest of the land in 331 B.C... Antiochus Epiphenes was determined to erase the Jewish faith from the land. This resulted in the Maccabean revolt, which established a Jewish Kingdom for 100-years. In 63 B.C., the armies of Rome conquered this kingdom subjecting them to Roman rule.



rebellion<sup>2</sup>, A.D. 132-135, resulted in the death of another 580,000 Jews under Roman might, during the reign of the Emperor Hadrian. The city of Jerusalem was obliterated by Rome, who plowed the city, and rebuilt it under another name, Capitol Aelia. Judah was renamed Palestine, after the Philistines, by Hadrian who wanted to eliminate the memory of the Jewish nation.

Following this rebellion, for the most part Jewish power had ceased to exist, the survivors of these two events in A.D. 70 and 132 were scattered throughout the Roman and Persian Empires, with some Jews settling in Arabia, out of the reach of the Roman Empire. In Arabia, these Jewish survivors of Rome continued to correspond with their brethren in Empires of Rome and Persia. Years later, after the rise of Islam, the descendants of Israel's scattered population would be heard from again.

The emergence of the nation of Israel seemed like an incredible impossible one hundred years ago, though it was the hope of a small minority of Jews living in Europe, and some who migrated to the land years earlier. The powers of western nations, including United States, along with the Ottoman Empire, the Turkish Muslim kingdom, would never allow the creation of a Jewish state in Muslim lands. World war I and II changed the circumstances as the Turkey allied itself with Germany against the other nations.

### *Emergence of Islam*

When Islam emerged from the deserts of Arabia, the idea of Jewish people occupying the lands of Israel was not even a thought. Islam, under Mohammad had completely defeated the Jewish tribes of Arabia, the survivors of Roman destruction. After Muhammad's death, the conquest of Islam subjected the lands of the Bible, under the mantle of the Prophet. Yemen also known as Saba (Queen of Sheba fame) fell, Persia fell, Roman Palestine in 637 and then Egypt



**Charles Martel halts the Islam's European advance**

Eventually by the year 732, the armies of Islam conquered Roman North Africa, and entrenched themselves in Europe. Christianities' very existence came into question. Islam's advance in Europe stopped at Tours, France in what is known as the *Battle of Tours*. Encyclopedia Britannica says the following about this often forgotten battle between Islam and the West.

Victory won by Charles Martel, the de facto ruler of the Frankish kingdoms, over Muslim invaders from Spain.

The battlefield cannot be exactly located, but it was fought somewhere between Tours and Poitiers, in what is now west-central France. Abd-ar-Rahmān, the Muslim governor of Córdoba, had invaded Aquitaine (present southwestern France) and defeated its duke, Eudes. Eudes appealed for help to Charles, who stationed his forces to defend the city of Tours from the northward progress of the Muslims. According to tradition, the Muslim cavalry attacks broke upon Charles's massed infantry, and after Abd-ar-Rahmān was killed in the

fighting, the Arabs retired southward. There were no further Muslim invasions of Frankish territory, and Charles's victory has often been regarded as decisive for world history, since it preserved western Europe from Muslim conquest and Islāmization. The victory also served to consolidate Charles's leadership of the Franks, and he was able to assert his authority in Aquitaine, where Eudes swore allegiance to him.<sup>3</sup>

This single battle set the tone for future relations between the West and Islam, leading to the crusades and the re-conquest of Jerusalem, from the hand of Islam.

With all these events taking place around the lands of Israel, the Jewish people were a scattered people. The Jews who survived the Roman invasions became subjects of the Europeans and the Muslims, often facing persecution at the whim of a new ruler, who disliked Jews. The existence of a Jewish nation was not even a question, since the Jews were a powerless people. The words of Moses

<sup>2</sup> Bar Kochba was hailed as the Messiah by Rabbi Akiva, and the Jews in Judah who survived the destruction in A.D. 70, as well as Jews in Diaspora and Jews in the Persian kingdom rallied to his rebellion against Rome.

<sup>3</sup> Encyclopedia Britannica 2004 Edition, Battle of Tours

were being fulfilled, written almost 2000 years earlier in Deuteronomy. Moses foretold a day of suffering, after the nation is scattered for its disobedience. They would be at the hands of the nations, as their very existence was in doubt.

64 "Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known-wood and stone.

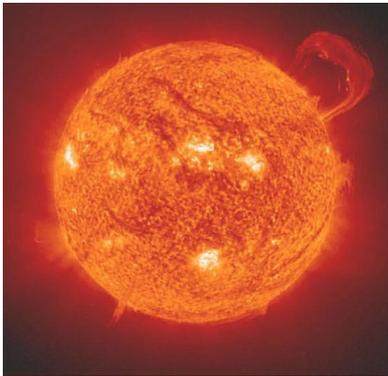
65 "And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.

66 "Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.  
Deuteronomy 28:64-66

### *Why does Israel matter?*

At this point, someone might ask, what the point? Why does Islamic history even matter? Israel did not even exist when the Islam came around, and its only been a nation since 1948. Why should we care?

God in the Bible, tells us Israel matters, in the book of Jeremiah, he proclaims the existence of Israel as a nation, is more secure then the stars, moon and sun, only if they could be eliminated the Israel as a nation would cease to exist.



35 Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name):

36 "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the Lord, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever." 37 Thus says the Lord: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

Does God word matter, could the proclamation in Jeremiah just be symbolic? No, the Bible clearly declares Israel, the nation as a central part of God's plan, not only in the past but also in the future and for the rest of eternity. In Isaiah, like Jeremiah God declares His eternal relationship with

the descendents of Jacob, the nation of Israel. Therefore, if we take God at His word, then the nation of Israel is central to His eternal plan. His plan is not dependent on the nation, because He declares to

Israel, "you have not known Me". Despite Israel's lack, they are elect and will be saved, according to Isaiah and many other scriptures, the nations will submit to Jacob (Israel) and her King the Messiah. (See Hosea 1;7, Romans 11:26, Zechariah 2;10-13, 14:16-21



**Israel surrounded by nations of Islam**

4 For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. 5 I am the Lord, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, Isaiah 17 But Israel shall be saved by the Lord With an everlasting salvation; You shall not be ashamed or disgraced Forever and ever.

Isaiah 45:4-5,17

### *Is God's word sure?*

Jesus thinks so, saying the fulfillment of God's word is more sure the very heavens and earth, saying they will pass away first, until the law is fulfilled. Isaiah declares God's word will not return void, or empty, which means it will happen.

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

Therefore, if Israel as a nation is central to God's plan, then by understanding God's word, regarding the nation of Israel and the thoughts and intentions of the nations opposed to Israel we can understand the situation in the world today.

Israel today is surrounded by sea of Islamic nations, is this something we need to understand?

- What are the plans and intentions of these nations, regarding Israel?
- Is Israel's existence something we should pay attention to?

#### *Israel restored*

Since we can clearly see, the unique position of Israel has a nation, is its creation in 1948 significant in this light? Well according to numerous scriptures, Israel and Jerusalem become the focal point of world conflict on the earth in the end of the age. In fact, the name of arch-angel Michael is only mentioned five times in both the Old and New Testaments (Daniel 10:13, 21, 12:1, Jude 1:9, Revelation 12:7)

Daniel 12:1 and Revelation 12:7, both link a conflict at the end of this age with Daniel's people and the nation of Israel. Michael the is addressed, as the "*great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people*". The people are Daniel's people, the Jews, in other words Israel, secondly we are told, there will be a time unequalled in the history of the world, but Daniel's people, the Jews will be delivered out of it.

"At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. Daniel 12:1

When we understand the restoration of Israel, as a significant prophetic event, and its relationship with the rest of the Muslim world, we can only come to one conclusion, Islam as an opponent to Israel plays a significant role in the end-times.

Now the creation of Israel, as a nation has stirred the ire of the Muslim world for the last nearly sixty years, yet its creation in the last days is clearly described. (See also Deuteronomy 30:1-3, Isaiah 14:1-2, 49:22-24, 56:8, Jeremiah 12:15, 16:14-15, 23:3-4,7-8, 30:1-3,11,18, 31:8-10, Ezekiel 20:34-40, 28:24-27, Ezekiel 36:10-12,24,33-36, 37:12-14,21-22, 38:8, 39:23-29, Hosea 1:10-11, 11:9-10, Amos 9:9, Micah 5:3-4)

8After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. Ezekiel 38:8

23The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword. 24According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions I have dealt with them, and hidden My face from them." 25"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name—26after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid. 27When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, 28then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer. 29And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

Ezekiel 39:23-29

From these two sections of scripture in Ezekiel, we can draw the following points.

- The event of Israel's gathering will be in the later days, at the end of time
- Israel will be gathered from many nations, on the mountains of Israel.

- This will occur after a long period of desolation
- Israel suffered for their sins
- Many nations will come to know the Lord, through the events happening to Israel
- The Holy Spirit in the end will be poured out on house of Israel

Understand, Ezekiel was a Babylonian captive, so his words recorded written about 2600-years ago, predate Islam by 1200-years. He records not only the restoration of Israel to the land in the last-days (latter years), Ezekiel lists very specific Muslim nations Iran, Libya and Ethiopia, their ancient names being Persia, Put and Cush. Today, Iran leads the charge of Muslim nations against Israel. Including the Iranian alliance are Syria and Hezbollah, which operates in Lebanon.

1 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 "and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.

4 "I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

5 "Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Ezekiel 38:1-5

The team of nations assembled against Israel is vast, Israel is nation restored nation surrounded on every side, except its western border, by Muslim nations.

### ***Nations in Israel's past and Today***

The links between Islam and Israel are numerous, in many ways the history of the Jews and Israel are intertwined with Islam. Islam is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but its footprints can clearly be seen. The Old Testament was completed in 425 B.C., about 1000-years before the birth of Mohammad, and the New Testament in A.D. 100. The role Islam plays in Israel's future is unmistakable, since the bible clearly indicates the restoration of the nation of Israel in the last days, and the nations who would oppose them.

One amazing fact emerges, when a survey is done of Israel's past and compared to the present. The list of nations, which were its enemies in the Old Testament period, has reemerged from history, and are again Israel's enemies. Another point, which we cannot avoid is all these nations today are Muslim.

How did these nations emerge? Wasn't Syria, Egypt, Persia, Arabia, Palestine and Jordan always a nation? Many of the nations in the Middle East emerged after the fall of the Ottoman Empire.



**Hezbollah militants of Lebanon salute**

A quick survey of nations

#### *Lebanon*

**Lebanon Then:** the term comes from the snow capped mountain range to the north of Israel, לבנון Lebanon in Hebrew means whiteness.

The land marked the northern border of Israel, one of the more famous people in the Bible from this land is King of Tyre, named Hiram (2 Samuel 5:11), who supplied the wood for Solomon's temple. Later Jezebel, the daughter of the King and priest of Sidon (I Kings 16:31), would work with Ahab, King of Israel to corrupt Israel. Tyre and Sidon were known for its trading merchants and pride, the King of Tyre is used as "Type" or picture of Satan pride and glory (Ezekiel 28:12-17).

**Lebanon today,** In 1943, France granted Lebanon its independence as a nation. Today Lebanon is 59.7% Muslim with a 39% Christian population<sup>4</sup>. Iran and Syria, sworn enemies of Israel, along with Hezbollah, have control over much of the country. Hezbollah is armed and funded by Iran and Syria and sworn to the destruction of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/le.html>

### *Syria*

**Syria Then:** Syria in the Bible is known as Syria and Damascus the chief city-state of the region, until Assyria conquered Damascus. Israel and Syria were known for their constant conflicts in the past. They are a Semitic people, from the same stock as Israel. Jacob is called a Syrian (Deut. 26:5), who went down into Egypt. The gods and goddess were a constant threat to the nation (Judges 10:6). David as well as Solomon were in constant war against Syria (I Kings 11:25).

**Syria Today:** Syria became a nation in 1946, after France granted the country independence. The country is 74% Muslim 16% Christian. The population is 90% Arab, numbering about 18.8 million.<sup>5</sup> Syria and Iran have both signed a mutual defense pact, if either nation is attacked by Israel, they will consider it as an attack on the other. Israel occupies the Golan Heights and the Shaba farms, which Syria lost to Israel during the 1967 war with Israel.

### *Egypt*

**Egypt Then:** Egypt is an ancient nation, traced back to the son of Ham, Mizraim (Gen. 10:6). There the Israel became a nation, as Jacob family emerged after 400-years of captivity into a nation. Egypt tried to destroy Israel, after the population became too large, first by killing every male child (Exodus 1). Then when the nation was delivered Egypt pursued Israel into the Red Sea (Exodus 14:23). Israel in the wilderness constantly wanted to turn back into Egypt, rejecting God's leadership under Moses (Exodus 14:11-12). Israel constantly looked to Egypt, rather than the Lord to help with their conflicts with Babylon and Assyria.



**Egypt Today:** Egypt was under British control until 1922, and following the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War became a sovereign nation. The population is 78.8 million and 90% Sunni Muslim<sup>6</sup>, the signed a piece agreement with Israel, which caused Egypt to be rejected by many of the Arab nations. The population is Sunni, as opposed to Iran, which is Shiite.

### *Jordan*

**Jordan Then:** Jordan is new name for this region, in the Bible the area was known as Ammon, Moab and Edom. All three nations have a common ancestor with Israel. Ammon (Gen. 19:38) and Moab (Gen. 19:37) are the descendents of Lott, through his daughters, and Edom is from Esau (Gen. 25:30, 36:1), Jacob's brother. All three nations were adversaries to Israel, during much of their existence. (I Samuel 14:47). The capital of Jordan is Amman, after the nation of Ammon.

**Jordan Today:** Jordan became a nation in 1946, and adopted the name of Jordan in 1950. They were one of the nations to attack Israel on the first day they became a nation in May 1948. The population numbers about 5.9 million, with 92% being Muslim, and 98% Arab. They along with Egypt signed a peace agreement with Israel. According to some statistics, as many as 3.0 million Palestinians make up the population of Jordan.



**Hamas children trained to hate Israel**

### *Palestine*

**Palestine then:** The name Palestine actually means Philistine; they were the ancient enemies of Israel known as the "Sea peoples" who arrived from the land of Crete to populate the coastal area of Palestine. (Genesis 10:14, Jeremiah 47:4). They were a constant threat and enemy to Israel occupying the area known as Gaza (Judges 16:21), including the cities of Ashdod and Asheklon. After Alexander the Great's conquest, they were no longer a threat to Israel. Hadrian revived the name in his attempt to eliminate Judah from being a nation again.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/sy.html>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/eg.html>

**Palestine Today:** The Arab populations of the land of Israel declare their name to be Palestinians, or Philistines. Two factions are fighting for control of the people, Fatah a secular Palestinian group and Hamas a militant Muslim group, allied with Syria and Iran. Both groups have a history of wanting to destroy the nation of Israel.

### *Iran*

**Iran Then:** Iran until 1935, was known as Persia. Persia under Cyrus the Great (Isaiah 44:2, 45:1) defeated Babylon, and created an Empire, which encompassed all of Israel and the Middle East. Cyrus allowed the Jews to return and rebuild the Temple (Ezra 1:1-8). During the reign of Xerxes (486-465 B.C.), Haman the prime minister of the of Persia attempted to eliminate the Jews (Esther 3:8), they were saved when Esther, a Jew became queen of Persia and intervened. Daniel foretold the fall of Persia, and the rise of Greece (Daniel 8:20-21).

**Iran Now:** Today Iran lead the charge against Israel, threatening to wipe Israel off the map. Currently Iran is trying to develop nuclear weapons, along with other sophisticated weapons which to wage war against Israel. Iran is allied with Russia, who is helping them with nuclear technology. Syria and Iran are both avowed enemies of Israel. The population of Iran 68.6 million, 51% Persian, 89% are of the Shia sect of Islam. The current leader sees himself as one to usher in the end of the age, with the coming of the Shia "Messiah", the Mahdi. They believe Mahdi along with Jesus will vanquish the enemies of Islam, including the West and the Jews.



**Iran's Shahab-3 missile capable of hitting Israel**

### *Assyria and Babylon*

**Assyria and Babylon Then:** Babylon and Assyria were two ancient rivals who battled each other for control of the Middle East. Jonah the prophet went to the Capital of Assyria, Nineveh to proclaim its downfall, the city repented (Jonah 1:2, 4:11). The nation of Babylon defeated Assyria, under the leadership of Nebuchadnezzar, at the battle of Carchemesh (605 B.C.), Babylon defeated an Egyptian-Assyrian alliance. Daniel was taken captive to Babylon, that same year. Ezekiel was taken captive to Babylon in 597 B.C., and in 586 B.C., Babylon destroyed Solomon's Temple and the city of Jerusalem. Daniel became prime minister in the land of Babylon during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel was in Babylon when it fell to Persia in 539 B.C. (Daniel 5)

**Assyria and Babylon now:** Both Assyria and Babylon are in the nation of Iraq, which became a nation after the fall of the Ottoman Empire in 1932. The population is 97% Muslim, and 75% Arabic, 15-20% Kurdish. The majority are like Iran and are from the Shi'a (60%-65%) sect, with the remain group numbering being Sunni (32%-37%)<sup>7</sup>. Most Jews fled Iraq, following the rise in anti-Jewish feelings in the 1940's. The lands of Babylon and Assyria are currently going through a transition. So the final outcome is not sure. Babylon is recorded as player in the end-times in the book of Revelation, chapters 17 and 18, both in a religious and geographic sense. Southern Iraq is Shiite, allied to Iran, while the North is Kurdish, descendents of the Medes. If the U.S. was not in Iraq the south would be absorbed by Iran.

### *Why does Islam hate the Jews?*

The development of Israel interaction with Islam actually dates back to the time of Abraham, 2100 B.C., when Abraham did not have children but was promised children. Sarah his wife, knew she was too old to have children yet God promised Abraham a son, therefore she thought she need to help God with his promise. So she told Abraham, to have a child via her Egyptian servant named Hagar. Hagar then

<sup>7</sup> <https://cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/iz.html>

became pregnant with a male child, Sarah (Sari) then despised and mistreated Hagar, who then fled into the wilderness, only to be rescued by the *Angel of the Lord*, who told her to return, promising to bless her offspring, who would be beyond number.

5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The Lord judge between you and me."

6 So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

7 Now the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

9 The Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand."

10 Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."

11 And the Angel of the Lord said to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction.

12 He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren." Genesis 16:5-12

Later after, Sarah also became pregnant when she was ninety, according to God's promise, she wanted Ishmael sent away, so as to not have part Abraham's inheritance. God told Abraham to listen to his wife, God however promised to bless Ishmael and make him a great nation. Ishmael would have many descents, but the covenant blessing stayed with Abraham. Esau, Jacob's brother took wives who were Ishmael's descendents (Gen. 28:9). Joseph, was sold to Ishmaelite, by his brothers (Gen. 39:1)

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing.

10 Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast out this bondwoman and her son; for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, namely with Isaac."

11 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.

13 "Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed."

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.

16 Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 "Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation."

19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

20 So God was with the lad; and he grew and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

21 He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Genesis 21:9-21



**Tomb of Patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**

Ishmael along with Isaac buried Abraham at the Tomb of the patriarch in Hebron. Today over the grave of Abraham is a wall, on one is a mosque, and on the other side is synagogue. Both Islam and Judaism claim rights to the tomb of Abraham. The tombs of Isaac and Jacob are

currently on the Muslim side, as Muslim sees himself or herself as possessor of Abraham's covenant.

The jealousy of Isaac would be carried from generation to generation as the descendents of Ishmael multiplied. To be the subject of Abraham's blessing, rather than being outside of it seems the ultimate goal of Islam. To take from Isaac and Jacob, the promises blessing comes through in the Quran.

124. And (remember) when his Lord tried Abraham with (His) commands, and he fulfilled them, He said: Lo! I have appointed thee a leader for mankind. (Abraham) said: And of my offspring (will there be leaders)? He said: My covenant includeth not wrongdoers.

125. And when We made the House (at Mecca) a resort for mankind and a sanctuary, (saying): Take as your place of worship the place where Abraham stood (to pray). And We imposed a duty upon Abraham and Ishmael, (saying): Purify My house for those who go around and those who meditate therein and those who bow down and prostrate themselves (in worship).

126. And when Abraham prayed: My Lord! Make this a region of security and bestow upon its people fruits, such of them as believe in Allah and the Last Day, He answered: As for him who disbelieveth, I shall leave him in contentment for a while, then I shall compel him to the doom of fire a hapless journey's end!

127. And when Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House, (Abraham prayed): Our Lord! Accept from us (this duty). Lo! Thou, only Thou, art the Nearer, the Knower.

Surah 2:124-127

Though Abraham was never in Mecca, the Quran records him there with Ishmael, blessing the Kaaba, as though the feud between the descendents of Isaac and Ishmael never ceased. Mohammad claimed to be a descendent of Abraham, through Ishmael, which could very well be true. There is no written record, other than Mohammad's testimony. Regardless, Mohammad transfers this yearning to be the subject of God's covenant, to receive the blessing the blessing, which Jacob received.

84. Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and that which was vouchsafed unto Moses and Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered. Surah 3:84

When the Jews of Medina rejected Mohammad and his prophet hood, and worked against him with the Meccans, Mohammad seethed with rage. This rage against the Jews has been transferred, via the Quran to entire Muslim population, which numbers 1.3 billion today.

51. O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for friends. They are friends one to another. He among you who taketh them for friends is (one) of them. Lo! Allah guideth not wrongdoing folk. Surah 5:51

5. The likeness of those who are entrusted with the Law of Moses, yet apply it not, is as the likeness of the ass carrying books. Wretched is the likeness of folk who deny the revelations of Allah. And Allah guideth not wrongdoing folk. 6. Say (O Muhammad): O ye who are Jews! If ye claim that ye are favored of Allah apart from (all) mankind, then long for death if ye are truthful.

7. But they will never long for it because of all that their own hands have sent before, and Allah is Aware of evil doers. Surah 62:5-7

This is the attitude of the Islam, toward the Jews and the Christians, which they consider Europe and the West, the rage will culminate in the end-times in a war between Islam and Israel as prophesied in the book of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39.