

The Curse of Allah

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For Discussion: The Curse of the Flying Carpet
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Why is Satan called the prince of the power of the air?

Ephesians 2:2 – *you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience*

When Adam and Eve fell in Eden, Satan illegitimately usurped authority over the present world system.

- The “air” is a biblical way to speak of the invisible realm of spiritual power that surrounds and influences the world.
- Satan exercises his influence through the philosophies, values, and spiritual forces that shape human thinking and culture.

How is Satan then part of the curse that is a consequence for mankind’s sin?

Satan and his minions are working in the spiritual realm to keep people from knowing Jesus as their Savior and, once they do, to keep them from influencing others.

How is the curse manifesting itself in the current war in the Middle East?

Satan is inspiring the nations to oppress God’s people and even cause them to cease to be a nation...

Psalm 83:4 – *They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”*

How is the curse of Satan connected to Islam?

Zechariah 5:2-3 – *I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits. Then he said to me, “This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: ‘Every thief shall be expelled,’ according to this side of the scroll; and, ‘Every perjurer shall be expelled,’ according to that side of it.”*

The size of this scroll is about 35 feet long by 17 feet wide. It carries with it, a condemnation of those who steal and swear falsely.

- It is called a "curse" that flies over the entire earth.

What is significant about the Hebrew word translated “curse”?

The Hebrew word is pronounced exactly as the word "Allah!"

- The modern Hebrew word for the Islamic deity, Allah, is this same word.

What does the image of the flying scroll bring to mind?

It conjures up images of medieval Arabic art and literature: Ali Baba and Aladdin are the dramatic heroes in tales from the Arabian Nights. Their magic carpets whisked them from one place to another.

- Imagine a 35-foot-long- magic carpet!
- It should be noted that lying and thievery were the stuff of those legends.

How is lying an important tenet of Islam?

They have a word for it in Arabic: taqiyya which allows for lying to advance the cause of Islam.

- Google AI calls this idea a “misconception” which is only applied under threat of persecution but it is reality in practice.

Where else do we find the curse devouring the earth?

Isaiah 24:5-6 – *The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore, the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.*

This chapter is called the "Little Apocalypse," since it foreshadows the horrors of the Great Tribulation.

- This passage connects the Tribulation to the curse of Allah.

Why do prophecy watchers tend to dismiss Islam as a significant end-times trend?

- They cite the failure of the Islamic nations in the Ezekiel 38 Gog-Magog war as the end of Islam. But when did failure in war ever cause Islam to give up and cease to be a religion?
- Also: They deny that there could be an Islamic Antichrist interpreting “*the people of the prince who is to come*” (Daniel 9:26) as being from Europe since it was the Roman empire that destroyed the temple in 70 AD ...But the Roman army was made up of conscripts from Syria and Turkey.

Why should we see Islam as a major end-times trend?

- The clay in Nebuchadnezzar's statue dream represents the Ottoman Islamic Caliphate.
- Islam is the number one engine of antisemitism
- The 4th horse of the Apocalypse (massive death) is green (Greek: chloros), the color Muhammad said represents Islam
- The Antichrist type of Antiochus Epiphanes
- Another term for the Antichrist is the Assyrian
- Beheading is the preferred method of execution by the Antichrist per Revelation 20:4, same as in Islam

How does Zechariah's elaboration on the curse further point to Islam?

The second part of the prophecy about the curse features a strange woman enclosed in an ephah, a basket-shaped enclosure. The angel tells Zechariah, *"This is wickedness."* Then, he slams the ephah shut with a lid of lead...

Zechariah 5:9-11 – Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were two women, coming with the wind in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between earth and heaven. So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the basket?" And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base."

Here, wickedness establishes a power base in the land of Shinar (aka Babylon). Originally, it included the city of Babel. Nimrod was its king. Later, under Nebuchadnezzar, it became the first of the Gentile world powers.

- Today, Baghdad is the power center of ancient Shinar. This land is at the center of an enormous contest involving the nations around Israel. Islam has risen to a position of strength, and sees itself within reach of its dream of world domination.
- Andy Woods often cites news stories showing the rise of Babylon as a commercial center with even a sea port... literal Mystery Babylon.

What is represented by the woman in the ephah?

This typifies one of the demonic spirits who drive a powerful society in the Middle East. Iraq is the place where the woman established her base.

- This ancient territory is literally at the hub of an Arab brotherhood that wishes to establish a dynasty.
- It envisions a glorious kingdom that covers the whole world.

Why is Islam a threat to the security of the world?

It is hardly a secret that Islam, its history and its teachings regard the peoples of the West (and Christians in particular) as infidels and enemies worthy only of conversion, slavery or death.

How has the curse impacted Israel in history?

The lands that are now Islamic have been the enemies of Israel from the beginning... Arabs are descended from Ismael.

- Our Isaiah 24 passage connects the curse to Israel's transgressions.
- God used Assyria and Babylon to discipline Israel.

How has the curse of Islam impacted modern Israel?

It is incontrovertible that modern Israel has been consistently cursed by a people who continually call upon the name of Allah.

- It is the ultimate irony that the name they use is the very word for "curse" in Hebrew.
- It is also beyond coincidence that the Hebrew word for "violence" like in Genesis 6 is pronounced "Hamas."

How does Daniel 9:11 reinforce on the nature of Israel's curse?

Daniel 9:11 – All Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

The curse on Israel with is due to their failure to keep the Law and to live up to the covenantal promise that the Lord graciously gave them.

Is it a coincidence that Daniel Nine-One-One lays out before all Israel the curse of Allah?

When the terrorists of September 11th, 2001 flew their hijacked airliners into the twin towers of the World Trade Center, they did it in the name of Allah.

- They intended to deliver a curse upon Western and Zionist interests in the New York City financial district.
- From their perspective, Western financial interests headquartered there are indistinguishable from the Zionist cause, since it is the U.S. that consistently upholds the State of Israel.
- Furthermore, the population gathered around the towers features many Jewish population centers and business interests.

What was the curse of 9-1-1?

Their curse was deliberately placed upon those who would wish success upon modern Israel.

- Remember Zechariah's curse of the flying scroll. It is not limited to just the Middle East but, *"...goes forth over the face of the whole earth."*
- We should also recall that it is linked to the wickedness of the woman in the flying ephah, who builds her power base in Babylon.

What is the prophetic significance of the increasing impact of Islam in our world today?

It reveals stage-setting for the invasion of Ezekiel 38.

- Islam's spread across the Middle East and its influence over the nations in Ezekiel provide the motive and the regional alignment described there.

Islam is the most significant source of antisemitism.

- The ideological hostility toward Israel that Islam fosters fits the scriptural picture of a last-days coalition coming against Israel.

9-1-1 was a wake-up call to prophecy watchers about Islam as an end-times trend.

- Just like Covid was a wake-up call about governments using fear to control people & take away freedoms.

It is a reminder of God's sovereignty and comfort for believers...

- Rather than provoking fear, these trends should calm believers who know that prophetic patterns are ultimately under God's control.

What application do we see from our discussion today?

The rise of Islam is a significant end-times trend that reveals how close we are to the end of the Age.