



# COUNTDOWN TO THE APOCALYPSE

## THE RISE OF RADICAL ISLAM

Selected Scripture

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**Introduction:** Over the next several weeks we are going to focus on three specific signs that the Bible says will precede the return of Jesus Christ to earth. The first of those signs is the rise of radical Islam. Many people believe that radical Islam is a recent phenomenon, but as we will discover today, the root of radical Islam is found in the Bible. Furthermore, the Bible indicates that Islam will play a pivotal role in the events that will culminate in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

I. Terrorism: The Islamic Connection

II. The Origin Of Islam

A. God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3)

Genesis 12:1-3 “<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; <sup>2</sup>And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; <sup>3</sup>And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’”



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1. God promised a **land.** (Genesis 12:1)

“Go forth from your country...to the land which I will show you.”

2. God promised a **seed.** (Genesis 12:2)

“And I will make you a great nation and I will bless you.”

3. God promised a **blessing.** (Genesis 12:3)

“And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

- B. The Birth of Ishmael (Genesis 16)

- C. The Promise to Ishmael (Genesis 16:10-12)

Genesis 16:10-12 “<sup>10</sup>Moreover, the angel of the Lord said to her, ‘I will greatly multiply your descendants so that they will be too many to count.’ <sup>11</sup>The angel of the Lord said to her further, ‘Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has given heed to your affliction. <sup>12</sup>He will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.’”

- D. The Birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:1-7)

Genesis 17:19 “But God said, ‘No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.’”



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#### III. The Islamic/Jewish Conflict Today

Genesis 17:20-21 “<sup>20</sup> And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year.”

#### IV. Islam Versus Christianity: Do Christians and Muslims Pray to the Same God?

#### V. The Future Of Radical Islam

##### A. The Islamic Invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38-39)

1. The nations will know that God has **delivered** Israel.

Ezekiel 39:21 “And I shall set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them.”

2. Israel will know God’s **power** and **faithfulness**.

Ezekiel 39:22 “And the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.”



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#### B. The Army from the East (Revelation 9:16; 16:12)

Revelation 9:16 "The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million."

Revelation 16:12 "The sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, that the way might be prepared for the kings from the east."

#### C. Beheadings (Revelation 20:4)

Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

Conclusion