

It Might Be Today

CALL FOR CALIPHATE

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in the world. Demographics studies indicate that it could soon become the dominant religion in many European countries.

Caliphates were a totalitarian system of Muslim government established by Mohammed, who made himself the first Caliph, reigning until 632AD. The Caliph was a religious and political leader who made the Koran's prescriptions, now developed into the legal body known as Sharia law, the law of the land.

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims are calling for the reestablishment of a Caliphate.

On July 28 Israel National News posted a story titled, *Radical Islamists Trying to Take Over Temple Mount*.¹ The summary read, "Hizbut Tahrir organization rallies thousands on Temple Mount calling for Islamic Caliphate rule."

Excerpts:

On the 90th anniversary of the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the vast Islamic Caliphate regime which fell in 1921 after WWI, thousands of members of the Radical Islamist organization Hizbut Tahrir rallied on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. They called for Muslims to unite and embrace the Caliphate rulership once more.

The rally took place in early July. Demonstrators flew banners bearing inscriptions such as "The Ummah (Muslims) Want Muslim Caliphates." A giant banner was put up in the Al Aksa mosque courtyard on the Temple Mount. Other banners said "No to Democracy,

¹ <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/146168>

Yes to Caliphates.” The crowd controller, using a microphone, soon had the crowd chanting over and over, “O Muslim armies, awaken to help Muslims.”

On August 2 Christian News Today posted an article titled, *Egyptians Call for Sharia Law, Islamic Caliphate*.²

Excerpts:

Tens, and perhaps hundreds of thousands of Egyptians poured into Cairo's now-famed Tahrir Square on Friday to demand their nation become subject to Sharia Law and form the cornerstone for a new Islamic caliphate.

The unplanned demonstration erupted following Friday prayers at mosques around the Egyptian capital.

The demonstrators, who were led by the increasingly powerful Muslim Brotherhood, demanded that Egypt's interim military regime give way to an intolerant Islamic dictatorship.

Various news media reported the demonstrators shouting and holding up signs reading: "Egypt will return to Sharia Law!", "Liberals and secularists are the enemies of Allah!", and "The solution is Islam!"

On August 12 it was reported that “About 80,000 people gathered in the Indonesian capital [of Jakarta] on Sunday for a conference hosted by a radical international Muslim group, Hizbut Tahrir. Hizbut Tahrir said the gathering was aimed at strengthening Muslims’ commitment to revive the Caliphate, a single Muslim government across the Islamic world, through peaceful means.”

On July 4 an article stated, “Hizbut Tahrir has been campaigning for several years in Pakistan for the restoration of the Caliphate which it states is the model of governance as described by Islam.”³

Hizb ut Tahrir, or HT as it is widely known, describes itself as a global Islamic political party that seeks to restore the Caliphate state in the Muslim world.

Founded in 1953 by Palestinian scholar Taqiudeen an-Nabhani, HT is active throughout the Muslim world and in many non-Muslim countries.

² http://www.christiannewstoday.com/Christian_News_Report_90019.html

³ <http://alaiwah.wordpress.com/2011/07/04/hizb-ut-tahrir-seeks-to-restore-caliphate-in-pakistan/>

Its membership varies globally and though no official figures exist it has a strong presence in Central Asia where it is rumored to have up to 1 million members. In Indonesia it also has a significant presence having held large conferences in recent years, such as a 100,000 Caliphate conference in 2007 and a 10,000 strong global Ulema conference in 2009 where scholars from around the globe convened to sign a charter calling for the restoration of the Caliphate and Shariah law in the Muslim world.⁴

Back on June 11 CBN News posted a story titled, *Turkey Election Sparks Fears of Islamic Caliphate*.⁵

Excerpts:

The elections center around one party and one man - Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

If Erdogan's party wins a majority of seats in this election, some fear he'll re-write Turkey's constitution, set up a presidential system and consolidate his power... some even feel he hopes to re-establish an Islamic caliphate with Turkey as its head.

[Erdogan did win, BTW].

The rise of Islam and the call for a Caliphate may, in fact, have serious prophetic impact. Turkey, for example, is one of the nations said by Ezekiel to participate with Russia and Iran and others in an invasion of Israel from the north.

Some bible prophecy experts suggest that the King of the South that the prophet Daniel wrote about in the book of Daniel, (chapter 11), is a Muslim Caliphate that will exist at the time of the end.

We can't say for sure until these things unfold. But it does seem more than a coincidence that the Muslim world is rallying to create a new Caliphate.

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.

⁴ <http://alaiwah.wordpress.com/2011/07/04/hizb-ut-tahrir-seeks-to-restore-caliphate-in-pakistan/>

⁵ <http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/insideisrael/2011/June/Turkey-Election-Sparks-Fears-of-Islamic-Caliphate-/>

This week one of the brothers shared something he heard that was attributed to an old country preacher. He'd say, "*I stays ready so's I don't has to get ready!*"

Either way, ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***