

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"ISIS & Jesus"

Week-after-week for the past seven years we have presented a Prophecy Update. This is #364 in that series.

Most of the Bible's over 2500 prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter. We therefore expect the remaining prophecies of the Last Days to be literally fulfilled

In Matthew twenty-four, we read of the end times that,

Mat 24:5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

Keep that in mind while I try to bring us up to speed about ISIS.

Formerly the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, ISIS is a Sunni jihadist group in the Middle East. In its self-proclaimed status as a caliphate, it claims religious authority over all Muslims across the world and aspires to bring much of the Muslim-inhabited regions of the world under its political control, beginning with Iraq, Syria and other territory in the Levant region, which includes Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Cyprus and part of southern Turkey.

ABC reported in Mid-August,

Its been eight weeks since the militant Islamic force known as ISIS made headlines for seizing the Iraqi city of Mosul and declaring its intention to take over and create an Islamic Caliphate in the territory. During those weeks, ISIS has seized cities across Iraq and has forced thousands to flee - including many cities occupied by Kurds in the northern part of the country and Christian villages. The group... has declared that the caliphate now exists in the parts of Iraq and Syria it controls and is called the Islamic State.

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/isis-paying-attention/story?id=24881193>

This will turn your blood cold: ISIS had close links to al-Qaeda until February 2014, when after an eight-month power struggle, al-Qaeda cut all ties with the group, **reportedly for its brutality.**

ISIS released a video showing what they claim are Iraq's Army POWs captured by ISIS, driven away in truck loads and then shot them all dead. The video caption stated that there were 1,500 individuals. The video shows their end being shot at point blank in several horrific mass slaughters reminiscent to what we see during Nazi Germany. The young teens begged for their lives as they were made to curse Al-Maliki but to no avail while they were forced to chant "long live the Muslim nation."

<http://therightscoop.com/horrible-isis-murders-1500-pows-in-a-brutal-display-of-violence-nsfw/#ixzz3CGuAUtLo>

During a recent press conference, America's top military officer asserted that ISIS has an 'apocalyptic end-of-days strategic vision."

Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made the statements on Thursday as both he and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel discussed concerns about the group.

According to the website *Answering Islam*, Muslims claim that Jesus will return as a follower of Islam and will establish the religion on the earth.

“Muslims believe that after Allah miraculously delivered Jesus from death, He was assumed into Heaven alive in a similar fashion to the Biblical narrative regarding Elijah,” the site outlines. “Since then, Muslims believe, Jesus has remained with Allah and has been awaiting His opportunity to return to the earth to finish His ministry and complete His life.”

“Jesus is still said to be a leader of the Muslim Community [upon His return],” it continues. “According to the Islamic traditions, Jesus’ primary purpose will be to oversee the institution and the enforcement of the Islamic Shariah law all over the world.”

Nadeem Walayat of the *Market Oracle* echoed these sentiments.

What ISIS and virtually all Muslims anticipate is for Jesus to return on the white Eastern Minaret of Damascus (Syria) gliding in on the wings of two angels and then through much blood and carnage will convert the whole world to Islam including killing all of the Jews, break all of the crosses and live as a Muslim for 40 years, before dying and thus heralding the final countdown to Judgment Day when Muslims expect to enter paradise."

<http://christiannews.net/2014/08/25/u-s-top-military-officer-isis-has-apocalyptic-strategic-vision-that-must-be-defeated/>

On a political level, we really need to do something about ISIS. The general plainly stated, “This organization will eventually have to be defeated.”

I am addressing the biblical issue - that this kind of thing is exactly what Jesus predicted would be occurring in the last days leading up to and in to the Great Tribulation - namely, false christs seeking to deceive many.

But the end is not yet; and things will unfold exactly as The Lord predicted they would.

Before His Second Coming He will return to resurrect and rapture the church. The rapture is an imminent event; and that's why, each week, I ask, *"Are you ready for the rapture?"*

If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***