

53 Thousand Year Reign of Christ

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THE MILLENNIUM REIGN OF CHRIST JESUS

What is the goal of any authentic and serious descendant of Ishmael (Muslim) regarding Christians? If you watch the news, you will know it is “beheadings.” The tradition of beheadings for Muslims is as old as the Muslim faith itself. If you asked most why they practice such barbaric traditions, the answer you will get is that the Koran requires it of them, in order to gain extra rewards (brownie points) in their paradise. Sura 8:12 reads: *“I will cast dread into the hearts of the unbelievers. Strike off their heads, then, and strike off all of their fingertips.”* In the original text, the relevant phrase is *adrabu fawq al-'anaq*, “strike over their necks.” ¹

The Muslim religion is one of the only systems, if not the only, requiring their followers to behead infidels (those who insult or deny Allah). Realistically, according to a discussion I had with an Imam, *beheadings are specifically targeted at Jewish and Christian infidels – due to their assertion of claiming the God of Abraham as their own.* Many present-day historians are curious as to the Muslim’s fascination with removing Israel from the map. Some say it is because of the Dome of the Rock, while others say it because of a long history of fighting over the dominance of the Middle East. Truth being said, it is much simpler than all of that. The war between these two tribes started back when the natural firstborn of Abraham (Ishmael) was chased out of the tribe of Abraham, due to the illegitimate nature of Ishmael’s conception. The “firstborn” status was given to Isaac by command of the Lord, God of Abraham. The Muslims consider Isaac be Abraham’s “second born.” Remember, Isaac’s son, Jacob, was renamed “Israel” by God (Gen. 32:28). The Muslims believe that the nation of Israel is illegitimately obtained and fabricated by a God other than Allah. This is why they are daily fighting to remove Israel from the face of the map – to them, it is an illusion. The Muslims believe that all the land Israel claims as their own actually belongs to them. Muslims believe the *natural seed* takes precedent over an *infidel woman* (Sarah), who forced Ishmael and his mother out of Abraham’s tribe. This IS why they treat women like objects of destruction, particularly if they act as Sarah. To keep it simple, Muslims do what they do because of their beliefs/rights of the *natural birth right* of Ishmael.

If we look closely in the final chapters of Revelation, we will see all the signs and symptoms of the *war of the brothers* that started on the day Sarah demanded the removal of Ishmael and his mother, Hagar. From the Hebrew, Ishmael means *God will hear*. This is all the back up the descendants need to fight the holy war of jihad. One of the main practices and requirements of their holy war is that of beheadings. By removing the individuals head, it can no longer connect to any god in the afterlife. By removing infidels’ fingers, they can no longer sin against Allah in the afterlife.

Rev 20:4 says, *“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their 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 on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

From what we can find in the Scriptures, being tortured for Christ holds a special spot in God's heart, particularly those who have been beheaded. When I state to Muslims that their practice of beheading Christians and Jews actually places the witness in higher honor before the God of Abraham, it enrages them.

The fact that this group of indwelt Christians are brought back to life and reign with Christ for a thousand years, and that the "rest of the dead will not come to life until the thousand years are completed," simply proves these believers endure to the end.

"The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection" (Rev 20:5).

The "resurrection of the just" is mentioned in Luke 14:13-14, and the "resurrection unto damnation" is in John 5:29. Now what is up with the resurrection spoken of in our passage? A topic rarely preached in our churches today is the *separation of the resurrections*. As stated in our passage, this separation period is one thousand years. When Jesus appears for His Bride (the Rapture), only the righteous will be raised (1 Thess. 4:13-18). When He speaks of the beheaded and their resurrection, He speaks of the same promise given to us earlier indwelt believers – the *resurrection of the just*. When He comes at the end of the age of man (His Second Coming on the earth), only the unsaved (damned) will be raised from the dead for the purpose of being judged. This is what is being spoken of in our passage.

Before this awesome Millennium, the *righteous* will hear His voice through the indwelling Life of Jesus in the believer, which begins at Salvation. At the close of the Millennium, *all* will hear His voice – the damned (unsaved); redeemed (saved); angels; demons; the Beast; False Prophet; and Satan, himself. In fact, every knee will bow and confess that *Jesus Christ is Lord* – all beings (Rom. 14:11).

The Word says that Jesus is *the resurrection and the life* (John 11:25). The original Scriptures speak of this in more detail than most are preaching today. Jesus being the Resurrection gives Him the prerogative to call people back from the dead. Example: In John 11, Jesus called Lazarus by name. Had He simply said, "*Dead, come forth*," believe it or not, every dead person would have come forth; but He called one man, and one man came up from the grave. When it is said that Jesus calls the righteous to meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:16), only the righteous will be raised. Then at the end of the thousand year reign, when he "raises the damned," all the damned (unsaved) WILL come forth.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man" (John 5:25-27).

It is ironic, the greater percentage of humans have spent their entire lives avoiding hearing the voice of the Father through Jesus Christ. But in the end, they find themselves being forced to hear His voice. For the Father (having life/identity in Himself) places this identity in His Son. All those who have the indwelling Life of Christ in them have the identity of the Father. This is what grants them permission to be a part of the *resurrection of the righteous*.

The *resurrection of the righteous* are all part of Christ's resurrection. This consists of three, separate, 'all Bridal members of Christ' groupings concerning the time of their resurrection. First, are the

indwelt Christians who died before the Rapture - the first fruits (1 Cor. 15:23). Secondly, are those who are Christ's at the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:16). Thirdly, are the beheaded Saints who found Christ *during the Tribulation* - those mentioned in this passage, at the beginning of the Millennium.

The damned are not only a separate group, they are a separate people. Their resurrection is for the strict purpose of being judged for missing the mark – NOT receiving Christ as their life. Each of the damned will be tossed into the lake of fire with the Beast and False Prophet.

“Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years” (Rev 20:6).

The reason we, as members of Christ's Bridal team, are given the privilege to reign with Him during the *Thousand Year Reign* is because we became one with Him in the likeness of His death, burial, and RESURRECTION. This places us in the position of not being affected by the second death (damnation). Those of us who are in Christ Jesus have been freed from the power of sin, and the death requirement it possesses. What an awesome honor and gift to be accepted into this position eternally!

Toward the end of this thousand years, a few horrid things must unfold – the final war; the damned being raised from the dead (for judgment) and then being tossed into the lake of fire; and Satan being defeated in battle once and for all, but will be thrown into the lake of fire, where he will join his dynamic duo in being tortured day and night for eternity. Let's take a look at this conclusive scene.

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¹ Surah 8:12 (JM Rodwell translation). Compared Translations of the Meaning of the Quran.
http://www.internetmosque.net/read/english_translation_of_the_quran_meaning/8/12/index.htm

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