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The Four Winds

Part 4: The Last Great Deception

Within Muslim fundamentalism, there is an organization called the “*Muslim Brotherhood*”.

There motto is:

Allah is our goal,
The prophet is our leader.
The Koran is our constitution,
Holy War is our way.
Death for Allah’s sake is our supreme desire.

In addition to hating Israel, these fundamentalists consider western civilizations the primary source of evil in the entire world. They believe that the source of all immorality, materialism, crime and greed are spawned from North America. In addition, Christian U.S. supports Israel, both in their Christian theology and their financial support.

The “*Muslim Brotherhood*” the equivalent of “*Christian Coalition*”, has slowly but imperceptibly, taken majority seats in all Arab countries. The military arm of the brotherhood is called “*HAMAS*”, the new leaders in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Israel is the land given to the chosen people by God himself. Jews believe they have a divine right to their inheritance and that they are called to fulfil the Old Testament mandate to drive out all other nations. As mentioned earlier, to Israel, the most sacred place on earth is the site of the Sacred Temple, the place where God dwells. Restored, rebuilt and rededicated, it will be the centre of the world where the Messiah will reign.

To many Christians, the New Jerusalem is the epicentre of New World Order. The United States gives over 3 billion dollars a year to Israel. This amount does not include an arsenal of modern weapons, aircraft, missiles and an assortment of other support material. *WHY?* Because the United States is a Christian nation who believes in the literal applications of Bible prophesy in the Old Testament.

Stop and think about a possible scenario that is referenced in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12:

“Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself

over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. *NIV*

As the Middle East descends into war and possible anarchy, suddenly a light shines from the sky. All Jews, Muslims and Christians watch by various means of worldwide communication as a Majestic Being, clothed in light, descends from heaven and alights on the Temple Mount.

Thousands of Muslims bow, declaring that Mohammed has returned. Jews bow declaring that the long awaited Messiah has returned. Christians bow believing that Christ has returned.

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As the crowning act in the great drama of deception, Satan himself will personate Christ. The church has long professed to look to the Saviour's advent as the consummation of her hopes. Now the great deceiver will make it appear that Christ has come. In different parts of the earth, Satan will manifest himself among men as a majestic being of dazzling brightness, resembling the description of the Son of God given by John in the Revelation. Revelation 1:13-15. The glory that surrounds him is unsurpassed by anything that mortal eyes have yet beheld. The shout of triumph rings out upon the air: "Christ has come! Christ has come!" The people prostrate themselves in adoration before him, while he lifts up his hands and pronounces a blessing upon them, as Christ blessed His disciples when He was upon the earth. His voice is soft and subdued, yet full of melody. In gentle, compassionate tones he presents some of the same gracious, heavenly truths which the Saviour uttered; he heals the diseases of the people, and then, in his assumed character of Christ, he claims to have changed the Sabbath to Sunday, and commands all to hallow the day which he has blessed. He declares that those who persist in keeping holy the seventh day are blaspheming his name by refusing to listen to his angels sent to them with light and truth. This is the strong, almost overmastering delusion. Like the Samaritans who were deceived by Simon Magus, the multitudes, from the least to the greatest, give heed to these sorceries, saying: This is "the great power of God." Acts 8:10.

Next Week: Armageddon

Blessings, Ken Crawford

