

## The Fall of Ishmael

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Arabs all claim to be descended from Ishmael, Abraham's firstborn son by Sarah's handmaid, Hagar. According to Jewish tradition, Ishmael was an idol worshiper and very jealous of Sarah's firstborn, Isaac. It is taught that Ishmael tried to introduce Isaac to evil ways and even tried to kill him, causing Sarah to demand that he and his mother be banished from Abraham's house.

As Abraham's son, Ishmael was the half-brother of Isaac and therefore the Uncle of Jacob and Esau. While Jacob sought after Abraham's God, Esau married one of Ishmael's daughters, Mahalath (Genesis 28:9) and followed the ways of Ishmael, eventually being identified as Islam.

A rabbinic commentary written 100 years before the beginning of Islam says that Ishmael will challenge the Jews in the final days of the messianic process through "falsehood and truth will be hidden." In other words, lies will be proliferated about Israel to the world. The Midrash Sefer Eliyahu, published in 1743, describes how the Arab nations will attempt to rewrite Temple Mount history. Today, Arabs are denying the existence of a former Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount, demanding possession of the Western Wall—Israel's holiest site, and claiming as their own, Abraham's burial site in Hebron. The so-called Palestinians are asserting they have an ancient past tied to the land of Israel when in fact they only arrived in Israel in recent history from many different Arab nations to seek work.

Rabbi Mattityahu Glazerson, the renowned Bible Codes expert, reveals that in the Torah, the Hebrew words for 'the end of Ishmael' appear next to the Hebrew letters that refer to the year, 5776 of the Hebrew calendar. (Surrounding 'the end of Ishmael' are Bible Codes for terror, Messiah, time of trouble, enemy, Amalek – the ancient enemy of the Jewish people– and teshuva – repentance.) \*Note that Donald Trump was elected president of the USA in November of 2016 vowing to eradicate every trace of Islamic terror.

Glazerson believes the Bible Codes mentioned herein, mark the end of Islamic terror and widespread repentance by the Jewish nation. Quoting from a commentary from a Jewish scholar who was born in Germany 700 years ago, Glazerson says, "When Ishmael will fall in the end of days, Mashiach ben David (Messiah son of David) will flourish." Although Glazerson cautions that pre-reading Bible Codes is not a prediction of the prophetic caliber, yet it does let us know that we are close to the coming of the Messiah.

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The destiny of both Ishmael and Esau are brought together in their descendants. The Lord told Hagar what her son's future held.

“And the angel of the Lord said to her, ‘Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael... He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin.’” Genesis 16:11-12 (NRSV)

In other words, Ishmael and his descendants would have a fierce, aggressive lifestyle. A ‘wild ass’ inhabits the wilderness and is almost impossible to domesticate. Today, the members of ISIS clearly live the lifestyle depicted by the Lord as descriptive of Ishmael and his offspring (including Esau's descendants).

The Message Bible puts it this way:

“He'll be a bucking bronco of a man, a real fighter, fighting and being fought, always stirring up trouble, always at odds with his family.”

The Book of Obadiah describes not only the end of Edom (Esau), Jacob's brother, but also why they will be facing God's harsh judgment.

“Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever. On the day that you stood aloof, on the day that strangers carried off his wealth, and foreigners entered his gate and cast lots for Jerusalem—you too were as one of them.” (Obadiah 10, 11)

The Jewish mystical text called the Zohar confirms that, as part of the End Days' process, Ishmael (including Esau whose offspring are among descendants of Ishmael) will join with the rest of the world against Israel, and against Jerusalem.

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“...The descendants of Ishmael will go up at that time (End of Days) with the nations of the world against Jerusalem...” (Zohar 1:119a)

Obadiah records the final outcome of the descendants of Ishmael and the descendants of Esau.

“For the day of the Lord draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head. Because just as you drank on My holy mountain, all the nations will drink continually. They will drink and swallow and become as if they had never existed. But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, and it will be holy. And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions. Then the house of Jacob will be a fire and the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau will be as stubble. And they will set them on fire and consume them, so that there will be no survivor of the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken.” (Obadiah 15-18)

Winston Churchill perceived Islam as a culturally backward civilization when he spoke out against their continued resistance to the extinction of slavery and their existence as a retrograde force in the world. He even unknowingly foresaw the possible fall of Europe to Islam. He wisely distinguished between the people of Islam and the doctrines of Islam.

“How dreadful are the curses which Mohammedanism lays on its votaries! Besides the fanatical frenzy, which is as dangerous in a man as hydrophobia in a dog, there is this fearful fatalistic apathy. The effects are apparent in many countries. Improvident habits, slovenly systems of agriculture, sluggish methods of commerce, and insecurity of property exist wherever the followers of the Prophet rule or live. A degraded sensualism deprives this life of its grace and refinement; the next of its dignity and sanctity.

“The fact that in Mohammedan law every woman must belong to some man as his absolute property, either as a child, a wife, or a concubine, must delay the final extinction of slavery until the faith of Islam has ceased to be a great power among men.

“Individual Moslems may show splendid qualities - but the influence of the religion paralyses the social development of those who follow it. No stronger retrograde force exists in the world. Far from being moribund, Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Africa, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not [for]

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Christianity ... the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome." -Sir Winston Churchill (The River War, first edition, Vol. II, pages 248-50 (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1899). 1 November 2005 - Australia

Once all related radical Muslims are destroyed, the door will open to rebuild the Temple of God on the ancient site called the Temple Mount to welcome the coming of the Messiah, Son of David.

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Kee Va Mo'ed!

(The Appointed Time Has Come)