

## The Taliban and Their Biblical Origins

Open your Bibles to Genesis chapter 15 and we will begin reading at v.1.

Are you keeping up with the news about what is happening in Afghanistan even as we meet here at Eastway Baptist Church? As you know, the Taliban now control the entire country, and to a degree, our own government. The present administration is so utterly intimidated by these thugs that they are begging them not to hurt our citizens who are trapped inside Kabul.

The murderous and extremely brutal Muslim terrorist group known as the Taliban, is having its way with the Afghan people, killing more than we can possibly know at this moment. Just after they took over Kabul last week, they executed a woman in public in front of her family for going out into public without wearing the burqa, that form of Islamic dress for women that covers the entire body, sometimes including the eyes. So much for their promise to treat their women and girls with dignity and respect.

When Islamists make a promise to do something nice, they are practicing the Muslim practice known as **taqiyya, they can lie to their enemies with impunity**. Of course, that goes for all Muslims, terrorists or not. They can even lie to one another if they believe it furthers their Islamic causes. Should President Biden believe the Taliban when they say they will allow US citizens free access to the airport? No, of course not. Should President Biden believe the Taliban when it promises not to murder Afghans who helped the US in its fight against terrorists? No, of course not. Should President Biden believe the Taliban when they promise to cooperate with the evacuation of our citizens and our Muslim allies? No, of course not. But does he appear to believe them? Yes, he does.

The Taliban monsters are going door-to-door looking for those who helped the US and they are killing them on the spot, sometimes killing entire families.

\*Listen to this report from Amnesty International:

Where did these monsters come from? Where do all the Muslim terrorists monsters come from?

**Lets talk about the origin of the Taliban (and Islam).**

Genesis 15 and v.1, **Genesis 15:1** *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."*

<sup>2</sup> *Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will You give me, since I am childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"*

<sup>3</sup> *And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir."*

<sup>4</sup> *Then behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This man will not be your heir; **but one who will come forth from your own body, he shall be your heir.**" (Gen. 15:1-4 NAU) That child would be the product of Abram and Sarai, not Abram and Hagar.*

So far, so good. Now Genesis 16:1 **Genesis 16:1** *Now Sarai, Abram's wife had borne him no children, and she had an Egyptian maid whose name was Hagar.*

<sup>2</sup> *So Sarai said to Abram, "Now behold, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Please go in to my maid; **perhaps I will obtain children through her.**" **And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.***

Abram listened to the voice of whom? Sarai. I can understand the misunderstanding on Abram's part. God had not been specific in His earlier promise to Abram concerning how he would have the promised child. In his mind it could have been through Hagar. And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.

<sup>3</sup> *After Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Abram's wife Sarai took Hagar the Egyptian, her maid, and gave her to her husband Abram **as his wife.***

<sup>4</sup> *He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her sight. (Gen. 16:1-4 NAU) When Hagar saw that she was with child, instead of rejoicing, the Bible says that she despised Sarai. And that, beloved, was an omen of things to come. Hagar and her son would always despise the Jews.*

This is how God described to Hagar what her son would be like.

<sup>11</sup> *The angel of the LORD said to her further, "Behold, you are with child, And you will bear a son; And you shall call his name **Ishmael**, Because the LORD has given heed to your affliction.*

<sup>12</sup> *"He will be a wild donkey of a man, **His hand will be against everyone, And everyone's hand will be against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers.**" (Gen. 16:11-12 NAU)*

In 570AD, in what is now Saudi Arabia, in a city named Mecca, a man was born into a family of Roman Catholics and his name was **Abū al-Qāsim Muḥammad ibn ‘Abd Allāh ibn ‘Abd al-Muṭṭalib ibn Hāshim**, or Muhammad for short.

Muhammad was illiterate, meaning that he could neither read nor write. And from some of his reported experiences later in life, he suffered from the same demonic possession that drove Adolf Hitler to power.

He was exposed to both the Old Testament and the New through the local church and his grandfather who raised him. And at a certain age the young Muhammad decided he wanted to be a prophet like the ones he heard about in Christian Scriptures. But when he began teaching some bizarre and objectionable things claiming to be a prophet, he was rejected by the church community in Mecca and his family and by the Jewish community in Mecca. So he determined to start his own religion and call it Islam, which means submission. The idea was you submit to me or I'll kill you. And the way he would achieve submission would be by the sword.

Muhammad hooked up with a rich widow by the name of Khadijah before all this transpired who got her wealth in the trade business, and he began raiding other trade caravans and killing the tradesmen for his wife and his love of money. He and his wife got wealthier off the blood and backs of innocent tradesmen. Muhammad was a wild ass of a man. If you inquire about Muhammad on an Islamic website, you will find that they describe him as an entrepreneur, a savvy businessman. That's like

saying Biden and Pelosi and Schumer are Republicans. According to his followers he was the most honest man known to anyone in that part of the world.

Islam came to be because of Abram's marriage of convenience to Sarai's Egyptian handmaid. Muhammad was the direct descendant of Ishmael and Hagar.

So, what is Taliban?

The word means "student," and here it means students of Islam and sharia law. They are students of the life of Muhammad as describe in the writings known as the Qur'an and the Sunna and the Hadith. And the Taliban are Sunni Muslims, which means they hate pretty much everybody. The Muslim-on-Muslim killings that we hear about almost everyday are because the Sunnis and the Shiites hate each other and do not care who gets in the way when they set out to kill each other. They blow themselves up in market places filled with women and children who happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. They still rule by the sword.

I close with this:

Ishmael was a wild ass of a man, and his descendants inherited his DNA. If you ever wonder why Muslims hate each other so much that they murder each other, that's why.

But there's more to it than that. Islam was born of the spirit of the antichrist, those who deny and adamantly reject the truth about who Jesus is.

The apostle John put it this way,

*<sup>19</sup> We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. (1 Jn. 5:19 NAU)*

The apostle Paul put it this way, <sup>3</sup> *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

*<sup>4</sup> in whose case **the god of this world** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor. 4:3-4 NAU)*

But that very veil that blinds the minds of the unbelieving can be lifted by the Spirit through the preaching of the gospel. Even as we speak, Christians are taking the gospel to Muslims in the heartland of Islam and many are coming to faith in Jesus.

And what about us? <sup>4</sup> *You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; **because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.***

<sup>5</sup> *They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.*

<sup>6</sup> *We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (1 Jn. 4:4-6 NAU)*

Here in Charlotte there are at least 13 mosques who preach and teach the Qur'an and their rewritten world history, including their rewritten versions of the Hebrew and Christian Scripture. Jesus has been removed as the central figure of the Scriptures and has been replaced by Muhammad.

<sup>20</sup> *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.*

<sup>21</sup> *I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.*

<sup>22</sup> *Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.*

<sup>23</sup> *Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. (1 Jn. 2:20-23 NAU)*

Will you repeat this after me?

**“Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.”**