

Things We Must Talk About

Had any of us heard of ISIS-K before this week? I hadn't. I had to google it to find out who these people are. They have been around since 2014 and I began studying Islam years before that and I had never heard of them until this past week or so. Turns out they are an affiliate of the regular ISIS. You know, like Sony movies is a subsidiary of Disney. I'll have more to say about them later.

The events of this past week with the horrors that have surrounded the airports in Kabul have been very stressful for yours truly. We are watching the foundation stones of our nation crumbling under the hands of men and women who have no idea either what they are doing or what they must do now. But my stress comes chiefly from knowing that there are so-called churches in our nation that are capitulating to the demands of our enemies, Islamic terrorists. The extremely liberal and lost PCUSA denomination is aligning itself with not only Islam but the radical domestic terrorist groups like Black Lives Matter and Critical Race Theory.

And it isn't only the PCUSA, the Episcopal Church has bought into the lie of Islam.

And not only those two liberal mainline denominations, but also the United Methodist Church. "World Council of Churches is one of the ecumenical partners supported by the [Interdenominational Cooperation Fund](#) which enables United Methodists to share a presence and a voice in the activities of several national and worldwide ecumenical organizations.

"The goal of the center's initiative was to **highlight the common ground that exists between Islam and Christianity**, and what this might mean for the question of citizenship, especially in Muslim majority countries. Ten speakers discussed the possibility of a "great convergence" between these two religions, **which are committed to peace for all and yet**, still generate misunderstandings, disagreement and even wars. Each panelist gave a short update on the situation of his or her country on violence against Muslims and Christians." And that reminds us that we are living in the last hour.

What's next on God's calendar of events? Here's what: ³ *Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come, the return of Jesus, unless the apostasy comes first, so, the great apostasy, the great and final rebellion against God is the next event on God's calendar before Christ returns.*

and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ *who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. (2 Thess. 2:3-4 NAU).* That is no small event. There will come a falling away from faith in the God and Father of the Lord Jesus followed immediately by the world and the church witnessing the coming of the man of sin or the man of perdition or lawlessness. Everyone will be aware of what has happened. And that is going to happen just before the rapture of the church and the seven years of tribulation. When the man of perdition is revealed, then the church will be removed, and the seven years of tribulation will come upon the earth.

⁶ *And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.* What restrains the appearance of the man of lawlessness or perdition is the presence of the body of Christ on the earth. As long as the church is still here the man cannot be revealed because God will not allow it. But then at the exact moment ordained of God, it will happen. We will witness millions of people, maybe billions, rejecting all heretofore held ideas of god that they might worship the beast and his image.

Think about it this way. As long as our military had a strong presence in Afghanistan, the Taliban and ISIS-K and al-Qaeda and the Haqqani faction couldn't show their hand. But now that we have pulled our military out of the country, they are swarming the land like so many fire ants or scorpions or demonic locusts.

When our government turned tail and ran in Vietnam, the communist forces were there to take over South Vietnam and slaughter the South Vietnamese armed forces and the civilians who helped us

during the war. When the church of Jesus Christ is raptured, her enemies will swoop in to take those who refused to come to the truth and be saved.

⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

⁸ Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

⁹ that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. (2 Thess. 2:6-12 NAU)

And then Paul wrote this, ¹³ *But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*

¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thess. 2:13-14 NAU)

The world is in trouble. America is in trouble. The church is in trouble. Frankly, I hold out little hope for a world that is intimidated and cowering before the most brutal enemies it has ever known. The Taliban and al-Qaeda and ISIS-K and Hezbollah and the Haqqani faction all pose a deadly and global threat to the free world. I hold out little hope for a world that has rejected the gospel and the obvious truths about what is happening in and to it now, even as we speak. But I do find hope in the words of the Lord Jesus who said that with men salvation is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

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²⁵ *When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"*

²⁶ *And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matt. 19:25-26 NAU)*

And why, pray tell, is salvation impossible with men? It's because everyone is born dead in their trespasses and sins and all are disciples of the prince of the power of the air. Without exception. People may think they are exceptions to the rule and have never been a disciple of the devil, but those are the very people whom the god of this world has blinded.

And I find hope in the words of the apostle Paul who made it clear that God desires all men to be saved. ³ *This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Tim. 2:3-4 NAU)*

In this book by Joel Rosenberg entitled "Inside the Revolution," Rosenberg reports that Muslims are coming to faith in Christ, some are martyred for their apostasy from Islam while others are planting secret churches, underground churches in the heartland of the religion of the antichrists. Muslim converts to Christianity have had their throats slit on the streets of their hometowns with the murderers going free and unpunished. Remember the scenes of ISIS preparing to behead men who converted to Christianity? Jesus said this about such incidents, **John 16:1** *"These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling.*

² *"They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.*

³ *"These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me. (Jn. 16:1-3 NAU)* That was the Lord's word to His apostles who were standing around Him. They are also His words to every disciple of Christ.

⁸ *"But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.*

⁹ *"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.*

¹⁰ *"At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.*

¹¹ *"Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.*

¹² *"Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.*

¹³ *"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.*

(Matt. 24:8-13 NAU)

They do not know Yahweh or Ιησοῦ χριστοῦ. Instead, they are choosing to side with those who follow the false prophet Muhammad and their false god Allah. ²² *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.*

²³ *Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. (1 Jn. 2:22-23 NAU),*

⁴ *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.*

⁵ *The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.*

⁶ *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. 20:4-6 NAU).* What religion is notorious for beheading its prisoners?

I find the answer to the world's woes in the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit and in the written word of God.

It takes an act of God to save anyone. And God is ready and willing to pull off such an act.