Signs of the Last Hour

Prophecies by the Prophet (saw) and earlier Muslim prophets of the Bible

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In this article we'll look at prophecies about what's happening in a place some call Palestine, others call Israel, and still others, the "Holy Land". The prophecies we'll look at come from many of the Muslim prophets who came before the Prophet (saw), and naturally, the Prophet (saw), himself. Viewed together, you'll have a much clearer picture of what's happening there, and the course believers should follow.

Since the earlier Muslim prophets' prophecies are found in the Bible, it must be said all Bible quotes are from the New International version, unless otherwise noted.

Because this article is written primarily for Muslims, names written in other spiritual languages will be converted to their equivalent Muslim forms. For instance, since the God of the Bible and Allah swt are one and the same, if it says "LORD" or "LORD Almighty" in the Bible, it will be converted in this article to "[Allah]" or "[Allah swt]". If it reads "Jesus" in the Bible, it will be converted to the Arabic "[Isa (as)]", and "Elijah" will be converted to "[Ilyas]".

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What do prophecies made by the Prophet (saw) and earlier Muslim prophets say about what's happening in the "Holy Land"? To answer this, we first need to know exactly who Palestinians and Israeli Jews are, because the prophecies are about them.

As it turns out, both groups are either directly descended from Israelite tribes, or should be accorded that status according to the law described in Ezekiel 47:21-23. Palestinians who have lived there the longest come from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. Of course, Arabs and other peoples mixed with the original inhabitants over subsequent centuries, but most of those whose ancestry goes back thousands of years are descendants of these two tribes of Bani Israel.

So, in the prophecies, whenever you see "Ephraim" and "Manasseh", they refer to people called "Palestinians" today. Eastern European "Ashkenazi" Jews are either directly descended from the Israelite tribes driven out by the Romans, or joined with them later. Collectively, Israeli Jews are called "Judah" in the old prophecies.

There's a little bit more you should know. Many people think Jews are a race. Perhaps some people can trace specific bloodlines way back in time. But, the Israelite tribes were multi-racial, not a single race, as many people have been misled to believe. Thousands of years ago, Abraham's people came from the far eastern end of the Middle East at a time many tribes—including Aryans—were migrating west and north out of central Asia.

Abraham and his wife Sarah had a great-grandson named Joseph, who married an Egyptian woman named Asenath (Genesis 41:45). Egypt had a close relationship with the neighboring land to the South, which was called "Kush", and is now called "Sudan". It's a land where people with darker skin live. So, the Israelites were multi-racial. Special laws were even enacted to ensure this.

Unfortunately, people back then could be just as inhumane as people today. The Bible tells of a time the Egyptian Empire enslaved the Israelites. Some people question if this is really happened. However, the Qur'an affirms the Bible's account. So, if wasn't true, when the Prophet (saw) told his neighbors in Arabia it was, they would have called him a liar and Islam wouldn't exist. But Islam does exist, at least partly because he spoke the truth and partly because what he said was already common knowledge over an area far beyond where the Israelites lived.

So, Joseph married a woman his people saw as coming from the oppressor race. Oppressed people tend to hate people who oppressed them, even their descendants. And when race is involved, it makes it easy to know who to hate. It's very natural, no matter our skin color. That's why the Israelites had special laws made so people on both sides of the slavery issue could live together. It worked out about as well as it has here in the USA. Nevertheless, an agreement, or "covenant" was reached between both sides to share the land some call "Israel" and others call "Palestine".

Sadly, the two groups continually squabbled with each other, culminating in the division of Solomon's kingdom. After he died, it split into "Judah" (which included al-Quds and everything south of it), and "Israel" (everything north of al-Quds).

After the kingdom divided, the Assyrian Empire conquered the northern kingdom, and changed its name from "Israel" to "Samaria". Many people think the Assyrians exiled everyone due to what 2 Kings 17:5-6, 23 says. However, 2 Chronicles 30:1, 6, 2 Chronicles 34:9, and Hosea 7:8, indicate what really happened was only the elites were removed, while the poor people remained behind to serve as subject laborers. 2 Kings 17:24 says the Assyrians then imported people from all over Mesopotamia, who mixed with Ephraim and Manasseh, and were then together called "Samaritans". An account in John 4 in which Isa met a Samaritan woman in Sychar (Nablus) provides a final piece of evidence. In verse 12, the woman asked him, "Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" So, the Israelite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh never left.

Then, Rome invaded the Holy Land. The tribes descended from slave-masters (Ephraim & Manasseh/Samaritans) made peace with the Romans, so they remained in the land. But, the remaining tribes refused to be subdued. There were two major revolts, the first in 70 AD in which the Second Temple was destroyed, and the Bar Kokhba Revolt in 132-135 AD (<u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bar_Kokhba_revolt</u>). The Jewish tribes were defeated and exiled, after which the Romans changed the land's name to "Palestina", and the remaining inhabitants name to "Palestinians".

Some Jewish refugees fled southeast into what was once called "Midian", and settled there in Medina. Other refugees made their way north to Jewish trading colonies situated on the north shores of the Black Sea in what later was called "Khazaria" and is today called "Ukraine". Several hundred years later Islam arose, and a very unfortunate incident occurred between Jews and Muslims which is at the root of much of their difficulties today. The end result was that many Jews fled from the expanding Caliphate, which drove even more Jews to Khazaria.

One may wonder how Jews could end up hundreds of miles away from Israel, but history is full of instances of peoples being displaced from their homelands. Then, after two thousand years of exile, the United Nations decreed the exiled tribes of Jacob should have a homeland of their own back where they originated. The only problem was, the tribes who made peace with the Romans had moved onto the other tribe's land and lived there for almost two thousand years! It's so easy to fall in love with the land. Who doesn't? And after all that time? Of course they don't want to give up any part of it! And so, we have the present-day tragedy. Now, on to the prophecies, beginning with what happened on...

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The prophecy foretelling the bloody and ruthless attack by Hamas is found in "Sahih Muslim". The translation used here was "Rendered into English by Abdul Hamid Siddiqi". From Volume IV Chapter MCCV (6985) page 1510...

" Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying:

The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: "Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad (3036) would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews."

The only positive thing to say about this, is the horrific events of that day are perfectly described by the prophecy, providing additional proof the Prophet (saw) was indeed a prophet. Mercifully—and Allah swt is the most Merciful—no further slaughter is necessary for the prophecy to be fulfilled—if we act wisely. If humanity does not act wisely, the slaughter won't be limited to Israel. It will be global.

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Slaughtering that many Israeli civilians (and soldiers) in such cruel ways ensured Israel would come after Hamas with a vengeance—which was part of Hamas' plan. That was why Hamas members openly promised an even bloodier repeat of October 7 in the future. Hamas knew Israel would have to come after them hard, determined to destroy this menace.

And Hamas also knew Palestinian civilians—a lot of them—would die as they were caught in the middle. But, Hamas also knew the more Palestinian civilians who died especially children—the more the world would turn against Israel. So, they deliberately sacrificed Palestinian children as a means to an end. Nowhere in the Qur'an will one find justification for Hamas' disgraceful behavior.

ISAIAH 14:29-31 The Destruction of Gaza

Isaiah 14:29-31, King James Version:
²⁹ Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina,
because the rod of him that smote thee is broken:
for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice,
and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.
³⁰ And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety:
and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.
³¹ Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved:
for there shall come from the north a smoke,
and none shall be alone in his appointed times."

...Verse 29 refers to "Palestina", which was the Latin name for Gaza and the surrounding area where the Philistines lived. ..."the rod of him that smote thee" refers to Ariel Sharon, who "smote" Palestinians back in 1982 in the massacres at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in Lebanon. He's dead now, but out of his political/ideological root—Likud—a new "serpent" arose, Benjamin Netanyahu. (Remember, this prophecy is about the destruction of Gaza, and from a Palestinian perspective "serpent" fits Mr. Netanyahu. But, it's also worth remembering many people on both sides are behaving like "serpents".)

...As for the "cockatrice" whose "fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent": A cockatrice is a winged creature with a dragon's body and a rooster's head. Try doing a Google "image" search for "cockatrice" and compare what you find with a large Predatorstyle drone firing Hellfire missiles. (But, Apache attack helicopters will do, too.) Now you know what Isaiah was describing in his vision.

Verse 30 describes Israel limiting food shipments into Gaza, while people needing medical care are being evacuated, and the IDF slaying the "remnant" of Hamas.

Verse 31 describes what happened in North Gaza at the beginning of the IDF's campaign against Hamas. Note also in photos of Gaza how the bombed-out buildings look like they're dissolved or melted. The New International Version of the Bible helps clarify what "none shall be alone in his appointed times" means. Here's the NIV version of verse 31; "Wail, you gate! Howl, you city! Melt away, all you Philistines! A cloud of smoke comes from the north, and there is not a straggler in its ranks." "not a straggler in its ranks" ... So, verse 31 describes Israel's military attacking northern Gaza at the beginning of the war against Hamas. And here also mention is made of the "smoke", one of the major signs of the Last Hour.

THE SMOKE

Sura 44:10-11;

"But mark them on the day when the heaven shall give out a palpable SMOKE, Which shall enshroud mankind: this will be an afflictive torment."

The smoke of Gaza is seen by all peoples worldwide, like no smoke ever has before. Which brings us to "A fire will drive the people to their last gathering place." another one of the principal signs of the Last Hour...

A Fire bursts forth from the direction of Aden

From "The Signs Before The Day of Judgement" by Ibn Kathir, p. 89...

"As mentioned in the Sahih Ahadith,

the fire which will appear before the Day of Resurrection will burst forth from the direction of Aden, and drive people to the place of their final assembly. It will move with them, and devour any who lag behind."

Aden is a city situated on the southern coast of Yemen, which itself lies to the south of Mecca, along the southwestern edge of the Arabian Peninsula. If you drew a line from Mecca to Aden, the path would take you over northern Yemen, an area controlled by the Shiite Houthi regime.

In November, the Houthis started firing missiles at ships in the Red Sea. Each time a missile was launched a fire "burst forth from the direction of Aden". By doing so, the Houthis and their Iranian backers have created an international crisis, which is leading humanity towards what some call "Armageddon", where the armies of the Earth confront each other in "**the place of their final assembly**".

MALACHI 4:1-3 The Utter Destruction of Hamas

without commentary

¹ "Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them.
² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.
³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty."

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[Verse 1 describes the fate of Hamas after perpetrating their heinous assault upon Israeli civilians on October 7. No doubt you've already seen photos and news on TV showing Israeli aircraft and artillery bombarding Gaza, so you know why "burn like a furnace", "stubble", "set them on fire", and "Not a root or a branch will be left to them" describe what's happening to Hamas so accurately.]

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[The beginning of verse 2 implies Hamas terrorists yelling "Allahu Akbar" as they murdered and pillaged are "arrogant...evildoer[s]", whose actions are of those who revere Shaitan, not Allah swt. However, not all Gazans are like Hamas, and the prophecy says there's hope for all Gazan residents who do not support Hamas. Once Hamas is gone, Allah swt promises life will be much better for those who were forced to accept Hamas' wicked rule.

And here mention is made of yet another of the major signs of the Last Hour; the sun rising in the West. But, it's not the literal sun, and the planet's physical rotation does not need to be reversed. This rising sun has a spiritual meaning, and has something to do with the coming of the Mahdi, the man who will fill the world with peace and justice. We'll discuss this further, either later in this article or in the next one.]

³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says [Allah swt]."

[Verse 3 is pretty graphic. Hamas terrorists are dying underground. Whoever is living in Gaza and survives will literally be walking on the ashes of the wicked.]

And now, we're on to the next prophecy, Isaiah 9:8-21 ...

Isaiah 9:8-21, without commentary

⁸ The Lord has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel. ⁹ All the people will know it—Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria who say with pride and arrogance of heart, ¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars." ¹¹ But the LORD has strengthened Rezin's foes against them and has spurred their enemies on. ¹² Arameans from the east and Philistines from the west have devoured Israel with open mouth. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised. ¹³ But the people have not returned to him who struck them, nor have they sought the LORD Almighty. ¹⁴ So the LORD will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day; ¹⁵ the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail. ¹⁶ Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray. ¹⁷ Therefore the Lord will take no pleasure in the young men, nor will he pity the fatherless and widows, for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised." ¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briers and thorns, it sets the forest thickets ablaze, so that it rolls upward in a column of smoke. ¹⁹ By the wrath of the LORD Almighty the land will be scorched and the people will be fuel for the fire; they will not spare one another. ²⁰ On the right they will devour, but still be hungry; on the left they will eat, but not be satisfied. Each will feed on the flesh of their own offspring: ²¹ Manasseh will feed on Ephraim, and Ephraim on Manasseh; together they will turn against Judah. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary

⁸ [Allah swt] has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel."
[Jacob's heirs include both Israeli Jews and Palestinians, not one or the other.
The "message against Jacob" in verse 8 "falls" on both branches of Israelites.
Neither Israeli Jew nor Palestinian escapes Allah swt's attention in Isaiah 9.]

⁹ All the people will know it—Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria who [Israeli settlers] say with pride and arrogance of heart,
¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars."

[Samaria is the northern half of the West Bank. Palestinians (Ephraim) have lived there for thousands of years, so referring to them as both "Ephraim" and "the inhabitants of Samaria" in the same sentence is redundant. Instead, "inhabitants of Samaria" in verse 9 refers to Israeli settlers living in settlements in the West Bank. The settlers are saying Palestinian villages pre-dating Judah's return from exile have been destroyed, along with their fig and olive orchards. These have been replaced by Israeli settlements and ornamental cedar trees, along with a giant cement Wall of "dressed stone" to keep Palestinians out.]

¹¹ But [Allah swt] has strengthened Rezin's foes against them and has spurred their enemies on."

[Rezin was king of Aram (Syria—see 2 Kings 15:37, 16:5,6,9). Aram competed with Assyria (Iraq), Phoenicia (Lebanon), and the Hittites (Turkey) in the Levant. Verse 11 is telling us Iraqi Shiite militias (Iraq), Hezbollah (Lebanon), and Turkey are being spurred on to confront Israel due to the present war with Hamas, Israel's announcement of plans to annex a third of the West Bank, and its near continual bombing of Syrian, Iranian, and Iraqi troops and militiamen in Syria.]

¹² Arameans from the east and Philistines from the west have devoured Israel with open mouth."

["Arameans from the east" represents Syria, while "Philistines from the west" is Hamas, which rules in Gaza, where the Philistines lived. In verse 12, "devoured... with open mouth" doesn't mean literal cannibalism—it means allegorically "eating someone alive" through the media—i.e., public relations warfare. Hamas is gradually defeating Israel in the battle for international support. They gather sympathy and support by publishing photographs of dead and wounded children and anguished parents whenever Israel attacks Gaza in response to Hamas attacks on Israel.] Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary, cont.; 9:12, cont.

Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

[This means the trouble isn't over, not by a long way.]

¹³ But the people have not returned to him who struck them, nor have they sought [Allah swt]."

["[Allah swt]" and "him who struck them" are two different "persons". So, who is "him who struck them"? Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, who has repeatedly ordered the IDF to strike Gaza. Consequently, Palestinians haven't returned to peace talks with Israel while Netanyahu is Israel's leader.

As for not seeking [Allah swt]; The Prophet (saw) would have never affirmed the prior messages if they were completely null and void, especially those relating only to Bani Israel, which provide them with guidance in the land where they were first given that name. Had the Israelites sought Allah swt's guidance, they would have known sharing the land was required by the Almighty, and all the subsequent killing and suffering there and trouble all over the world could have been avoided.

However, it's worth repeating both Palestinians and Israelis have failed to abide by Allah's guidance. If Israel was innocent as a dove, no settlers would have ever set foot in the West Bank, and in particular Samaria, located in the northern half of the West Bank. According to the Tanach (Torah & Prophets), Samaria is land Allah swt originally gave to Palestinians, and the prophecies didn't change that.]

^{9:14} So [Allah swt] will cut off from Israel both head and tail, both palm branch and reed in a single day;
¹⁵ the elders and dignitaries are the head, the prophets who teach lies are the tail.
¹⁶ Those who guide this people mislead them, and those who are guided are led astray.
¹⁷ Therefore [Allah swt] will take no pleasure in the young men, nor will he pity the fatherless and widows,
for everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly."...

["**palm branch**" and "**reed**" allegorically represent people. See Psalms 92:12 and Song of Songs 7:7-8 for "**palm branch**" and 2 Kings 18:21 for "**reed**".

Allah allowed both Israelite factions to split apart and tell their self-serving lies to justify their actions. Both sides deny the other's birthright as fellow Israelites, and the rights that come with this status. So, Allah swt "chose" Bani Israel—this headstrong people—as an example for humanity of what happens when we exclude the Almighty from our decision-making. Unfortunately, that's what both groups did, and so they chose suffering and disgrace. Sadly, they're still doing the same today, as they continue to deny each other's rights and tell only their side of the story. And so,..."everyone is ungodly and wicked, every mouth speaks folly".] Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary, cont.: ^{17, cont.}

Yet for all this,

his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised." [As of now, while this is being written, tragically, there is more to come. And then we come to verse 18, where "wickedness burns like a fire"]

¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briers and thorns, it sets the forest thickets ablaze, so that it rolls upward in a column of smoke."

Verse 18 may look like it's describing a wildfire in a field of weeds and the forest, but it isn't. It's something much more than that. To unlock the hidden meaning, one must know the definition of "allegory" and "metaphor", and be able to apply that to what you're reading. You'd also have to read the entire Bible, too. And even then, you might not unlock the hidden meaning, as your concentration may have slipped for a moment at the very same time you were looking at the key to unlock the code. In the end, I'd say you'd have to do both the above and, much more importantly, have Allah swt guide you as you read. But, you're in luck! Following are the keys to unlocking the hidden meaning of Isaiah 9:18...

First, Micah 7:3-4;

 "³…the ruler demands gifts, the judge accepts bribes, the powerful dictate what they desire—they all conspire together.
 ⁴ The best of them is like a brier, the most upright worse than a thorn hedge." And second, Ezekiel 28:24;

^{28:24} "No longer will the people of Israel have malicious *neighbors* who are painful *briers* and sharp *thorns*. ..."

So, metaphorically, "briers" and "thorns" represent people. This metaphor is key for interpreting Isaiah 9:18-21. So, too, is Jude 1:12, where greedy religious leaders ("shepherds who feed only themselves") are metaphorically described as being "autumn trees". So, "briers", "thorns", and "trees" are all metaphors for "people".

Forests are a large group of trees. Cities are a large group of people. Thickets are dense concentrations of trees and briers. High-rise apartment buildings are dense concentrations of people.

With these allegorical definitions, we're now ready to interpret the passage.

Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary, cont.;

Interpreted, verses 18-21 read;

¹⁸ Surely wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briers and thorns [burning people alive],
it sets the forest thickets [high-rise apartment buildings] ablaze, so that it rolls upward in a column of smoke."
[The "column of smoke" has been rising from Gaza for over two months now.]
¹⁹ By the wrath of [Allah swt] the land will be scorched and the people will be fuel for the fire; no one will spare his brother.
²⁰ On the [political] right [Israel] will devour [land in the West Bank], but want more;
on the [political] left [Palestinians] will eat [whatever aid Israel lets through.], but not be satisfied.
Each will feed on the flesh of his own offspring: [sacrificing their young to endless wars fueled by greed.]
²¹ Manasseh [Hamas] will feed on Ephraim [Palestinian Authority],

²¹ Manasseh [Hamas] will feed on Ephraim [Palestinian Authority], and Ephraim on Manasseh; together they will turn against Judah [Israel]."

[Hamas and the Palestinian Authority compete with each other for public support. When one group commits acts of violence, the other group feeds off the energy and is spurred on to commit acts of violence of their own. But, when all is said and done, both groups "turn against [Israel]" Please note Allah says this is wickedness. Also note that all three sides played a part in bringing this tragedy to pass.]

¹⁹ By the wrath of [Allah swt] the land will be scorched and the people will be fuel for the fire; they will not spare one another."

[Dead civilians and combatants of both sides in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel.]

²⁰ On the right they will devour, but still be hungry; on the left they will eat, but not be satisfied."

[On the political "right", Israel continually devours land in the West Bank for settlements, but always wants more. Those on the political "left", i.e., Palestinians, have barely gotten by on whatever outside aid Israel permits them to receive, and yes, they aren't satisfied with that. Again, no one is blameless. Neither side has honored the sacred covenants their ancestors agreed to.] Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary, cont.;

^{20, cont.} Each will feed on the flesh of their own offspring:"

[This is particularly disgraceful. Both groups sacrifice their children to unending war while violating the holy covenants for selfish gain. The most recent example of this horrible tactic is being displayed today right in front of the world's eyes. Perhaps Allah swt included this verse in the prophecy as a message for believers to consider.

While Palestinian casualties in Gaza are well over ten times those of Israelis, a disproportionate number of them are mothers and children. Now, one may imagine heartless Israelis are deliberately slaughtering children. But, does this image really make sense? Or is Hamas trying to set them up by using civilians as human shields?

Let's assume for a moment Israelis are terrible, cruel, selfish people. From a purely selfish perspective, it's quite clear the many photos of dead and maimed children are crippling Israel's international standing, which directly impacts its economy and the willingness of its allies to extend military assistance to them. Without their assistance, things will look very bleak for Israel, (although if Israel is to suffer, it's unlikely they will be the only ones who suffer). Israel's policy of warning people before destroying buildings shows Israel understands this and is trying to avoid killing civilians. And then, the Qur'an also says all Israelis aren't ogres, and that many have hearts and humanitarian reasons to avoid harming civilians.

But, if this is so, why are so many children being killed? Perhaps because Hamas fires rockets from civilian areas, knowing Israeli counterstrikes will kill civilians. It's a cold-blooded, but effective tactic. When Israel returns fire, civilian deaths are a public relations victory for Hamas. If Israel doesn't return fire, they invite Hamas to fire an unending barrage of rockets. It's a perfect long-term strategy, provided Hamas is willing to sacrifice enough Gazan children—and provided the rest of the world is so gullible or biased it chooses to abet Hamas (and share their guilt).

It's for committing so many heinous crimes against civilians in the name of Allah, that Allah swt is permitting Hamas to be destroyed "root and branch" (Malachi 4). By their foul deeds, Hamas disgraced the Prophet (saw) and gave infidels a reasonable excuse to tell lies about Islam. May their fate be an example for others.] Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary, cont.;

²¹ Manasseh will feed on Ephraim, and Ephraim on Manasseh; together they will turn against Judah."

[This describes the rivalry between the two principal Palestinian factions, and says despite their rivalry, they will unite against Israel (Judah).]

Isaiah 9:8-21, with commentary, cont.;

21, cont;

"...Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised."

[People have a choice. They can ignore the history recorded in the sacred books which proves all inhabitants of the Holy Land have the right to be there and share the land peacefully. They can greedily insist the land belongs to one of them alone until nukes start falling and everyone dies. Or, we can listen to Allah swt's guidance, repent, and fulfill the prophecies in a godly way—and live in peace. Next, we'll see what humanity's choices up to the present have led to...]

Luke 21:20-28, with Isa (as) speaking Without commentary Al-Quds surrounded by armies

²⁰ "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. ²² For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. ²³ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 21:20-28, Isa (as) speaking with commentary al-Quds surrounded by armies

Many Christians believe Luke 21 was fulfilled back in either 70 AD or 132 AD when the Romans sacked Jerusalem. But, this interpretation makes no sense. For instance, it was one army—the Roman—that surrounded Jerusalem, not armies plural. And whatever prisoners were taken were sent to Rome, not "all the nations". And if Isa (as) really did return back then, where was the Mahdi and all the peace and justice the world was supposed to be filled with? All the wars, pillaging, and injustice over the centuries prove it hasn't happened yet. So, on to the prophecy...

²⁰ "When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near." (Let's see...There's Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Iranian proxy militias...and the IDF, too, for good measure.)
²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city."

(People have become accustomed to perceiving Palestinians as being Arabs only, but Allah knows us and where we come from. Judea includes Bethlehem, Hebron, and al-Quds, where the majority of people are Palestinians. Isa (as) was warning Palestinian civilians to flee before the IDF comes in looking for terrorists.)
²² For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written."
(The Jewish tribes suffered for close to 2000 years. But, for the last seventy five or so years it's been the Palestinians' (Joseph's tribes) turn to suffer for breaking the covenant, by taking Judah's lands and not wanting to give it back.)

²³ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. ²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations.[Refugees from Gaza are being sent "to all the nations."] ^{24 cont.}, Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Stay tuned for this part. A lot of this is in allegorical code. That's all I'm saying now.)

Matthew 24:15-21, Isa (as) speaking

without commentary

¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house.¹⁸ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak.¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."

Matthew 24:15-21, Isa (as) speaking

with commentary

Verses 15 & 21 link this prophecy to Daniel 11 and 12. Matthew 24:15-22, Isa (as);

> ¹⁵ "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation.'

spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—"

Daniel 11:31, Archangel Jibreel;

"His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice.

Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation."

[For Isa (as), the premier "holy place" would be the Temple in Jerusalem, the same place where the devil tempted him in Matthew 4:5. However, the rest of the information in the two passages above is classified, and will not be revealed until the proper time—Allah's time. But, I can tell you it has already taken place.]

Matthew 24:15-22, Isa (as), cont.;

¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."

[Judea of Isa's time was a Roman province. Today, it's the southern half of the West Bank and includes al-Quds, Hebron, and Bethlehem. "mountains" refers to the hilly area of the northern half of the West Bank. A vast majority of people in the southern half (Isa's Judea) are Palestinians, and predominantly Muslim or Christian. Both religions recognize Isa as a valid prophet, whereas Jews do not. So, Isa (as) was directing his warning to those most in danger and willing to listen to him—Palestinians, not Israeli Jews.] Matthew 24:15-22, Isa (as), cont.;

¹⁷Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house."

[Look at Gaza's buildings after Israeli bombing, with floors collapsed and victims crushed inside. That's why Isa (as) warned people to get out as fast as possible.]

¹⁸Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak."

[When the Israeli tanks come, Palestinian farmers in olive orchards and fields will likely be treated as combatants and shot, so they should run for their lives.]

¹⁹ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!"

[You've probably already seen more than enough photos of dead Gazan mothers and children to know what Isa was warning Palestinians about.]

²⁰ Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath."

[When people flee, they take "flight". So here, "flight" doesn't refer to flying on an airplane. It means desperate people fleeing for their lives. And wouldn't you know it? The war has dragged on into winter. People must have forgotten to pray.]

> ²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now —and never to be equaled again."

[Verse 21 (above) links this prophecy to Daniel 12:1 (below)...

^{12:1} There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then."

Jibreel told Daniel it would be the all-time worst distress—and for "nations" plural, not just Israel. While there have been times of great distress in the past, prior to the 20th century, they were localized or regional, not worldwide. Today, the whole world is faced with potential extermination through nuclear war, pandemics, and climate change—together perfectly fulfilling the prophecy...]

Next, a look at what's happening in al-Quds...

THE FIFTH SEAL

Revelation 6:9-11

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been."

THE FIFTH SEAL, unsealed

Revelation 6:9-11,

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar [on the Temple Mount in al-Quds in the al-Aqsa Mosque] the souls of [Palestinians] who had been slain because of the word of God, and the testimony they had maintained."

[Martyrdom is esteemed in the Qur'an, the "**word of God**" for Muslims. So, fighting to the death is one of the holiest forms of testimony.]

 ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, [Allah swt,] holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth [Israel and Israeli settlers] and avenge our blood?"
 ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been."

White robes are worn by many Muslims when meeting for salat at a mosque. It's denotes equality. The "**full number**" to balance the suffering of their fellow Israelites from the tribe of Judah and allied tribes—the people driven from their homes two thousand years ago, who suffered for centuries and were not welcomed home by Palestinians presently living on Judah's former homeland. It's so tragic.

You may ask what a prophecy about Palestinian Muslims is doing in the Bible's Book of Revelation. In a book with so many prophecies about Israelites, this is just one more, only this one deals with Israelites who left Judaism and Christianity to embrace Islam as their religion. But, this is Allah swt's way of letting us know the Almighty never forgets who we (and they) are. And where we come from.

There's still hope for the world.

Matthew 24:21-22 - without commentary

²¹ For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now and never to be equaled again.

²² If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

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^{12:1} There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then."

We talked about this two pages ago, but I'll repeat it here again for emphasis. Jibreel told Daniel it would be the all-time worst distress—and for "nations" plural, not just Israel and Palestine. While there have been times of great distress in the past, prior to the 20th century, they were localized or regional, not worldwide. Today, the whole world is faced with a potential World War III, civil strife, pandemics, climate change, and takeovers by autocratic regimes—which together perfectly fulfill the prophecy...]

Matthew 24:15-22, Isa (as), cont.;

²² "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

Humanity is discovering we must rely upon the Almighty for salvation. Isa (as) said the Fitnah would be "cut short" for "the sake of the elect". We'll discuss who "the elect" are in a later article, but we can be sure all who have truly submitted to God are included among these. As for shortening the days of the Fitnah so humanity survives—with the second coming of Isa (as) also comes the man Allah swt promised to send—the Mahdi, who will fill the Earth with righteousness, justice, and peace.

On the next page an article from Wikipedia lists six hadith describing the relationship between Isa (as) and the Mahdi, titled "Hadith of Jesus praying behind Mahdi"...

From Wikipedia, "Hadith of Jesus praying behind Mahdi"

"A hadith attributed to Abu Hurairah reports: Sahih Bukhari, Vol. 4, Book 55, Hadith 658

This hadith has been narrated on the authority of Abu Hurairah that I heard the Prophet said: "What will be your condition when the son of Mary will come down to you and your Imam will be from amongst you"^[2] Allamah Sayyid Sa'eed Akhtar Rizvi quotes the above tradition in his book "Muhammad (S) is the Last Prophet" and concludes:

This refers to the fact that prophet Jesus (a.s.) will not lead in the prayer, but the Imam of the Muslims who will leading them will lead in the prayers, and prophet Jesus will follow him.^[3] A hadith attributed to Jabir ibn Abd Allah reports: Sahih Muslim Book 1, Hadith 293

This hadith has been narrated on the authority of Jabir Ibn Abdillah al-Ansari that I heard the Messenger of Allah saying: "A group of my Ummah will fight for the truth until near the day of judgment when Jesus, the son of Mary, will descend, and the leader of them will ask him to lead the prayer, but Jesus declines, saying: "No, Verily, among you Allah has made leaders for others and He has bestowed his bounty upon them."^[4] Abu Ya'ala provides another version of this hadith in his musnad with more clear terms. A hadith attributed to Jabir ibn Abd Allah reports:^[citation needed]

This hadith has been narrated on the authority of Jabir Ibn Abdillah al-Ansari that the Messenger of Allah said: "A group among my Ummah will continue to fight for the truth until Jesus, the son of Marry, will descend, and the Imam of them will ask him to lead the prayer, but Jesus replies: "You have more right to it, and verily Allah has honored some of you over others in this Ummah."^[5]

A hadith attributed to Al-Husayn Al-Ajiri reports: [citation needed]

The traditions of al-Mustafa (S) on the rising of al-Mahdi has been transmitted via numerous authorities and is more than the level of (being sufficient for) Mutawatir, describing that he is of his Ahlul-Bayt, and will fill the earth with justice, and that Jesus (as) will come at the same time and he will assist Jesus for killing al-Dajjal in the land of Palestine, and that he will lead this nation and Jesus will pray behind him.^[6]

It is narrated from Ibne Abbas that the Messenger of Allah (a.s) said, "My Caliphs and successors are twelve persons, first of whom is my brother and the last my great grandson." He was asked, "O Allah's Messenger! Who is your brother?" He replied, "Ali bin Abi Talib." He was asked, "Who is your great grandson?" He replied, "Mahdi, who shall fill the earth with justice and equity like it would be fraught with injustice and oppression. By the One in Whose hands is my life! Even if a day remains for the earth, the Almighty Allah will prolong this day till my son, Mahdi reappears and Isa bin Maryam descends to the earth and recites prayer behind His Eminence. The earth shall be illuminated from the east to the west.^[7]

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But, there's still one thing missing before Isa (as) returns and the Mahdi appears. You just read about the destruction of Hamas in Malachi 4. What is missing is found in Malachi 3:1...

¹ "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says [Allah swt]."

The "messenger of the covenant" prepares the way before the second coming, which leads to the Mahdi. But, who is this "messenger of the covenant"? Back to Malachi 4...

^{4:4} "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.
⁵ "See, I will send the prophet [Ilyas] to you before that great and dreadful day of [Allah swt] comes.
⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

Verse 5 says the messenger of the covenant is Ilyas, and he has a covenant that according to verse 4 is based on "the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel". Exactly as prophesied, at precisely the point in the Fitnah where the world is on the brink of destruction, Allah swt has sent Ilyas with a covenant based not only upon the decrees and laws given to Moses at Horeb, but the Qur'an as well. The name of the covenant isn't all that surprising, considering its Source. It's "God's Peace Plan for the Holy Land", and could just as well have been "Allah swt's Peace Plan for the Holy Land", as God and Allah are one and the same.

And now, you have the honor and opportunity to serve the Almighty by doing exactly the same thing the sahabas did when they spread the Prophet's (saw) original message of Islam. Person to person, but today, with the help of computer technology, too.

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