

Notes: Shabbat – May 17, 2014

Start: 10 am

Order of Service:

Meet and Greet
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Introduction: Us And Them

Professor Moshe Sharon, one of the world's leading scholars on Islam.

Provides the tenets of Islam and its history.

Did you know that our first confrontation or battle didn't begin on 9/11 or even in 1994 with the attempted bombing of the New York subway. The United States faced Islam in its infancy as a new republic...

In 1785, just a few years after declaring our independence from Britain, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson met with Abd al Rahman, the emissary of Tripoli. Tripoli demanded a million dollar tribute from the United States to guarantee their barbary pirates would not raid American shipping in the Mediterranean.

During their visit, Al-Rahman told is American visitors something that sounds like it came from Al-Qaeda today:

“It was written in the Koran, that all Nations who should not have acknowledged their (Muslim) authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon whoever they could find and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Muslim who should be in battle was sure to go to paradise.

While Islamists see Israel as the “little satan” that is to be destroyed, they view America as the “great satan”

Their grand plan is to eliminate and destroy Western civilization from within by sabotaging its “miserable house” by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated and “gods” religion is made victorious over all other religions.

What we must be aware of is that this ambition is not local or regional, but global. The supreme leader of the Muslim Brotherhood was quoted as stating the following:

“The Brotherhood is getting closer to achieving its greatest goal as envisioned by its founder Imam Hassan al-Banna. This will be accomplished by establishing a righteous and fair ruling system based on Islamic Sharia, with all its institutions and associations, including a government evolving into a “rightly guided caliphate and mastership of the world”

Andrew McCarthy, author of “The Grand Jihad” writes...

“Not content with empire, Islam anticipates global hegemony. Indeed, mainstream Islamic ideology declares that such hegemony is inevitable...For Muslims, the failure of Allah's creation to submit to the system he has prescribed is a blasphemy that cannot stand”

caliphate = An institution of imperial Islamic rule under sharia – Muslim law.

Professor Sharon has been warning of Islam's ascendant ambitions for more than 30 years.

The brotherhoods goal – mastership of the world with Jerusalem as its capital

- Turkey dreams of a resurrected neo-Ottoman caliphate
- Iran pledges to wipe Israel off the map

What is behind these dreams and aspirations?

The first is that their enemy is ancient...

“One has got to understand, America is, with all its might, if is fighting against something that goes back to the Middle Ages, a situation when then President George W Bush might be right in saying “we are talking about in many ways, some new kind of crusade”, but this is not a one sided crusade, but is a crusade on the other side. So, in other ways we are talking about a holy war”

The first doctrine to understand in this holy war is how Islam looks at the world:

There are two parts in their view:

- The part of the world already under the rule of Islam is called “the house of peace” (dar-al-Islam)
- The part not under Islam rule is known as the “house of war” (dar-al-harb)

Islam's goal is to conquer the “house of war”, bring it under its dominion and make the entire world islamic.

There is a division within the Muslim world. While there are millions who are against radical Islam and war, there are millions who embrace jihad and want to make the house of war submit to Islam.

The Anti-Defamation League commissioned [First International Resources](#) to research attitudes and opinions toward Jews in over 100 countries around the world.

All interviews were conducted between July 2013 and February 2014.

This study, known as the **ADL GLOBAL 100**, consists of surveys of the general public in each of the following 101 countries plus the Palestinian Territories in the West Bank & Gaza.

<http://global100.adl.org/did-you-know>

Over 53,000 people were interviewed.

Anti-Semitism by region:

- Oceania 14%
- The Americas 19%
- Asia 22%
- Sub-Saharan Africa 23%
- Western Europe 24%
- Eastern Europe 34%
- Middle East and North Africa - 74%

In the Middle East:

West Bank and Gaza 93%
Iraq 92%
Kuwait 82%
Jordan 81%
Lebanon 78%
Egypt 75%
Iran 56%

This one component that is fueling this crusade...

What we must be cognizant of as believers is:

1. This is a war without an end.

“To make the whole world Islamic is the responsibility of every Muslim. That's why they are trying to Islamize Europe and the United States. Since the world must be all Muslim, this is a war that can never cease until the final goal is realized. Islamists cannot stop, they are accountable to Allah. The end of the war comes when the other side accepts Islamic rule. However, Islam is allowed to make peace with its enemy as long as the Muslims are weaker, but are obligated to fight when they become stronger.”

2. This is a war unlike wars we as a nation are familiar with.

Because it is not a normal story – you are not hitting at an enemy, you are not on a battlefield. If it was a battlefield between two armies, you'd finish the story, but the battlefield is the world, and the victims are not soldiers, but housewives, clerks, everyday people. As we have seen, they are people who board airplanes and are used to facilitate their plan.

This is a different story all together, because almost every imam anywhere and the mosque they pray in are speaking the native language.

These views are not coming from the streets, but rather the universities and other centers of learning.

This is eerily reminiscent of Nazi tactics “Hitler youth”

Pro 22:6 Train a child in the way he *[should]* go; and, even when old, he will not swerve from it.

Deu 6:7 and you are to teach them carefully to your children.

3. Muslims see this as a battle between believers and unbelievers

In this end time view, the world will be totally Muslim.

According to many Islamic traditions, the Muslims who are in hell will have to be replaced by somebody. That somebody that will replace them are the Christians.

Regarding the fate of the Jewish people, professor Sharon says this...

“It says very quickly that in the end of days there's going to be a great war between the Muslims and Jews. The Muslims would kill the Jews and the Jews would hide behind the trees and behind the stones and behind the rocks, but Allah in those days will give a mouth to the trees and a mouth to the rocks, and they would say, “oh muslim, come here, there is a Jew behind me, kill him” and the end of the world, mainly the time in which the divine power would be the reigning power in the world, basically through the establishment of Islam, cannot happen before the

extermination of the Jews altogether, and this would be with the help, of course of the trees and of the rocks”

4. Land for Peace will not work.

While Christianity is personal and applies to the individual, and Judaism is about a people, Islam is territorial. Allah wants to rule over the world and its territory. That's why it is so important that land, once under the rule of Islam – according to their beliefs, it must come back under the rule of Islam. This explains in part the ferocious struggle over the land of Israel. It's why when Jews talk peace, Muslims talk territory. It also explains why the Western concept of “land for peace” as evidenced over the last 20 years is counterproductive.

It actually encourages Muslim leaders that Allah is on their side. When unilateral withdrawals like Gaza in the summer of 2005 take place, its seen as a reward for their terror tactics. To the Muslim way of thinking, land given back that was once under the control of Islam is a reward for their terror tactics and does not diminish their hunger for land, but increases their hunger more.

Consider it like an addict. The more you feed the addiction, the greater the craving.

Muslim thirst for land to come back under Islamic control was compounded by Israel. The establishment of the state of Israel on “Islamic land” is regarded as a double reverse of history because it does not only involve the loss of land but also the unacceptable situation where Jews, who are viewed as dhimmis (second class citizens), rule over Muslims.

In their view, this cannot be tolerated and therefore must be changed.

Not all Muslims believe these views, however, one can look at our political system and the once influential “silent majority” They moved, but you rarely heard them.

Today, those that are the loudest wield the power.

The silent majority remained silent in 2012 in Maine and today same sex marriage is law.

As is the case in the Muslim world, the Shiites may be a smaller people group than the Sunni, but they are the ones that wield the power.

Whether Jew, Christian or Messianic Jew, we need to be aware of what is going on.

In their eyes, this is a battle that only has one acceptable outcome. They are willing to die for this outcome. In fact, death through martyrdom is glorified.

Eph 6:10 Finally, grow powerful in union with the Lord, in union with his mighty strength!

Eph 6:11 Use all the armor and weaponry that God provides, so that you will be able to stand against the deceptive tactics of the Adversary.

Eph 6:12 For we are not struggling against human beings, but against the rulers, authorities and cosmic powers governing this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm.

Eph 6:13 So take up every piece of war equipment God provides; so that when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist; and when the battle is won, you will still be standing.

Eph 6:14 Therefore, stand! Have the belt of truth buckled around your waist, put on righteousness for a breastplate,

Eph 6:15 and wear on your feet the readiness that comes from the Good News of shalom.

Eph 6:16 Always carry the shield of trust, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of deliverance; along with the sword given by the Spirit, that is, the Word of God;

Eph 6:18 as you pray at all times, with all kinds of prayers and requests, in the Spirit, vigilantly and persistently, for all God's people.

Eph 6:19 And pray for me, too, that whenever I open my mouth, the words will be given to me to be bold in making known the secret of the Good News,

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak boldly, the way I should.