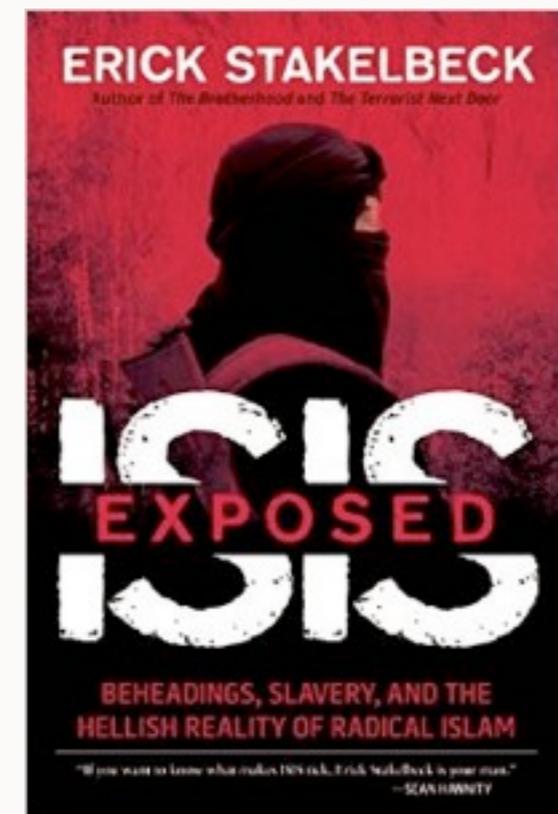
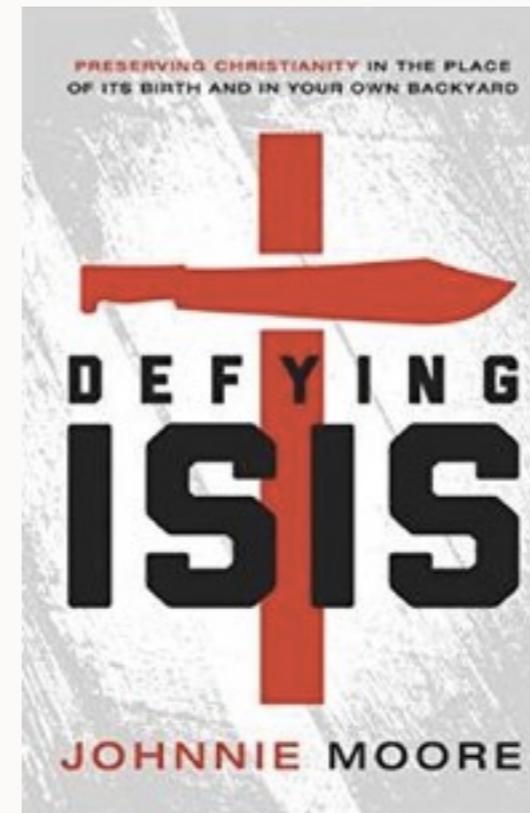
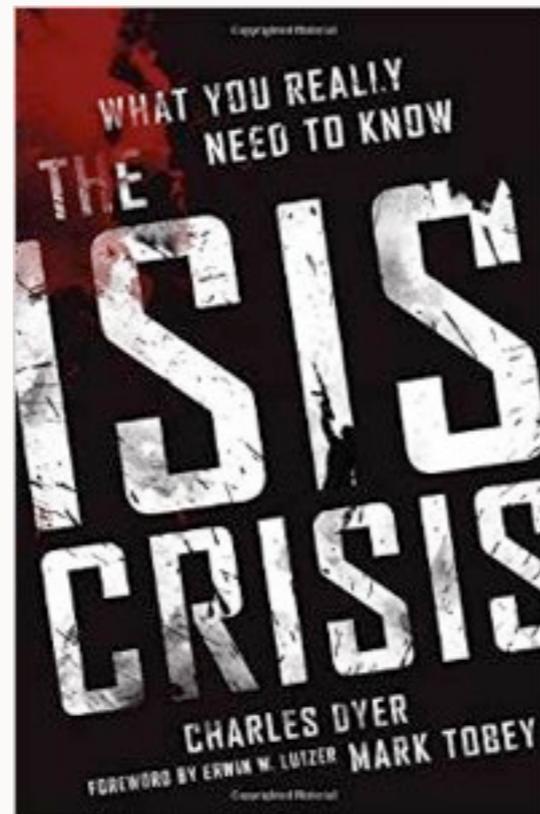
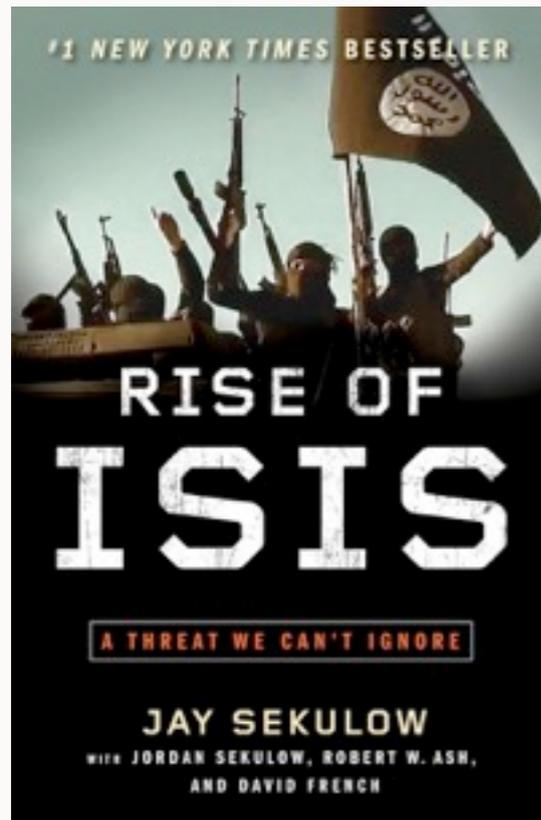


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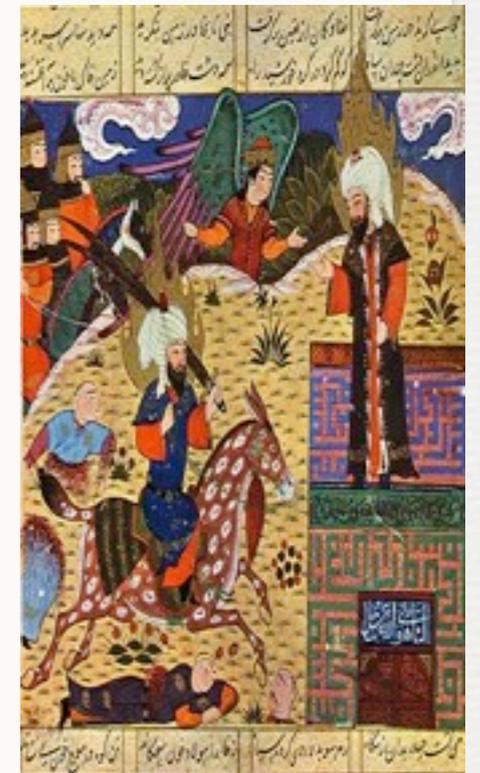
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HISTORY OF ISLAM

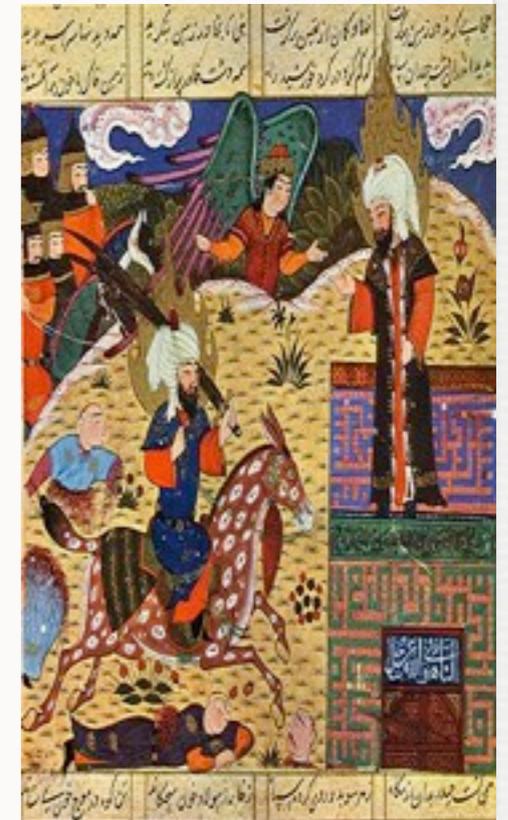
MUHAMMAD

- Born into a powerful Arab tribe in Mecca 570 A.D.
- Raised by his grandfather and later an uncle.
- At age 25, married a wealthy widow Khadija 15 years his senior.
- At age 40, Muhammad receives his calling from the angel Gabriel.

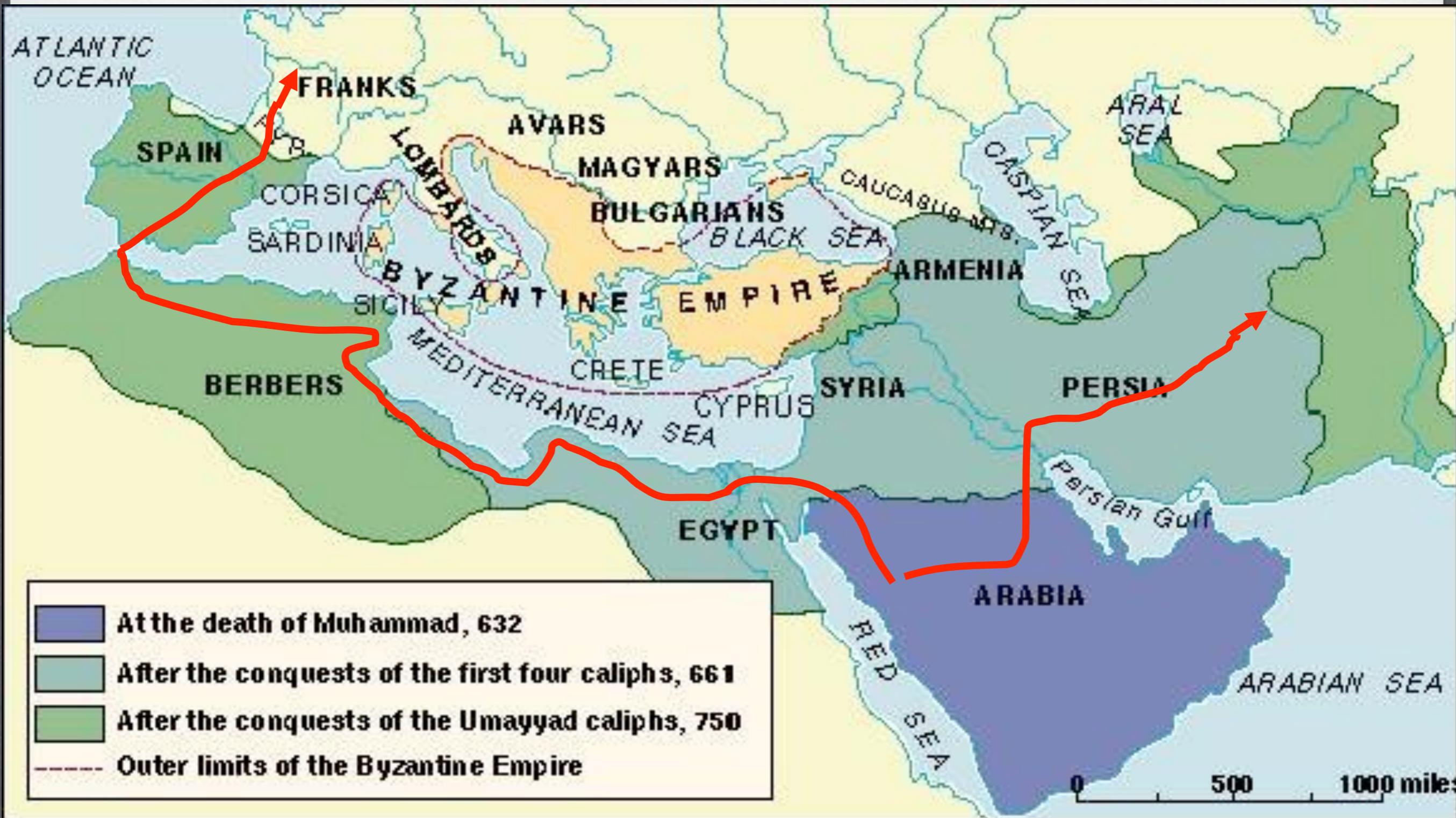


MUHAMMAD

- Revelations recorded & became the Qur'an ("recitation").
- After being rejected for his preaching in Mecca, fled to Medina in 622.
- Flight known as Hijra ("migration").
- Led 10,000 men in taking Mecca.
- Died in 632.



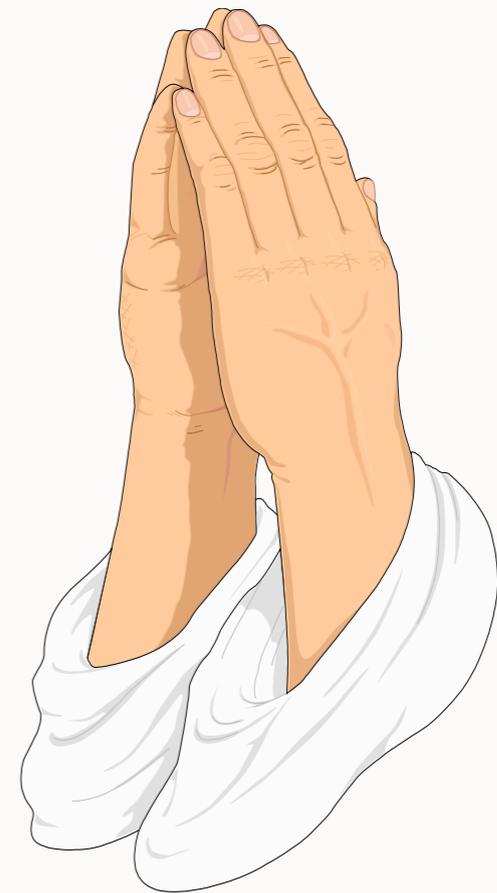
SPREAD of ISLAM



THEOLOGY OF ISLAM

FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

- Shahada - repetition of the creed: “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammed is His prophet.”
- Salat - prayers
- Zakat - almsgiving
- Sawm - fast of Ramadan
- Hajj - “pilgrimage” to Mecca



PILGRIMAGE



SIXTH PILLAR OF ISLAM?

- Jihad – the word means “struggle.”
- Often used in the sense of personal striving in the path of God.



SCRIPTURES OF ISLAM

- Qur'an ("recitation") - recorded revelation given to Muhammed.
- Hadith ("report") - traditional sayings of Muhammed.



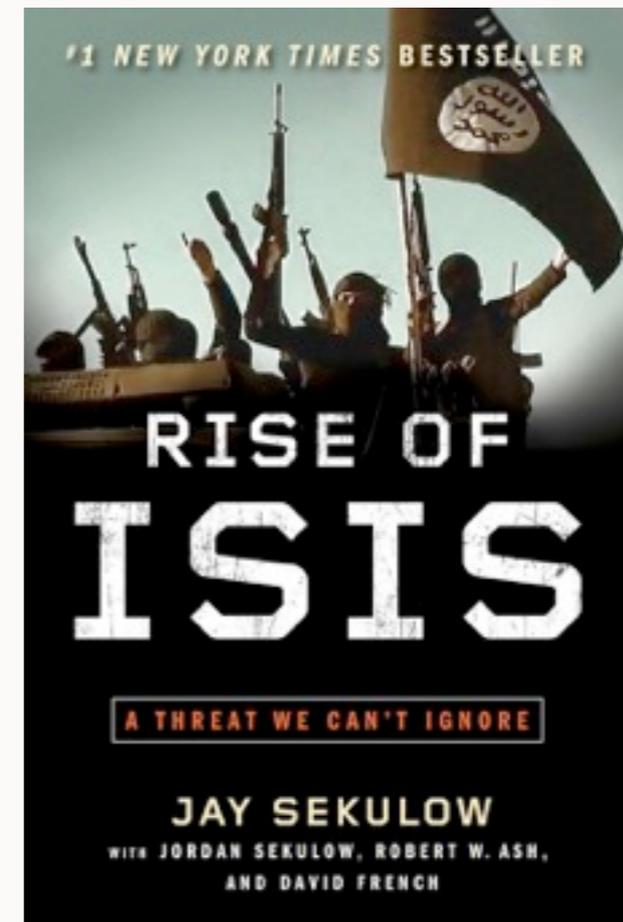
MAJOR DIVISIONS

- Sunnis - The vast majority of Muslims. They are followers of the Sunna.
- Shi'ites - These are “partisans” (shia) of Ali, (Muhammed's son-in-law) - the successor must be among his descendants.
- Sufis - These are mystics who believe that God must be experienced directly.

ISIS HISTORY

BACKGROUND

- ISIS was once known as al-Qaeda in Iraq. ISIS is more brutal than al-Qaeda (disagreed over tactics).
- ISIS is the richest terrorist group.
- It has more firepower than any other jihadist organization.
- They now control territory as large as an entire nation-state.





ISIS CONTROL

- ISIS was able to take over the Mosul Dam in August 2014 - was built by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- It was holding back 11 billion cubic meters of water and producing 1,000 megawatts of electricity.
- A 60-foot wave would have killed hundreds of thousands of Iraqis.



ISIS

- The ISIS troops have slaughtered Jews, Christians, Yazidis, Alawites, and even Shiite Muslims.
- ISIS fighters mark the homes of Christians with an Arabic symbol that has come to mean Nazarene - a pejorative Middle Eastern term for Christians.

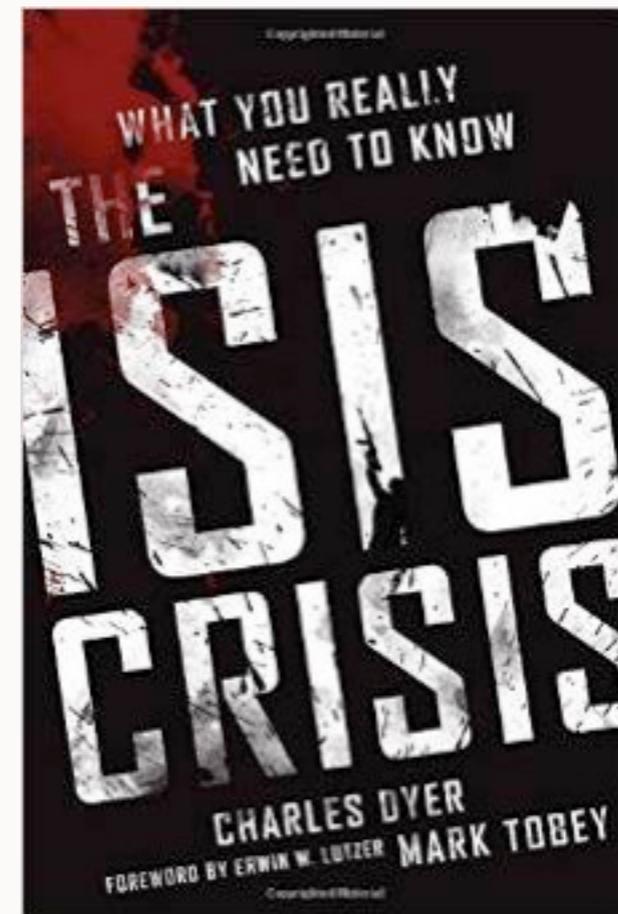


ISIS

- Their actions: They have sold women as sex slaves. They have beheaded men, women, and children. They have captured and burned alive captives.
- Their influence: They are more brutal than al-Qaeda. They control more land than many countries in the Middle East.
- They control more firepower than any jihadist organization in history and are the “world’s richest terrorist group” - hundreds of millions of dollars.

ISIS HISTORY

- In the *ISIS Crisis*, the authors connect five dots.
 - Dot One: The Mujahideen
 - Dot Two: The Taliban
 - Dot Three: al Qaeda
 - Dot Four: al Qaeda in Iraq
 - Dot Five: ISIS



ISIS HISTORY

- Dot One - Mujahideen fought against Russia and were supported by the United States. One of the leaders was Osama bin Laden.
- Dot Two - Taliban filled the vacuum created when Soviet domination ended. They were *students* of a radical form of Islam taught in Pakistan.
- Mohammed Omar seized power and allowed Osama bin Laden back into the country to build al Qaeda.

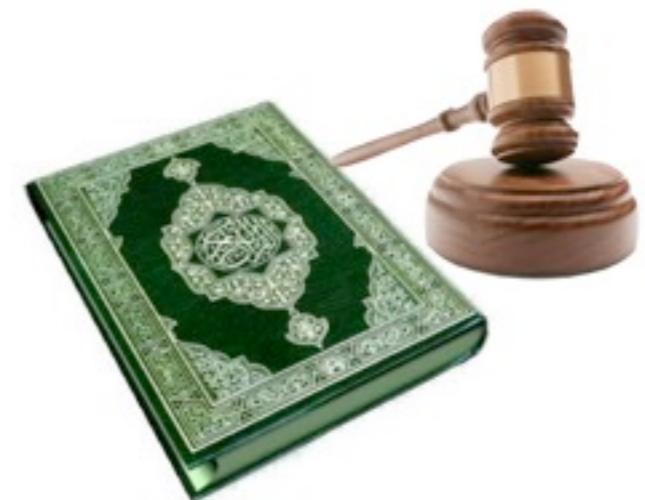
ISIS HISTORY

- Dot Three - al Qaeda (*the base*) carried out various attacks (Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Tanzania) and 9/11.
- Dot Four - al Qaeda became a franchise operation. The leader in Iraq was Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.
- Dot Five - ISIS filled the power vacuum when al-Zarqawi was killed. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi became the head of the Islamic State of Iraq. This was happening during the so-called “Arab Spring.”

ISIS THEOLOGY

ISIS THEOLOGY

- Islam divides the world into two spheres: the house of Islam (*dar-al-Islam*) and the house of war (*dar-al-harb*).
- The house of Islam are nations under the control of Muslims where Sharia law is enforced.
- The house of war includes nations not under Muslim control and do not submit to Sharia.



ISIS THEOLOGY

- Under a jihadist interpretation of Islam, there will be a constant conflict between the house of Islam and the house of war until the house of war is transformed into the house of Islam.
- The conflict will not end until all land is conquered for Allah, and a global Islamic state, known as the Caliphate, is established.
- Sharia law will be enforced by the supreme leader, known as the caliph.

ISLAMIC THEOLOGY

	Sunni	Shiite
Successor	Abu Bakr	Ali Abi Talib
Criterion	Qualified	Descendant
Proponents	Al-Qaeda, ISIS	Iranian Groups
Leaders	Imams	Ayatollahs
Authority	Wise, but fallible	Infallible
Followers	80%	15%

ABU BAKR AL- BAGHDADI



ISIS THEOLOGY

- July 4, 2014 - Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was proclaimed at the Mosque in Mosul as the “Caliph Ibrahim” and leader of the Islamic State.
- “Fear Allah as he should be feared and do not die except as Muslims. . . . Go forth, O *mujahidin* in the path of Allah. Terrify the enemies of Allah and seek death.... for the *dunyā* will come to an end, and the hereafter will last forever.”

ISIS ISLAMIC?

- President Obama says, “No religion condones the killing of innocents. And the vast majority of ISIL’s victims have been Muslim.”
- Former Governor Howard Dean says, “I stopped calling these people Muslim terrorists. They’re about as Muslim as I am. I mean, they have no respect for anybody else’s life, that’s not what the Koran says. Europe has an enormous radical problem. I think ISIS is a cult. Not an Islamic cult. I think it’s a cult.”

ISIS ISLAMIC?

- The Qur'an commands Muslims to engage in jihad.
- Sura 9:5 is known as the verse of the sword and says: "fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them, and seize them, beleager them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem."
- Sura 9:123 says: "Fight the unbelievers who gird your about, and let them find firmness in you; and know that Allah is with those who fear Him."

ISIS ISLAMIC?

- One section in the Qur'an (Sura 16:126) provides the basis for "qisas." This broad concept in Islamic law allows for killing as retribution for crimes.
- The Qur'an also tells a story about Moses who was following a man who kills an innocent young boy. Later the man "enlightens" Moses by sharing his reason for killing the boy (Sura 18:74-81).
- This is the justification for honor killings.

ISIS ACTIONS

ISIS CALL TO ACTION

- Sheik Abu Muhammad al-Adnani (ISIS spokesman) called on Muslims living in Western countries to find an infidel and “smash his head with a rock, poison him” or even “destroy his crops.”
- These are allusions to statements by Muhammed in the Qur’an to Muslims living in infidel countries.



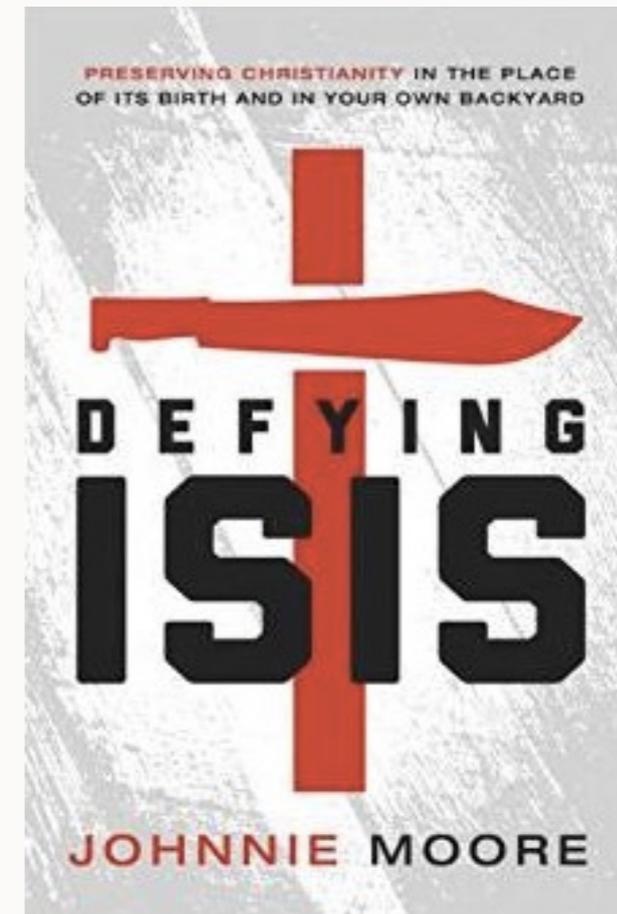
ISIS GOALS

- ISIS is not content with spreading jihad in Iraq and Syria, but has set its sights on larger targets.
- For example, ISIS has threatened to destroy the Kaaba in the Grand Mosque in Mecca.
- “We will kill those who worship stones in Mecca and destroy the Kaaba.”



ISIS IN AMERICA?

- The subtitle of his book is ISIS in your own backyard.
- His warnings might have been easy to shrug off a few weeks ago.
- The attack in Garland, Texas was a reminder of the influence of ISIS.
- ISIS took credit for the attack.



ISIS IN AMERICA?

- FBI Director James Comey told the National Association of Attorneys General that ISIS is a “chaotic spider web” that avidly uses social media to radicalize people across the United States.
- “We have investigations of people in various stages of radicalizing in all 50 states.”
- “This is in all 50 states and in ways that are very hard to see.”



THREE WAYS TO ATTACK

- “City Wolves” - James Comey talks about a network of supporters and sympathizers in every state. He calls these homegrown jihadists “city wolves.”
- Returnees - Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson admitted that 40 of the estimated 180 those traveled overseas to fight ISIS have already returned.
- Open Border - former CIA officer Brian Fairchild expressed concerns about smuggling biological or chemical weapons.

ISIS ATTACKS

- ISIS has been using very sophisticated technology and social media to recruit others to their cause.
- No longer does a potential jihadist have to travel to another country (Afghanistan, Syria, Sudan) to be trained. It can happen in our country.
- James Comey - "ISIS is focusing on the uniformed military and law enforcement" - "It's like the devil sitting on their shoulders, saying "Kill, kill, kill."

ISIS HANDBOOK

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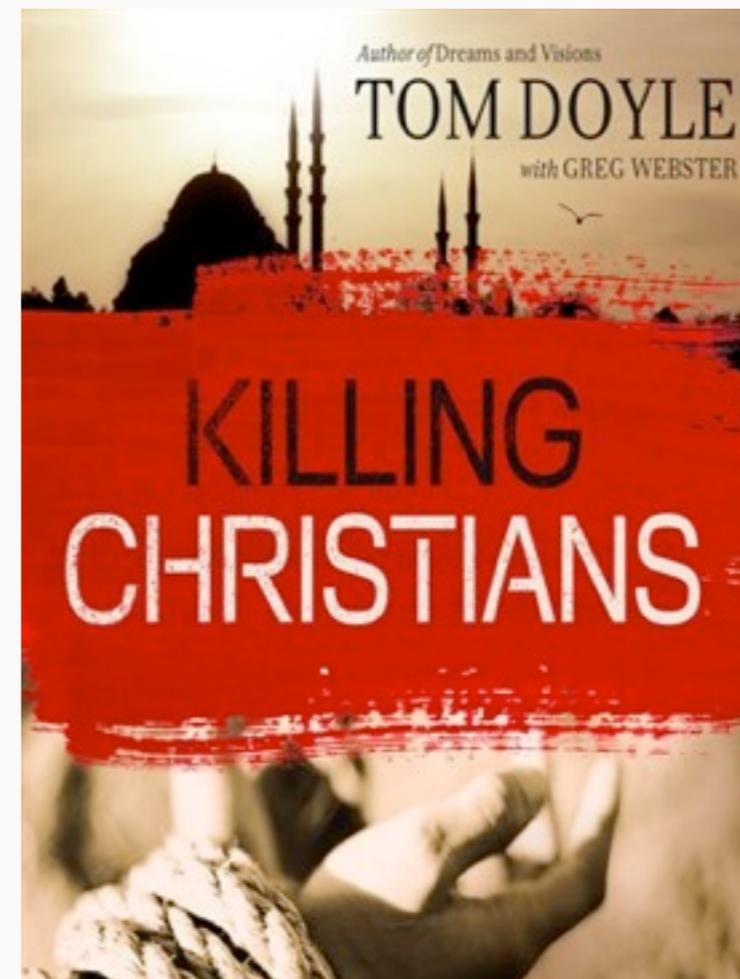
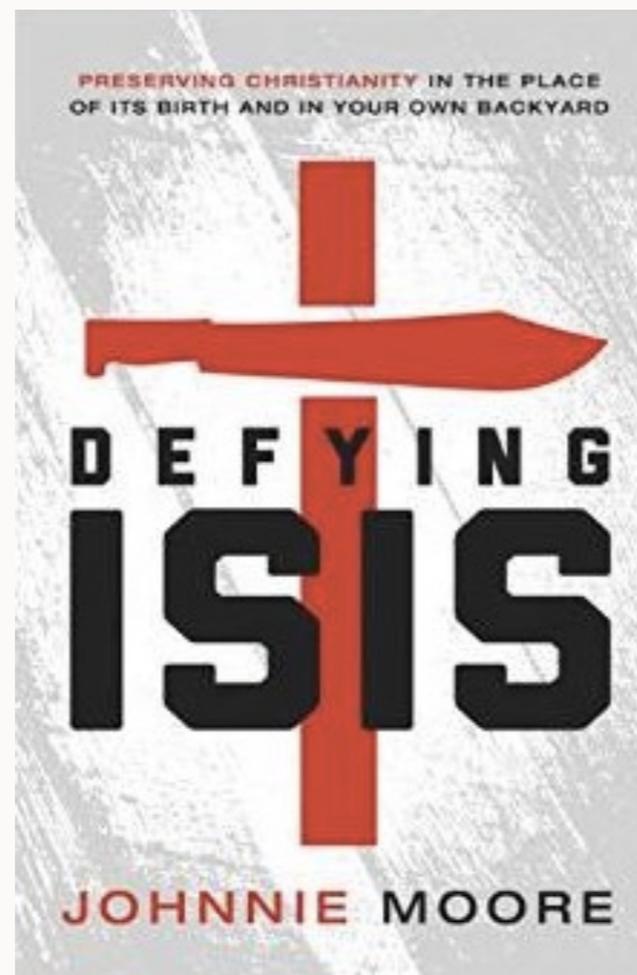
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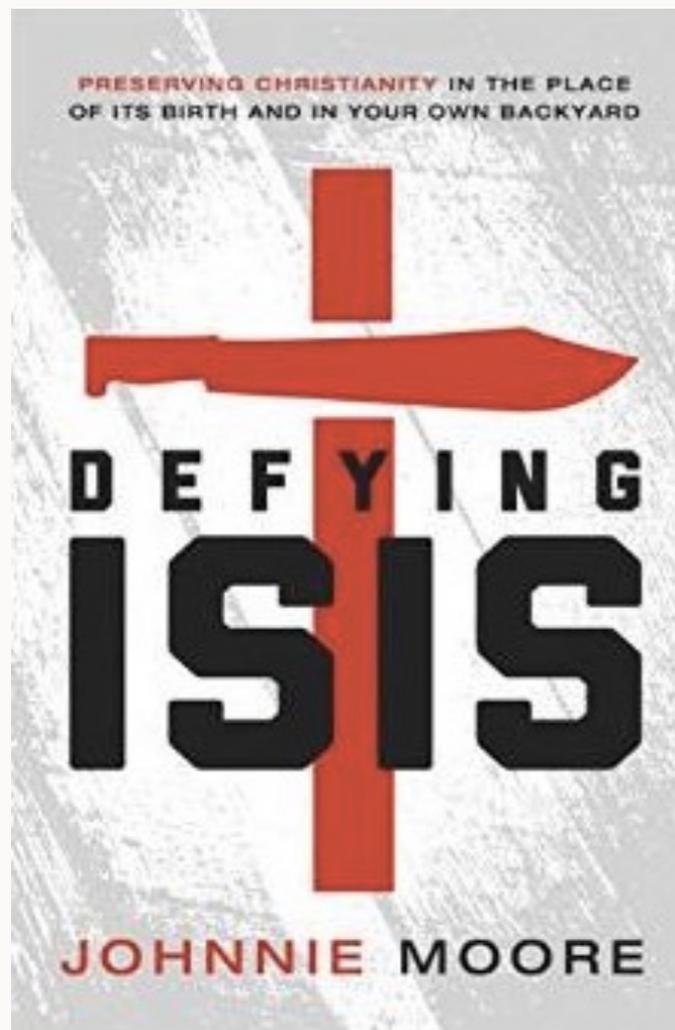
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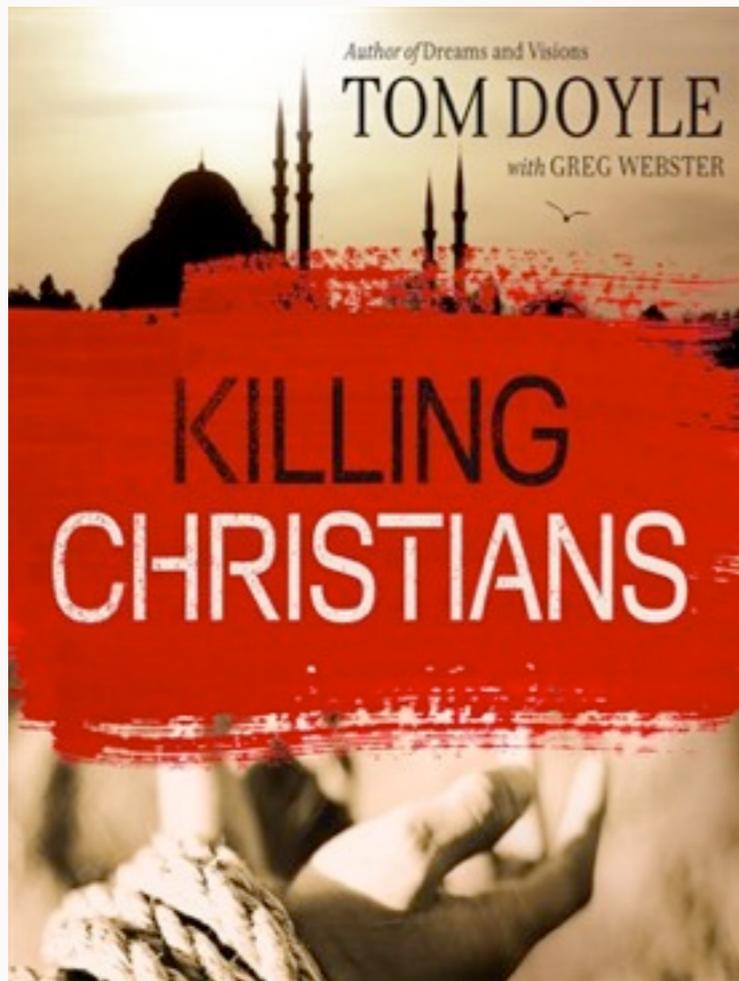


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It seems that every day is met with a new atrocity stemming from the Islamic State. We've lost track of the executions, the crimes against women and children are incalculable and unconscionable, and it seems that every drop of innocent blood feeds a thirst for more.

Their particular taste for Christian blood is most alarming to many of us who've watched from afar at their unrelenting advance on ancient Christian communities that have –until now- thrived in Iraq and Syria for nearly two thousand years.

ISIS has displaced tens-of-thousands and burned their churches, targeted their pastors, sold their children as slaves, and murdered countless among them. One particular account I've documented in my book *Defying ISIS* describes how the terror group arrived in one Christian town along the Nineveh Plain waving daggers and swords as they screamed, "shall we start beheading women and children or start with the old and the disabled? ... we will behead all of you unless you convert."

Christianity was born in the east, not the west, and we are witnessing a once-in-a-thousand-year attempt at destroying it in the place of its birth; so, how should we as Christians in the west respond to the threat of ISIS

