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Muhammad is the Future of Europe

by Giulio Meotti

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French President Emmanuel Macron this summer ended up in the middle of a political storm -- with accusations of "racism" -- for saying that women "with seven or eight children" are responsible for the current condition of the African continent, thus creating a challenge, according to Macron, that is "civilizational".

The United Nations states that Macron is right. According to the UN's annual demographic report, "World Population Prospects," one-sixth of the world's population currently lives in Africa. By 2050, the proportion will be one-quarter, and at the end of the century -- when Africa will have four billion people -- one-third.

In Africa today, there are four times more births than deaths. According to figures for 2017, the total fertility rate is 4.5 children per woman, against 1.6 in Europe. During the next thirty years, the population of Africa is expected to increase by one billion. It is not hard to imagine how mass illegal immigration will affect Europe through such unprecedented demographic pressure. African demography has already begun pressing on the "old continent".

When Germany recently opened its doors to over a million people from the Middle East, Asia and Africa, supporters of open borders repeatedly said that a million migrants are nothing in a European population of 500 million people. That, however, was the wrong comparison. The right comparison is between recent arrivals and new births. In 2015 and 2016, 5.1 million children were born in Europe. In the same period, according to a Pew Research Center report, approximately 2.5 million migrants reached Europe. And, as many countries, such as France, refuse to list the new births according to ethnic origin, there is no way to know how many of Europe's births can be attributed to Muslim communities.

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Other UN studies also report about European perspectives, when "Europe" means not only the EU but enlarged continent to the east. In 1950, Europeans numbered 549 million; in 2017, 742 million. In 2050 they are expected to number 715 million. In 2100 the number is projected to drop to 653 million. So, in 30 years, due to the demographic collapse, Europe will lose 30 million people and, by the end of the century, almost 100 million. "Birth control" has worked most effectively in Europe, which demographically did not need it, and worst in Africa, which did.

Within Europe, there will be countries that shrink and countries that grow. The growing ones will tell us what kind of continent it will be. Europe, with the addition of demographic pressure from Africa, will be dominated by Muslim majorities.

Europe is committing social euthanasia. Germany is projected to lose 11 million people; Bulgaria will go from 7 to 4 million; Estonia, from 1.3 million to 890 thousand; Greece, from 11 to 7 million; Italy from 59 to 47 million; Portugal from 10 to 6 million; Poland from 38 to 21 million, Romania from 19 to 12 million and Spain from 46 to 36 million. Russia is expected to shrink from 143 to 124 million.

Among countries with population growth, France is expected to grow from 64 to 74 million, and the UK from 66 to 80 million. Sweden is projected to grow from 9 million to 13 million, and Norway from 5 million to 8 million. Belgium's population of 11 million is expected to increase by 2 million. These five European countries are also among those with the highest proportion of Muslims.

In addition, last week a new Eurostat report related that the number of deaths in the "old continent" rose 5.7% in one year, due to a population that is aging, but that the demographic growth in high-density Islamic areas is tremendous:

"the highest rates of natural population growth were recorded in the eastern London regions of Hackney & Newham (14 per 1000 inhabitants) and Tower Hamlets (12 per 1000 inhabitants) and the north-eastern Parisian suburbs of Seine-Saint-Denis (13 per 1000 inhabitants)".

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Last week, in the UK, the Office of National Statistics announced that this year, among newborn boys, Muhammad is one of the most popular names, and "by far the most popular if different spellings are accounted for". The same is true in the Netherlands' four biggest cities. In the capital of Norway, Oslo, Mohammed is the top name not only for newborn boys, but for men in the city overall. One would have to be blind not to understand the trend: "It's the demography, stupid".

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After The Caliphate

By Hal Lindsey

In its heyday, ISIS conquered large swaths of territory. Al-Qaeda and other terror groups have controlled pockets of land here and there, but not like ISIS. For a couple of years, ISIS was building a country. More precisely, they were building a caliphate.

In 2014, ISIS leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, made the claim that his genealogy went back to Mohammed himself — a requirement for a true caliph. His followers began using the title “Caliph” to address and describe him. They called him, “Commander of the Believers.” They saw him as the leader of all Muslims. ISIS changed names. It became simply “The Islamic State.”

Thankfully, all that is disappearing now. ISIS controls territory in Syria and Iraq, but less every day. Their hope of a grand future is dying. Young people from all over the world came to Syria and Iraq, eager to join “a great cause.” Thousands of them now lie in mass graves.

Our military commanders correctly remind us that there is much to be done. But the fearsome ISIS war machine long ago lost momentum, then began to lose its lands. In July, Iraqi forces retook the ISIS stronghold of Mosul. A few days ago, a U.S.-backed group called the “Syrian Democratic Forces” took over Raqqa in Syria. That had been the defacto capital of ISIS.

War is always a grim business. But we should all be thankful to God and our military for the defeat of one of the cruelest, most barbaric groups in the last thousand years.

With these developments, we’re all asking what comes next? What will happen when ISIS has been driven from its territory in Iran and Syria? What will happen in the region, and the world? What will happen to terrorism?

First, what will happen to ISIS itself? President Obama often promised to “degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL.” During last year’s campaign, candidate Donald Trump vowed to “utterly destroy ISIS.”

Are we on the verge of that? They’ve been degraded as a power in the Middle East, but they are far from destroyed. Governments around the world now fight a kind of whack-a-mole war against them. There have been ISIS terror attacks on the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Canada, Australia, the United States, Kuwait, Denmark, Tunisia, Egypt, Russia, Libya, Turkey, Bangladesh, Spain, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Germany, Pakistan, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Saudi Arabia.

While that’s not a complete list, it gives an idea of the width and breadth of the Islamic State’s reach. It goes well beyond their dying strongholds in Iraq and Syria. ISIS as a global entity will not soon disappear. In fact, it may become more active. The number of casualties from ISIS terror attacks has gone up each year since 2014.

ISIS carried out the October 4th ambush in Niger that killed four U.S. Green Berets. A small group of American Special Forces soldiers are in Niger to assist that nation in their battle with terrorists.

ISIS is not going away. It’s going everywhere.

From a prophetic standpoint, it is particularly intriguing to look at how all this may affect Israel. For instance, with its mission in Syria coming to an end, will Hezbollah now turn its attention back toward

Israel? Hezbollah has 130,000 working missiles sitting just off Israel's border. The Weekly Standard described it as "an offensive arsenal bigger than that of all Western Europe."

Will Russia leave Syria? Will Iran? Will Iran-backed Shiite militias give up their power in Iraq? The answer to all those questions is, "No!"

The Russian economy is predicated on the sale of natural gas. They are Europe's primary supplier. That allows Russia to overcharge Europe for fuel. But in the 2000s, Israel began to find natural gas. At first, the fields were small. Then, in 2010, they discovered the Leviathan field with an estimated 22 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. As of 2014, they had verified finds of 35 trillion cubic feet.

In April, Israel signed an agreement with Cyprus, Greece, and Italy that will allow it to pump natural gas to Europe. They plan to build a \$7 billion pipeline beneath the Mediterranean. It will be the longest, deepest subsea pipeline on earth. They expect to have it in operation by 2025.

To Russia, that makes Israel a threat. The Russian economy is not diverse. It is built on the sale of natural gas to Europe. Israel's pipeline threatens the Russian economy far more than sanctions. So, yes, expect Russia to remain on Israel's doorstep.

The nuclear deal opened a massive flow of cash to Iran. Since then, they have been projecting their power everywhere they find their fellow Shiite Muslims — especially Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. As they gain greater control in those areas, expect them to focus increasingly on their most important goal, "Al-Quds" — known to most of us as "Jerusalem."

Hamas is the one Sunni Muslim organization that Iran seems to back wholeheartedly. Their hatred for Israel exceeds internal Islamic rivalries. Over the last few days, Hamas leaders were in Iran for consultations. Iran reportedly told them that its continued support depends on Hamas continuing the "axis of resistance" against the "Zionist entity."

The most important sign of all are the prophecies the LORD JESUS Predicted would occur just before the RAPTURE of all BELIEVERS. These prophecies are all happening RIGHT NOW. CHRIST can come for us at any moment. It is time for us to give the gospel at every opportunity.

Jerusalem: The Cup of Trembling

Bud Hancock October 25, 2017

I have known several hard-core alcoholics during my lifetime. Most were seemingly normal people when sober, so much so that one would have difficulty determining that they were addicted to alcohol. When sober, most seemed to have a firm grasp of reality and could usually communicate effectively; but the moment they allowed the bottle to grab them, they became entirely different. No longer able to grasp reality, they created their own idea of what was real, what was true, and what was normal. They seemed to step over into an alternate universe simply by relaxing their self-control and allowing alcohol to take over, releasing all their inhibitions.

After interacting with a few of them on numerous occasions while they were seriously inebriated, I wondered if they could be helped while they were sober. The problem is that, when sober, they could not see the problem they were having with alcohol when they were drunk. I determined that there was no way to help them until they first saw themselves as others saw them, reeling and staggering while they were under the influence of alcohol; only then could they admit that they had a problem.

There is another addiction that causes drunkenness of a different nature, and it has gotten much worse over the past 50 years. This addiction, which could easily be called The Jerusalem Addiction, is the powerful influence the City of Jerusalem has on so many men who deem themselves capable of solving the centuries-old conflict between Israel and her Arab neighbors. The intense craving it evokes in so many men — the desire to be the leader that solves the unsolvable problem of establishing peace between Israel and the Palestinian people — is like the craving an alcoholic has for liquor. Like an alcoholic having gone several days, perhaps several weeks without a drink, sitting alone while all his drinking buddies hit their favorite watering hole, this addiction is equivalent to the pull of the bottle.

For many years, nearly all western leaders, especially the sitting American presidents, have looked longingly at solving the Israeli/Palestinian conflict as the most desirable of all diplomatic achievements. It seems that those whose massive egos demand a regular shot of self-importance simply cannot resist the urge to announce to the world that they will be the ones to solve the seemingly unsolvable problem of securing a peace deal between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Our current POTUS, Donald J. Trump, is no exception.

Only several months into his administration, Trump is stating that he will be the one to create peace between Israel and the Palestinians. POTUS Trump built his reputation in the business world as the consummate deal-maker. This certainly is no small feat since it requires a solid knowledge of the mindset of the people on the other side of the deal, as well as the laws that could affect the deal. Add to this knowledge great patience and fortitude and the tenacity to never give up, and one would easily believe that President Trump could be the one to create peace where there has been no peace for nearly 70 years since Israel was reborn as a nation in a single day.

However, a closer examination will reveal that our president may be a little short on some of the requirements to get this deal done. He appears to have limited knowledge of the real reasons for the generations-old hatred that exists for the Jewish people among the Palestinians and most of the Arab peoples. This hatred has been around, and has remained active and alive, since the times of Ishmael and Isaac, and Esau and Jacob. It is highly unlikely to go away simply because a brilliant businessman like Donald Trump decides it needs to go away. The Palestinian leadership has stated many times that they seek the total destruction of every Jew in the land. They do not simply want a state of their own beside the state of Israel; they want all the land of Israel with no Jews living there to contaminate it. They have had multiple opportunities to achieve peace with Israel, but they always manage to back away from every offer made to them.

One of the major sticking points of any peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians will be the status of Jerusalem. Israel has had an archaeologically-proven and a historically proven connection to the City of Jerusalem since the times of King David. They have been in control of the city since the Six Day War of 1967 when they were victorious over the Arab nations that attacked them. They will not lightly consider giving up any part of their eternal capital to a Palestinian state, and the Palestinians will not lightly drop their demand for East Jerusalem as their capital. Whether these sticky issues can be resolved politically is anybody's guess.

If the negotiations that President Trump intends to initiate result in failure, as have all previous peace negotiations, and peace remains elusive, then what harm would come from the experience? To answer that question, one must understand where God stands on the status of Jerusalem. God's Word is quite clear on the subject. It is recorded in 2 Chronicles 33:4, "Also he built altars in the house of the Lord, whereof the Lord had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be forever."

God has determined that Jerusalem is the city — the only city — where He has placed His name. He will allow no one, neither man nor Satan, to establish another name there. He is a jealous God and is especially jealous over Jerusalem. Anyone who knows what God has already decided about

Jerusalem would, or should, know better than to become involved in any negotiations that would result in the dividing of Jerusalem. Anyone who dares to try to divide Jerusalem — whether the American president, the Russian president, the Palestinian Authority president or the Israeli prime minister — has potentially placed himself, and his nation, in God’s crosshairs and is in danger of God’s judgment.

This judgment is best stated in Zechariah 12:1-3: “The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”

The word “trembling” here is the Hebrew word ra’al; it means a reeling (from intoxication), trembling. The Lord further describes Jerusalem becoming a burdensome stone that will seriously injure anyone who tries to move it. These are some serious warnings that should be heeded by anyone who does not want to be found in direct confrontation with Almighty God.

Just as the alcoholic, when inebriated, cannot determine what is real and what is fantasy, so the Jerusalem addict cannot adequately differentiate between what is possible and what is impossible. The generations-old hatred that Arabs, the descendants of Ishmael; and the Palestinians, the descendants of Edom (Esau), have for Israel is not a problem that can be solved politically. This hatred is a spiritual problem, resulting from the jealousy that began when God chose Isaac over Ishmael and Jacob over Esau. As it has been stated by Bonnie Harvey of Hebrew Nation Radio: “There is no political solution to a spiritual problem.”

God, and His Messiah, Jesus Christ, have the answer to this problem; and its solution will bring the glory to God, and to the Messiah, that they alone deserve. As stated previously, God is a jealous God who will not allow any man to take His glory, nor will He share it with any man.

The elusive peace, at least peace that will last, will only be realized when Jesus returns to this earth, deals with all sin and sinners, and establishes His righteous kingdom. Until then, any person, no matter how brilliant, no matter how knowledgeable, no matter how tenacious, who decides to involve himself and his nation in seeking a solution other than what God has planned — especially to the extent that a division of Jerusalem is a part of the deal — is only living in the alternate reality, or fantasyland, that an alcoholic knows so well. It has been shown that a person under the influence of alcohol sometimes believes himself to be invincible, but his actions will usually prove otherwise. Likewise, a person under the Jerusalem addiction will likely discover that his deal-making skills are no match for God’s judgment.

It has been written in Psalm 122:6, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.” The word peace in this scripture is the Hebrew word shalom (Strong’s 7965). Shalom is a derivative of the root word shalam (Strong’s 7999) which has as one of its meanings: “to be completed.” One of the commonly accepted definitions is: “nothing missing, nothing broken,” or complete. In the context of this scripture, the Word is saying to pray regarding Jerusalem that nothing is missing and nothing is broken — in other words, that Jerusalem is complete, and a dividing of the Holy City is in direct opposition of God’s Word. The dividing of God’s Holy City as part of a political solution to a spiritual problem is a recipe for God’s judgment and disaster.

Let us pray that our president will seek God’s counsel to understand what God has decided concerning the peace of Jerusalem and Israel. Otherwise, President Trump and the entire country could be in for some seriously bad times.