

# *Trinity Bible Church*

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## Specific Schemes of the Devil

### Announcements:

Sunday Mar 08 Nap this afternoon if you don't get enough sleep at church.

Wednesday Mar 11 Obadiah.  
Fellowship luncheon at *Pizza Inn* in Yukon @ 11:00.

Sunday Mar 29 Seder Dinner after church.

Sunday Apr 05 Resurrection Sunday celebration!

\*\* Missionary Mike Parks has Christian contacts in Iran that are in the middle of the political mess and could use prayers and some financial help. Please designate to Iran. We are hoping he can join us in a couple of weeks for a personal update. Hopefully around the end of this month.

\*\* Anyone who wishes to be part of any committee, please see Kelvin. Follow the Lord's leading.

\*\* Please let Pam Farley know if you are able to attend the Wednesday luncheon.  
405-618-2279

\*\* Men's Fellowship Breakfasts are meeting at Olde Orchard, Saturday @ 0730. Please look for an email for your response.

	February	Total 2026	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions 2026
Income	\$ 4,012.00	\$ 22,302.54		\$ 15,909.40	\$ 3,147.00
Expenses	(7,889.73)	(16,158.38)		Missions Balance	(1,957.00)
Balance	\$ (3,877.73)	\$ 6,144.16	\$47,264.62	\$ 5,496.00	\$ 1,190.00

**Announcements**  
**The Sacrifice of Praise**

**Understanding the Times**  
**In View of the Angelic Conflict**

## 23. The Resolution of the Conflict on an Individual Basis

### 24. Some Specific Schemes of the Devil:

- A. Remember that his schemes are often just counterfeits of the truth.  
2 Cor 11:13-15  
Application: Study the Word of God 2 Tim 2:15
- B. It appears that many of the man-made “gods” are counterfeits of different attributes of God.  
Application: Remember that our God is one God. Deut 6:4
- C. While there is a lack of credible information, outside of the Bible, about life before The Flood, we do know that there was an angelic infiltration of demons and the world became extremely wicked. Gen 6:1-8  
Application: Satan wants humanity destroyed
- D. After purging the earth in the Flood, God told Noah to repopulate the earth, and enacted a law to counteract lawlessness, while promising never to completely flood the earth again. Gen 9:1-17  
Application: Satan does not want more baby humans.
- E. The post-flood humans began to descend into evil again, so God confused their language and scattered them over the whole earth. Gen 11:1-9  
Application: Satan wants everyone working to save themselves.
- F. God decided to slow down their sin natures but not eliminate their Babylonian thoughts of saving themselves.  
Application: Satan tries to force God to act, seeking to get Him to violate His plan.
- G. These Babylonian thoughts were carried to \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.
- 1). The \_\_\_\_\_ basically stayed in the Mesopotamian area.
  - 2). The \_\_\_\_\_ basically went north and west.
  - 3). The \_\_\_\_\_ went south and east.

Application: Commonality of thought does not mean accuracy or \_\_\_\_\_.

- H. Out of this dispersion came three significant \_\_\_\_\_:
- 1). The Sumerians, who stayed in the Mesopotamian area, in the Tigris-Euphrates River valley.
  - 2). The Egyptians, who went south into northeastern Africa
  - 3). The Chinese, who went to the far East.

Application: Just because “educated” humanity tries to change God’s historical time lines, does not mean they are \_\_\_\_\_.

- I. All of them had their own system of \_\_\_\_\_ for other gods.
- 1). Some of the Shemites believed in one God, known as Yahweh Elohim.  
Gen 11:27-12:3
  - 2). Other Shemites, the Sumerians, had a highly developed system of mythology and worshipped several gods.

Application: Christianity is rooted in history, not ancient mythology. Ancient mythology frequently copied some history but \_\_\_\_\_ it.

J. The Sumerians:<sup>1</sup> (Seen in Gen 11 as from the land of SHINAR)

- 1). Tiamat (Nammu)
- 2). An and Ki
- 3). Enlil
- 4). Inanna
- 5). Utu
- 6). Ereshkigal
- 7). Enki
- 8). Gula
- 9). Nanna
- 10). Ninhursag
- 11). Etana was a noted king of Sumer, which many believe to be the biblical Nimrod.
- 12). Lugal-zagesi was the last king of Sumer and was conquered by Sargon of Akkad. It is notable that he was a socialist.

K. The Egyptians also had their own religion that contained a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ with the religions of other cultures.

L. As humanity got farther and farther away from God, they moved more under the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan and his minions, although they had no excuse.  
Rom 1:18-32

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<sup>1</sup> <https://symbolsage.com/sumerian-gods-list/>

## **Understanding the Times In View of the Angelic Conflict.**

9. **Secularism (Secular Humanism).**

10. **Marxism.**

11. **Postmodernism.**

12. **New Spirituality:**

13. **Islam:**

**A. Islam**

The word "Islam" is a noun formed from the Arabic verb meaning "to submit, surrender, or commit oneself." With the translation comes the idea of action and not inactivity. The very act of submissive commitment is at the heart of Islam, not simply a passive acceptance and surrender in doctrine. "Muslim" which is another noun form of the same verb means, "the one who submits."

1. **Their History: Rise of Muhammad, the "Praised One."**

2. **The Three Main Factions<sup>2</sup>**

- a). Sunnis (followers of the prophet's way) believed that the Caliph should be elected by the Islamic leadership.
- b). Shi'a who believed the position of Caliph should be hereditary and should go to Ali, Muhammad's son-in-law, who married his only daughter, Fatima.
- c). Sufis who reacted to the legalistic, mechanical religious system and became known as "mystics" who sought the direct personal experience of the Divine as Muhammad had done in his early life in the caves.
- d). The Baha'i Faith, although significantly different than Islam, had its roots in this system.

3. **Faith and Duty<sup>3</sup>**

Islam embraces not only religion but culture and thus its future is dependent upon the state of the nations it has infiltrated.

4. **Why It Is Growing So Rapidly**

- a). It has a strong political and cultural base.
- b). It has the appeal of a universal message.
- c). It has a simple creed and tenets.
- d). Anyone is invited to enter.
- e). Its doctrines (5) and pillars (5) can be easily communicated.

In the West it appeals to the universal brotherhood of man, world peace, temperance, and claims to be respectful of women. These principles are not practiced in normal Muslim life in other parts of the world.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.muslim.org>, February 19, 2015

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

The teachings of Islam are comprised both of faith (imam) and duty (din). This is a combination of theology and jurisprudence.

## 5. **The Koran**

The Koran (also known as the Quran) is the authoritative scripture of Islam. They believe it to be the Word of God and it is the main guide for all matters of faith and practice.

Muhammad had other revelations including the Torat (of Moses), the Suhuf (prophets), the Zabur (psalms of David), the Injil (gospel of Jesus). Notice that these writings are only revelations from God, not revelations of God. The Muslims claim that the Koran is the only holy scripture of which the original text still exists, but even this claim is incorrect.

The Koran is viewed as infallible and supersedes all other books because they have been corrupted. Their conclusion is that the real “gospel of Jesus” is the Jesus that is based on the standards of the Koran. To Islam, He was another prophet but not divine.

## 6. **The Six Articles of Faith<sup>4</sup>**

- a). One God (Allah): The central belief in Islam, and arguably the most important theme of Islam, is that there is one God. The Muslim name for God is “Allah,” which is Arabic for “the (al) God (Ilah).”
- b). The angels of God: Angels in Islam are spiritual creatures that serve the purposes of Allah.
- c). The books of God: Especially the Koran. It is the most important writing in the religion of Islam and is the highest authority in both religious and legal matters.
- d). The prophets of God, especially Muhammad:
- e). The Day of Judgment (or the afterlife): The afterlife is very important to the Islamic worldview. Muslims believe in the continued existence of the soul and a transformed physical existence after death. Islam teaches that there will be a day of judgment when all humans will be divided between the eternal destinations of Paradise and Hell.
- f). The supremacy of God's will (or predestination): Islam teaches that God not only foreknows, but also foreordains all that comes to pass in the world and in the lives of individuals.

## 7. **The Five Pillars of Faith (Required Observances)<sup>5</sup>**

- a). The Creed (Shahada) or Profession of Faith: “There is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah,” which must be publicly stated aloud to become a Muslim.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.religionfacts.com/six-articles-faith>, August 17, 2020

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.religionfacts.com/five-pillars-islam>, paraphras, July 15, 1017

- b). Prayer (Salat): Prayer as ritual is central to a devout Muslim, praying five times a day.
- c). Almsgiving (Zakat): This refers to giving to the poor.
- d). Fasting (Ramadan): There is a daily fast from sunup to sundown each day during this holy month, which is based on the appearance of the crescent moon.
- e). The Pilgrimage (Hajj): A trip to Mecca at least once during one's life is essential in gaining salvation.
- f). Not considered a "pillar of faith" is the Jihad or Holy War which is required as the situation warrants either to spread Islam or defend it. One who dies in a Jihad is guaranteed eternal life.

## **8. The Family**

- a). The family is of central importance in Islam.
- b). Marriage is required for every Muslim, even the ascetics (those not interested in sexual activity).
- c). Men may not have more than four wives, but may have as many concubines as they choose.
- d). A Muslim may divorce his wife at any time for any reason.
- e). Other practices include the veiling of women, circumcision, abstention from alcohol, gambling, and certain foods. These practices are seen as vices from the West.

## **9. Islam's View of Jesus Christ: Different from the Christian view.**

- a). Some do not believe Jesus was crucified.
- b). Some believe Judas was crucified in His place.
- c). Some believe that Jesus did not die on the cross.
- d). Some believe that God took him to heaven without dying.
- e). Islam does believe Jesus was a sinless prophet although not as great as Muhammad. They believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, but that an angel, not the Holy Spirit, was the agent. The idea of Allah having a son is repugnant to them. Jesus was a messenger of Allah, but not the Son of God and certainly not God.
- f). To the Muslim, sin is a lack of obedience to Allah, thus man is sinful by act only, not by nature. Muslim Law, which is harsh and rigid, administers justice for sins, thus the individual pays for his own sin and needs no other deliverer.

Islam was founded by a dead prophet; Christianity by a risen Savior.

## **10. Author's Comments**

The god of Islam is a counterfeit of the Judao-Christian God, and they clearly declare that Jesus is not God or the Savior of all mankind. Muhammad claimed to be speaking for the God of Adam, Noah, Abraham, David, and Jesus, yet he had prophecies that were wrong

He prophesied that the Byzantines who were defeated by the Persians in 614-615 A.D. would regain their territory in less than nine years. It took

almost 14, to 628 A.D. He also stated that the world would end 500 years after his death. It should have then ended in 1132 A.D. The fact this is written or that you are reading this page is proof he was a false prophet.