

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF THE SPRINGS – 4/24/24

*“I, the Lord, promise that I will surely bless you and give you as many descendants as the stars in the sky. There will be as many people as sand on the seashore. **And your people will live in cities that they will take from their enemies.** Every nation on the earth will be blessed through your descendants. I will do this because you obeyed me.”*

– from **Genesis 22:16b-18** NLT

PART ONE

Free! Free Palestine!

[WHY did **Jordan** and **Saudi Arabia** assist Israel in repelling the attack?]

Some of the 170 drones, 30+ cruise missiles, and 120 ballistic missilies launched by Iran on the night of April 13, 2024, and shot down over Jerusalem by a coalition of forces.



Genesis 12:2-3 ERV

[From God to Abram] “I will build a great nation from you. I will bless you and make your **name** famous. People will use your **name** to bless other people. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse those who curse you. I will use **you** to bless all the people on earth.”

2,000 Years later, Jesus lived, died, and rose again. 600 years later...

Mohammad becomes a **religious** leader in the pagan city of Mecca.

After 12 years, has about 70 followers, gets kicked out, goes to Medina.

3 Jewish tribes in Medina, took him in, he organized in poor neighborhoods.

Political treaty, other followers from Mecca, ambushed caravan trade routes.

Battle of Badr, 624AD, 1k Meccans killed, **military** leader. 60+ battles in 8yr.

In al-Taif, in 630AD, uses catapults. *“They are among them.”* Mosques: **R-P-M.**

Runs 1 Jewish tribe out of Medina, then 2nd, then kills 600-700 in 3rd tribe.

In 5 years after Mohammed’s death, **no pre-existing culture left in Arabia.**

Umar, 2nd Calif, conquers Jerusalem. Dreams of stone. Finds near Gihon.

Places on hill, in line thru Gihon. Ignores small church over rock. (

Sunni (80%) vs. **Shia** (20%). Shrines in **Najaf** and **Karbala** in Iraq.

Yearly pilgrimage to burial shrine in **Najaf** of supposedly Adam, Noah, and

Ali bin Abu Talib, the cousin and son-in-law of Mohammed. In 680AD his son,

Hussain ibn Ali, was killed by Yazid in **Karbala**, buried there. 50 miles, 20-30

million yearly vs. 9 million to Mecca. **Najaf** is where world’s largest **cemetery**

(5 million people, over 15 sq. miles). 200/day. Shrine painted gold in 1796.

Genesis 16:1-4, 9-12

“The angel of the Lord said to her, ‘Sarai is your owner. Go home to her

and **obey** her.’ The angel of the Lord also said, ‘From you will come many

people—too many **people** to count.’ Then the angel of the Lord said,

‘Hagar, you are now pregnant, and you will have a son. You will name him

Ishmael, because the Lord has heard that you were treated badly. **Ishmael**

will be wild and free like a wild donkey. He will be against everyone, and

everyone will be against him. He will move from place to place and camp

near his brothers.” [Extra points: How many brothers did Ishmael have? See Genesis 25:1-2]

1 Kings 8:23-24 NIV

[King Solomon] “Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven

above or on earth below—You who keep Your **covenant** of love with Your

servants who continue wholeheartedly in Your way. You have kept Your

promise to Your servant David, my father; with Your **mouth** You have

promised and with Your **hand** You have fulfilled it—as it is today.”

Luke 20:41-44 NLT

“Then Jesus presented them [religious leaders] with a question. ‘Why is it,’

He asked, ‘that the **Messiah** is said to be the son of David? For David himself

wrote in the book of Psalms: “The Lord said to my Lord, sit in the place of

honor at My right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool

under your feet.” Since David called the **Messiah** ‘Lord,’ how can the **Messiah**

be his son?”

John 8:34-36 ESV

“Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone** who practices

sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son

remains forever. So if the Son sets you **free**, you will be **free** indeed.”