

The King of the South

From Ronald L. Dart's Program Notes

One of the most disturbing things in politics is that half the population is ignorant of history and the other half doesn't give a hang. It's the only way to account for what has to be called the stupidity of leaders when they talk about Islam and what Islam means to us in the modern world. To most Americans, Mohammed was just another prophet, and Islam is just another religion. So we have in the world Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Shintoism, and a bunch of other "isms" along the way. They couldn't be more wrong. Islam is, without question, the most dominating religion the world has ever seen. At the same time, it is the most dangerous the world has ever seen. No, not all Muslims are dangerous. There is no earthly reason why you should feel intimidated by a poor lady in Walmart with her head covered in the obviously Muslim style. You should not look upon her as an enemy or as a danger to you. She probably isn't. Many Muslims are just as ignorant of their history as we are.

The only reason that individual Muslims are dangerous is because they are a part of a religion that does not allow them to question or

dissent. There is no way in which, for example, Muslims or a wing of Islam could rise up and dissent against the tactics and the methods being used by some other part of Islam. The religion itself simply does not allow it. And by the definition used by most of us to define a cult, Islam is easily the biggest and most dangerous cult the world has ever seen or ever will see. We miss this important fact because we are accustomed to seeing cults as small and isolated. This cult is worldwide, growing, and more dangerous than we would ever expect any cult to be.

There was a startling article not long ago by Dennis Kraeger, who

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said the number of Muslims in the world is more than one billion. What is startling is the number of Muslim demonstrations against Islamic terror: approximately two, period, in recent memory. Why is this? Why are Muslims all but silent about terrorism, except for those who advocate it? Enquiring minds want to know.

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God Provides for CEM through Faithful Monthly Partners . . .

The election is over. Prices are going up for you and for CEM. Did you know that in nautical terms, a partner is "one of the heavy timbers that strengthen a ship's deck to support a mast"? But because of your support, the mast can drive the CEM ship onward. CEM relies on God to provide partners like you who are consistently supporting us monthly and helping us to keep the timeless *Born to Win* broadcast on the air for others to hear and be warned. These broadcasts are changing lives. It is your responsibility—yes, your opportunity—to bring others to Christ. You can make an eternal difference as you support CEM.

Benin Republic AFRICA Feast of Tabernacles Report

By Michael Porter

Les Saison de Notre Joie (Season of Our Joy), was the theme of this year's Feast of Tabernacles held at Hotel Akwaba, Abomey Calavi, North East Benin Republic. And our Father did show his awesome Spirit and powerful peace at his Feast this year. The fellowship, the sermons, the weather, the activities, and of course, the food, were absolutely wonderful.

About 280 brethren attended the Feast this year. Folks came from all over the Benin Republic and as far away as Burkina Faso, Niger, Kenya, and Cameroon. The brother from Kenya, George, was ordained an elder.

On the first day of the feast, Pastor Michael Porter asked, "Have you truly submitted yourself to God? Are we doing our will or God's will? We must let go of ourselves before God can show us our purpose. If we haven't yet found our purpose in life, it's possible we're living to please ourselves rather than God."

Pastor Kingsley preached we must be imitators of Jesus Christ, staying away from greed, immorality, or any impurity.

Pastor George Nkunda gave a teaching on our immune system. He compared the spiritual to the physical to help us understand the spiritual. The immune system is defense against disease. Our spiritual immune system should be used to repel things that are not good for us. As Ephesians 5:10 tells us, everything is exposed by the light—good and bad. And a lesson from 1 John 4:20, "whoever loves not his brother and says he loves

God is a liar."

The message from Evangelist Emmanuel from Cameroon was called, *Seeking the Kingdom*. Other teachings were on the White Throne Judgment, where we were reminded that, "Today is the day of salvation. We must not wait. We all are being called." Pastor George spoke again on reviving and supersizing our faith. He said it's time to move from a defeated faith to an overcoming faith.

Then Pastor Julien spoke on the Millennium. He said there are so many Scriptures regarding this wonderful subject. 2 Thessalonians 4:16 says that God himself shall descend from heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52 tells us we'll be caught up in the air to meet Jesus. He will come with ten thousand of his saints. All men will come to worship Yahweh at the Feast of Tabernacles (Isaiah 11:9, 60:5 and 65:17-25). Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and we should nourish it, both physically and spiritually.

On the Last Great Day, Pastor Michael Porter spoke on the spiritual meaning of the Last Great Day and how it ties in with water. In John 4:10, Jesus said to the woman, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, 'Give Me to drink,' you would have asked of him and he would have given you living water." This has not yet been fulfilled. Mr. Porter showed us pictures of Hezekiah's conduit and the Pool of Siloam. In John 9, Jesus passed by a blind man, anointed his eyes and told him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam and his vision was restored! In the

last day of the great Feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink." The Last Great Day includes the Judgment Day for the unrighteous and inheritance for the righteous. "And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

Pastor Michael closed the Feast with a final sermon entitled *Season of Our Joy*. Everyone loves the joy that comes in the morning, especially after a night of weeping or of sadness.

Several seminars covered a variety of topics such as marriage, the Millennium, and the divine nature. Fourteen people were baptized at the Feast. Please pray that these new brothers and sisters should be strong against the adversary and his wiles.

In Memory

CEM wishes to acknowledge gifts given in memory of Maxine Yblood of North Richland Hills, Texas, near Dallas. Mrs. Yblood passed away peacefully on October 29, 2012 at the age of 79. Mrs. Yblood is survived by her husband, Curtis, and her son, Mark, and his wife, Darlene, who are long-time members of the Church of God. Mrs. Yblood also has a sister and a brother who survive her, as well as a grandson and two great grandchildren, and three nephews. Our deepest sympathies are with the family.

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Now, those who know their history may already know this, but remember a few things. There was an article in *Time* magazine, the week of July 4th; they were looking at Americans, the Founding Fathers, and so forth. One of the features of that article was Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the United States. There was an article by Christopher Hitchens, an Englishman, writing on this occasion for *Time* magazine. He wrote, “Within days of his March, 1801 inauguration as the third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson ordered a naval and military expedition to North Africa, without the authorization of Congress, to put down regimes involved in slavery and piracy. The war was the first in which the U.S. flag was carried and planted overseas. It saw the baptism by fire of the U.S. Marine Corps, whose anthem speaks of action ‘to the shores of Tripoli.’ It prefigured later struggles with both terrorism and jihad.”

Jihadism is terrorism

The one thing we are going to have to get used to in the modern world is that there is terrorism on the one hand and there is jihadism on the other hand, and jihadism is terrorism. It’s not something other than terrorism; it is the fundamental tool of war for Muslims.

Hitchens went on, “The Barbary states of North Africa, Algiers, Tunis, Morocco, and Tripoli, which is today’s Libya, had for centuries sustained themselves by preying on the maritime commerce of others.” If you know your geography, you’ll

realize that in the world at that time, the Mediterranean was key to commerce. More shipping went up and down through the Mediterranean that people could prey on than you could possibly imagine. “Income was raised by direct theft, the extortion of bribes for protection, and the capture of crews and passengers to be used as slaves.”

Historian Robert Davis, in his book, *Christian Slaves, Muslim Masters*, estimated (writing about the period from 1500 to 1800) that as many as 1.25 million Europeans and Americans were enslaved by the Barbary traders. A million and a quarter Europeans and Americans were captured and made slaves—sold on slave markets—by the Barbary raiders. “They struck as far north as England and Ireland. It appears, for example, that almost every inhabitant of the Irish village of Baltimore was carried off in 1631.” These raiders went into Ireland, and carried off, into slavery—sold them off as slaves—an entire village of the Irish in that year. That’s the kind of thing they were dealing with, yet most people today are totally ignorant that it went on, and have no idea what its roots are.

Hitchens went on to tell us that before Jefferson was President of the United States, he was a diplomat. He may have been the ambassador to Paris. The Secretary of State at that time was John Jay. Jay decided to do what the European powers did, and pay tribute to the Barbary sultans in exchange for safe passage as well as for the return of captured American slaves. America’s two main diplomats at the time were

John Adams in London and Jefferson in Paris. Together they called upon Ambassador Adrahamon, the envoy of Tripoli, in London in March of 1786. This dignitary mentioned a tariff of three payments: for the ransom of slaves and hostages; for cheap terms of temporary peace; for more costly terms for perpetual peace; and he did not forget to add his own commission as a percentage.

The Koran gave the right and duty to make war upon them

This is an ambassador of a state that sponsored banditry on the high seas, piracy, and slavery, which was able to maintain an ambassador in London who could negotiate terms of peace and collect a commission off the deal. Adams and Jefferson asked to know by what right he was exacting these levies. The United States had never menaced or quarreled with any of the Muslim powers. Think about that. We were at a point in time where they were able to sit there in front of this man, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, —names to conjure with—speaking to this ambassador of Tripoli, and they asked, why should you be doing this? The United States has never menaced or quarreled with any of the Muslim powers. Thomas Jefferson later reported to the State Department and Congress, “The ambassador answered us that it was founded on the laws of their Prophet that it was written in their Koran that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take

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as prisoners.”

By what authority? Hey, it’s our religion. When you think about this, how can Muslims demonstrate against terror when it has its roots in the laws of Mohammed and is written in the Koran? Why should you expect people to take to the streets demonstrating against the things that people like this are doing? Don’t expect it. It’s a wonder those two demonstrations got off the ground.

The Arab street is one way

The fact is, people talk about the Arab street. We’ll rise up and bomb Bagdad or some other place. Everybody should understand that the Arab street is a one way street. They only have permission to demonstrate against the West. They have little chance whatsoever to demonstrate the other way. It’s a one way deal.

What *Time* magazine said to this point represents the thinking of the State Department. Things haven’t really changed that much. It’s in the nature of the State Department because they are diplomats. Their job is negotiation, it’s bargaining, it’s cutting deals, all these kinds of things. They think in terms of diplomacy, negotiations, deals, treaties; and they operate on the assumption that they are dealing with reasonable people. That just about anyone can be reasoned with, that there must be some way we can cut a deal and make it work.

Treaties made with infidels need not be honored

Jefferson and Adams were probably

able to see, in dealing with the Barbary pirates, that in the long term, no deal you made with them would ever hold. That should have been clear, right from the outset. And, of course, anyone who understands about Islam, knows about this. That in Islam, no treaty made with an infidel need be honored. That your word, given to an infidel, need not be honored. That if you lie to an infidel as a part of the process of gaining control of whatever you want to do, that’s permitted in their religion. Because infidels have no rights, have no respect, have no standing, in fact, in Islamic law. And you are all infidels, in case you haven’t figured that out.

It must have been breathtaking to Thomas Jefferson and John Adams when the ambassador of Tripoli told them, with all sincerity, that they were infidels, and that it was Tripoli’s religious duty to make war on infidels wherever they could be found and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners. It must have been a jaw-dropping experience for them.

Returning to the article by Christopher Hitchens in *Time* magazine: “Jefferson’s recommendation was that the administration refuse any payment of tribute, and prepare at once to outfit a naval squadron to visit the Mediterranean in strength. Ultimately, he proposed, America should arrange for an international concert of powers, composed of all those nations whose shipping and citizens were preyed upon. Justice and honor favor this course, he wrote, adding that it would also save money in the long run.”

Does that sound familiar to you? Jefferson was in the State Department at that time. “Well, we need to see what we can do. We need to make a deal with all the other nations. We need to create a [in Jefferson’s years] a new United Nations type of thing. We’ll put together all of our naval powers and all of us together can go down there and we can put a stop to this terrible thing.” Adams agreed with him, but he didn’t think that it was realistic, or that it would ever happen. And in that day and time it really wouldn’t have, because we really had no navy worth speaking of.

Fast forward to the present

Why is this lesson in history important? Let’s fast forward to the present. You need this CD of the *Born to Win* program titled, *The King of the South*. It will fill in many blanks in your study of prophecy. It will cause you to think and create new questions. And it will answer many questions that will help your understanding of *The King of the South* and the end times.

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