Birth of Islam

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INTRODUCTION

- Things have not changed since 9-11. There is still a rising tide.
- The real premise this weekend is that we should respond to these things like a Christian should.
- We are placed here as lights. Jesus came to open doors, not to build walls.

1 An Approach Driven by Investigation and Understanding

Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21

- These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.
- Before we accept something or reject something, we have to understand it.
- Paul understood these people, even though he didn't agree with them.
- We have to investigate, you have to understand, but then you have to complete the job.
- Test all things. Hold fast what is good.

2 Arabia in the 6th Century and Muhammad's Birth

- Arabia in the 6th century A.D. was in a relative dark age.
- It's very polytheistic. They believed in various nature gods.
- This structure called the Kaaba was sort of the centerpiece of their polytheistic, their idolatrous worship.
- It's this culture into which Muhammad is born in 570 A.D.

3 Muhammad's Calling and the Message of One God

- This revelation was sent to Muhammad through the angel Gabriel and beginning in 610, and for the next 22 years, he received revelations from God.
- It was after Mohammed died, that in the years following, that his followers gathered up all these sayings and compiled them into a volume known as the Quran.
- The message, there's only one God, was a radical revolutionary message for him to preach.
- Islam means simply submission. And Islam is the name for the religion.

4 The Flight to Medina and the First Islamic Community

- He was invited to come and help the people of Medina.
- This is a very important move, the flight to Medina. It's actually the beginning of the Islamic calendar.
- Whereas in Mecca, Muhammad and his followers have given rise to a new religious sect. In Medina, they forged a state.

- He cleans the Kaaba out of the idols. He bans any idolatry.

5 Politics and Religion Start Off Being One

Romans 13

- That is that politics and religion start off being one.
- Whenever Muslims are in the majority, they believe the government should reflect that belief system, and that the government's responsibility is to safeguard the religion.
- Most modern Muslims are quite content to live in Western society where there's freedom of religion.
- Many of those who have practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.
- In the New Testament, we are taught that a believer safeguards his own faith and his own morality.

THE CHALLENGE

As we investigate, grow in our understanding and be better prepared to make the conclusions that are right and proper and best for us for eternity.

MY NOTES