The Birth of Islam

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INTRODUCTION

- Two religious teachers. Both claim to be the final spokesman for God.
- These men and the things that they claim, they force us to make some kind of decision about them.
- We're giving most of our attention in this series to the original version of these faiths. Because roots are very important and roots do continue to affect things for many years to come.

1 Where It Was Born: The Arabian Peninsula

- We need to consider where it was born. Because where it was born has a lot to do with what it is.
- It's approximately a million square miles of desert.
- The Bedouin tribal life was the organization of society. It was a fragmented people.
- It was also a very religious area. But it was polytheistic. They believed in many gods.
- The worship of the Bedouin people was centered in a city by the name of Mecca.
- There was one God that they worshiped, who was a god that was in their superstitions closely associated to nature because he was the creator God that they refer to as Allah.

2 This World Into Which Muhammad Was Born

- It was this world into which Muhammad was born in 570 AD, about 500 years or so after the death of Jesus.
- Mohammed was orphaned as a small child.
- He became known as Alamien, which means the trustworthy one.
- At the age of 25, he married a rich widow by the name of Khadijah.
- He grew restless with the polytheistic ideas of the Bedouin people.

3 His Calling to Be a Prophet

- According to Muslim tradition, in 610 A.D., at the age of 40, Muhammad began to receive revelations from God through the angel Gabriel.
- Recite in the name of thy Lord, who created, createth man from a clot.
- Muslim people teach that Muhammad was not literate at this time. That's disputed by historians.
- He began to realize that, well, this must be a message from God, and I must be chosen to be a prophet.
- Over the next 22 years, Muhammad, according to Muslim teaching, received revelations a little bit at a time over a long period of time.

4 The Four Major Themes of the Quran

- These are the four major themes of the Quran and of the teaching of Muhammad.

- There is one God, that there is monotheism, not the belief of many gods, but that there is only one God.
- That Muhammad was his prophet, that actually Muhammad would be the seal of the prophets.
- The Quran is filled with attributes about God, how that He is bounteous, how that He is merciful.
- As well as the idea that the infidels were to be punished.
- In the Quran, in the context of that volume, it's talking about those who are polytheistic and don't believe in one God but many gods.

MY NOTES