

GOD'S HOUR FOR MUSLIMS HAS COME

Text: 2 Tim 1:7

“Why, what makes you believe that”, you may ask. After all, Islam has been with us for almost 14 centuries and does not look like its dying. In fact, it’s aggressively spreading its influence all over Africa, Asia and even the West. Moreover, the radical forces in Islam can no longer simply be associated with the question of Palestine, but may shock us anywhere, in Luxor or London, New York or Nairobi.

So, why do I make such a bold statement at a time like this? Is it just wishful thinking or a cheap prophecy?

Here are my reasons:

1. *A system of lies cannot go on forever*, because the God of Truth (Ps 31:5) will prove Himself. (cc communism - we need to look beneath the surface) - Why is Islam a system of lies? - false figures, no commitment to truth in matters of ‘dawah’, self-deception, no mutual trust
2. *Dissatisfaction among Muslims today*
 - Sudan - hypocrisy and greed (Operation Moses)
 - Iran / Iraq war
 - Gaddhafi - people accept his money, but are glad to see him from behind
3. *Islam has no power to change people*
 - cannot change sexual behavior of men (no AIDS survey allowed)
4. *God will not let the Muslim world without a witness forever*
 - Radio, TV and literature are main means today. Many are responding. But also more missionaries are reaching into their countries; Nigerians to Malawi / Turkey, Ethiopians to India, Brazilians to Mozambique, Koreans are just everywhere. God has His people.
5. *God will honor the faith of His servants* like Dr Samuel Zwemer: God will yet bless the sons of Ishmael also! Yes, He will. From the Maldives and Comoros islands, into northern China right into the heart of Mecca.

God is strong enough to build His church! Take your part in laying the bricks through

- prayer
- proclamation and
- persevering faith.

Are you still troubled / paralyzed by the evil forces of fear, misconception, indifference or assimilation? Are you still doubting a Muslims capacity to receive Christ as Saviour?

Remember that “God has NOT given us the spirit of fear” (So, if you are numb with fear it must come from somewhere else!) - remember Daniel 11:32b “...*the people who know their God will firmly resist him*”.

...but a spirit of...

POWER	- a bold, informed witness which comes from knowing your god
LOVE	- true concern and compassion (unlike a Jonah attitude)
SOUND MIND	- truthful and sober.