The Return

The End Times

Return Church

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Bible Study

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Part 2, lesson #3

Part 2 study of the End Times

1. **The 4 Beast**
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The 7 Seals

The 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse

A skeletal structure of the book of Revelation

The future is described in 4 different ways through 4 major categories of events. These categories form a skeletal structure for the book of Revelation.

1. **7 Seals**
2. **7 Thunders**
3. **7 Trumpets**
4. **7 Vials**

The seals, trumpets and vials are explained in great length, but the thunders are not explained at all.

When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them. ***Revelation 10:3-4 NKJV***

Structural elements

- We see the structural elements of the book of Revelation when you compare the seals, trumpets and vials.
- According to Irvin Baxter the seals are the long story ending with the battle of Armageddon and second coming of Jesus Christ.
- The trumpets are the shorter story ending at the battle of Armageddon.
- The vials or bowls, are the very short story ending at the battle of Armageddon. (These do not take place until after the mark of the beast is administered.)
- Each of these judgments begin at different times, but end at the same time.

REVELATION



The Seven Seals



The 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, Come and see. And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come and see. Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, Come and see. So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine. When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. ***Revelation 6:1-8 NKJV***

First 4 Seals
The 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse

- The White Horse - The Anti-Christ - He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. ***Rev 6:1-2***
- The Red Horse – War - And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. ***Rev 6:3-4***
- The Black Horse – Famine - Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. And don't waste the olive oil and wine. ***Rev 6:5-6***
- The Pale Horse – Death & Hell - Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death. ***Rev 6:7-8***

Main-stream Christianity

- This is what main-stream Christianity teaches about the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse.
- This is what I have always believed.
- This would imply that the seals are loosed during or at the beginning of the Great Tribulation Period.
- But what if these 4 horsemen mean something totally different? And what if these seals were already loosed.
- What if some of the seals and trumpets are loosed before the Great Tribulation period? That would change everything.



Irvin Baxter

1945-2020

Endtime Ministries

He was a Pentecostal minister that saw the End Times very different from Main-stream Christianity. **I agree with some of his teaching but not all. I do not recommend his teachings, he doesn't teach salvation correctly.**

But I do believe his points about the 7 seals and the 4 horsemen of the apocalypse. I only mention him because I never want to be guilty of plagiarism.

4 chariots pulled by different colored horses

Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, four chariots were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains *were* mountains of bronze. With the first chariot *were* red horses, with the second chariot black horses, with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong *steeds*. Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, What *are* these, my lord? And the angel answered and said to me, These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from *their* station before the Lord of all the earth. The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country. Then the strong *steeds* went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth. So they walked to and fro throughout the earth. And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country. ***Zechariah 6:1-8 NKJV***

The 4 main political and religious ideologies of mankind today

1. **The White Horse - Catholicism**
2. **The Red Horse – Communism/Socialism**
3. **The Black Horse – Capitalism**
4. **The Pale Horse – Islam**

- Irvin Baxter teaches that the 4 horseman are the 4 main religious and political ideologies leading up to the End Times, before the tribulation period.
- Instead of the mainstream Christianity's view that these seals are loosed during the tribulation period and are the Anti-Christ, war, famine and death and hell.
- He believes that these seals have already been loosed on the earth.



The White Horse - Catholicism

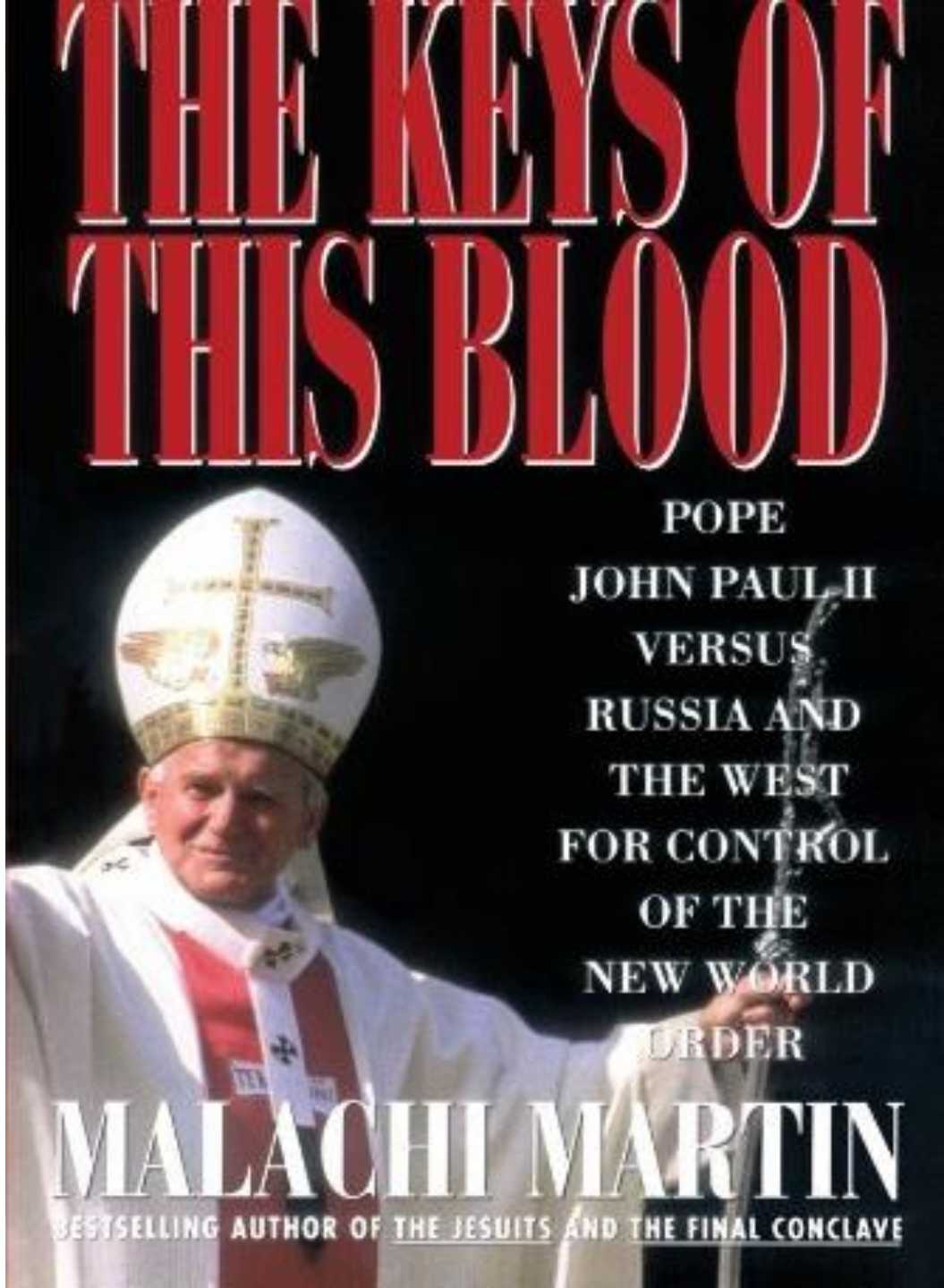
- There are 1.422 Billion Catholics in the world today.
- They make up 17.8% of the world's population.
- The Catholic Church began to dominate Western Europe politically and socially during the 4th to 6th centuries, following the legalization of Christianity by Roman Emperor Constantine in **313 AD.**
- Its immense power over the Western world solidified after the fall of the Western Roman Empire in **476 AD** and the rise of Pope Gregory I in **590 AD**
- The current pope is Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost. Elected May 8, 2025, succeeding Pope Francis. Born in Chicago, Illinois, 1955. He is the first U.S.-born pope.





Malachi Martin

The question is not is there going to be a world government? That's a settled issue, all nations are now interdependent. The only question is who will rule the coming one world government? There are three and only three geopolitical powers with the necessary doctrine and structure to rule a world government: communism, capitalism and Catholicism.



The white horse Catholicism

And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. ***Revelation 6:2 NKJV***

- A bow with no arrows. His weapons are not the traditional weapons of the political powers of this world.
- The Catholic church doesn't shoot live ammunition.
- The Pope wore a crown from AD 1130 – AD 1963.



The Red Horse

Communism/Socialism

When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come and see. Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. ***Revelation 6:3 NKJV***

Communism

- Communism is a political and economic ideology that aims to create a classless society where the public owns all means of production, and wealth is shared based on individual need.
- Factories, land, and resources are owned by the government or the community rather than private individuals.
- The system seeks to abolish private ownership of major business assets and eliminate economic classes.
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, outlined the main ideas of modern communism in the Communist Manifesto of 1848. They argued that history is driven by class struggle between wealthy owners and exploited workers.
- Vladimir Lenin led the 1917 revolution in Russia, creating the first nation governed by a communist party.
- Communist governments spread globally later forming in countries like China, Cuba, and Vietnam





Communism

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- From its very outset, from the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 to the China Revolution in 1949 and conflicts in Korea, Vietnam and the Congo, communism has robbed our world of peace.
- Stalin killed 20 million Russians during his reign in the Soviet Union.
- Millions of Chinese have been killed in the cultural revolution.
- This is the red spirit, the spirit and power of socialism and communism.

The Black Horse – Capitalism

When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, Come and see. So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine. ***Revelation 6:5-6 NKJV***

- Instead of a sword, the rider has a pair of scales. This represents trade and commerce. The counterpart to communism is capitalism. Trade and commerce are what make capitalism work, it is the free enterprise system that motivates the spirit of capitalism.
- In a capitalistic society, everything revolves around the economy. Political leaders get elected that can improve the economy.



The Pros and Cons of Capitalism

- The Best Products for the Best Price -
- Innovation is Often Rewarded -

- Lacks Equality of Opportunity -
- External Costs Are Ignored -



CAPITALISM



YOUR DICTIONARY



Capitalism

The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them,… See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country. ***Zechariah 6:6, 8 NKJV***

- All of the capitalistic countries are in the Northern Hemisphere. Over 80% of the Worlds wealth is found in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Africa and South America are in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Pale Horse – Islam

When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. ***Revelation 6:7-8 NKJV***

Pale – Greek, chloros – Green

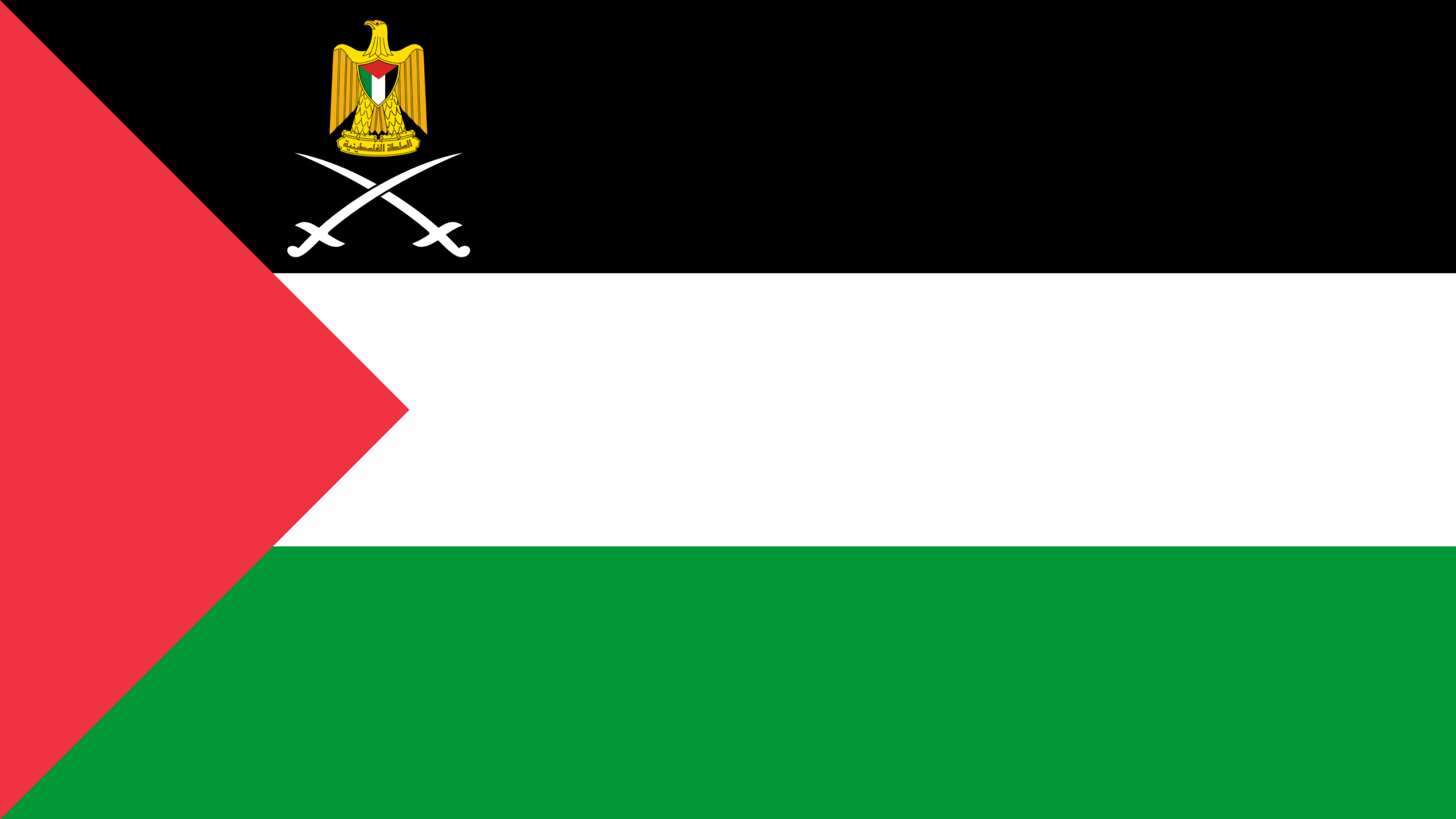
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- The color green holds a distinct significance in Islamic culture, as it has appeared with symbolic meanings throughout various Islamic eras and among different schools and sects.
- It is mentioned in the Quran, especially in the descriptions of Paradise, as stated in the verse: They will wear green garments of fine silk and brocade.
- Green is the color of many Islamic nations and it is used in their flags.

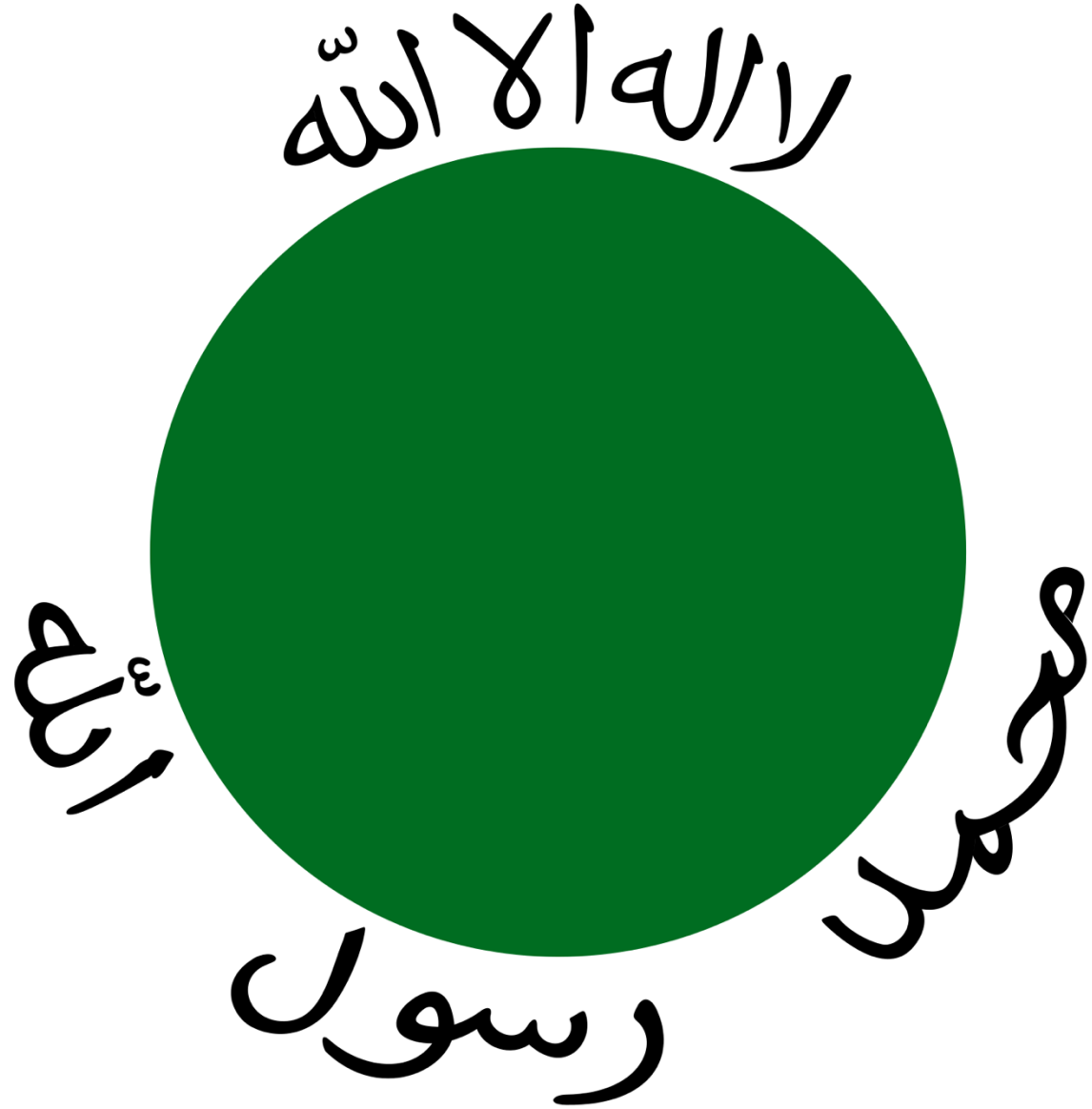







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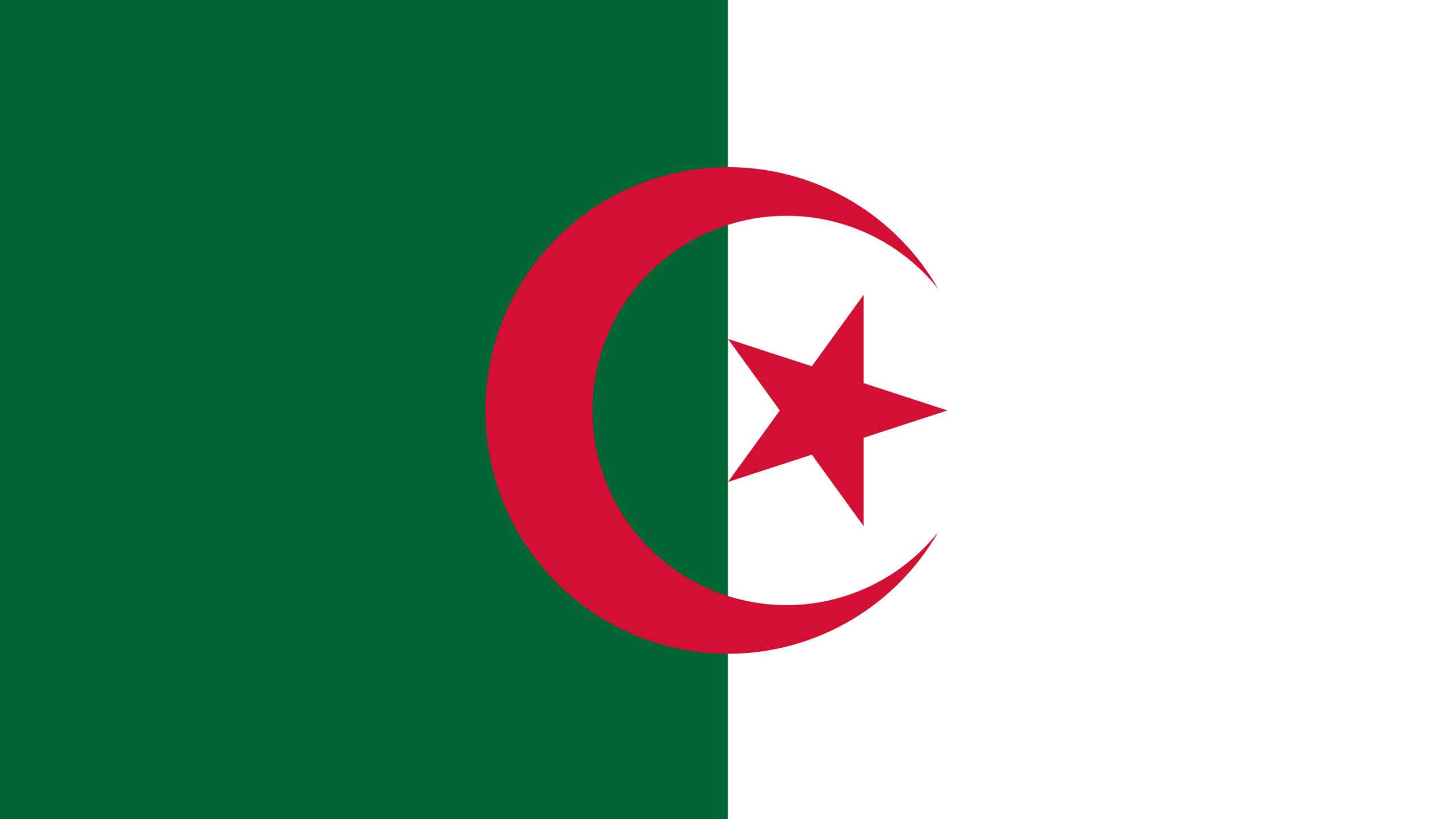

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Islam

- The official color of Islam is Green.
- When I was growing up, **red communism** was the enemy of the West. Now **green Islam** has replaced red communism as the main enemy of the West.
- The fear that we had for red communism has been replaced by the fear of the green Islam.
- 9/11 was kind of the USA's wake-up call to radical Islam.



Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)
Alan Jackson

Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day?
Were you in the yard with your wife and children
Or working on some stage in L.A.?
Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke
Rising against that blue sky?
Did you shout out in anger in fear for your neighbor
Or did you just sit down and cry?

I'm just a singer of simple songs
I'm not a real political man
I watch CNN but I'm not sure I can tell you
The difference in Iraq and Iran
But I know Jesus and I talk to God
And I remember this from when I was young
Faith, hope and love are some good things he gave us
And the greatest is love



Empire State Building

It lights up in green to celebrate the Islamic holiday of Ramadan.

I think they are saying, we like you, please don’t fly an airplane into me.

Muslims

- There are about **2 billion** Muslims in the world today.
- They make up **25.6%** of the world's population.
- Islam is the world's second-largest and fastest-growing major religion.
- The word Muslim means, one who submits to God, they are people who are adherents of Islam.
- They consider the Quran, the foundational religious text of Islam, to be the verbatim word of the God of Abraham (or Allah) as it was revealed to Muhammad, the last Islamic prophet.
- Mecca, Saudi Arabia is the center of Islam. Every Muslim, at least once in their lifetime, attempts to travel to Mecca, their holiest site.



Death & Hell

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. ***Revelation 6:8 KJV***

- One of the most prominent means by which Islamist spread their terror has been through suicide bombers.
- Islam glorifies death. They teach their children that the highest calling in life is to become a martyr for Allah, a martyr for Islam. They believe their reward will be 72 dark eyed virgins in paradise.
- The Bible says those who commit murder will have their part in the Lake of Fire. Notice from the Bible what follows is Death for the unbeliever is Hell.

Power over 25 % of the earth

So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, ***Revelation 6:8 NKJV***

- Muslims make up about **25.6%** of the world's population or ¼ of the earth.
- To kill with a sword. Radical Islams favorite way of killing, especially when they are filming it for the entire world to see, is by beheading people.

Micah Beckwith

Indiana Lieutenant Governor

In May 2026 Beckwith stated that he "hates Islam" and described the faith as a "demonic death cult". He later stated that he loves individual Muslims and hopes they convert to Christianity.

In July 2026, Beckwith claimed that Islam is "actually worse" and a "more dangerous ideology" than Nazism. He asserted that Islam is not a true religion, but rather a "military and political ideology.



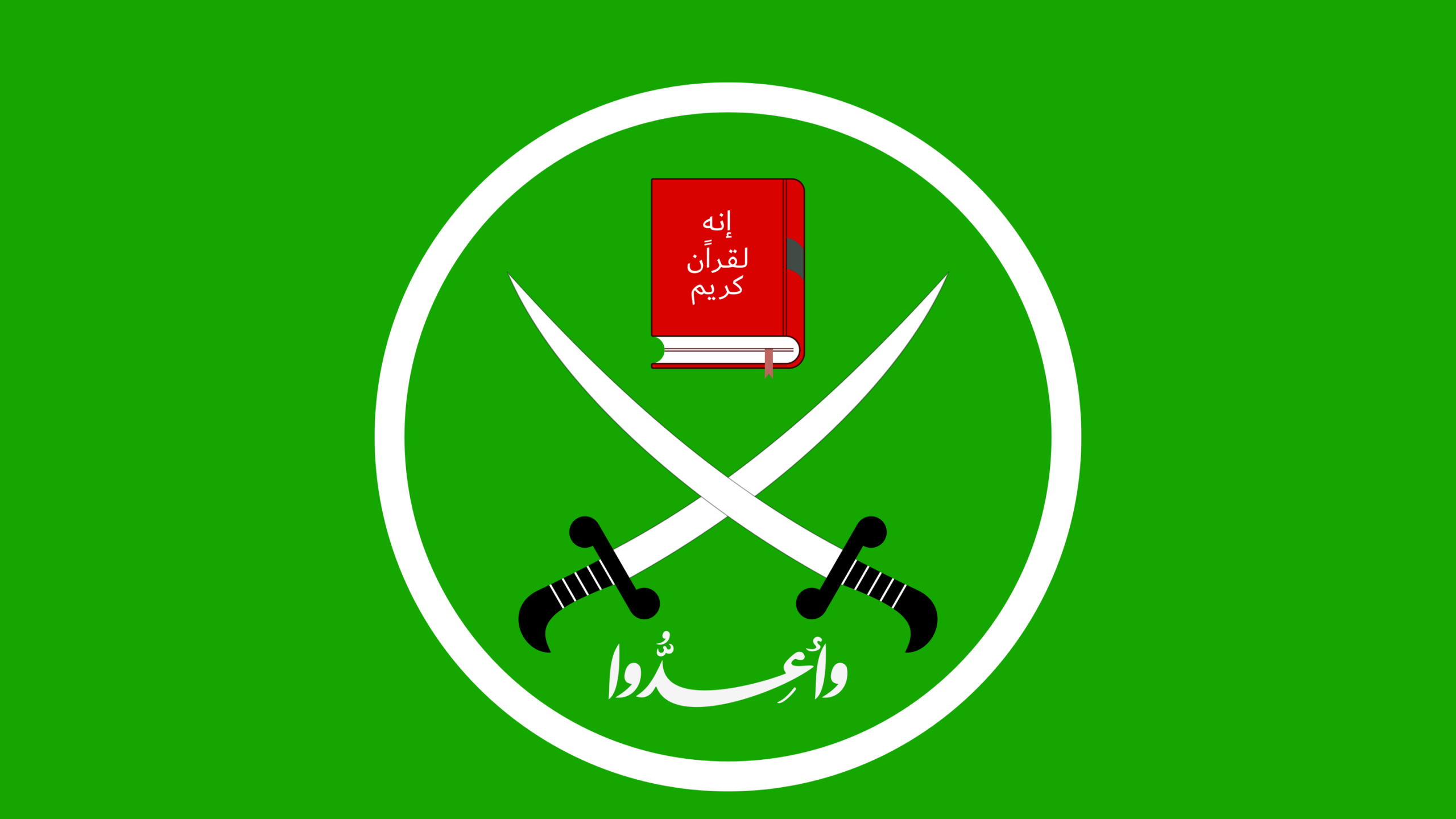
Senator Ted Cruz Republican-TX

Sharia law is "fundamentally inconsistent" with the U.S. Constitution. He warned of a "red-green alliance" between political extremists and Islamists, calling for immediate public action to "stop it now.



The Muslim Brotherhood

- Is the largest global Islamic organization in the world.
- Its goal is to spread Islam and the words of the Quran around the world.
- The group wants governments to use Sharia (Islamic law).
- Its ultimate goal is to have an Islamic state that dominates the entire world.
- The movement's self-stated aim is the establishment of a state ruled by Sharia law under a caliphate,
- One of its most well-known slogans being "Islam is the solution"
- Their work in America is a grand Jihad, to eliminate and destroy the western civilization from within.
- One of their goals is to overthrow the USA.


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Representative Keith Self Republican-TX

Rep. Self introduced a formal resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives titled *"Denouncing Sharia Law in the United States."* In a press release, he asserted that Sharia "forces submission over individual autonomy" and restricts free speech, religious freedom, and gender equality. He emphasized, "We cannot allow Sharia law or any competing legal framework to undermine the liberties generations of Americans have fought and died to protect.



Islam is not a religion of peace

- Yes, there are some peaceful Muslims in the world.
- But the call to violence and the justification of it are stated in the sacred text of Islam.
- In the Islamic world they will kill and stone people for sins like adultery, homosexuality, apostacy, blasphemy.
- I even read recently about a young man committed a crime and his punishment was stoning, but he was the last male of that family name, so they killed his sister instead, to take his place.
- 15% of the US prison population is Muslim.
- 35,000 – 40,000 people convert to Islam each year in the US prison system.

Islamic extremist

- These people that are prepared to die for this cause, the martyrs and especially the suicide bombers, are glorified and celebrated.
- They teach their children that anyone who kills a jew will go to heaven.
- They teach their children to chant kill the jews and kill Americans.
- They brainwash their children at schools and in homes against the Jews, America, the West, everything that is not Islam.
- They are full of hate. Children are taught to hate the unbelievers, because they have rejected God.
- They abide by Sharia law.
- They glorify terrorism, the killing of Jews and Westerners.

Jihad

- The most frighting word associated with Islam is Jihad.
- Jihad means struggle.
- The greater struggle is the inner struggle of each Muslim to submit to Allah.
- The lessor struggle is the outward struggle to defend the Islamic community. This is the Jihad that strikes fear in the hearts of any who reject radical Islam.
- These Muslims take Jihad to mean violent defense of Islam and expansion on the Islamic religion even by means of deadly aggression.
- Militant radical Muslims refer to Israel as “little Satan” and America as “big Satan”, and they are determined to wipe both countries off the map.
- There is not a single predominantly Muslim nation on the earth where Christians are not persecuted today.

The rise of Islam

- The rise of Islamic terror is setting the stage for the events of Ezekiel 38-39, the war of God and Magog.
- These chapters prophesy of an invasion of Isreal in the end times by a coalition of nations, all of whom are Islamic except for Russia.
- Many believe this will be World War III.
- The rise of radical Islam, strikingly foreshadows Ezekiels great prophecy .

Rashida Tlaib
Democrat-Michigan

Representing Michigan's 12th Congressional District.

She is also one of the first two Muslim women elected to Congress.



Ilhan Omar
Democrat -Minnesota

Representing Minnesota's 5th Congressional District.

She is also one of the first two Muslim women elected to Congress.

During a keynote speech addressing discrimination and the rise of anti-Muslim rhetoric, she encouraged the community to push back against marginalization: Raise hell and make people uncomfortable in defense of their rights.





Zohran Kwame Mamdani

Mamdani is New York City's first Muslim mayor.

He publicly stated that he would arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he visited NYC. He is a socialist.

Mamdani repeatedly drew sharp criticism for sidestepping demands to denounce the controversial slogan "Globalize the Intifada”

The word *intifada* is tied to deadly historical attacks, "globalizing" it means exporting that violence to other countries.

The phrase incites hostility and puts Jewish people, synagogues, and community centers worldwide at risk of harassment or attacks

Islam's Mahdi

- The Mahdi (meaning "the Guided One") is a messianic figure in Islamic eschatology believed to appear at the End of Times to rid the world of evil, injustice, and tyranny, establishing a global era of peace and righteousness.
- He is considered by Muslims to be a descendant of Prophet Muhammad who will rule for a short period before the return of Jesus Christ.
- They believe the Mahdi will restore the original purity of Islam, revive the Sunnah (practices of the Prophet), and unite the Muslim community.
- He is described as appearing during a time of immense unrest, oppression, and chaos.
- Tradition holds he will be from the lineage of Prophet Muhammad.
- He will resemble Prophet Muhammad in character, described as a just leader who fills the world with peace.

What Muslims believe about the Mahdi

1. He will emerge as a charismatic world leader during global chaos.
2. He will take control of the world and destroy anyone who resist him.
3. He will invade many nations.
4. He will rule and reign for 7 years.
5. He will broker a peace treaty with the Jews.
6. He will conquer Israel.
7. He will establish Islamic one world government headquartered in Jerusalem.
8. He will come on a white horse with supernatural power doing signs and wonders.
9. He will be assisted by a powerful prophet.
10. It is obvious that the Muslims will be ready and waiting for the anti-Christ.

South country

The one with the black horses is going to the north country, the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country. ***Zacheriah 6:6 NKJV***

- The black horse of capitalism are in the northern Hemisphere.
- Most Muslims are from the Southern Hemisphere. Africa, South Asia, the south country. Where poverty abounds.

The 4th seal is just before the Tribulation

- **1st Seal – The White Horse – Catholicism**
- **2nd Seal – The Red Horse – Communism**
- **3rd Seal – The Black Horse – Capitalism**
- **4th Seal – The Pale Horse – Islam**
- **5th Seal -- The Great Tribulation**

- According to Irvin Baxter, the Green Horse era of Islam occurs right before the Great Tribulation. This is where we are today.
- The first 4 seals have been opened; the 5th seal is next.

The 5th Seal

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth? Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were,* was completed. ***Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV***

- This happens during The Great Tribulation.
- So, the first 4 seals have been loosed, and the 5th Seal is next. This happens during the tribulation period.

The Great Tribulation is 3 ½ years

- There are six verses in the Bible that state that the Great Tribulation period will last 3 ½ years.
- There are zero verses in the Bible that state it will last 7 years.
- This 7-year idea comes from a misunderstanding of a verse in Dainel. We will look at why there is a mis-understanding in a soon coming lesson.

1. Daniel 7:25
2. Revelation 13:5
3. Daniel 12:7
4. Revelation 11:2
5. Revelation 11:3
6. Revelation 12:14

The 6th Seal

The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand? ***Revelation 6:12-17 NKJV***

The 2nd Coming of Jesus Christ

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ***Matthew 24:29-31 NKJV***

- The 6th Seal is no doubt, the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ.

The 7th Seal – The Rapture of the Church

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ***Revelation 8:1 NKJV***

- Irvin Baxter teaches that 7th seal is the rapture.
- He is obviously post-tribulation in his theology.
- In other words, he believes the rapture happens at the same time as the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ, at the end of the tribulation period.

The blessed hope

Looking for the **blessed hope** and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Titus 2:13 NKJV***

- This is the Christians blessed hope. The thought of this should be a great comfort to you.
- If the first 4 seals have already been loosed, then this will put us just before the loosing of the 5th seal.
- We all know the 5th Seal will be the great tribulation period.
- This is further evidence that Jesus Christ is actually going to come back to this earth sometime soon.