

Hi Doves,

Revelation 17:12a - NKJV

“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet...”

On **Sunday, 29th June 2014**, a terrorist organisation called ISIS, previously known as **AQI** (al Qaeda in Iraq), cum **ISIL** (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) cum **ISIS** (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) declared itself to be an **Islamic State**. **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi** the reclusive leader of the group has been named **Caliph**. The announcement came on a particularly auspicious date as it signalled the **Holy month of Ramadan** which began with the sighting of the new moon. This date on the Jewish calendar was **1st of Tammuz 5774**, a month that is named after a Babylonian god.

Even Osama bin Laden didn't go so far as to proclaim himself the leader of an Islamic State; although some individuals thought he had pretensions in that direction. However, **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi** has done so, and in claiming the title **Caliph**; he directly challenges the incumbent leader of **al Qaeda**, **Ayman al Zawahiri**, who is believed to be in Pakistan. ISIS' declaration of a new Caliphate on behalf of all Muslims will be answered by other terrorist groups and their leaders who will be expected to swear allegiance to the new Islamic State and its Emir/Caliph.

See this report -

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20140629/ml--iraq-37f0d64a95.html>

and the Debka file article which shows how al Qaeda sympathisers in Jordan are reacting -

<http://www.debka.com/article/24044/Jordanian-Bedouin-hoist-Al-Qaeda-flag-in-Ma'an---104-km-from-Eilat-US-Israeli-forces-on-the-ready>

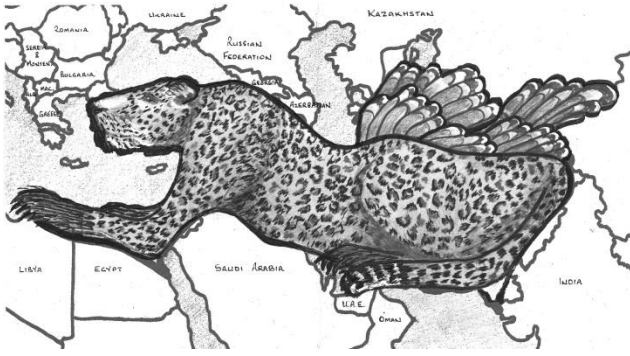
“The Times” reported on 2nd July that al-Qaeda's North African branch, al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), has already officially supported this declaration, and it is expected that other al-Qaeda groups like al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (Aqap) will follow. This announcement will have wide-reaching consequences for the whole Middle East, because of the treaties and agreements that bind other nations to protect Jordan and Egypt.

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I am attaching a few pages from my recently completed book **“The Beast and the False Prophet – The Revival of radical Islam”** which describes a collusion of terrorist organisations that fulfils Revelation 17:12-13, 17. All of this is happening much faster than I anticipated, although I previously posted similar material on 5 Doves back in October 2005. As stated back then, the end-times “beast” empire that rises up in Revelation 13 is described as being “like a **leopard, with the feet of a bear and the mouth of a lion**”. This identification comes straight out of Daniel 7:4-6 and 7:11-12, where it is stated that the three old empires that preceded Rome would, (after the last descendant manifestation of the Roman Empire was destroyed) <sup>i</sup> have their “...*lives prolonged for a season and a time*”.

The most recent of these three empires from Revelation's New Testament point of view, was the Macedon/Grecian Empire, symbolised by a **leopard**; further back in time was the Media-Persian Empire which was symbolised by a **bear** which was preceded by the Babylonian Empire symbolised by a **lion**. These ancient territories when plotted out on a map create an animal shape that rises up out of the Mediterranean Sea thus fulfilling the description of the reviving beast in **Revelation 13:1-2**.

This composite beast occupies the lands in which the Islamist terrorist organisations are most active, and where they desire to establish their new Caliphate. This Caliphate will form the 8<sup>th</sup> head on the Revelation beast which comes out of the seven. Cf. Revelation 13:1-3 and 17:11. The illustration in my book shows it thus –



“Now the beast that I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion.”

**The ten crowned horns** are the 10 sovereign Islamic nations that exist within the beast’s boundaries – Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Libya.

**The bird wings** on the back of the leopard are the four independent Islamic states of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. (Cf. Dan. 7:6)

**The seven heads** are the seven post-flood man-made empires that occupied the same area – Babel, Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, Macedon-Greece, Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire, and finally the Islamic Caliphate/Ottoman Empire.

**The reviving head** comes from the mortally wounded 7<sup>th</sup> head Islamic Caliphate that was destroyed and dismantled after WWI.

## CHAPTER THIRTY-ONE

### A collusion of terrorist organizations -

As we have already seen, in Revelation 13 the beast and the false prophet rise from among the 10 horn nations contained within the territory of the composite beast empire. For this reason, the Sunni confederacy and Shi’a coalition scenarios suggested above could be applied to the leadership of either Turkey or Iran. However, as discussed on pages 99 to 102; a later vision in Revelation 17:12-17 presents a rather different type of alliance, one of collusion; where ten kings without kingdoms are shown to be of one mind and evil intent, with the beast.

### Rev. 17:12-13, 17

*“The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast... For God has put it into their hearts to fulfil His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.”*

It seems therefore, that within the 10 horn nations that comprise the beast empire, there are also ten quasi-leaders who rule over their own particular faction, but who do not yet rule over their nation; these form a temporary alliance with the beast powers with a view to combining their aims and ambitions. However, there is a subtle inference in these verses that if they are successful in their mission, these 10 kings will indeed receive a kingdom/territory to rule over. This scenario illustrates “a state within a state” situation, where a non-government organisation or sectarian faction acts in a de facto manner outside of the civilian rule of the nation, e.g. Hezb’allah in Lebanon. A similar situation existed recently when the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was first based in Jordan and then Lebanon. Presently dozens of such para-organisations exist in the nations of the Middle East.

### Sunni affiliates -

In addition, al Qaeda has numerous affiliates throughout the Middle East and in other countries with Sunni populations. <sup>ii</sup> The following list gives the names of some of al Qaeda’s Sunni Jihadist and Salafi-Takfiri <sup>iii</sup> groups. The names of some of the leaders which are bolded are discussed below.

Al Qaeda -

Pakistan – **Ayman al Zawahiri**  
Iraq/Syria AQI, ISIL, ISIS, Islamic State – **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi**  
Somalia – Al-Shabaab – Moktar Ali Zubeyr Godane”  
Yemen/Saudi Arabia – AQAP – Anwar al-Awlaki (Deceased)  
Egypt - Egyptian Islamic Jihad  
Algeria/North Africa – al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb AQIM – Mokhtar Belmokhtar

Although not actually affiliated to al Qaeda, groups closely associated with al Qaeda are –

Jabhat al Nusra - Syria –**Abu Muhammad al-Jawlani** <sup>iv</sup>  
The Taliban - Pakistan – **Mullah Mohammed Omar** <sup>v</sup>

Sunni Islamist groups operating more or less independently -

Ansar al-Islam – Iraq – Mullah Krekar  
Inter-Services Intelligence, (ISI) in Pakistan,  
Muslim Brotherhood - Egypt & World-wide – Mohammad Badie  
Islamic Front – Syria – Amad Essa al-Sheikh <sup>vi</sup>  
Ansar al-Shari’a - Libya – Sheikh Muhammad al-Zawawi <sup>vii</sup>  
Kurdistan Workers Party PKK – Turkey – Abdullah Öcalan

To see how such pseudo state organizations function, we shall look at some of the leaders who could form part of a coalition of Sunni terrorist organisations that ultimately collude with the Beast.

## 1. **Ayman al Zawahiri - Al Qaeda – Pakistan**

Osama bin laden, founder and leader of al Qaeda was a candidate for one of the ten horn/leaders without kingdoms, prior to his death at the hands of Navy Seals from the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011. However, Ayman al Zawahiri an Egyptian Doctor, who was 2IC under Osama bin laden, is at present the visible face of al-Qaeda, with a \$25 million bounty on his head. In 2008 he stated that his prime objective was to expel the occupier (USA) from Iraq and then turn his attention to Israel. Ayman al-Zawahiri is known for his extreme dedication to violence, and could easily be associated with the un-holy demonic spirit called Apollyon “destroyer”, Cf. Rev. 9:11.

Ayman al-Zawahiri has been described as the brains behind the al-Qaeda network. Time Magazine 12<sup>th</sup> November 2001, says – “Ayman is for bin Laden like the brain to the body”. In 1974 he founded Egypt’s al-Jihad organisation, but by 1998 it had merged with al-Qaeda. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1998, in conjunction with Ayman al-Zawahiri, and Jihadi Muslim leaders in Egypt, Pakistan and Bangladesh; Osama bin-Laden gave his “fatwa” statement and announced the formation of the “World Islamic Front for Jihad against Jews and Crusaders”. <sup>viii</sup> These statements arose as a consequence of the 1<sup>st</sup> Gulf War (August 1990 – February 1991) which was America’s response to Iraq’s invasion and annexation of Kuwait. It appears that the very act of liberating Kuwait raised the stakes for all Jihad-minded Muslims, whose main objective became driving “the infidels” from the sacred territory of Saudi Arabia, the home of their two most revered cities Mecca and Medina.

Although it is claimed that Al-Qaeda was knocked back and made inoperative in the years following the invasion of Afghanistan by Western forces responding to the 9/11 attack in U.S.A., it has since evolved into a global jihadist movement dedicated to using armed warfare to advance Islam throughout the World. Large attacks carried out by Al-Qaeda include –

“... a bomb attack in Aden, Yemen in 1992, an attack on the World Trade Centre in New York, and then in the late 1990’s in the US Embassy in East Africa which killed 300 people. The most devastating attack was on the World Trade Centre, New York on September 11, 2001. Al-Qaeda has also been involved in attacks in Africa, Europe, Middle East and Kashmir.” <sup>ix</sup>

The following paragraph contains extracts from an article in BBC News titled “Al-Qaeda around the world” dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013.<sup>x</sup>

“Al-Qaeda is operative in **Afghanistan/Pakistan**, with allies Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Lashkar-e-Taiba claiming responsibility for the 2008 Mumbai attacks which killed 174 people. Al-Qaeda in the **Arabian Peninsula** (AQAP) is militant in **Saudi Arabia** and **Yemen**; and in **Iraq** since 2003 as Islamic State of Iraq (ISI) which targets security forces and Shi’a civilians. The al-Nusra Front in **Syria** pledged allegiance to Al-Qaeda in April 2013. **East Africa** saw Al-Qaeda attacks on U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 1998. **Somalia’s** al-Shabab, aligned with Al-Qaeda, was responsible for the bombings in Kampala, Uganda in July 2010 and the Westgate Mall attack in 2013. Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) is active in **Algeria, Mali** and **Niger**. In addition attacks by groups with links to Al-Qaeda have occurred in Europe, in the U.K., Germany, France, and Spain.”

Today, Al-Qaeda is regarded as a network of affiliated groups that have recently been instructed by Ayman al-Zawahiri to strike as and when they can against Western targets. It is the aim of these Sunni Islamists to establish an Islamic Caliphate in their respective countries and in October 2013, Ayman al-Zawahiri urged jihadi fighters in Syria to unite and set up an Islamic state. It is therefore possible that al-Qaeda together with its affiliates and other groups, who answer to Ayman al-Zawahiri, could fulfil the Biblical description of the “ten kings without kingdoms” who “are of one mind... and give their power and authority to the beast”.

## **2. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi - al Qaeda in Iraq/Levant/Syria - AQI - ISIL - ISIS -**

When it comes to terrorist leaders with a “price on their heads”, this man comes second only to Ayman al-Zawahiri in the list of those wanted by the U.S. State Department; with a \$10 million bounty for information leading to his capture or death. **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi who is a descendant of Muhammad**, is a secretive man with many names who often disguises himself, and who is feared in Syria and Iraq. After the death of his mentor, Abu Mousab al-Zarqawi in 2006 (a Jordanian terrorist who was known for his brutality and beheadings), he eventually became the leader of the Iraqi division of al-Qaeda (AQI) in 2010. Recently this organisation has undergone name changes, first it became al-Qaeda in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and since the Syrian Civil War it is now known as al-Qaeda in Iraq and greater Syria (ISIS).

As a result of a disputed merger with Jabhat al-Nusra in 2013, and a disagreement with Ayman al-Zawahiri’s ruling in the matter, Al-Baghdadi’s ISIS added a considerable number of Jihadis to its fighting power at the expense of al-Nusra. Its forces are now actively engaged north of Baghdad on the border between Iraq and Syria, smuggling Syrian and Saudi Arabian militants into Iraq. His recent raid on the Abu Ghraib prison in Baghdad, resulted in the release of 500 experienced al-Qaeda militants, who were sorely needed to fortify the fighters establishing an Islamic caliphate in Iraq and Syria. In a 12-month period he supervised 24 car bomb attacks and liberated scores of al-Qaeda fighters from eight other Iraqi prisons.<sup>xi</sup> Terrorism experts consider him to be the most dangerous leader al-Qaeda has produced because of his strategic ability to acquire, hold and rule territory in Mosul and Anbar province in Iraq, and Raqqa in Syria. This has enabled him to establish his own mini-Islamic State under Sharia law, with the aim of stretching it from the borders of Iran to North Africa, thus replicating the first (Abbasid) Islamic Empire in the 8<sup>th</sup> Century.

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<sup>i</sup> i.e., the destruction of the Nazi 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich at the end of WWII, in 1945.

<sup>ii</sup> Al-Qaeda affiliates –

East Turkestan Islamic Movement – Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan – Caucasus Emirate (Chechnya) – Fatah al-Islam (Lebanon) – Lashkar-e-Taiba (Pakistan) – Jaish-e-Mohammed (Kashmir) – Jamaah Islamiyah (South East Asia) – Abu Sayyaf (Philippines) – Rajah Sulaiman movement (Philippines) – Islamic Jihad Union (Uzbekistan) – Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa – Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group – Al-Qaeda Kurdish Battalions.

<sup>iii</sup> “takfiri generally refers to a Sunni Muslim who looks at the world in black- and-white; there are true believers and then there are nonbelievers, with no shades in between. A takfiri’s mission is to re-create the Caliphate according to a literal interpretation of the Qur’an.” Baer, Robert (2008) *The Devil We Know*. New York: Crown.

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iv [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Nusra\\_Front](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al-Nusra_Front)

v <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taliban>

vi [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic\\_Front\\_\(Syria\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_Front_(Syria))

vii [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ansar\\_al-Sharia\\_\(Benghazi\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ansar_al-Sharia_(Benghazi))

viii <http://www.fas.org/irp/world/para/docs/980223-fatwa.htm>

ix [http://www.diffen.com/difference/Al-Qaeda\\_vs\\_Taliban](http://www.diffen.com/difference/Al-Qaeda_vs_Taliban)

x <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-13296443?print=true>

xi Time magazine. December 16, 2013 p. 18

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I hope this helps you to understand what is happening in the Middle East at the present time, and appreciate that it has all been foretold in Revelation chapters 13, 17, 18.

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