

Why is Ishmael more predominant in Islam? I don't understand how Islam could have sprung from his thoughts. Why does God allow for this worship of a god that is not God?

False teachers mix truth with error (Ga 5:9). Isaac not Ishmael was the chosen son of Abraham (Ge 17:19–21, Gal 4:22, 23). Islam is a perversion of Christianity (2 Pe 2:1).

Alberto Rivera, a former Jesuit priest who converted to Christianity, wrote:

A Jesuit cardinal named Augustine Bea showed us how desperately the Roman Catholics wanted Jerusalem at the end of the third century. Because of its religious history and its strategic location, the Holy City was considered a priceless treasure. A scheme had to be developed to make Jerusalem a Roman Catholic city.

The great untapped source of manpower that could do this job was the children of Ishmael. The poor Arabs fell victim to one of the most clever plans ever devised by the powers of darkness.¹

Babylon, the seat of all false religion and it will fall according to the scriptures (Re 14:8). God's wrath will come upon her (Re 16:19)—the "the Mother of Harlots" (Re 17:1–18). Her fall is described in Revelation chapter 18 verses 1–24.

Men have: an internal testimony (Ro 2:15), an external testimony (Ps 19:1) and the scriptures (Jas 1:18) to come to the knowledge of truth (2 Ti 3:7). It is God's wish for all men to come to this knowledge and be saved (1 Ti 2:4). Regrettably, some prefer lies (Jer 5:31) to the truth (Jn 14:6).

The apostle John wrote: And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil (Jn 3:19).

And the apostle Paul wrote: The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Th 2:9–12).

Unbelievers are held captive by Satan (2 Ti 2:26). If they are ever to be saved (Ac 11:18, 2 Cor 7:9, 10), it will be because of God's grace (Eph 2:7). Without his grace men cannot change (Jer 13:23).

¹ Rivera, Alberto. "How the Vatican Created Islam." *RedIceCreations.Com*, Red Ice Creations, 13 Apr. 2006, www.redicecreations.com/specialreports/2006/04apr/catholicislam.html.