

## QA: Are Christians at War with Muslims? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Are Christians at war with Muslims?"

ANSWER: The Muslim Religion was not in existence in Jesus' Days, but the Bible clearly shows us how to deal with it, and all other religions.

## **The Old Testament** surely shows us that:

- (1) Abram rescued Lot, his people and goods, from the hands of the marauding kings (Genesis 14:1-16);
- (2) God delivered His people from their oppression in Egypt (which included "live birth abortion" **Exodus 1:8-22; 2:23-25; 3:7-10**);
- (3) when His people sought relief, God gave leaders ("judges") against the oppressive forces in the Promised Land (Judges 2:7-23).

## In the New Testament:

- (1) John the Baptist had condemned King Herod the Tetrarch for immorality (Matthew 14:3-5);
- (2) Jesus denounced the provincial king (Herod) and stressed that God's will for the Gospel was "separate" from the efforts of "government" to stop it (Luke 13:31-35);
- (3) The Apostle Paul used his Roman citizenship to advantage when necessary (Acts 16:35-39; 22:23-29). Government only has authority from God:

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. (Romans 13:1)

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CARNAL WAR BETWEEN CHRIST'S KINGDOM AND ANY GOVERNMENT OR RELIGION OF MEN, for Jesus said,

"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." (John 18:36)

According to the Bible, there never would have been anything like wars between "Christians and Jews," Christians and Muslims," "Christians and Governments." ALL of these have warred against "Christians," but never will Christians physically war against any (2 Corinthians 10:1-6). The Catholic Church and The Church of England HAVE warred against Muslims, however, anyone who believes they represent "Christianity" needs to re-read the New Testament slowly and clearly and see that they do nothing of the kind. Christians today must uphold "truth" (John 8:32), correct principalities, powers, rulers of darkness

(Ephesians 6:10-20) and cast "down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God" (2 Corinthians 10:5). That God appointed government should not be denied, but that God also appointed Christians to constantly be teaching against the force of evil in the world also cannot be denied!

I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. (**Ecclesiastes 3:14**)

But I also know that God can (and has) changed the political scene many times in response to the needs of His people. We also should "not envy the oppressor, And choose none of his ways" (**Proverbs 3:31**). To do this latter, requires educating Christians (and non-Christians) with the truth about "the oppressor" and the principles of Christ that cannot be changed. Now, more than ever in the U.S.A., Christians "ought to obey God rather than men" (**Acts 5:21- 33**). And that's not a conflict of interest, that IS the interest!

—— jjtpII, December 30, 2018