

## STUDY PACK 26

### ISLAMIC CONQUESTS

Theodore Roosevelt said, “Prayer is our greatest weapon in these or any other times. Best we not send our boys across the sea to face the heathen hordes lest we have a nation at home one in prayer. If history teaches us nothing else, let us at least remember what the Byzantines learned, what the Crusaders learned, and what the French learned: you cannot \_\_\_\_\_.  
When the quietude of the desert has been stirred, let all Christian men and women turn to the sovereign Lord. Let all Christian men and women turn to Him in holy seasons of prayer.”

~~ Paul Johnson, *Theodore Roosevelt, American Monarch*, p.193 ~~

“The Quar’an is unique among the sacred writings of the world in counseling its adherents to \_\_\_\_\_.”

~~ Robert Spencer, *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam*, p.19 ~~

“I was ordered to fight all men until they say, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

~~ Mohammed’s farewell address, March 632 ~~

“I shall cross this sea to their islands to pursue them until there remains no one on the face of the earth who does not acknowledge Allah.”

~~ Emperor Saladin, January 1189 ~~

“We will export our revolution throughout the world... until they say there is no god but Allah and his prophet Mohammed.”

~~ Ayatollah Khomeini, 1979 ~~

“I was ordered to fight the people until they say, “\_\_\_\_\_, and his prophet Mohammed.”

~~ Osama bin Laden, November 2001 ~~

#### I. ISLAM AND CONQUEST

Islam is unique among the religions of the world because it is the only one with \_\_\_\_\_.

“Kill the infidels and God will torment them and cover them with shame.” ~ Sura 9:14 ~

“Prophet, make war on the infidels and the hypocrites and deal rigorously with them. Hell shall be their home: an evil fate.” ~ Sura 9:73 ~

“Fight against such of those to whom the Scriptures were given as believe neither in Allah nor the Last Day...” ~ Sura 9:26 ~

“Mohammed is Allah’s prophet. Those who follow him are ruthless to the infidels but merciful to one another.” ~ Sura 48:29 ~

“Let those who would exchange the life of this world for the hereafter, fight for the cause of Allah; whether they die or conquer, we shall richly reward them.” ~ Sura 4:74 ~

“\_\_\_\_\_,” for whoever kills them shall have reward on the Day of Resurrection.” ~ Hadith 9:4 ~

“Fight them on, until there is no more tumult, seduction, or oppression, and there prevail justice, faith in Allah, and .” ~ Sura 2:193 ~

“Mohammed said, ‘I have been ordered to fight with the people till they say, none has the right to be worshipped \_\_\_\_\_.’” ~ Hadith 4:196 ~

“O ye who believe! \_\_\_\_\_, and let them find harshness in you, and know that Allah is with those who keep their duty unto Him.” ~ Sura 9:123 ~

As Efraim Karsh writes in *Islamic Imperialism*, p.62, “As a universal religion, Islam envisages a global political order in which all humankind will live under Muslim rule as either believers or subject communities. In order to achieve this goal it is incumbent on all free, male adult Muslims to carry out our uncompromising struggle in the path of Allah or jihad.”

The term for all parts of the world not yet conquered by the House of Islam is \_\_\_\_\_.

The term for the defense or advancement of Islam by force is \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. EARLY ISLAMIC CONQUESTS

Throughout its history, Islam has been spread by the sword, not by preaching, persuasion or negotiation.

Abu Bakr ruled from 632 to 634 A.D. He was succeeded by Caliph Omar 634-644 A.D. Under Omar, Islam conquered Syria, Palestine, Persia, Mesopotamia, Egypt, Cyrene and Tripoli.

Under Caliph Othman, 644 to 656 A.D. Islam took the islands of Cyprus and Rhodes. Islamic armies also invaded Afghanistan.

Under Caliph Mu-awiya, 661-680 A.D., Islamic armies invaded and conquered part of India. Under Caliph Yagid I, Islamic armies spread Muslim control across North Africa to Morocco.

Caliph Abd al Malik, 685-705 A.D. sent military forces to seize Tunisia.

During the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Moslem forces seized Asia Minor, Turkistan, more of India and began to aggressively attack \_\_\_\_\_.

Also in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, Islam began its \_\_\_\_\_. Using Gibraltar (named after the Moslem general GEBEL-TARIK) as a base, Moslem armies invaded Spain. They quickly conquered most of Spain (which they held \_\_\_\_\_).

They began to invade France. They were stopped decisively by Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours in 732 A.D. This was one of the most important battles in world history; many historians believe that Islamic armies would have swept across \_\_\_\_\_ if they had not been stopped by Charles Martel at Tours. Historian John Clark Ridpath describes the

decisive battle. “Europe was arrayed against Asia and Africa; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_ ... but, on the seventh day of the fight, the terrible Germans arose with their battle-axes upon the lighter soldiery of the

South and hewed them down by the thousands. Night closed upon victorious Europe. Charles had won his surname of the Hammer; for he had beaten the followers of the Prophet into the earth.” *History of the World*, p. 510-512.

### III. LATER ISLAMIC CAMPAIGNS IN THE MIDDLE AGES

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ slowed down their attempts at expansion.
- B. During the Crusades, Islamic armies had to fight to maintain their previous conquest of Palestine.
- C. The Mongols swept through Eastern Asia during the thirteenth century. Their leader took the name Genghis Khan, meaning \_\_\_\_\_. He conquered a great deal of Moslem territory. He announced, “I am \_\_\_\_\_. If you had not committed great sins, God would not have sent a punishment like me upon you.”
- D. Genghis Khan’s successors conquered Russia and much of Eastern Asia. Moslem armies were preoccupied with trying to preserve part of the Islamic Empire.
- E. Mongol leaders converted to Islam. When the greatest Mongol leader, Tamerlane, conquered much of Central Asia in the early fourteenth century, he did so in \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. After the collapse of the Mongol Empire, the Turks under the command of Osman Bey (1291-1326 A.D.) seized control of most of the Moslem Empire. This new version of Islam was known as the Ottoman Empire. It would last until World War I.
- G. The Moslems formed special military units of the sons of Christians who were conscripted into Islamic armies. They became a military elite known as the \_\_\_\_\_. They were fierce fighters trained to be totally loyal to the Emperor.
- H. The Ottoman Empire began to chip away at the Byzantine Empire with one conquest after another. Finally in 1453 A.D., after a 53-day siege, Constantinople fell and \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. SUMMARY

Winston Churchill would write: “Mohammedanism is a militant and proselytizing faith. It has already spread throughout Central Asia, raising fearless warriors at every step; and were it not that Christianity \_\_\_\_\_ ... the civilization of modern Europe might fall, as fell the civilization of ancient Rome.”