

## 1501 AD – PERSIA FORCED TO ACCEPT SHIA RELIGION

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### THE SAFAVID DYNASTY

Prior to **1400** Persia was part of the **Timurid** Empire. In **1449** the **Timurid** Empire split and lasted until **1506**<sup>1</sup>. **Persia** was left politically splintered into provinces with local shahs. **Ismail** I hailed from the district of Azerbaijan – the NW corner of **Iran** – whose capital is **Tabriz**.

In **1501** **Ismail** I proclaimed himself Shah of all **Persia** and proclaimed **Shi'ism** as the state religion. Province by province in 10 years he had control of all of **Persia** and Baghdad. By **1511** he had driven the Uzbeks back across the Oxus.

### RELIGIOUS BELIEF OF SAFAVIDS

**Ismail** was a direct descendent of the Kurdish **Sufi** mystic **Safi al-Din**. The **Sufis** are a religious group who strive to attain inward purity through zealous devotion to Islamic laws. They esteem **Ali** as the founder of their order therefore they fall into the **Shia** faction of Islam.

**Sufis** maintained a strict ascetic lifestyle and practiced the repetition of the names of God after prayers. They rejected the worldly lifestyle of the **Sunni** Caliphs. They also rejected **Sunni** doctrine which they believed did not appropriately venerate **Ali**. **Sufism** was practiced by a group of seekers under the direction of a master who would guide them in the pure way. **Ismail** was the grand master of the **Safaviyeh** order of **Sufism**: a **Twelver**.

### PERSIAN IDENTITY MOLDS TO SHIA THEOCRACY

The **Safavid** Dynasty in Persia lasted from **1501** to 1736. For 235 years the culture of **Persia** became thoroughly **Shia** in religious expression. **Persia** became a great empire again and rebuilt national pride. The **Persian** language and culture were promoted by **Ismail**. Theocracy soaked into **Persian** identity. **Ismail** proudly asserted to be a descendent of **Ali**.

<sup>1</sup> Remnants of the Timurids conquered India and founded the Mughal Dynasty.

## ROOTS OF MODERN IRAN SHIA

**Iran** was conquered by Moslems in **640 AD**. After that the majority of Iranian people were **Sunni** until the **Safavid** Dynasty began in **1501**.

**Ismail** ordered all Moslems to convert to **Shia**. Those who opposed this policy were put to death. **Ismail** brought clerics from Iraq to preach **Shia** faith. **Ismail**'s son **Tahmasb** was as devoted as his father to spreading **Shia** – enforcing all **Shia** rites by force. By the end of the **Safavid** Dynasty these policies resulted in mass adoption of **Shia** religion.

After the **Safavids** there were three dynasties: **Afsharid** (1736 - 1796 AD) tolerant of **Sunni** followers; **Zand** (1750 - 1794 AD) followed **Shia**; and **Qajar** (1794 - 1925 AD) followed **Shia**.

The **Shia** religion established by **Ismail** persisted to modern times. The **Pahlavi** Dynasty (1925-1979 AD) was more secular. But the **1979** revolution brought control directly back into the hands of **Shia** clerics, who sit at the apex of the Islamic Republic. Today 95% of **Iran** is **Shia**.

## CORE BELIEF OF SHIA ISLAM

The **Shia** faction of Islam accepts the only Moslems pure enough to rule must be descended from any of the five persons most closely related to **Mohammed**. According to a teaching not in the Qu'ran, the 'Hadith of the Cloak', it is said **Mohammed** gathered **Fatimah** (daughter) **Ali** (son in law) **Husayn** and **Hassan** (grandsons) under his cloak and said to them {this part is in the Qu'ran:} '*God only desires to take away any uncleanness from you, O people of the household, and purify you with purification*' [Qu'ran 33:33]

**Shia** interprets **Mohammed**'s remarks regarding his household to imply only the ones 'under his cloak' are the 'pure ones'. Most of the **Shia** groups take this to the extreme with regard to **Ali** and believe that **Ali** was perfect, sinless, and infallible.

## EXTENSION OF SHI'A BELIEF: DEVINELY GUIDED IMAMS

**Shia** looks to another hadith for its doctrine of divinely guided Caliphs: '*Islam shall neither pass away nor be deviated while there are my twelve Caliphs/Khalifahs (successors) from my nation in it, all of them will be from Quraysh. When the last of them passes away, the Hour will be established and the earth will be destroyed (swallowed) with all its inhabitants.*"

This is not an isolated report of **Mohammed**'s sayings. Many narrators in over many hadiths confirm the essential fact that he said there will only be twelve successor Caliphs. By implication, many centuries of Islam have been under the administration of illegitimate Caliphs. The **Twelvers** believe 11 rightly guided Caliphs have come and in the Last Days the last rightly guided Caliph will come, the **Mahdi**, who will usher in the end of the world.

Until the final rightful Caliph comes – **Shia** Islam is guided by the accumulated teachings of **Shia** clerics. Modern Iran permits an elected government to make laws but establishes a supreme **Shia** cleric, appointed by a council of **Shia** clerics, to approve or veto the laws.

### THE CONTRARY SUNNI OPINION

**Sunni** scholars point to many verses in the Qu'ran where the same language of purification as in Qu'ran 33:33 is used to apply to all followers: Qu'ran 4:146, 20:76, 24:21 and 9:103. So, they reject the notion a Caliph must come from the near family of **Mohammed** to be pure.

### PROPHECY OF JEREMIAH 8 V 2

**“And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.”** (Jeremiah 8 v 2)

In the prophecy 'they' refers to the previous verse: '**the bones of the kings and officials of Judah, the bones of the priests and the prophets, and the bones of the people of Jerusalem'** (Jeremiah 8 v 1)

Jeremiah says the bones of all the most-revered religious people of **Judah** will be exhumed from their graves and spread out under the sun, the moon, and the stars. No one will gather them, they will not be buried, they will decompose into the earth for dung.

But this verse speaks of 'they'. 'They' is more than the kings and priests and prophets and officials of **Judah**. 'They' in this context is the **Safavid** king **Ismail** who took power in **1501**. Included are all his officials and all his religious men around him. Included are all the kings after him. Included are all the religious men after them. In other words this verse includes all the present day religious men and government officials in **Shia Iran**.

This will shock readers to hear – but God is not impressed with **Shia** religion – or with any religion. The ultra-religious of Judah venerate the prophet/king **David** and the other kings of **Judah** and the rest of the prophets of **Judah**. The ultra-religious Moslems venerate the prophet/caliph **Mohammed**. The ultra-religious **Shia** Moslems venerate **Mohammed** and his four closest family members and the six most direct descendants after them. **Shia** Moslems go so far as to assert **Ali** was perfect, sinless, and infallible.

The hearts of religious people (Jews, Catholics, Moslems, Protestants, Buddhists, Hindus, etc.) incline to their famous religious fore-fathers. In elevating these men (sometimes women) to sainthood – ascribing to them a purity more than other believers – the religious commits the sin of idolatry – they assign goodness to something that is sinful.

Jesus said ‘**Why do you say I am good? Only God is good.**’ (Mark 10:18)

God says all the bones of all the religious forefathers of all religions will be taken from their graves and scattered on the ground until they rot and become dung of the earth.

All of the religious leaders of all the world’s religions since time began until the end of days is nothing to God. Their purity is nothing in the sight of God.

All of a man’s flesh and bones is sinful. There is no redemption for it. There is no washing with soap that will purge sin in the flesh. A man can pray for 40 days and take no food. But on the 41<sup>st</sup> day he will see a plate of food and his flesh will crave to eat it.

**Adam** sinned and so all the flesh of mankind comes from **Adam** the sinner. So every man is a sinner. **David** was a sinner, **Mohammed** was a sinner, **Ali** was a sinner. All flesh is sinful flesh.

Yes – prophets wrote down the truth. As God inspired him **Moses** wrote down the Torah. But **Moses** did not always speak the truth. **Moses** did not always live the truth. And so God said to **Moses**: stand on this mountain and behold the Promised Land – you are not worthy to enter into it – because you sinned in the matter of Meribah (Numbers 32:48-52)

There was only one holy flesh – the body of **Jesus Christ** – which was not sinful. **Jesus Christ** was not born of **Adam**. God overshadowed **Mary** and so the child in her was conceived without any male seed. Since **Jesus** was not born of **Adam** – the flesh of Jesus was free from sin – from birth. By the power of the Spirit **Jesus** continued to be without sin – until death.

## SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

### PART ONE

Chapter **8** of Jeremiah is the **77<sup>th</sup>** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **77** means 'False Prophet'.

{**7** means 'Sword'. To understand **77** picture two 'Sword's guarding the entrance to the Garden of Eden so people CAN'T go back to GOD – Gen. 3:24}

The spiritual number **8** means 'New Man' or 'Holy Man'

**Ismail** was a False Prophet. **Ismail** was an ultra-religious man who followed other ultra-religious men. **Ismail** forced others to take his ultra-religious path on pain of death. Jeremiah **8 v 2** says all religious men are nothing to God. Their way is not the path to God.

1 John tells us: "**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Here is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.**' (v 1-2)

The way to God is to confess that the **Messiah** – the only perfect one – has already come in the flesh - and died on the Cross to save us from sins. There is no other salvation. No other way to God. Religion – with its harsh treatment of the body – is no salvation at all.

### PART TWO

Jeremiah **8 v 2** is the **19,156<sup>nd</sup>** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **19,156 = 4 x 4789** [644<sup>th</sup> prime]

The spiritual meaning of **4** is 'Message'

The spiritual meaning of **644** is 'Wisdom is Better than Gold'.

The spiritual meaning of **4789** is 'My Sect Is The Best Religion'

The False Prophet brings this message 'My Sect is the Best Religion' and to bless you I will force you to accept my sect. By the sword we will achieve peace! Not **Jesus'** teaching.

### PART THREE

Jeremiah **8 v 2** is the **1,501<sup>st</sup>** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The number **1,501 = 19 x 79**

The spiritual meaning of **19** is 'Faith'

The spiritual meaning of **79** is 'Martyrs'.

The spiritual meaning of **1501** is 'Cursed are Sons of Religious Control'

The sect of **Ismail** is the **Shia** faith of the **Twelvers**. Central to their cult is the death of **Ali** by poison sword while he was praying and the martyrdom of **Hussein** in the battle of Karbala.

But here is the truth in plain sight. **Ali** and **Hussein** (his son) were killed by followers of their own religion! The children of religion are cursed. They cannot bring peace to the world. They cannot even have peace in their own life.