

Luke 17:1-2

¹ And He said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that stumbling blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!" ² "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.

Recently another Muslim leader has wreaked havoc in Australia, by urging children to become martyrs for Islam. Sheik Feiz Mohammed, said, "We want to have children and offer them as soldiers defending Islam. He went on to say, "Teach them this, there is nothing more beloved to me than wanting to die as a mujahid. Put in their soft, tender hearts the zeal of jihad and a love of martyrdom. A mujahid is - a Muslim engaged in what he considers to be a jihad. A jihad is "holy war," or more precisely; it means the legal, compulsory, communal effort to expand the territories ruled by Muslims at the expense of territories ruled by non-Muslims. The purpose of jihad in other words, is not directly to spread the Islamic faith but to extend sovereign Muslim power (faith, of course, often follows the flag). Jihad is thus unabashedly offensive in nature, with the eventual goal of achieving Muslim dominion over the entire globe.

There is nothing new about what Sheik Mohammed is trying to do, with raising children to fight his enemies and conquering the world. Hitler himself, hid in a bunker in Berlin in the closing days of World War II, as children fought furiously against the Russians as they were closing in on the city. Where I come from, men protect their women and children; they don't send them to do their fighting!! This is nothing more than a cowardly way of waging war, and demonic in every sense. This Sheik is purposefully setting out to take the innocent and the young to fulfill his own agenda. Aren't you glad that you're a Christian? Jesus Christ calls each one of us to a completely different set of battle plans. First of all, we are told in His Word, that the battles that He calls us to are ultimately His. Secondly, we are given **Ephesians 6:12** as our foundation for warfare. **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

Clearly, we are told here that our enemies and those against our faith are not flesh and blood, but demonic forces which wage war against our God! This war has been going on since the days when Lucifer was first cast out of heaven. Now the players are the descendants of Ishmael, the son of Abraham, who was sent away with his mother Hagar, who was Sarah's maidservant. In the natural we can track this ongoing war for thousands of years, but now we see the final chapters of this story quickly closing in. The spirit behind terrorism is to inflict fear or terror into the hearts of their enemies. Church, let me leave you today with God's mind on this matter, **I Peter 3:13-14, and who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ but even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED.**