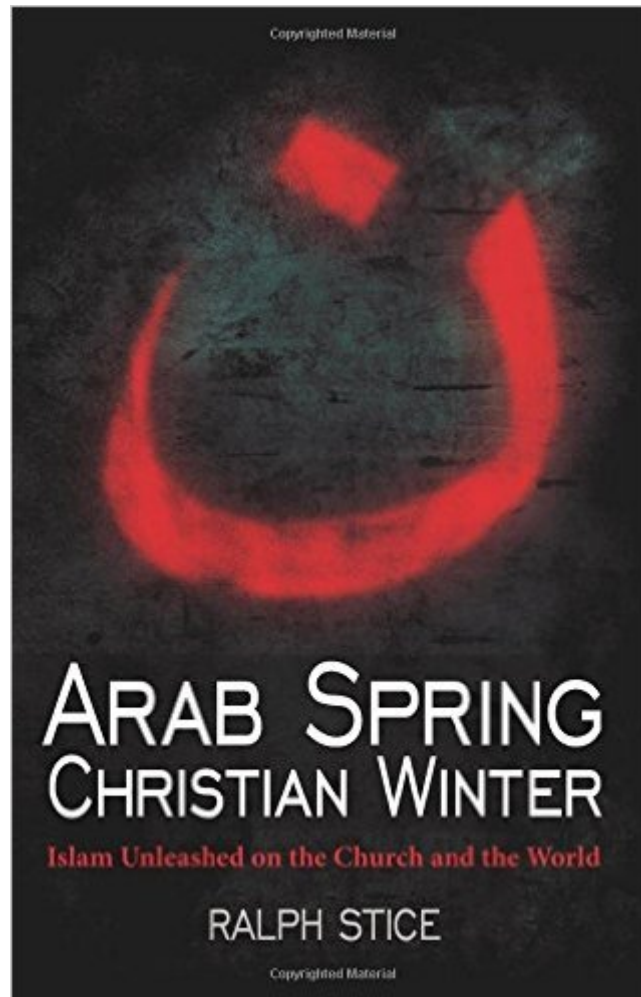


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Arab Spring, Christian Winter: Islam Unleashed On The Church And The World



Synopsis

Arab Spring, Christian Winter will help you tie newspaper headlines to your scriptural knowledge of the Last Days. Ralph Stice draws a clear link between the Arab Spring and the rise of a worldwide power that appears to be ushering in the coming Antichrist. This book will also show you what you need to watch for in tomorrow's news and guide you on how to fortify your faith for stormy days ahead. The Western Church has much to learn from Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East. Familiar Scripture passages are unfolding with new clarity to believers everywhere. Learn: • Why the Arab Spring had to happen to fulfill scriptural prophecy • How the Arab Spring led to the unleashing of pure Islam • Which nation could be the crucial link between East and West and produce an Antichrist figure • The responses of Middle Eastern Christians to intense persecution and what we Western believers can learn from them Fear not! He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). We will discover Jesus in a fresh way when we face true persecution. How will your faith withstand the great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now "and never to be equaled again (Matthew 24:21)? Brothers and sisters in Christ are facing this reality every day, right now.

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The so-called Arab Spring opened the door in many ways for revolution and democratic elections. Unfortunately, as author Ralph Stice clearly documents, in most cases that meant a leadership vacuum quickly filled by Islamists (or "true" Islam), the outcome of which has been increased persecution of Christians. Where is all this leading? Stice rightly refuses to get into eschatological

calendaring, but does raise many legitimate questions about the future of a radicalized and possibly unified Middle East. I have no idea if everything Stice claims is accurate; however, I note three things: One, he footnotes his research extensively. Two, he certainly knows a ton more than I do. And, three, even if only a third of what he claims is correct, trouble is brewing. For me, the chapter on Turkey is worth the price of the book. Because I have visited Turkey (in a non-touristy way), he caught my attention. Like him, I fell in love with the country, the people, the food, and the history. I also heard enough from those living and working in Turkey to realize that Stice is correct about the Islamist trends in the country and the rather unique world view of Turks. They do have an interesting, and troubling, way of viewing their relationship with the rest of the world. Stice is correct that Turkey bears watching. So how to prepare and respond? Well, certainly by not invading more countries (especially the wrong ones like Iraq. Stice also refuses to evaluate American foreign policy. I will only say it would have helped if both our current and last Presidents had had some knowledge of history and culture. But, I digress). Stice's last chapter gives us a biblically sound plan for preparation and response -- prayer, witness, community, and a willingness to suffer (not fight) for Jesus.

I am legally required to inform you that I have received a complimentary copy of this title in order to publish this review. A completely unknown merchant in the tiny country of Tunisia, ignited a fire across the Muslim world. This phenomena has been called the Arab spring. Countries that had lived in a cold winter of despotism and corruption have suddenly emerged and the people have called for democracy. Initially optimistic, the west has greeted these changes as welcome news, but where ultra-conservative Muslims have taken over in place of western friendly regimes the west has been caught off guard and shocked at the type of freedom that the people have chosen. The Arab spring has brought an entire new set of problems for the world. It has been especially threatening to our brothers and sisters in the faith across the greater middle east. Far from a western religion, many of the oldest churches in the Christian world lie completely surrounded by their Muslim neighbors. The corrupt despots that had ruled before the Arab spring offered a surprising amount of protection to these Christian minorities. Without this strong man, our fellow Christians have been left at the mercy of their neighbors. Many Christians have been killed, had their Churches burned, and suffered many other things that we in the west can only imagine. We claim persecution when we are asked not to pray in public, while for our brothers and sisters being marked as a Christian can be a true death sentence. I have to be honest. I am not a big fan of eschatology (end-times). In my studies of the several positions on this topic, the only thing that I am prepared to zealously support is that God

wins at the end. I approached this book with that type of a mind set.

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