

## Chapter 4: Prophecy 4

Ali: The next prophecy that we shall discuss is from the book of Isaiah. Prophet Isaiah is considered to be one of the major prophets of the Old Testament, in the book of Isaiah there are several prophecies about the coming of the messiah. In chapter 42, Isaiah begins with a prophecy for the coming of Prophet Jesus (a.s.). Now after verse number nine we see that God declares through Isaiah, the “new things” that are to “spring forth” in the Land of Kedar, the land of Kedar is Arabia. So obviously this prophecy speaks about Prophet Muhammed (s.a.w.a.).

Let us discuss Isaiah Chapter 42, Verses 9–12. God declares through Prophet Isaiah;

**“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. `Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth’, Ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare His praise in the inlands.”<sup>1</sup>**

Before we analyze the prophecy let us see where the land of Kedar is;

Ezekial chapter 27 verse 21 says:

**‘Arabia, and including all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats; in these were they thy merchants’.**

The personality called Kedar in the Bible is that of the grandson of Prophet Abraham (a.s.), through his son Ishmael which is mentioned in the book of *Genesis 25: 13*. Kedar’s descendants had settled in Paran (Sino–Arabian dessert). In the Rabbinic literature Arabia is called the “Land of Kedar”. Prophet Muhammed (s.a.w.a.) was a descendant of Kedar. God did reveal in the Land of Kedar, through Prophet Muhammed – a direct descendant of Kedar, a ‘New Song’ i.e: The Qur’an (Koran). (The Recitation)

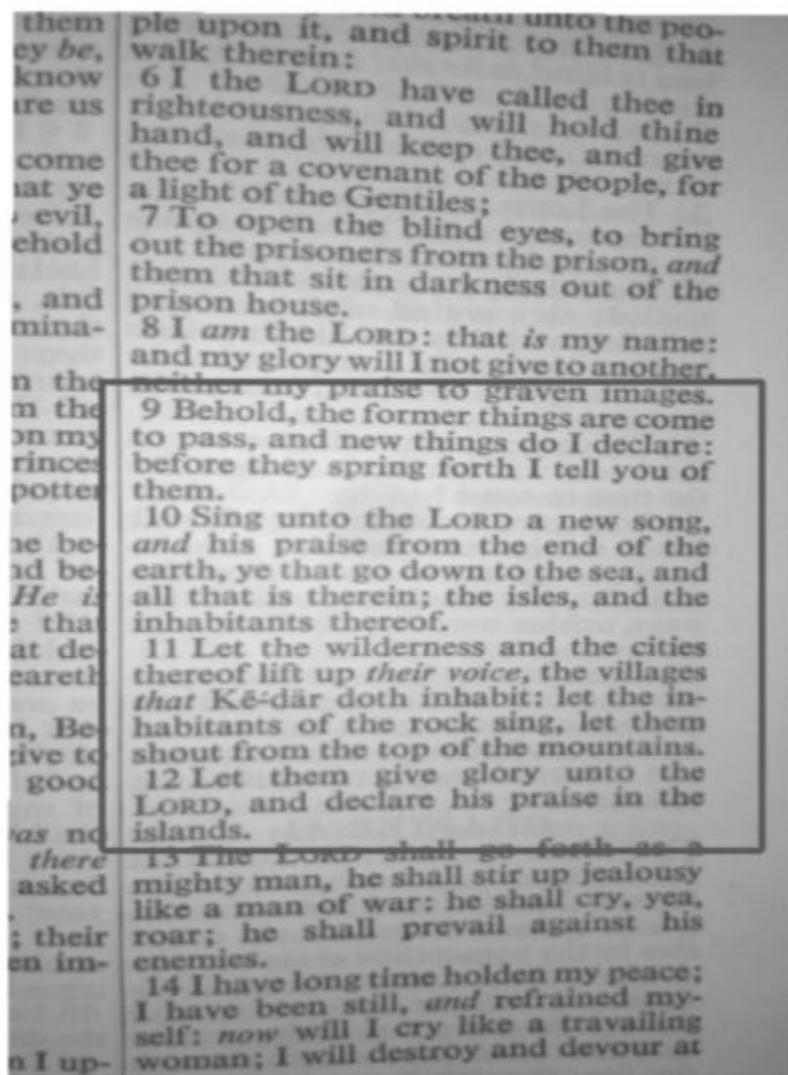
This (The Quran) happens to be the only scripture to be revealed in the language of the Kedarites. The verses of the Qur’an are recited like a poem. Nearly 1.2 billion Muslims, residing all over the world, recite

this 'new song' and Glorify Allah (s.w.t), in their daily five-time prayers. The initial Revelation came to Prophet Muhammed in a cave of Mount Hira near the city of Mecca. There are several mountains near Mecca and during the annual Islamic Pilgrimage called 'Hajj', Muslims from all over the world, assemble in Mecca and shout Glory to the Lord from the top of Mount Arafat. The pilgrims continuously give Glory to Allah on their way, to and from Mecca.

Do you require any more clarifications regarding the above verse?

John: No.

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1. Isaiah 42: 9-12

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