

# AllBooks Review

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**Title: 2020: The Fall of Islamic States**

Author: Sohrab Chamanara

The history of the Middle East is one that is full of so many twists and turns that it can easily be compared to the labyrinth of Greek myth in trying to decipher it and order it into logical cause and effect relationships. This makes predicting the future of the region an even more difficult proposition. Enmities and alliances stretch back millennia. The geographic makeup of the region renders broad waves of conquest the rule rather than the exception due to the lack of extensive natural boundaries.

In “2020: The Fall of the Islamic State” Mr. Chamanara provides a historical overview of the region in support of his premise that Israel, Armenia, and Iran are natural allies and are capable in the near future. It is wisely stated that 2020 is only a reference point and not a hard and fast timeframe. This is wise thinking because with the state of affairs in this region any idea of Iran and Israel being cooperatively coexistent let alone allies of any sort is wishful thinking in the extreme.

This is not to say that this reviewer has any grievance against such a thought. It is possible that in the future all is possible and all thinking individuals should never stop dreaming or postulating as to what could be.

This book is especially interesting in that it is written by an individual whose point of reference and tradition is not that of American or European thought. It is rare to view history through such alternative lenses. In this regard this book should be in the library of those who are looking glimpses into the mystery of the Middle East.

This book is definitely in the well recommended category, not because this reviewer agrees with the author’s conclusions. It is recommended because the author has postulated a result based on reasoned thoughts from historical precedent. Mr. Chamanara has invited discussion of his projection with academic openness.

In closing it seems appropriate to paraphrase Kipling, “He knows not England who only England knows.”

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