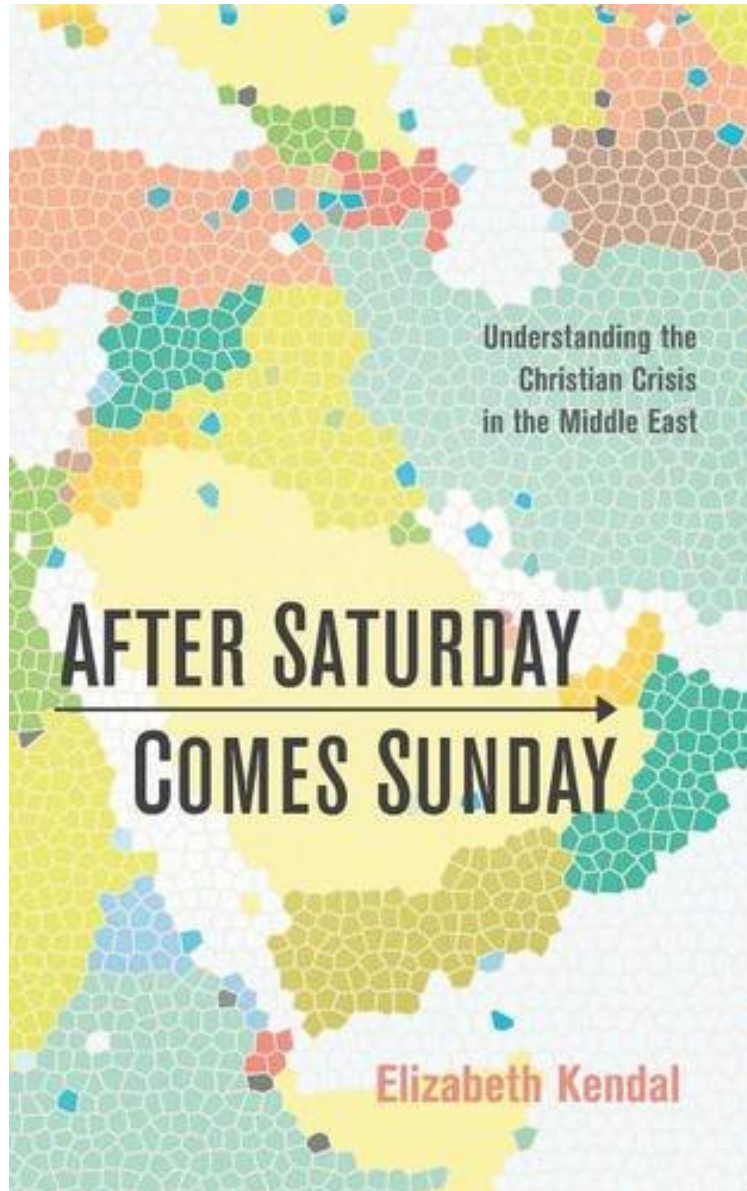


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The post-Christian West is in decline, revived Islam is on the rise, and Mesopotamia (Syria-Iraq), the cradle of civilization, has become ground zero in a battle for civilization. Despised as infidels (unbelievers) and kafir (unclean), Mesopotamia's indigenous Christian peoples are targeted by fundamentalist Muslims and jihadists for subjugation, exploitation, and elimination. Pushed deep into the fog of war, buried under a mountain of propaganda, and rendered invisible by a shroud of silence, they are betrayed and abandoned by the West's "progressive" political, academic, and media elites who cling to utopian fantasies about Islam while nurturing deep-seated hostility towards Christianity. If they are to survive as a people in their historic homeland, the Christians of Mesopotamia will need all the help they can get. If Western civilization is to survive as a force in its historic heartland (Europe), then we had better start seeing, hearing, and believing the Christians of the Middle East, for their plight prefigures our own. "In her latest book, Elizabeth Kendal opens the eyes of her readers in compelling fashion to the tragedy that has befallen Middle Eastern Christians. Her extensive experience as a religious liberty analyst has informed this work, which is at once an insightful survey of past historical and political events, and a call to action on behalf of persecuted Christians. No reader could fail to be moved by this powerful study." --Peter Riddell, Vice Principal, Melbourne School of Theology "Anyone concerned with the atrocities inflicted upon minority Christians in the Middle-East today will treasure this book. Kendal confronts readers with a current reality that cannot be avoided. A very pertinent and timely book." --His Grace Bishop Anba Suriel, Coptic Orthodox Bishop, Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Regions; Dean, St. Athanasius Coptic Orthodox Theological College, Melbourne "In After Saturday Comes Sunday, Kendal gives us a penetrating insight into a world that hides behind a cloak of religious righteousness. In other words, after the Jews come the Christians. This book profoundly resonates with the Assyrian Christians of the Middle East that have suffered and continue to suffer greatly. Elizabeth Kendal has unveiled the truth." --Hermiz Shahen, Deputy Secretary General, Assyrian Universal Alliance, Australia "Kendal's book is a godsend to anyone who is at a loss to understand what lies behind the suffering in the Middle East. Drawing on authoritative voices from the region, her clear-eyed analysis untangles the conflicts with the heart and insight of a prophet. She gives a sobering account of the West's complicity in the atrocities--and what we can do to bring healing in a crisis as appalling as the indifference to it." --Jeff M. Sellers, Editor, Persecution News Service, Morning Star News Elizabeth N. Kendal is an international religious liberty analyst and advocate. She authors the weekly Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin, serves as the Director of Advocacy for Christian Faith and Freedom (Canberra), and is an Adjunct Research Fellow at the Arthur Jeffery Centre for the Study of Islam at Melbourne School of Theology, an affiliated college of the Australian College of Theology. Her previous book, Turn Back the Battle: Isaiah Speaks to Christians Today, presents a biblical response to persecution and existential threat."

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