

Baghdad Falling

Baghdad's (1) falling apart
Got no cornerstone
Tonight, as they fight
In the Green Zone (2)

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Ain't no place to hide
Tonight, here inside
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I'll be waiting, watching, wondering
If I ever get out alright

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Notes

- 1) **Baghdad**: Baghdad is the capital and the largest city in Iraq. The city was once the center of Dar al-Islam, Muslim civilization. Baghdad was also at the center of the Iraq war, from 2003-2011.
- 2) **Green Zone**: The Green Zone is the most common name for the International Zone of Baghdad. The highly secure 10 square km area in central Baghdad is used by Iraqi coalition and civilian authorities, and was used as a safe zone for US forces
- 3) **Sunni**: Sunni Islam is the largest sectarian branch of Islam. Sunnism differs from the Shia sect of Islam in that the two sects disagree, among other things, over the choice of the prophet Muhammad's successor, or replacement. The two groups are in constant conflict for religious and political control. Of the 1.62 billion Muslims around the world, 75-90% are Sunni.
- 4) **Shia**: Shia Islam is the second largest branch of Islam. Shia Muslims believe that Ali is the first successor of Muhammad. Shias live predominantly in Iran, Pakistan, India, and Iraq.
- 5) **Christians**: Christianity is one of the most popular religions in the western world, with an estimated 2.2 billion followers. The Christian presence in the Middle East dates back to Jesus Christ during the Roman Empire. Though not a dominant presence in Arab countries, Christians have existed for over 2,000 years in this part of the world, especially in Lebanon, Palestine/Israel, Syria, and Egypt. European colonizers in the region were Christian nations.
- 6) **Jews**: A Jew is a person of Jewish heritage or who has converted to the Jewish religion. Israel is the only Jewish country, but there are Jewish minorities in many countries throughout the world. Jews have historically been victims of various persecutions, and have long held adversarial positions to (predominantly Muslim) Arab states.

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