

# Isis Begins: A Discussion with Author Ken Timmerman

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*Massacre of the Innocents*, Peter Paul Rubens, 1610

**Kenneth R. Timmerman is a veteran** Iran watcher, an intrepid investigative journalist and advocate for the protection of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. He first disclosed through his reporting in 2008, the virtual genocide of the ancient Iraqi Assyrian-Chaldean and Syriac Christian

communities during the Second Gulf War. His reporting revealed the eminent failure of US refugee resettlement policies to override the control of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. This thwarted admission of these Christian communities threatened with genocide whether it be Shi'ite Iran, Al Qaeda or ISIS. The jihadism of pure Salafist Islam infused with the hard core of the Iraqi Ba'ahist intelligence and security operatives of the late Saddam Hussein's brutal regime threatened Christians and Yazidis.

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