

Summary of “The Falsehood of Defensive Jihad.”  
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This chapter covers pages 19 through 34

This a great study in Jihad and abrogation. This chapter is not only one of the most interesting chapters of this book but one of the longest. Due to this chapter’s length I have decided to divided the chapter into three separate posts with each post corresponding to one of Hizb’s three responses to their critics.

In this chapter Hizb goes into great detail describing the difference between Jihad and what is euphemistically called defensive Jihad.

Hizb claims that the enemies of Islam contrived the idea that Jihad is defensive and not offensive and that initiating warfare against unbelievers violates the word and spirit of the Qur’ an. In this chapter, Hizb will contrast the sword verse of Al-Taubah 9 with Al-Anfal 8:061, Al-Baqarah 2:190 and Al-Hajj 22:039. Hizb’s purpose to show that the Sword verses of Al-Taubah do not abrogate the above mentioned verses nor either is the Sword verses abrogated by the above verses.

This chapter is divided into three sections. Each section deals with a specific argument Hizb believes provides evidence that (1) Jihad is general and unrestricted, (2) Jihad is spreading Islam and (3) Defensive Jihad is not true Jihad but defensive fighting.

Section One: Hizb presents evidence that Jihad is general and unrestricted.

Section Two: Hizb presents evidence that Jihad is using force to subjugate communities and nations to the rule of Islam yet without coercing individuals to become Muslims.

Section Three: Hizb presents evidence that in Islam’s early history Jihad has always been accepted as fighting, killing and seizing the property of the Kufr. The Orientalists and unfaithful Muslims worked together to redefine the meaning of Jihad to force the Ummah into the world order of the colonial powers.

Next: Jihad is general and unrestricted.