

# Barbarically Beheaded

## Brutality

Biblical traditions  
Scriptural justification  
To execute the condemned  
Gaining stature publicity  
Religious extremists  
Meeting unbelievers in battle  
Smite at their necks  
Execution ritual  
Thoroughly subdued  
Bind the captive  
Kneeling, confessing  
Reading off offenses  
Time for ransom  
Rubric condoning the act  
Condemnation by authorities  
Recruitment tool  
Agents of the apocalypse  
Express their horror  
What bleeds, leads  
Offensive, frightening  
New phenomenon of primal warfare  
Combined with modern technology  
The ultimate sign of power