The Islamic Antichrist & False Prophet: Starting with Jesus & the Abomination

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In this presentation we are going to look at what has been written about the Abomination of Desolation that Daniel spoke about and that Jesus referenced as **THE SIGN** to look for in the future to know when these thigs would take place and when Jesus would conquer the nations. We must remember that Jesus connected the Abomination to his return and the resurrection of the saints. We will also consider how this event is connected to the future and last Antichrist and the False Prophet.

With all the theories out there and people trying to tie any "sign" to the end of this evil age, I propose for your consideration that the last empire (the fourth beast) was the Islamic Caliphate; and the ones who will blaspheme the one true God and his Messiah will be an <u>Islamic Antichrist and False Prophet</u>.

Upfront I will make a disclaimer that I am not an Islamaphob and I am not saying that all who claim to be Muslim are evil. Also, as time is limited, I cannot cover every detail, so I hope this will just be a catalyst for your own research. Also, we must remember that we should use <u>biblical prophecy</u> as our baseline and not try to fit other ideas and extra-biblical prophecy into the Bible.

The prophets and prophecy may use different symbols and they also may emphasize different aspects of what is to come, but they cannot and do not conflict with one another. When put together and tied up with Revelation, we have a much clearer view of what is to come. We must focus on what the Bible focuses on and be clear on the clear verses. We can speculate on details after this, but we should not try to force our speculation into God's prophecies where it may contradict with what is evident.

Jesus was asked, when is the end of this age? When do you take over the nations? When will God's Kingdom be inaugurated?

How did Jesus answer these important questions?

He reminded them of what Daniel wrote in relation about the end of this age. He answered their questions by <u>referencing Daniel</u>.

If we claim to follow Jesus, we must start with Jesus! (And we end with him as well in the book of Revelation.)

Jesus and the Apostles had a "Bible." They knew the prophet's writings quite well. They quoted them, including Daniel.

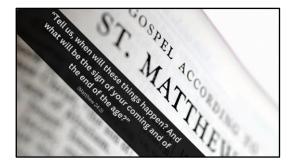
If Daniel is not written by Daniel, as some propose, or say that it is not accurate as prophecy, *then those people discredit Jesus*!

What I am proposing is to look at Scripture and history *not* through Western glasses that blur the prophet's writings. And as I always say in relation to end times study and teaching, *I reserve the right to change my mind as I continue to study*.

In this presentation I will share a few things that have somewhat changed as a result of my study on this topic. And I will also add that I do not believe that this topic is a "salvation issue" directly, **but if we are unaware of what is happening if we are living at that future time, it could become a salvation issue if we are deceived since we were told that even the elect may be deceived, and that there will be a great falling away**. Also, if these things do not happen in our lifetime, I believe it is very important to pass them on to the next generation; therefore, this topic is essential for study and teaching.

In prophecy we must distinguish between what is clearly spelled out and what is factual, *compared to* what is prophetic speculation. With the second, we can speculate, but then we must watch, wait, and see as it unfolds. **We will understand prophecy unfolding in world events only if we are familiar with the prophecy.** We must not argue about speculation but look at what Scripture says and watch events unfold so that we will not be deceived.

I have been looking at this view of the final Antichrist for many years now and am finally fleshing it out and see the need to share my thoughts for consideration. This presentation is an overview and I hope to dig more into the specific details in future videos. I will share some today but it is not the focus of this presentation so I will try to address more about Mid-East VS Rome and other topics on this in future videos. Please subscribe to my YT channel so you won't miss any future videos if this interests you. (https://www.youtube.com/@kogmissions)



We will begin with Jesus and his words in Matthew 24:3-25, 29-34.

The disciples said, **"Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"** ⁴ Jesus answered them, **"Watch out that no one misleads you.**

So, Jesus is saying and warning us that we might be deceived and misled as these events unfold. We must keep in mind that their questions are specific - what is the sign of Jesus coming to power, and the end of this evil age. His answers are specific and clear as well.

⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and **they will mislead many**. ⁶ You will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**. <u>Make sure that you are not alarmed</u>, for this must happen, but <u>the end is still</u> <u>to come</u>.

As followers of Jesus these things should not surprise us and we should expect to see and experience them.

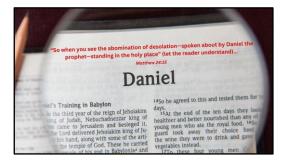


⁷ For nation will rise up in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **famines** and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these things are the <u>beginning</u> of birth pains.

Since Jesus was here the end of this age has been winding down to his coming and the restoration of all things. Times will go from bad to worse, and as a pregnant woman, as the birth of her baby gets closer, the pains will also get much stronger and closer together. That is what we are seeing, <u>but we are told not think that this is the end or the sign as to when Christ will return</u>.

⁹ "Then they will hand you over to be **persecuted and will kill you**. You will be **hated by all the nations** because of my name. ¹⁰ Then many will be led into sin, and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And **many false prophets will appear and deceive many**, ¹² and because lawlessness will increase so much, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ **But the person who endures to the end will be saved.** ¹⁴ And <u>this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole inhabited earth as a testimony to all the nations</u>, and then the end will come.

Some say that this passage was only written to the men who asked the question, or just to the Jews. I would have to disagree, even if they were persecuted and killed. **These words were for them and for all who come after...<u>for the person who endures to the end</u>. They all died many years ago and the end of this evil age has not yet come, nor has Jesus; and the saints have obviously not been raised. (We see this same message in Revelation from Jesus to the churches.)**



"So when you see the abomination of desolation—spoken about by Daniel the prophet—standing in the holy place" (let the reader understand),

Let's stop there for a moment...again, if we discredit Daniel, we discredit Jesus! And this is the only specific clue to the answer of the disciple's questions. We are even told that the one reading this *must understand* this, and you don't need a PHD to understand. The abomination of desolation that Daniel the prophet wrote about is what we *must look for* to know that the time has come for Jesus to return and establish the Kingdom.

Jesus said elsewhere, that he, at the time he was asked, did not know when the end would be, but only God knew. <u>But Jesus did know what was prophesied in Daniel and he trusted what</u> <u>Daniel said as the answer to the disciple's question</u>. He believed that this was enough information for the believer so they would not be deceived if they were alive at this time and that they would be able to spot the Antichrist.

¹⁶ "then (when they see the Abomination of Desolation) those <u>in Judea</u> must flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ The one on the roof must not come down to take anything out of his house, ¹⁸ and the one in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁹ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing their babies in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For <u>then</u> (at this time, when you see the Abomination of Desolation) there will be <u>great suffering unlike anything that</u> <u>has happened from the beginning of the world until now</u>, or ever will happen. (We can confidently say that this is the Great Tribulation.) ²² And if those days had not been cut short (during this Great Tribulation), no one would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe him. ²⁴ <u>For false messiahs</u> <u>and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive</u>, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ <u>Remember, I have told you ahead of time</u>. (So again, this information is important to know!)



Jesus sets the marker as the abomination and then says that when this happens, the abomination spoken about <u>by Daniel</u>, if people are <u>in Jerusalem</u> they should get out of the city because it is going to get really bad, worse than ever before (as we see in Revelation.) We see in the Prophets that they will flee south out of Jerusalem and in Revelation to the wilderness where they will find refuge. (And this is an important fact as we look at prophecy and the return of Jesus.)

He goes on to say,

²⁹ "Immediately after the suffering of those days, (Which days is he talking about? The days of the Great Tribulation that happen just prior to his coming!)

It says, <u>IMMEDIATELY AFTER</u> the suffering of those days, the Great Tribulation - great suffering unlike anything that has ever been, only <u>then, after that</u>, will we see the signs of Jesus's coming and the dead in Christ resurrected.

This did not happen after *Antiochus* Epiphanes or Titus. Jesus did not come, and the righteous were not resurrected. The Kingdom of God did not begin at this time! **And, if we think Antiochus and Hitler were evil, we can hardly image that** *"there will be <u>great suffering unlike</u> <u>anything that has happened from the beginning of the world until now, or ever will happen."</u>*

²⁹ "<u>Immediately after the suffering of those days</u>, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man arriving on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And **he will send his angels with a** *loud trumpet blast, and they will gather his elect* from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



We are then told to <u>learn the parable of the fig tree</u>, which means to **keep our eyes open and watching as to what is going on in the world so that we will not be deceived** and that we <u>will</u> <u>see and know</u> when the abomination happens. <u>Then we will be able to endure because we know</u> <u>that our redemption is near</u>!

³² "Learn this parable from the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also you, when you see all these things, know that he is near, right at the door. ³⁴ I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

Luke 21:20 adds a bit more information, "When you see Jerusalem <u>surrounded by armies</u>, then know that its <u>desolation has come near</u>." Jesus knew this from his knowledge of the prophets' writings.

I believe that Christianity has super spiritualized many things and especially of these last days. Unfortunately, many have followed these false teachings promoted by various authors and preachers. This has put people's focus on anything but biblical prophecy and what is really happening in the world and what will be happening in the very last days.

Scripture tells us that life will be going on, just like it was in the days of Noah. People will be living life – some better and some worse. There will also be some better and some worse governments (Luke 17:26-27). It does not say that all life as we know today will end. It says it will be like the days of Noah.

If we claim to follow Christ, we must pay attention to the "fig tree" of Daniel as Jesus said, or we may be one of the elect who could be deceived and fall away.



In this presentation I will not be focusing on all the historical details, which there are many. I will acknowledge though, because I know people propose other theories, that **Antiochus Epiphanes was a terrible man and certainly a** *type* **of antichrist and a shadow and an example as to what** *THE* **Antichrist of Daniel and Revelation will be like**. The temple from the time of Jesus was destroyed in 70 AD, **but the rest of prophecy was** <u>not</u> fulfilled as Jesus or Daniel spoke, so that was not the fulfillment of the prophecy as intended for the end of this age. Jesus did not return immediately after 70AD, as he said he would after the Great Tribulation which starts when the temple is desecrated. Also, God's Kingdom is not ruling over the earth, and the saints were not resurrected immediately after 70 AD, as Jesus said they would be when he comes. He said he will come *immediately* <u>and visibly</u> after this 3 ½ years of terrible tribulation.

We often see prophecy fulfilled in part in regards to the nations at the time the prophecy was spoken or shortly thereafter, but many of those prophecies were not totally fulfilled and so we know there is still a future fulfillment of the specific prophecy. Typically, the first "fulfillment" was a prototype or example as to what is to come, as we see with Nebuchadnezzar and bowing down to an image or facing death, and Moses verses Pharoah's magicians with the plagues and miracles. Both seem to be a foreshadow of prophecy to come or how prophecy may look when it is fulfilled.

As I have looked at biblical and historical evidence, I do not believe that the Antichrist will come from Rome nor will the Antichrist's kingdom be a revived Roman Empire. When looking at history and geography, Rome did conquer much of the world, but it did not conquer all the kingdoms prophetically mentioned that came before it. There was an empire though, that came after the Roman Empire, the Islamic Caliphate empire, and it seems to have conquered much more, especially in the Middle East and the previous three empires that were mentioned. It lines up much better with biblical prophecy and historical events.



Let's take a quick look at <u>Daniel 2</u> and the statue. We know that the first kingdom was Babylon and the second and third kingdoms were named later (Medo-Persia and Greece (*Hebrew Yavon*), Greece did not just refer to the country of Greece as we know it today, but to a region of the western coastlands of Asia minor, modern day Turkey, and the basin around Greece – Thesloniki). <u>The fourth kingdom is not</u> <u>named and it is said to break and crush all the others at the same time</u> (Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece).

<u>The fourth kingdom</u> is comprised of the legs of iron and the feet of iron and clay. It is one kingdom but there is a distinction between the legs and feet (and how appropriate that there are 10 toes on the feet.)

Many attribute the legs to Rome, but if we look at history and <u>geography</u>, this does not fit. The Roman empire existed approximately 1500 years. The first 1000 years were unified, and it was unified at the time of Christ. Maybe the last 500 years were divided, but this was not a main point of their reign.

<u>We must also ask if Rome conquered the lands of the previous 3 kingdoms</u>? *No, it did not*, it was mainly a western empire. It conquered maybe ¼ of the middle east and north Africa. It did conquer the ruins of ancient Babylon for a short time but then withdrew and stayed near the Mediterranean. So overall, the Roman empire mainly went west and conquered Europe.

Historically, the second and third kingdoms conquered a little of Europe but mainly conquered the middle east to India. **We must begin with biblical geography** when looking at these prophecies. After that we will see the impact that religion, government, and language has when one empire conquers another.

Historically the next major empire to conquer Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Greece, was the Islamic empire.

As we will see, Islam meets the biblical criteria of the book of Daniel. It conquered all three of the previous kingdoms mentioned, and it has also been a divided Kingdom since it began in AD 632 with the two major sects, Sunni and Shi'a. This division stemmed from a disagreement in AD 632 about who should succeed Muhammad as the leader of the faith. Also, we see that when Islam takes over a territory, religion and all of life are affected by the new government.

The last part of the prophecy in Daniel 2 says that a Rock will hit the feet and destroy all four of the kingdoms together. It does not just destroy the feet of iron and clay, but it brings down the whole statue, gold, silver, bronze, and iron at that time. (Revelation 13:2 perhaps ties the Antichrist to the other 3 beasts in Daniel. *"The beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth."*)

We must take what all the prophets said and then add in the last prophecy Jesus gave to the church in the book of Revelation. The repeated and new details confirm what was prophesied earlier, and more specific details are given. So, in this sense there is a sort of "progressive revelation," but we simply see more details and additional information is given to us in Revelation. We do not conclude that Isaiah didn't understand and wrote something inaccurate and more revelation was given to clarify his inaccuracy later.

When looking at the prophecy in the Hebrew Bible, it concerns Jerusalem and the surrounding <u>countries</u>. Israel is the focus as well as those nations in that area that have oppressed Israel.



Revelation 17:9-11 gives us insight into the 7 heads, or mountains, which we see are kingdoms. We see they are also specified as Kings, and then there is an 8th king that comes out of the 7th. It clearly says that **5 empires have fallen** (most likely Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece). **One empire is at the time of John** (Rome), and <u>one is yet to come</u> (most likely that one was the Islamic Caliphate which began in about 632. It does not say that Rome will continue. It specified that Rome was "now" and that there was *another* empire coming after.) **Neither John nor the prophets that came before knew about the Islamic Empire because it did not exist yet. They could only describe it as they saw the prophecy.**

We must remember when we read Revelation 17 that <u>the 7th empire is future to John</u>, as the 4th beast and legs of iron were to Daniel, *but <u>it is already not future for us</u>*. There will be though a <u>future 8th king</u> which Revelation tells us is the Beast, or Antichrist, that will come out of the 7th fallen, but revived Empire, seven years prior to the coming of Christ.

All these previous empires were major attempts by Satan to destroy the seed who would conquer the **Devil and crush his head as prophesied in Genesis.** The last middle eastern empire will also try to do the same. *"The dragon gave the beast his power, his throne, and great authority to rule."* (Revelation 13:2)

So, in looking at the prophecy and the historical evidence, we can speculate that the last Kingdom, or Empire, and the final Antichrist will be and come from the revived Islamic Caliphate, the historical Islamic Empire.



If we look at a map of the Middle East, we see that Israel is a tiny country surrounded by many Islamic countries.

Revelation 17:12-14 states that there will be a **coalition of 10 kings** the final beast's confederacy, who will rule with the Antichrist and their purpose will be to give their power and authority to the beast. <u>This alliance will be the countries in the Middle East that are around and surround Jerusalem</u>.

They will throw their lot in and follow the Antichrist into war with Jesus when he comes (Armageddon). (Again, we see here in Revelation that additional information is given to what we see in Daniel with the feet with 10 toes, and the 10 horns on the 4th Beast with the Little Horn.)

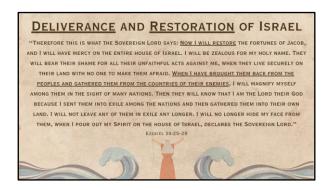
Before we consider a few specific things about the Islamic Caliphate, Antichrist, and False Prophet, I would like to briefly address one more thing as to why I do not believe that the 4th beast is Rome, nor does the last Antichrist come from Rome.



Deliverance and restoration of Israel as a nation will come <u>*after*</u> **the great distress/tribulation that Jesus mentioned**. Let's consider the prophecy in *Ezekiel 36.24-28*. This tribulation will affect Israel nationally, ethnically, territorially, spiritually, and covenantally. Ezekiel clearly shows that Israel will be gathered from other countries, and God, by His anointed Messiah, and will bring them into the land that He promised them. When they return, they will have a new heart and new spirit. Then, at that time, they will live in the land promised to their fathers.

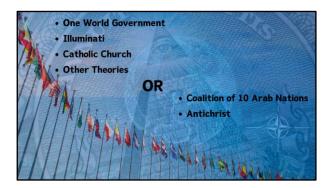
As Matthew 24 states, "<u>immediately after</u>" this great tribulation, Messiah will come to save believers from the grave, and those who are alive, as well as a remnant of Jews, from other countries as we read here. This did not happen in 70 AD, nor has it happened since. Even **Israel becoming a nation only set things up for this final prophecy**. They will be exiled again and when they return they will have returned to YHVH and this time, will acknowledge His Messiah. The majority of Jews who came to Israel and are living there now, have not returned to YHVH and have not accepted Jesus as His Messiah. **Deliverance and restoration is still future**, **as is the resurrection of the saints which happens when Jesus returns**.

Another prophecy again speaks to this deliverance and restoration, *Ezekiel 39:25-29*.



All prophecy points to Jerusalem and the middle east, the nations that surround Israel, and Messiah freeing God's remnant from these nations. We know that the time Ezekiel is prophesying about is still future since *this* never happened yet. But <u>there will come a day when God will restore Israel and this</u> restoration is when He brings them back from the peoples and the countries of their enemies after they have called out to Him to send His salvation. They will know that YHVH is their God when He sends them into exile among the nations and <u>then gathers them back to their land</u>. He will not leave them in exile any longer or hide His face from them.

When we see Jesus carrying out God's prophesied judgment upon the nations surrounding Israel, it is clear that it is about geography and what is happening in Israel and in the Middle East these very last days. It is not about the West or Israel's release from bondage in the West.

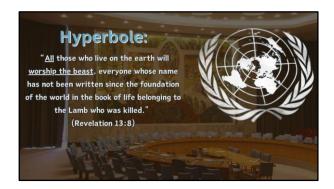


In discussing these end times events we must address the secular conspiracy theories and prophetic imagination that have weaseled their way into churches and many Christian's minds about the end of this evil age. They are a <u>mixture of truth and lies</u>, which make them very deceptive. The <u>fascination lures</u> <u>people in</u> even though there is no or very weak biblical evidence.

The Antichrist, nor is Babylon the whore, Rome, the UN, USA, the Illuminati, WEF, or some "New World Order." <u>These theories do not fit all the fingers in the glove of prophecy</u>.

The beast's system, the only one that fits all the "fingers of the glove," is Islam. The illuminati and others may be helping set things up for these events, but they are not connected to Islam and not prophetically a part of the Antichrist's Empire. Unfortunately, they are just an umbrella that explains all the bad things happening in the governments and the world today, which then keeps people from actually studying biblical prophecy.

Conspiracy theories just suggest things; they do not *prove* **anything**. Are the Masons something a follower of Jesus should be involved in? Absolutely not! Does Luciferianism deceive people and lead them to worship Satan instead of the one true God? Of course, as do other religions! But that too is not the basis of end times prophecy in relation to events that are prophesied to take place before Jesus returns. We need to verify everything with Scripture. Satan counterfeits things to lead God's people away from the light of truth that can save and can help the believer endure.



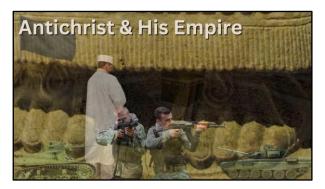
Something else that is often misunderstood, which is important to consider before looking more at how Islam fits in, is that **the Bible never teaches about a "one world government" or a "one world order," except when Jesus comes and God's Kingdom is established over all the nations**.

Like many, I also assumed that there will be a "one world government" because it says in **Revelation 13:8** that "<u>all those who live on the earth</u> will worship the beast, everyone whose name has not been written since the foundation of the world in the book of life belonging to the Lamb who was killed." Even here we see that it is not "all the world," but those whose names are not in the book of Life.

We can understand that the *"all"* is a hyperbole when we understand the rest of Scripture in regards to end times prophecy.

A **hyperbole** is an exaggerated statement. It is usually not meant to be taken literally.

We see other examples of hyperboles as well, like at the time of Jesus' birth when there was to be a census of "*all the world*." We all know that it was just the Roman world, China and other countries were not included in this decree.



With that said, let's look at the likeliness of a revived Islamic Empire and an Islamic Antichrist and False Prophet.

The legs of iron and the 4th Beast in Daniel, and the 7th Kingdom spoken about in Revelation, were very likely speaking of the **Islamic Caliphate** which took over the geographic area that the first 3 Empires in Daniel ruled (Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Grece).

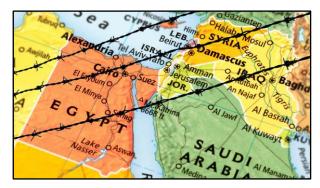
The **10** kings and the Little Horn will rise from this 4th beast and the 7th empire that will be revived at the end of this age. This 8th empire and the feet of clay and iron, comes from this revived Islamic Empire, and the Little Horn, the Man of Lawlessness, the Antichrist, will arise out of this revived empire.

Contrary to a "one world government," the Bible teaches the Antichrist is going to raise up a coalition of <u>10 nations</u> with him. It does not teach that every single nation in the world will come under his authority. <u>It mentions some of the nations by name that will oppose him and a few others that will not be under his control</u>. Later we see that the Antichrist is alarmed by news from the north and east when he is fighting with the King of the South, which also shows us that all are not on his side or under his control. *Even so, the whole world will be affected by Antichrist and what is happening in the Middle East.* Most likely other people or nations will join in with these 10, but we will just have to wait and see as things unfold.

We should be watching for the emergence of an Assyrian leader from the former Seleucid empire, the King of the North, arising from Turkey, Syria, or Iraq. <u>At that time a leader from Egypt, the King of the</u> <u>South will also arise and they will have great military conflict</u>.

Egypt will fall to the King of the North (the Antichrist). Then Libya and Cush (Sudan, Ethiopia) will submit to the King of the North. It is not totally clear to me at this time the exact timing as to how this coalition of 10, the 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's statue, and the 10 horns in Daniel, comes about; so I will keep watching and reading Scripture.

This final Antichrist empire will crush the Middle East region and much of the earth, that is until Jesus comes and crushes him and his armies.



It is important to understand that the *final* regathering of Israel, as prophesied, did not happen in 1948 because they did *not* enter the land as <u>redeemed people</u>. They were gathered back to set things up for <u>another exile</u> and then the prophecy that will be fulfilled when Jesus returns. <u>This last future</u> <u>persecution will be much worse than any prior persecution</u>, even that of Antiochus (Matthew 24, Zechariah 13, Jeremiah 30, Daniel).

What would it take to revive the Islamic empire today? I believe it will be a Caliph who will unite the Muslim world and revive the Islamic Caliphate.

An important note is that the land references about the coalition of the Antichrist in the Bible are all Islamic lands today. When studying biblical end times prophecy and Islamic eschatology we see how

<u>closely they resemble one another</u>, just in a backwards way; and it makes sense as we see where things are heading in the Middle East today.



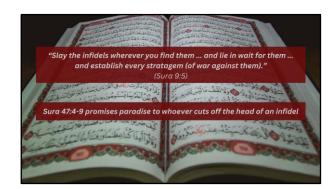
Satan has already misled those following the Islamic faith, and it is their religious teachings that make it very plausible that Islam will be the "one world religion" and that their revived one world ummah under a Caliphate will be the one that attempts to take over the whole world – religiously and politically.

Islam's desire to spread worldwide with the Islamic faith and Islamic law, and to rid the earth of the Jews, makes this all a very real possibility.

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger saying: <u>The last hour would not come unless the</u> <u>Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them</u> until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him, but the tree Gharqad would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews. (Sahih Muslim 2922; <u>https://sunnah.com/search?q=Sahih+Muslim+2922</u>)

From the beginning we have seen the <u>conflict between Ishmael and Isaac</u>, both sons of Abraham. This conflict has continued over all these years and the hatred for the offspring of Isaac is lethal, fueling the beliefs and practices of Islam. <u>In Genesis we see where all of this began</u>. (Genesis 16:10-12, 17:20) It **was prophesied of Hagar and Ishmael**, *"I will <u>greatly multiply your descendants</u>, so that they will be too numerous to count." ¹¹ Then the angel of the LORD said to Hagar, "You are now pregnant and are about to give birth to a son. You are to name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard your painful groans. ¹² He will <u>be a wild donkey of a man</u>. He will be <u>hostile to everyone</u>, and <u>everyone will be hostile to him</u>. He will <u>live away from his brothers</u>. ... I will indeed bless him, make him fruitful, and give him a multitude of descendants. He will become the <u>father of twelve princes</u>; I will make him into a <u>great nation</u>."*

We don't need to look for the Antichrist within the illuminati or the Catholic Church, history has spoken, and **Islam is the embodiment of the spirit of antichrist** and the conflict between the two brothers has been evident from the beginning. <u>When studying Islamic eschatology, it shows us point by point how</u> their Mahdi, the awaited one, and Isa fit the biblical bill of the Antichrist and the False Prophet.



The Qu'ran has 123 verses that call for fighting and killing anyone who does not agree with the statement, *"There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet."* Jews and Christians are specifically included among such "infidels."

<u>In the Qu'ran, Sura 5:33</u> it says this about infidels, "They shall be slain or crucified, or have their hands and feet cut off." <u>Sura 9:5</u> says, "Slay the infidels wherever you find them ... and lie in wait for them ... and establish every stratagem (of war against them)." <u>Sura 47:4-9</u> promises paradise to whoever cuts off the head of an infidel. (In the news this past year we saw a young Hamas man phone his parents and proudly tell them that he had done this.)

There are, of course, other verses that call Muslims to lead a peaceable life, but <u>the underlying theme in</u> <u>the Qu'ran is that there never will be true peace until everyone is submitted to Allah</u>, which is why, violence to that end is justified.

https://www.rrstar.com/story/opinion/letters/2014/12/31/letter-quran-has-123-verses/35594848007/

Revelation 12:13-17 clearly shows Satan's hatred for Jews and Christians and how he will be trying to destroy them at the very end of this age.



One thing to consider is that Muslims have migrated to many different countries and if called upon by a future Caliph, this could be very interesting to say the least. This could also be how the Antichrist is able to affect the whole world, *not if, but when the final Jihad begins*.

A few facts to consider: Islam, with <u>over two billion followers</u>, is the <u>second-largest religion</u> globally and projected to outnumber Christians by 2050. <u>https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/muslim-population-by-country</u>

Islam represents about 25% of the world's total population in 2024, and Muslims are found in every region of the world. **Its growth is faster than any other religion in the world.** <u>https://timesprayer.com/en/muslim-population/</u>

<u>Da'wah</u> is the <u>act of inviting people to Islam</u> (evangelism or missionary work). The term da'wah has other senses in the Qur'an. In <u>sura 30:25</u>, for example, it denotes **the call to the dead to rise on the Day** of Judgment. When used in the Qur'an, it generally refers to <u>Allah's invitation to live according to His will</u>. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dawah</u>

Muslim's eschatology and their belief and commitment to it shapes their entire life, and it should ours as well!

What percent of today's church budget is allotted for actually doing evangelism or mission work – that is preaching the Gospel of God's coming Kingdom? *Not that much in comparison to what people earn and to what comes in!* Many churches focus on "church growth" and just brining people in with motivational speaking or fun activities, rather than actually developing disciples, like Muslims do.

It is said that Americans have recently spent more money buying Halloween costumes *for their pets* than the amount given to reach the unreached. (Claude Hickman) <u>https://www.thetravelingteam.org/money-and-missions</u>

Meanwhile, Muslims are building Islamic centers to teach people about Islam and making committed disciples to their religion. As followers of Jesus, we need to take our faith and Jesus' command, a little more seriously.

1) Centers around Jerusalem & Mid-East	1) Centers around Jerusalem & Mid-East
2) "Birth pains"	2) "Minor Signs"
3) <u>Antichrist</u> (Assyrian) - peace & safety (clay &	3) <u>Mahdi</u> (Arab) -make peace, unite Sunni & Shia
iron "feet")	 Global leader 7 years
 Global leader 7 years 	 Divine right to rule the world
 Desire to control world 	 Taqyya (use deceit if advancing Islam)
• Deceitful	 Sharia Law & Lunar calendar
 Change times & law (perhaps prohibiting 	 Prays in Jerusalem
observance of Jewish law and religious	4) <u>Isa</u> (Islamic Jesus claims to be Muslim)
festivals)	 Descend with 2 Angles
 Abomination of Desolation in temple 	 Miracles
4) <u>False Prophet</u>	 Shahada (Creed)/Bay'ah (oath of allegiance)
• Miracles	 Abolish Jizya tax (convert or die)
 "Mark of Beast" (no sell or buy) 	 Points to Mahdi
 Points to AC 	5) Global drought
5) Global Drought & economics affected	6) Hates Jews & will kill Jews & Christians
6) Kills Jews & Christians (beheaded, or into	(beheading preferred method of killing (Quran 47.4)
captivity)	7) Jihadists send gifts when Jihad, leave corpses to
7) 2 Witnesses killed & left in street, gift sending	make public spectacle

Because Jesus pointed us to Daniel when he was answering questions about the end of this age and the establishment of God's Kingdom on the earth (*not in our hearts and not prior to his return*), we can confidently use Daniel's prophecies to guide us as this time unfolds.

<u>Daniel</u> reveals the last 7 years of this evil age, and specifically the last 3 ½ years, which fit perfectly with Jesus's teaching in <u>Matthew 24</u> and the last prophecy given to John in <u>Revelation</u>. When we consider this prophecy all together and look at Islamic eschatology, what we find is quite riveting.

Let's consider some comparisons between biblical prophecy and Islamic prophecy about the end of this age and compare the Islamic Mahdi to the biblical Antichrist. Then we will consider several signs or events we should be watching for as prophecy begins playing out. And please remember, I am not suggesting that Islamic eschatology sets the timeline or events that must be fulfilled before Jesus comes.

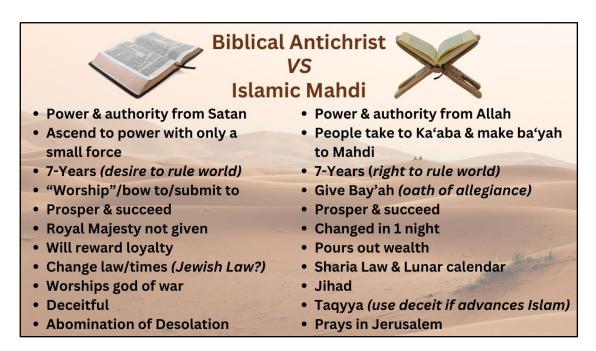
I think many of their "signs" are off track, but, when we look at biblical eschatology and use that as the measuring rod, we see how Satan has set up the Muslim world for an even greater deception as the last years draw near, and how they will be used to bring about the Day of the Lord. Both biblical and Islamic eschatology have these end events happening when there are wars, a possible civil war among Muslims, and at the "worst of times."

(See above)

Now let's look at a few more comparisons between the Antichrist and the Mahdi.

As I mentioned, in **<u>biblical prophecy</u>** there will be *the* <u>Antichrist</u> and <u>False Prophet</u>. <u>Islamic eschatology</u> says there will be a great Caliph called the <u>Mahdi</u> and then their Jesus, <u>Isa</u>, will come to earth as well.

Remember, Daniel and John had never heard of Islam, but this description very likely points to an Islamic Antichrist! (see below)



Besides the above mentioned, Islam, as **Daniel** mentions about the Antichrist and his empire:

- Follows a god its father (Abraham) did not know/follow
- The Mahdi will elevate Jihad and "worship" a god of fortress
- Islam denies YHVH as Father and Jesus as His Son
- Islam does not worship YHVH, the God of Abraham, and it rejects all other religions

<u>The Assyrian Antichrist:</u> *Micah 5:1-15 (Assyrian* invades land), *Isaiah 10* (wrath poured out on *Assyrian* in a single day - *Isaiah 11* - millennial reign follows), *Isaiah 14:24-26 (Assyrian* broken in God's land, Revelation 19:19-21), *Isaiah 30:26, 31 (Assyrian* beaten down), *Isaiah 31:4-9* (Lord fight for Zion, *Assyrian* falls by sword), *Isaiah 19:23-25* (After the *Assyrian* is destroyed the people of Assyria will turn to God, they will be with repentant Israel and Egypt – All 3 will now be God's people)

Also to clarify, Muslims use the word *Jihad* to describe three different kinds of struggle:

- A believer's **internal struggle** to live out the Muslim faith as well as possible.
- The struggle to build a good Muslim society.
- Holy war: the struggle to defend (and advance) Islam, with force if necessary.

Many Muslims in the west today will tell you it just means the first one.

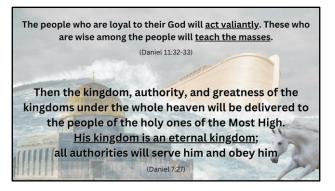


The final world empire will create a revolution to try to establish a new Islamic world order. This will include multiple military campaigns (jihad) in the middle east and perhaps around the world.

When we consider prophecy about the very end of this age, it is critical to consider the geopolitical context of these end times events. All the warring we see in this prophecy is taking place in the middle east and it will set up what most call Armageddon, the final battle with these nations against Jesus, after Jesus returns. We see in Ezekeil it will take 7 months, and in revelation a lot of birds, to clean up all the dead bodies. This will be very real and very bloody as God's wrath is poured out by Jesus and as He vindicates His people.

What should we be watching for? Not eclipses or conspiracy theories. We should be watching for:

- Saudi Arabia possibly backing Israel (10 nations may align in response to S.A. backing), a possible S.A. Israel block, and a Turkey, Iran block (*Which side will you and your country be on?*)
- The revival of the Islamic Caliphate
- A temple and sacrifices
- Israel's "covenant" right to the land and their right and to the Temple Mount results in a perceived and temporary peace and 3 ½ years of "unwalled towns" in Jerusalem
- Then in 3 ½ years Jerusalem is attacked and the sacrifice is abolished, The Antichrist defiles the temple (*meaning there must be a temple of some sort*)
- Zechariah 14:1-2 Jerusalem is taken, plundered, raped, and half of Jerusalem into exile, and Matthew 24, people flee from Jerusalem



The reality of the prophecy is that it will be like the days of Noah. Most people will be just living life. It is not some some super spiritual fantasy movie. There will be wars until the end and life will continue similar as to today.

Believers should know what is coming so we should not live in fear. <u>We must be discerning and the</u> church must be preparing its people. We must be watchful.

The call to the church in Revelation is to be faithful to their God and Messiah, and not to bear arms, but to lay down their lives, and we should start practicing that today. We must follow Jesus and his commands unto death. We must beware of false teachings could set us up so that we would not endure these awful times, like if we think we will be "raptured" away and not be called to endue unto death.

Believers alive at that time must be loyal to God and messiah and continue the Great Commission Jesus gave his followers. "But the people who are loyal to their God will act valiantly. ³³ <u>These who are</u> wise among the people will teach the masses" (Daniel 11:32-33).

We must be wise, leading many to righteousness. (Daniel 12:3 "But the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavenly expanse. And those bringing many to righteousness will be like the stars forever and ever.")

Daniel 7:23-28 sums it up.

²³ "This is what he told me:

'The fourth beast means that there will be a fourth kingdom on earth that will differ from all the other kingdoms. It will devour all the earth and will trample and crush it. ²⁴ The ten horns mean that ten kings will arise from that kingdom. Another king will arise after them, but he will be different from the earlier ones. He will humiliate three kings. ²⁵ He will speak words against the Most High. *He will harass the holy ones of the Most High continually. His intention will be to change times established by law.* The holy ones will be delivered into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. ²⁶ But the court will convene, and his ruling authority will be removed destroyed and abolished forever! ²⁷ Then the kingdom, authority,

and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven

will be delivered to the people of the holy ones of the Most High. His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; all authorities will serve him and obey him.'

²⁸ "This is the conclusion of the matter. (And this has not happened yet!)

We see in this passage that the 10 horns and the last king, the Antichrist, are connected to the 4th beast. There is an outline of the time of his reign - wars, the abomination, persecution, and martyrdom, and finally Antichrist and his empire being destroyed forever and the saints receiving the Kingdom with their Messiah. (Revelation confirms this as well.)

So why study this? Because there will be a counterfeit that will deceive perhaps, even the elect. We have been told ahead of time so that we will not be deceived, and so that we can be wise and bring many to righteousness. We study so that we will remain loyal to our God, will be able to act valiantly, and will be able to teach the masses, now and in these very last days.

In a future video we'll talk more about Messiah freeing the captives and leading a triumphal procession to Jerusalem where his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives and he will permanently clean the temple mount this time and set up God's sovereign Kingdom.

Possible future videos:

- Rome vs Mid-East
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2 Thes. 1:5-8

This is evidence of God's righteous judgment, to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which in fact you are suffering. 6 For it is right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to you who are being afflicted to give rest **together with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven** with his mighty angels. 8 With flaming fire he will mete out punishment on those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Maranatha!

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