

CAN THE ANTI-CHRIST BE MUSLIM? PART 1

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Daniel **12:10** Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

We turn on our radios and TV's every day, and if you're like me, you wonder what has happened since I last listened? What has caught the attention of the people of this world and points to a world that is imploding upon itself? It's all around us. The news of the unrest in the Middle East, the Syrian war, ISIS on a rampage, or the Israeli/Palestinian conflict growing stronger and fomenting rage concerning the Temple mount, and news of Muslims killing Christians, Jews, and other Muslims. The spreading anarchy and rebellion is in the hearts of the Arab nations yearning for what they falsely believe in. They wish for the destruction of the infidels of the western way of life, the return of their 12th Imam, known as the Mahdi and the enslavement of all to the sword of their god, called Allah in a coming new Caliphate. It's part of their belief system. Don't believe it, then read on.

ISLAM, TERROR OF THE NATIONS

Muslims believe that world domination will be completed when the 12th Imam or Mahdi (their Islamic "jesus") arrives on the political scene and forces Sharia Law as the supreme law of the world. First, let us take an historical view of what drives the Muslim and their ideology...I say ideology, as it's not a true religion, but a set of beliefs about death, aggression, and domination of other people.

So what is their belief when it comes to this “Mahdi”, or the return of the 12th Imam? People are very uninformed if they do not understand what is behind all the chaos involved in the cradle of civilization known as the Middle East surrounding God’s Holy Land, known today as Israel. So who is this missing 12th Imam they speak of?

A QUICK HISTORY LESSON

Most accounts of the story say that Al Mahdi went into hiding as a child around the age of 5 years (about the 13th Century). It says he has been ‘in hiding’ in caves ever since but will supernaturally return just before the Day of Judgment. According to the Hadith the criteria for the Hidden Imam are:

1. He will be a descendant of Muhammad and the son of Fatima
2. Will have a broad forehead and pointed nose
3. Will return just before the end of the world
4. His appearance will be preceded by a number of prophetic events during 3 years of horrendous world chaos, tyranny and oppression
5. Will escape from Madina to Mekkah, (Mecca) thousands will pledge allegiance to him
6. Will rule over the Arabs and the world for 7 years
7. Will eradicate all tyranny and oppression bringing harmony and total peace
8. Will lead a prayer in Mecca which Jesus will be at his side and follow in.

He is believed to be coming back to set up an Islamic Caliphate and rule in the end of time and bring Islamic Sharia law to the world and make Islam supreme in all the land and this Mahdi is considered to be “divine”.

How do they interpret when this holy man will appear? If you listened to the former leader of Iran, Mahmoud “I’M A TOTAL NUT JOB” when he spoke of the return of this false messiah, known as the Mahdi, he never missed a chance to ask the Mahdi to return to set up his kingdom here on earth, as noted in speeches he gave at the U.N. and in speeches in Iran. What is it he believes, or should I say, Islam believes will cause the return of the Mahdi, or this 12th Imam? Ahmadinejad believes that he is a prophet and his mission was to bring on the return of the 12th Imam to earth, by only ONE way. (so much for that, as he’s been replaced). He believed that Iran, as a nation must create as much chaos, extract as much blood and suffering, and cause maximum destruction of their sworn enemy, the nation of Israel and the western world, including the United States of America. That was his stated goal and his believed purpose. You can do a search on any Google site and check out the facts of his beliefs. But the man was only a front man for the real power behind as is the new president of Iran, Hassan Rouhani, as the real power is found in Ali Khamenei, the supreme Ayatollah. Ali Khamenei puts forth the belief in the return of the 12th Imam. But the belief is in their national identity as a political theocracy.

Islam and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei believe that this hidden Mahdi will arrive on a white horse with a sword in his hand to set up a Caliphate as to rule in the nation of Islam and all will submit to his will and authority either by confessed allegiance or by the sword. Amazingly, the description of the return of this Mahdi has an eerie connection with the same description given the rise of the Anti-Christ. Let’s try and examine the similar traits of this 12th Imam and this coming ruler, known as the Anti-Christ. What is said of the Anti-Christ?

1. First he will rule for 7 years. He will come during a time of great war and much blood shedding in the Middle East and possibly, the world. He will come as a peacemaker.
2. He will make a treaty for those 7 years with Israel to allow them to rebuild their Temple to God.
3. But then will cause sacrifice to cease in the middle of those seven years. He will proclaim himself as a god sitting in the Holy of Holies of the Temple in Jerusalem.
4. He will demand a mark of allegiance, known as the mark of the beast. He will attempt to destroy the Jewish race, known as Israel.
5. In the end, He will be destroyed by the Prince of Peace, who will return to put down rebellion. Now compare this with Islamic beliefs about the Mahdi shown above and here. He will come when blood, chaos and war causes him to return to set up his kingdom. He will attempt to destroy Israel and the Jewish race. He will demand allegiance to Islamic rule and Shariah Law. He will rule by the sword and all who do not embrace Islam will be slain. He will rule for 7 years, after which Jesus will return and with the Mahdi, set injustice right and proclaim Islam. Notice the similarities?

Is the Anti-Christ Islamic? Is the supposed coming of the 12th Imam, the Anti-Christ.? Understand that Satan is a powerful deceiver. He relishes deceiving mankind with a parallel false religion that mirrors God's way and His salvation message. Could Islam be that false message, with its false god and its false messiah? Some believe that Islam will be defeated in the battle of Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38& 39, but it would do well as a watchful Christian to keep an eye on Islam prior to these battles, as Islam is the antithesis of all that is Holy and ordained by our Almighty God, Jehovah or Yahweh...the great I AM, THAT I AM. Paul spoke of this man called the Anti-Christ and his false religion:

“The coming of the lawless one (the Anti-Christ) is according to the working of Satan with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” II Thessalonians 2:9-12.

Could this lie be the lie of Islam? All who study this god, Allah, know that he/she was a member of a polytheist society before Muhammad made this god, the supreme god and he or she was a moon god, until Muhammad made Allah, known at the time as “*al-ilāh*” or “*the god*” the only god of a polytheist religion derived from pagan worship. By doing an online search and looking for the archeological evidence concerning the worship of this god, Allah, we find:

“The pagan Arabs worshipped the Moon-god Allah by praying toward Mecca several times a day; making a pilgrimage to Mecca; running around the temple of the Moon-god called the Kabah; kissing the black stone; killing an animal in sacrifice to the Moon-god; throwing stones at the devil; fasting for the month which begins and ends with the crescent moon; giving alms to the poor, etc.

The Muslim's claim that Allah is the God of the Bible and that Islam arose from the religion of the prophets and apostles is refuted by solid, overwhelming archeological evidence. Islam is nothing more than a revival of the ancient Moon-god cult. It has taken the symbols, the rites, the ceremonies, and even the name of its god from the ancient pagan religion of the Moon-god. As such, it is sheer idolatry and must be rejected by all those who follow the God of the bible and the Gospel.” Its symbol was a crescent moon with the stars as it's daughters within the crescent moon.

COMPARE THIS WITH THE TRUE GOD OF THE BIBLE.

Isaiah 46:9, "Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me."

John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.."

The evidence is startling when you compare the God of the bible, and the false god of Islamic Qur'an. The Bible has *"No archeological discovery that has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries."* (Christians answers, *How do we know the Bible is true?*)

The remarkable structure of the Bible should also be stressed. Although it is a collection of 66 books written by 40 or more different men over a period of 2,000 years, it is clearly one Book, with perfect unity and consistency throughout with one focus and message, the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ who fulfilled over 300 distinct prophecies by His life, death and resurrection. The same cannot be said for this moon god Allah, even archeology refutes it as being made of humans and pagan in origin. And what of the Islamic book the Qur'an? From an online definition of the book:

"The Qur'an or Koran, depending on your translation of the word, contains at least 109 verses that call Muslims to war with nonbelievers. Some are quite graphic, with commands to chop off heads and fingers and kill infidels wherever they may be hiding. Muslims who do not join the fight are called 'hypocrites' and warned that Allah will send them to Hell if they do not join the slaughter.

Unlike nearly all of the Old Testament verses of violence, most of the verses of violence in the Qur'an are open-ended, meaning that the historical context is not embedded within the surrounding text. They are part of the eternal, unchanging word of Allah, and just as relevant or subjective as anything else in the Qur'an.

Unfortunately, there are very few verses of tolerance and peace to abrogate or even balance out the many that call for nonbelievers to be fought and subdued until they either accept humiliation, convert to Islam, or are killed. This proclivity toward violence - and Muhammad's own martial legacy - has left a trail of blood and tears across world history."

The God of the Bible is a God of love and redemption, but the false god of the Koran is a "god" of war, blood shed, death and suffering...quite a contrast. Allah sounds more Satanic in nature, and I believe Allah is Satan himself.

Given not only the archeological proof of the truth of the God of the bible vs. the false god called Allah to point to just one of many, will unrepentant man be ripe for a religion that slyly professes a false peace, and demands a mark of loyalty, loyalty to Islam? When God's church suddenly vanishes, shall a soothing voice with a promise of a "greener earth", a better way, and propose a belief in a false god, called Allah and to follow this false messiah, the Mahdi, shall unrighteous men be ripe for believing this lie? I believe they will.

THE ANTI-CHRIST CAN'T BE A MUSLIM MESSIAH, CAN HE?

I've heard the argument that Israel would never accept an Islamic ruler as their Messiah. I have to differ with that, (just look at the political unrest in the Middle East right now!) as Israel in today's political landscape is mostly secular and many of them are atheist by and large, save for a few right wing religious

adherents to traditional, historical Judaism, known as Hassidic. If you study the Bible and understand why the majority of Israel did not receive Jesus as their Messiah, it stems from one thing. Israel was looking for a King David type of ruler that would free them from Roman rule, protect their nation and defeat their enemies. They were not expecting a suffering Messiah, but a conquering King, a larger than life, robust fighting man who would lead them to victory over the Romans and restore their national sovereignty and former glory. Jesus just didn't fit their preconceived image of the Messiah. They did not believe that they needed salvation from their sins, as the law and its practice was believed to do that for them....their works was their salvation and even in that, they failed miserably. Here's why they will accept a political messiah, even if he's Muslim.

THE ANTI-CHRIST HOLDS OUT AN OLIVE BRANCH IN ONE HAND.

When a man of soothing speech and a lying tongue promises Israel peace, safety and security and the ability to rebuild their temple unhindered by the only real objection that could be raised, being the nation of Islam, then Israel will accept even the devil as their national savior, as it's about their political security, not their spiritual security. I believe that Ezekiel's war has just been fought and the Russian and the Muslim coalition has been soundly destroyed by God Almighty to the tune of 5/6 of their invading army and the slaughter has followed the survivors home and the destruction continues in their home lands. An Islamic political leader will arise and make a treaty with Israel, as a Muslim belief is to lie and give the appearance of defeat until they can regroup and attempt to destroy their enemy at a later date. It's the same M.O. of Hamas, Hezbollah, the Palestinians and all Muslim adherents. Remember what Jesus said?

John 5:43 "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."

I believe Jesus was speaking of the Anti-Christ who will give the nation of Israel what they desire, a false seven year peace treaty of non-aggression, and the ability to rebuild a 3rd temple and resumption of animal sacrifices of the Old Covenant relationship to Jehovah, or Yahweh without interference. Logically, this makes perfect sense. If they were accepting their "spiritual" Messiah as savior of their souls, then when the AC sits in the Holy of Holies and proclaims himself to be God, (remember, they believe the Old Covenant will save them) then it would reinforce their belief that this is their Messiah....BUT, if they were making a political treaty with a foreign leader and his country or a coalition of countries, they would have accepted him as a political messiah, not a religious, spiritual Messiah and would quickly realize their error. Just like their prophet Mohammed before this imposter of divinity, was alive the Jewish people will not accept this blasphemy. And just as Mohammed destroyed the Jews in Medina because of their mocking him and his new religion, the anti-Christ will suddenly turn on them and seek their annihilation as he will be spiritually indwelt by the prince of darkness, Lucifer and demands worship for himselfMatthew chapter 24:

:14 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which Daniel the prophet spoke of, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

:16 then those who dwell in Judea must flee to the mountains.

:17 Whoever finds himself on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that he has left in his house.

:18 Whoever works in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.

:19 But woe to those who become pregnant and to those who nurse babies in those days!

:20 But pray that your flight will not occur in the winter, or on a Sabbath.

:21 For then there will come a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until

now, nor ever will.”

The warning would not be given by Jesus if Israel had accepted the Anti-Christ as their religious Messiah and their Savior...no, they accepted him as their national protector of political sovereignty, so being in the newly built Temple as a Muslim proclaiming to be a god, proves to Israel that they have made a pact with the devil. They received the Anti-Christ as it fulfilled their need for peace and security and deliverance from their surrounding enemies. It was the same for their fore-fathers who looked to Jesus as the King deliverer from the Romans and they just didn't understand or accept His mission to save their souls, not their fleshly hides.

THE ANTI-CHRIST, STAGE RIGHT

The Anti-Christ is coming and may already be on the scene, but has not revealed himself, as of yet. We, who proclaim a belief and worship the only true God of the Universe and the Son He has sent, need not be afraid, even though we are entering a time of great uncertainty and unrest in the world at large. We have promises from Almighty God that He will be our strong foundation of the faith and our coming Hope. God has said that He will be our refuge in times of trouble, and nothing has more of a calming effect and increases our faith to read in your bible what God has promised when evil is all around us.

Psalm 91, “91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler

91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

91:6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.”

Our God is stronger than all the forces that are rearing their ugly heads in the name of Islam and are committed to throwing this world into supreme chaos and extract a massive amount of blood letting. We may see terrible things come upon the earth, before the beginning of the tribulation and the revealing of the Anti-Christ to begin his 7 year rule, but David spoke of God being our refuge in this time of trouble, Psalms :

9:9 “The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”

We are to seek Him with all our might, and all our strength. We must put our trust in Him to save us and guide us through times of trouble. We must be like King David when he wrote again in Psalm 62:

62:6 “ He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

62:7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

62:8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.”

Does that give us hope, or do we still fear? Psalm 91 explains that when we are surrounded by evil and trouble is all around, our trust and our “refuge” is in our God Jehovah. Remember what God said in this beloved Psalm?

91:7 “A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.”

You who believe in the one True God, do you fear what is coming upon the earth? Do the symbols of Islam and the possible rise of an Islamic domination of a new Caliphate bring fear into your hearts? Isaiah chapter 25:

25:4 “For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

25:5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.”

Put your trust and your faith in Him who can deliver you and sustain you through whatever we may see coming upon the earth. We need not fear what is coming, as it is written in II Thessalonians 2:1-4:

2:1 “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”

He must come and scripture says he will deceive as a power broker in lying words. He will destroy by lies. Woe to any man that puts his trust in a false religion, a false messiah, and idolatry of worshipping anything or anyone but the Eternal Lord of the Universe. If you are reading this and your mind has fear because you see what is happening all over the world and know that this path we’re on can’t continue without something breaking apart either economically or spiritually, or both and spreading world- wide, then you are not alone. You see religiously directed chaos in many countries in the Middle East that is spreading to European countries and even has visited our shores here in the USA that has put you and your loved ones on the edge of their seats wondering what could happen next, so let me tell you something. It will get a lot worse and soon. Our world’s economy is set to implode into utter chaos and evil men will turn to anyone who throws them a lifeline, even if it’s the tail of a snake.

If you have not made a decision to follow Jesus Christ and put your trust in Him and make Him your refuge, your strength, and your high tower, then you will be ripe for believing a lie when it is thrust upon you. You will see chaos all around you when millions of people have suddenly vanished off the face of the earth without a plausible explanation from the governments in power, then God will send a strong delusion that most everyone, possibly including you, will be willing to believe just to survive. It will be a most horrible time in all of mankind’s history. Too horrible to describe in any meaningful words that can express the extreme evil that will envelop the whole earth. Whatever we will face, whatever we may suffer

before the tribulation hour is revealed by the events noted in this message, we must endure to the end. But Paul wrote:

Romans 8:16 “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

Paul said in 1 Corinthians,

2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Our prayer: BE THOU MY REFUGE, OH, LORD, MY GOD!! We await your return.

Next time, I will go deeper into this concept “Can the Anti-Christ be Muslim?” Part II. See you next time.

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God bless you all till we meet at Jesus feet.