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How God Called Me—Alone in the Ocean

One year ago I knew very little about Bible prophecy, Islam and the Book of Revelation. I read Revelation several times, but could not understand it. Then I had five dreams that revealed portions of Revelation to me. I never had dreams like that before or since.

In the dreams God's command was to prepare ("**Herald!**") the soon return of Christ, protect the Gospel from false Islamic doctrine, and spread the Gospel truth to Muslims. Next I thought about a near death event 20 years ago in the ocean. I was saved for something--and this command was it.

Who were those two men? For what purpose did God save my life?



I share with you an extraordinary near death ocean event in my life. I am a board-certified anesthesiologist and I also served as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve Medical Corps for over six years. I have been blessed with a mathematical and scientific mind. I have seen genuine miracles and I have also seen events that are mere coincidence. Twenty years passed before I fully understood it, or told anyone besides my wife. Over time I have come to believe with virtual certainty it was two angels that saved my life that day.

In any event, my life was clearly saved by two elderly men. For almost twenty years I wondered "for what reason was I saved?" I think now with the Holy Spirit revelations I recently received it was to spread the message God revealed to me.

Lost in the Ocean with No Hope

I was snorkeling in the ocean about an hour or so before sunset with two other people. I wore my own personal pair of well-fitting flippers, my personal facemask and snorkel, but no life vest. I had purchased these flippers several years earlier and they were specific to the size of my feet. They fit so well that I never had to make an adjustment to them while I was swimming. Soon I began to notice that I was drifting away from the beach and much farther out into the open ocean.

I started to get somewhat alarmed when I was probably 400 yards or so out in the ocean. I was completely separated from the others, who had no idea where I was. Shortly thereafter an unexpected disaster happened to me. While I was trying to swim in towards shore I felt my right flipper was working off of my foot. It moved just a bit at first but then I could tell it was about halfway off my foot. I tried to reach down and pull it on tighter but just at that moment it completely fell off and started to sink. Then I lost the other flipper. It was like they were pulled off my feet. I struggled for 20-30 minutes treading water and heading father out in the ocean. I could make no progress to shore.

The Two Elderly Men Who Saved My Life

I got to a point where all I could do was tread water. I also realized that I was not going to be able to get back to shore and there was no one anywhere to help me. I would not say I panicked but I also knew it was a bad situation. Perhaps there was not any time to panic. Never once did I yell for help, flail about or wave my arms. I actually did not utter any sounds at all and I am ashamed to say I did not pray to God. There were no boats, no swimmers, no snorkelers, no scuba divers, no jet skis, and no windsurfers as far as I could see. The ocean was completely empty as I looked to my left, to my right, in towards shore, and occasionally out behind me. By now I was about 500 yards from shore.

I don't know why but I looked behind me and there were two elderly men about five feet from me directly behind me. They did not swim up to me. I did not see any motion. *They were just waiting in the water behind me when I turned around.* I don't know how long they were waiting for me to turn around. They were looking straight at me. Keep in mind it was late in the evening near sunset. The men looked to be about 75 years old. I distinctly remember them being elderly.

I do not recall them speaking at any time. I looked at the closest one and I only said: "I can't get in." The one closest to me immediately swam to my left side about two feet away. He never hesitated and he seemed to have no fear I would pull him under. He acted like he knew immediately what he was supposed to do. I was always struck at how this person had absolutely no hesitation to help me. He was not wearing a life vest.

I clearly remember placing my left hand on his right shoulder and we had no difficulty swimming in together. *In fact I do not remember pausing at all for him to rest as we swam in the 500 yards.* It was just a steady pace the entire time. He was on my left side and the other person was on his left. I never touched the second person as the first was always between us. I suppose it took about 10-15 minutes to swim in. It was not a fast swim but it was a steady swim. We had absolutely no trouble moving through the water, that just minutes earlier I made no progress whatsoever and in fact was going farther out to sea. When we got to the beach they walked away. Later I found my two flippers on the beach about 4 feet apart. The two elderly men saved my life.

Introduction to Bible Prophecy Heralding Christ's Soon Return

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The definition of "herald": *A message or sign that something important is about to happen.*

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS WILL HAPPEN BEFORE CHRIST'S RETURN	
<u>Revelation</u>	<u>Ezekiel / Revelation</u>
Worldwide False Religion ("Beast")	Israel Reborn
Opposes Christ, invades Israel	Jews will appear dead---but God breathes on them, and they stand on their feet
False Prophet	God brings them back to Israel from enemy countries
Image of the Beast	God will not leave any Israelite behind in the enemy countries
Mark of the Beast	
Satanic in nature with Satan ("Dragon") worshipped	

Before Christ returns the Bible tells us in the books of Daniel, Revelation and Ezekiel, two important events must first occur. The first event is a worldwide beast-like false religion that has a false prophet (Rev 20:10), deceives the world (Rev 13:14), claims to be peaceful-but not (Rev 13:11), sends the "dark smoke" of false doctrine (Rev 9:1-3), has a distinctive mark (Rev 13:16), sets up an image to honor it (Rev 13:14) and a great city on 7 mountains that rules over the kings of the earth (Rev 17:9,18). This religious system has such power no one or government can oppose it (Daniel 7:23-25).

The first woe from this false religion only hurts non-believers (Rev 9:4). It lasts 5 months, which is 152 days/years (Rev 9:5). This time period was 610-762 AD during the first major Islamic Jihad. In the second woe the false religion will grow until 1/3 of the world is spiritually killed (Rev 9:13-15). The false religion seeks to take as many souls as possible from the true Gospel. It is inspired by Satan and finally ends with Satan being worshiped in the Temple (Rev 13:4, 2nd Thes 2:3-4). Victims are killed from drinking the "bitter waters" of false doctrine which states Christ is not the Son of God, not the Messiah, and that the Holy Spirit does not exist. (Rev 8:10-11, Matthew 12:31-32).

This false religion is Islam and the false prophet is Mohammad. The universal Islamic mark is the Shahada, and the image to honor Allah is the Kaaba Blackstone in Mecca, which is the great city on 7 mountains. Islam opposes Jesus as the Son of God and also hates the Holy Spirit. Pray that Muslims can receive the Holy Spirit while there is still some time remaining.

The second event is the restoration of Israel and return of Jews from the many countries in which they were scattered for over 2,000 years. (Ezekiel 37) ***Both of these events have now been fulfilled.***

Islam Is the False Religion that Opposes Christ, Fights the Holy Spirit and Seeks to Destroy Israel

Revelation is highly symbolic and concerns spiritual warfare for the soul. It can be a very hard book to understand, especially if viewed as 100% literal with no symbolism. In the book of Revelation, John gives Christians a clear picture of a future ***worldwide false religion*** in the last days that is opposed to the Gospel of Christ. This worldwide false religion will have military and political power as well.

In the Book of Revelation many references to "death" are about spiritual death to your soul.

A worldwide false religion does not appear overnight. It would need several hundred years, if not a thousand or more years, to have most of the world follow it. Thus some Bible prophecy experts who often predict the final "Antichrist" and his harsh religion will come into existence suddenly during the final half of the seven year tribulation are mistaken. Certainly the two, three or perhaps four billion Muslims living then would not worship anyone else in a short period of time, or really any period of time. The 1400 year history of Islam proves this. They will only worship "Allah" as the Shahada says.

After Israel is restored, has prospered, and lives in peace they will be invaded twice in the last days. In the first invasion God will intervene and destroy the invading countries, and their leader Gog. Gog will be killed and buried in Israel. (Ezekiel 38, 39) In the second invasion the people remaining in the world--whose names are not written in the book of life--will be "astonished" and all will worship a false God. (Rev 13: 3-8, and Rev 17:8) This is Satan deceiving the world as "Allah." During this second invasion of Israel and deep into Jerusalem the return of Christ saves Jerusalem (Zechariah 12, 14).

All invading countries led by Gog described in Ezekiel 38-39 are Islamic countries today.

Islam Actively Opposes the Holy Spirit

Islam is the only major religion to appear in the world after Christ, the risen Messiah, ascended into heaven. Only Islam is actively opposed to the Holy Spirit from God. Islam opposes the Trinity, since the Trinity proves Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is also a form of God. This was Satan's main message when he appeared as the "Angel Gabriel" to Mohammad in 610. The Koran does rarely use the term "Holy Spirit", but it is never God, but rather supposedly meaning the "Angel Gabriel."

Koran 4:171 "O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah....So believe in Allah and his messengers. And do not say 'Three.'"

Koran 5:73 "They do blaspheme Allah who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity, for there is no God but Allah....verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them."

Buddhism and Hinduism, while not explicitly recognizing the Holy Spirit of Christ, do not actively oppose it. To ask if the Spirit is present and active in other religions is to stand within a Christian framework—the Holy Spirit always being the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of Christ, which is not assumed by other faiths. But faiths other than Islam do recognize spirits that are holy and do not actively oppose them.

Islam is different and seeks to destroy anyone that recognizes the Holy Spirit as actually God. This is understandable, since Islam was inspired directly by Satan and the Holy Spirit is stronger than Satan. By recognizing the opposition to the Holy Spirit, we can better understand the origins of Islam are Satanic. Satan uses Islam to collect as many souls as possible to destroy them in hell.

The Pharisees said miracles from Jesus were not from God. In Matthew 12: 31-32, Jesus warned the Pharisees against being opposed to the Holy Spirit and such will not be forgiven-- "in this age, nor in that which is to come." What did Jesus mean about the age "which is to come"? One interpretation is that Jesus was also speaking about the age of Islam opposed to the Holy Spirit in the last days.

Matthew 12 (NIV)

31 "Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in that which is to come."

Matthew 10 (NIV)

28 "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

2nd Corinthians 11 (NIV)

13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

1 John 4 (NIV)

1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

Satan Was Hurled Down to Earth a Final Time

The ultimate desire of Satan is to take God's place and be worshipped. At the end of the tribulation Satan will be in the Temple in Jerusalem and will be worshipped as "Allah". (2nd Thes 2:3-4, 11-12) Satan was first cast out of heaven at least by the time of the fall of man. (Genesis 3:1-5) Apparently, he was able to secure a considerable following among the angels, resulting in one third being removed from heaven (Luke 10:18; II Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:4).

Revelation 8 (NIV)

10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— 11 the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

Satan was cast out of heaven for the final time (Rev 8:10 "a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky") sometime after Christ's resurrection. Unfortunately, so many church members erroneously think and say that Satan and his demons were thrown out of heaven for the final time early in creation. While we do not know the exact date, we know it likely took place after the death of the apostles, possibly long after, since the book of Revelation wrote about future events reaching down to our time.

Revelation 12 (NIV)

4 The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. 6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

7 Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. 8 But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 9 The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

All Bible commentators agree that this woman (Rev 12:4) depicts the spiritual body of God's church, and most likely includes the Jewish remnant, since Israel gave birth to Jesus. Everything in Revelation occurs during this present age of the church (Rev 1:1), until we get to some final references to the new heavens and new earth in Revelation chapters 21-22.

Since that day, Satan has devoted himself to opposing the work of God in every way possible and seeks to destroy all of the good that God has created in the natural order. Satan does this by deceit and the false doctrine of "waters that had become bitter." (Rev 8:11) Christians are protected by the Holy Spirit, which effectively "binds" Satan, but non-believers are deceived. (Rev 20:1-6)

Hail Symbolizes Both Good and Bad Angels in Revelation

Hail is distinctively and prominently mentioned three times in Revelation. It could be literal hail, or symbolic of something else. This is best explained as being symbolic of angels, both bad and good, returning to earth. Bad hail is first described as "hail and fire mixed with blood" in Revelation 8:7. The final description of most powerful hail in Revelation 16:21 occurs with the return of Christ, and as "huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds"--thus it was very powerful!

Others have interpreted the hail as a literal hailstorm, and certainly God could produce physical icy hail mixed with fire and blood, or physical hail weighing 100 pounds. But the more likely explanation is that the hail represents angels, both fallen satanic angels and good and more powerful heavenly angels aligned with Christ.



Revelation 8 (NIV)

7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

The first hail in Revelation 8:7, mixed with fire and blood, represents the harmful fallen satanic angels thrown down to earth as Satan (the blazing mountain, falling blazing star (Rev 8:8-12) fell to earth and convinced Mohammad in 610 that Jesus Christ was not the Messiah, and opposes the Holy Spirit. Revelation 6:13 and 12:4 indicate one third of the stars go dark and fall, meaning Satan took one third of the angels with him.

The huge hail in Revelation 16:21 falls during the end of the third (Islamic) woe on the remaining people on earth that had the mark of the beast, and since after the rapture, only those whose names are not written in the book of life (Rev 13:8). This large hail falls at the time of the second return of Christ ("It is done." Rev 16:17)

Revelation 16 (NIV)

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

19 The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. 20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a hundred pounds, fell on people. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

Some Bible experts think this prophecy was fulfilled during the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. Romans used catapults to hurl large stones at the Jewish rebellion. Indeed Josephus seems to describe large white stones being "thrown from heaven."

"Now the stones that were cast were of the weight of a talent (75-85 pounds), and were carried two furlongs and further. The blow they gave was no way to be sustained, not only by those that stood first in the way, but by those that were beyond them for a great space."

"As for the Jews, they at first watched the coming of the stone, for it was of a white color, and could therefore not only be perceived by the great noise it made, but could be seen also before it came by its brightness; accordingly the watchmen that sat upon the towers gave them notice when the engine was let go, and the stone came from it, and cried out aloud, in their own country language, the stone cometh so those that were in its way stood off, and threw themselves down upon the ground; by which means, and by their thus guarding themselves, the stone fell down and did them no harm."
"The missiles shot by the catapults, stone-throwers, and 'quick-firers' flew all over the temple, killing priests and worshipers at the very altar itself." Josephus--The Essential Writings p.328-332

But Revelation 16:17 makes clear this occurs much later by saying "It is done". This would not have been when the temple was destroyed in 70 AD. The voice from the temple says: "It is done!" Christ returns. This larger and more powerful hail falls on the non-believers left on earth, and the hail represents the good and more powerful angels of Christ. These legions of powerful angels accompany Christ as he returns to Jerusalem through the Eastern Gate.

Christian Understanding of Islam

Revelation 13: 11 "Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon"

Islam is the only major religion founded since Christ ascended into Heaven! On the surface, Islam may seem similar to Christianity. But Islam is opposed to the Holy Spirit, and does not believe Jesus was crucified, denies Jesus is the Messiah, denies Jesus is the Son of God, and does not believe Jesus was resurrected from the dead. Thus Islam misses all of the essential ingredients for salvation. Christ is the only door to God. Once Islamic, no Islamic country has ever peacefully reversed itself.

Who was Mohammad?

Mohammad was born in 570 AD in Mecca in present-day Saudi Arabia. He was orphaned at an early age; he was raised under the care of his paternal uncle Abu Talib. After his childhood, Mohammad primarily worked as a merchant. He could not read or write. Occasionally, he would retreat to a cave named Hira in the mountains for several nights of seclusion and prayer; later, at age 40, he reported being visited by the "Angel Gabriel" in the cave and thought he received his first revelation from God. He called this Fortress God "Allah." "Islam" means surrender. A "Muslim" is a follower of Islam.

In Medina, Mohammad united the tribes under the Constitution of Medina. He found he could spread Islam far better with the sword. In 629, after eight years of intermittent conflict with Meccan tribes, Mohammad gathered an army of 10,000 Muslim converts and marched on the city of Mecca. The attack went largely uncontested and Mohammad seized the city with little bloodshed. In 632 Mohammad fell ill and died. Before his death, most of the Arabian Peninsula had converted to Islam.

What Did Mohammad Teach?

The "Angel Gabriel" told Mohammad the Torah (given to Moses) and the Gospel (given to Jesus) were first correct, but then Jews and later the apostles corrupted the text. Thus today the Old Testament and New Testament text cannot be seen as reliable, although Muslims can give no examples of this corruption.

The "Angel Gabriel" told Mohammad that Jesus was only a prophet, and not God, nor God's Son. "Allah" is one God, and there is no Trinity. The Angel Gabriel was opposed to the Holy Spirit. Jesus was not crucified, was not raised from the dead. Instead, someone took the place of Jesus just before he was crucified. Jesus was not the Messiah, and to claim so or belief in the Trinity is the worst sin. Mohammad was the last prophet (the "Seal") and therefore no one after him can contradict him.

Allah is harsh and a militaristic "Fortress God." (Daniel 11:38-39 "38 Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his ancestors he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. 39 He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him.")

The Kaaba Blackstone in Mecca Is the Image of the Beast

Mohammad set up the Kaaba Blackstone image in Mecca. It is the “House of Allah.” It holds a black meteorite. It is the central part of the Islamic pilgrimage for all Muslims, including kings. The black stone image of the beast (Rev 13:14) was placed in the Kaaba by the false prophet, Mohammad.



The interactions with “Angel Gabriel” (in reality Satan the deceiver) were so overwhelming that Mohammad considered suicide. He said: ***“Never once did I receive a revelation without thinking that my soul had been torn away from me.”*** Only Satan has this power over a non-believer’s soul.

Matthew 10 (NIV)

***28 “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”***

What Are the Koran and the Hadith?

Muslims believe the Koran (Qur’an) was verbally revealed by Allah to Mohammad through the Angel Gabriel. The Koran was written sometime after Mohammad's death in 632. It was likely finished around the year 650. Mohammad was illiterate and could not read or write. There is no definitive proof who actually wrote the Koran. According to the traditional narrative, several companions of Muhammad served as scribes and were responsible for writing down the revelations. Sometime after Muhammad's death, the Koran was compiled by his companions who wrote down and memorized parts of it.

A hadith is one of various reports describing the words, actions, or habits of Mohammad. Hadith are second only to the Koran in developing Islamic jurisprudence, and regarded as important tools for understanding the Koran.

.How Did the Revelations to Mohammad Change Over Time?

The Koran has many conflicting verses. Earlier verses from Mecca are more tolerant. Later verses from Medina are much more violent and nontolerant. Islam has a method of interpretation called “abrogation.” Under abrogation, later revelations are more important than earlier ones. So the more violent later verses tend to be dominant.

How Did Islam Become Divided After Mohammad Died?

Islam is divided into two groups. Shia and Sunni groups are divided and often in conflict. About 85% of the world is Sunni and 15% is Shia. The main Shia Islam country is Iran (Persia in the Bible). The terrorist group Hezbollah is Shia. ISIS and Al-Qaida terrorists are Sunni. The differences between the Sunni and Shiite Islamic sects are rooted in disagreements over the succession to the Prophet Mohammad, who died in 632 AD. Abu Bakr was a senior companion and—through his daughter Aisha—the father-in-law of Mohammad. Abu Bakr became the first openly declared Muslim outside Mohammad's family. Sunnis are followers of Abu Bakr.

Ali ibn Abi Talib (“Ali”) was the cousin and son-in-law of the Mohammad. After migrating to Medina, he married Mohammad’s daughter Fatimah. Shia are followers of Ali. The word “Shia” means “followers of Ali.” Ali ruled over the Islamic caliphate from 656 to 661. Abu Bakr died of an illness in 634, and Ali was murdered by Sunni Muslims in 661.

The Mark of the Beast Is the Shahada--Created Around the Year 666

The mark of Islam is the Shahada (Rev 13:16). It can be worn on the forehead or the hand as a ring. You can become a Muslim by wearing the Shahada mark and saying the two lines: ***“There is no God but Allah. Mohammad is the messenger of Allah.”*** Islam also has its own times with the Islamic calendar, and its own laws with Sharia law (Daniel 7:25).



The Shahada is not in the Koran (finished around the year 650), but it is on the Dome of the Rock (started in 687) and an Islamic coin from the year 685. It is likely the Shahada was created around the year 666. Thus the Shahada may explain the number 666 in Rev 13:18.



It Is Not Clear How a Muslim Can Be Saved

Many Muslims will say they are saved by doing good works and that Allah has a scale to weigh them. They hope the positive works weigh more than the negative works. Other Muslims say the Islamic concept of salvation is not based only upon good deeds, but is based primarily upon faith in Allah. For these Muslims belief is always mentioned before deeds or works. When one converts to Islam, one does not do it by doing some good work but rather through realizing and believing that there is but one God (Allah) and Muhammad is the last messenger. The combination of saying there is only one God but Allah, and Mohammad was his messenger, is the **Shahada**. Muslims can wear this dual phrase on their forehead or their hand.

Muslims do not believe salvation is available through grace or through an intermediary that died and took their place (Christ the suffering servant). In other words they do not believe Jesus the God is necessary for salvation. Many Muslims believe the only sure way to not be saved is to believe in some other God other than Allah. *Thus to believe "Jesus is God" or the Holy Spirit is a certain way for damnation.* Muslims believe Allah is powerful, and they cannot understand how a God like Jesus would allow himself to be crucified. Muslims would never worship anything they thought was human.

A Muslim Does Not Know If They Are Saved

Other than becoming a martyr, Muslims do not know if they are saved. They believe they will only find out when Allah judges them. Allah's judgment is very harsh. Mohammad himself said he did not know if he was saved. Allah is a fortress God and offer no help for salvation. Islam has a Messiah. The "Mahdi" (also called the 12th Imam) is the Islamic Messiah expected to appear in the last days. The Mahdi is subordinate only to Allah. Under the Mahdi the entire world will be Islamic. Shia Muslims believe the Mahdi will reappear with a prophet Jesus at his side. They will kill anyone who does not recite the Shahada.

Koran 31:34:

"Surely Allah alone has the knowledge of the hour," and Koran 46:9: "I am no new thing among the messengers of Allah, nor do I know what will be done with me or with you."

Jihad Is the Only Sure Way to be Saved Under Islam

For Salafi-Islam (pure Islam) the highest form of worship is Jihad. The only sure way to be saved under Islam is to die in Jihad, or a holy war. This is why there is no shortage of suicide bombers. They become martyrs.

Koran 3:169-170

"Think not of those who are slain in Allah's way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord; They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah.

And with regard to those left behind, who have not yet joined them in their bliss, the Martyrs glory in the fact that on them is no fear, nor have they cause to grieve."

Middle East Christian World Before “Gabriel” Appeared to Mohammad



Christian World 152 Years After “Gabriel” Appeared to Mohammad



Green = Christian, Black = Islamic

The first woe from this false religion only hurts non-believers (Rev 9:4). It lasts 5 months, which is 152 days/years (Rev 9:5). The first Jihad lasted 152 years from 610 to 762.

Islamic Conquests During First Woe from 610 to 762

610 AD – Demonic spirit claiming to be “Angel Gabriel” appears to Mohammad.
622 AD – Mohammad leaves Mecca for Medina.
630 AD – Mecca conquered by Mohammad.
632 AD – Invasion of Ethiopia but the invading Islamic army was repelled by the orthodox church backed by the Portuguese.
632 AD – Mohammad dies and buried in Medina
633 AD – All the desert tribes of Arabia were thoroughly subdued through military campaigns.
635 AD – The attacking Islamic army conquered Damascus.
637 AD – The Persians (Iranians) were defeated at the battle of Qadisiyya.
637 AD – Islam conquers Iraq.
638 AD – Islamic fighters occupied Jerusalem.
639 AD – All of Syria fell into Muslim hands.
642 AD – All of Egypt fell to Muslims after some resistance in Alexandria. The great Coptic church was destroyed never to get strong again.
670 AD – Sea assault against Byzantium.
688 AD – The fall of Carthage
688/689 AD – Dome of the Rock built 687-691
702 AD – The Berber tribes of North Africa conquered.
705-708 AD – Occupation of North Africa.
711-713 AD – Arabian expansionists captured all of Spain and Portugal.
715-717 AD – Arabian armies subdued Afghanistan, central Asia, and much of northern India.
718AD – Islamic forces started attacking France.
725AD – The invading Islamic armies besieged Toulouse and raided Burgundy and the Rhone valley.
732 AD – Bordeaux was besieged. The Islamic armies advanced into France where they were defeated by Charles Martel.
750 AD – Abbasid Muslim forces reach and capture Damascus.
750-760 AD – Muslim merchants visited and settled in Chang’an, the largest city in China
762 AD– Baghdad founded by new Caliphate, the new Islamic capital

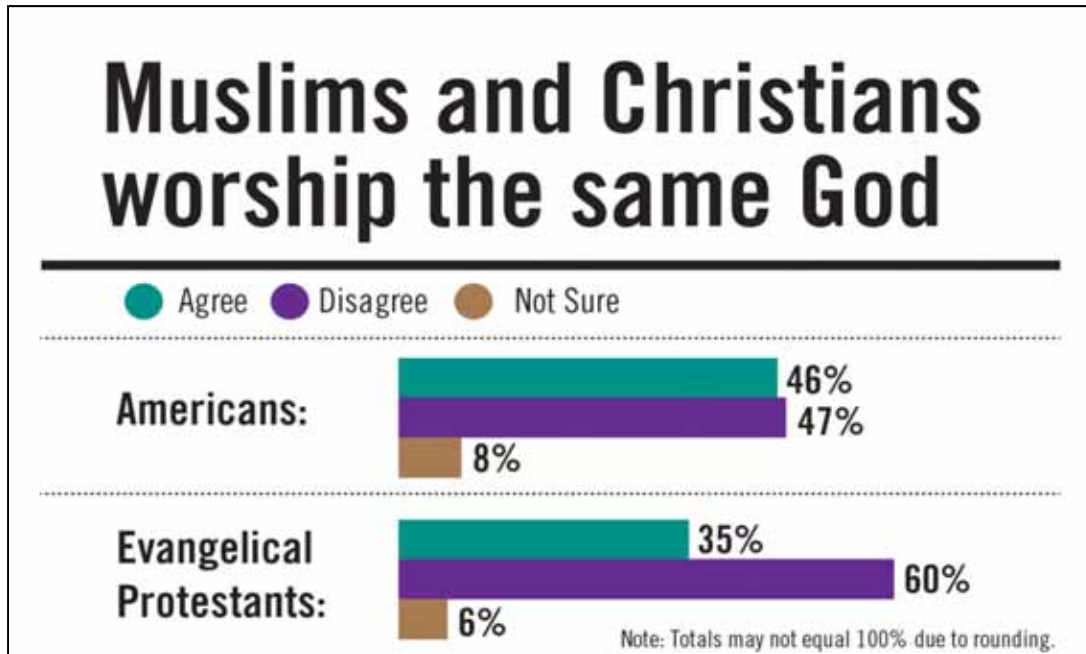
The rapidity of the Islamic conquests has received various explanations. During that time period Christian writers conceived them as God's punishment visited on their fellow Christians for their sins. This is the best explanation and is consistent with Revelation 9.

Revelation 9 (NIV)

20 The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Islam Deceives Many

Islam is based on deceit. Since Islam came from Satan the deceiver (masquerading as the “Angel Gabriel”) it can be no other way. Of greatest importance in terms of deceit is that Islam denies Christ is the Son of God, and says there is no Holy Spirit while promoting a blurred concept of “One God”. Far too many Americans believe Muslims and Christians worship the same God. This is not true!



Do not be deceived. Only the Bible contains the true word of God. There is no path to God except through the risen Messiah, Jesus the Son of God! Jesus has given believers the Holy Spirit from God, to keep Satan from deceiving them. **Pray that Muslims can learn the truth of Jesus while there is still some time!** False Islamic teachings are the "bitter waters" we are warned about in Revelation that kill the souls of many. The false doctrine says Christ is not the Son of God, not the Messiah, and that the Holy Spirit does not exist. (Rev 8:10-11, Matthew 12:31-32).

Revelation 13 (NIV)

14 "Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth."

Politicians and the news media are fond of pointing out that Muslims, like Christians, worship one God only, respect Jesus and Mary, and base their faith on a book said to be the revealed Word of God, which contains stories of Adam and Abraham and Moses and David. In fact Americans are evenly divided as to whether or not Muslims and Christians worship the same God. **Absolutely not true!**

Muslim commentators complain that nothing is more misunderstood and misrepresented in the West than the concept of jihad. The Council on American-Islamic Relations ("CAIR") went so far as to claim that jihad "does not mean `holy war."



"The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam.

That's not what Islam is all about.

Islam is peace.

These terrorists don't represent peace. They represent evil and war."

President George W. Bush
September 2001

Great deceit occurs when people try to blend Islam with Christian doctrine. They cannot be mixed since Islam is false. Here is an example: One Islamic scholar, Karen Armstrong, notes: *"The Koran says Mohammad did not come to cancel the older religions, to contradict their prophets or to start a new faith. His message is the same as that of Abraham, Moses, David, or Jesus."* Armstrong blames Christians for the "misconception" that Islam is not a peaceful religion. None of this is true. Islam is not peaceful, opposes the Holy Spirit, and does not believe Jesus is the risen Messiah.

Some Christians have been told Mohammad was a true prophet from God, and the liberal media reinforces this false belief. The true Gospel message cannot be mixed the lies of the Koran.

THE BLOG

Muhammad as Spirit of Truth: A Christian Testimony Against Islamophobia

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Islamophobia has been on the rise in the United States ever since 9/11. The Republican Presidential primary has both revealed this troubling trend and exacerbated it. Trump and other politicians have been trading on fear and hatred of Muslims for political expediency. They build on a foundation that has been laid, in large degree, by a consistent stream of Islamophobic rhetoric from the Christian Right. Now we have a xenophobic mood in this country that reminds people of the rise of Nazism in Germany.

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Sharing the Gospel Truth with Muslim Friends

Many Muslims want to know about Jesus. When speaking to a Muslim friend about Christ and salvation, one of their first objections is to claim the Holy Bible, especially the New Testament, was physically altered and “corrupted” to make Christ the prophet look like the Son of God. This gives them a reason to not listen to the truth of God’s salvation and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Their actual evidence for this physical corruption does not exist, but yet we must be prepared to explain to them in a friendly way that their idea the Bible being “corrupted” is not true.

Another incorrect claim is that the authors of the Old Testament and New Testament are mostly unknown. In the New Testament only the book of Hebrews has an unknown author. Even if an author is unknown, it does not change the inspired message from God that the writing contains.

The Dead Sea Scrolls Were Written Long Before the Apostles

Although we know the Scriptures were not corrupted must be able to prove this to skeptics. The Dead Sea Scrolls are an essential document to conclusively prove Scriptures that physically existed long before Christ. It would be impossible to corrupt Scriptures before the fact.

The Dead Sea Scroll Isaiah Text Is at Least 2100 Years Old



We know the Dead Sea Isaiah Scrolls have been carbon dated at least four times, and date from 107 to 335 years before Christ. Keep in mind the original Isaiah text was written about 730 years before Christ. Thus we can look at actual text today that existed when revealed to Jesus. This means even the most conservative Muslim scholars would have to agree this text was uncorrupted by the Apostles. Another point to explain is that the scrolls were found by two Muslims. We also know for certain Jesus read Isaiah, and it applied to Him. Isaiah fully explains the essential Gospel facts.

Luke 4 (NIV)

16 He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read. 17 The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. When He had unrolled the scroll, He found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

20 Then He rolled up the scroll, and He gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all those who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Isaiah scroll describes Jesus as God and the Messiah several times.

Isaiah 9 (Actual Hebrew/Aramaic Translation from Dead Sea Scroll)

(5) Because a child shall be born to us and a son is given to us and the government shall be upon his shoulders and he shall be called wonderful, counsellor, mighty God, everlasting Father, the prince of peace.

(6) Of the increase of his government and his peace there shall be no end. Upon the throne of David and over his kingdom to order it and to establish it in judgement and in righteousness from and until eternity. The zeal of YHWH of Hosts will perform this.

The Isaiah scroll says Jesus would suffer for our sins and be killed.

Isaiah 53 (Actual Hebrew/Aramaic Translation from Dead Sea Scroll)

(3) He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and knowing grief and as though hiding faces from him he was despised and we did not esteem him. (4) Surely our griefs he is bearing and our sorrows he carried them and we esteemed him beaten and struck by God and afflicted.

(5) And he is wounded for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities, the correction of our peace was upon him and by his wounds he has healed us.

(6) All of us like sheep have wandered each man to his own way. We have turned and YHWH has caused to light on him the iniquity of all of us. (7) He was oppressed and he was afflicted and he did not open his mouth, as a lamb to the

slaughter he is brought and as a ewe before her shearers is made dumb he did not open his mouth.

(8) From prison and from judgement he was taken and his generation who shall discuss it because he was cut off from the land of the living. Because from the transgressions of his people a wound was to him.

(9) And they gave wicked ones to be his grave and rich ones in his death although he worked no violence neither deceit in his mouth.

The Isaiah scroll says Jesus would return to life and be satisfied.

Isaiah 53 (Actual Hebrew/Aramaic Translation from Dead Sea Scroll)

(10) And YHWH was pleased to crush him and He has caused him grief. If you will appoint his soul a sin offering he will see his seed and he will lengthen his days and the pleasure of YHWH in his hand will advance.

(11) Of the toil of his soul he shall see light and he shall be satisfied and by his knowledge shall he make righteous even my righteous servant for many and their iniquities he will bear.

(12) Therefore I will apportion to him among the great ones and with the mighty ones he shall divide the spoil because he laid bare to death his soul and with the transgressors. He was numbered, and he, the sins of many, he bore, and for their transgressions he entreated.

What about the “Lying Scribes” of Jeremiah 8?

Some Muslim scholars place a great deal of emphasis on Jeremiah 8:8 when trying to make a point about Bible corruption. This is a part of Jeremiah’s temple address. Jeremiah 8:8 (“How can you say, “We are wise, for we have the law of the Lord,” when actually the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely?)

Jeremiah 8 (NIV)

(7) But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord. 8 “How can you say, “We are wise, for we have the law of the Lord,” when actually the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely?

9 The wise will be put to shame; they will be dismayed and trapped. Since they have rejected the word of the Lord, what kind of wisdom do they have?

10 Therefore I will give their wives to other men and their fields to new owners. From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. 11 They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. "Peace, peace," they say, when there is no peace.

12 Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the Lord

The first important clue is to note that God through the prophet Jeremiah states in verse 7: "But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord". Jeremiah does not say that they do not actually have them correctly in writing. Then in verse 8 he takes up the false security of the people who claim that they have the law as if the mere possession of the law will benefit them in any way if they do not obey it and if they distort it with their false interpretations.

Let us look at the next three verses (10-12) from the passage in question, since Jeremiah himself explains what this "lying pen" is all about. What exactly is it that these scribes are doing? If you read the larger context you will see clearly that the scribes, priests and prophets are telling the people that everything is okay, that the Law is being kept, and that there will be peace because "God is with us", His people. But they are lying. It doesn't say their lying pens are making the Torah into a lie by altering its text. It says they are writing things about a false peace as though they came from God's law and teaching them to the people.

These lying teachers are telling the people "peace, peace" although the true prophet tells them there is no peace and will be no peace. God has announced His judgment on Jerusalem for its idolatry and disobedience. The enemies are coming and God will NOT help. This verse has nothing to do with altering the books, it has to do with teaching false practices and giving false prophecies and saying these are based on the Lord's law. The law of God which clearly speaks of punishment for sin is disregarded and the people are told about the promises of God's goodness -- which are in the Law too, but each has its conditions. Because of this sinfulness that Jeremiah was pointing out the Israelites were soon sent into the Babylonian exile. There was no peace for the sinful Israelites.

But there is still one more piece of evidence from the book of Jeremiah. The same incident of his temple address is reported again in Jeremiah 26.

Jeremiah 26 (NIV)

2 "This is what the Lord says: Stand in the courtyard of the Lord's house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the Lord. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. 3 Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then I will relent and not inflict on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. 4 Say to them, 'This is what the Lord says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you,

5 and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), 6 then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city a curse among all the nations of the earth.'

In Jeremiah 26, God admonishes the people to obey his law (“**do not omit a word**”) which he has set before them. This would not be possible and indeed were a ridiculous command if the law were not with them (in its entirety) so that they can indeed read and know and obey it. Both, the law of God (the Torah given through Moses), and the words brought by the many other prophets of God, like Isaiah some generations earlier and Jeremiah himself at this time. They are ignoring the prophets.

Confidence in the High Textual Integrity of the Gospels

The New Testament had a period of about 3 centuries when it was not openly proliferating throughout the Roman empire. This was because of edicts issued by Roman authorities which persecuted Christians and/or called for the destruction of the Bible (e.g. the Diocletian Edict). During this time, a core of books was well known throughout Christendom while the rest of the books were better known in various regions. In addition to this, no one person controlled the manuscripts. They were in the possession of individuals and churches who revered these scriptures and saw to their safe-keeping. Later, when Constantine's Edict of Milan legalized Christianity in 313 AD, people began openly assembling to officially discuss and agree upon the finer points of the Christian faith. Thus the Council of Nicaea in 325, and later the Council of Hippo in 393 there was official canon.

Textual Corruption in the New Testament Would Have Been Detected

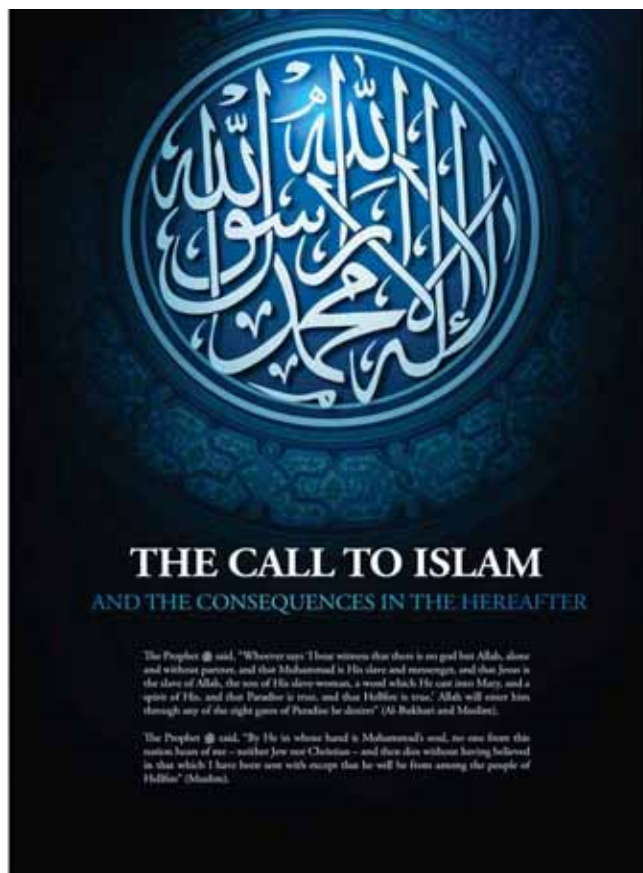
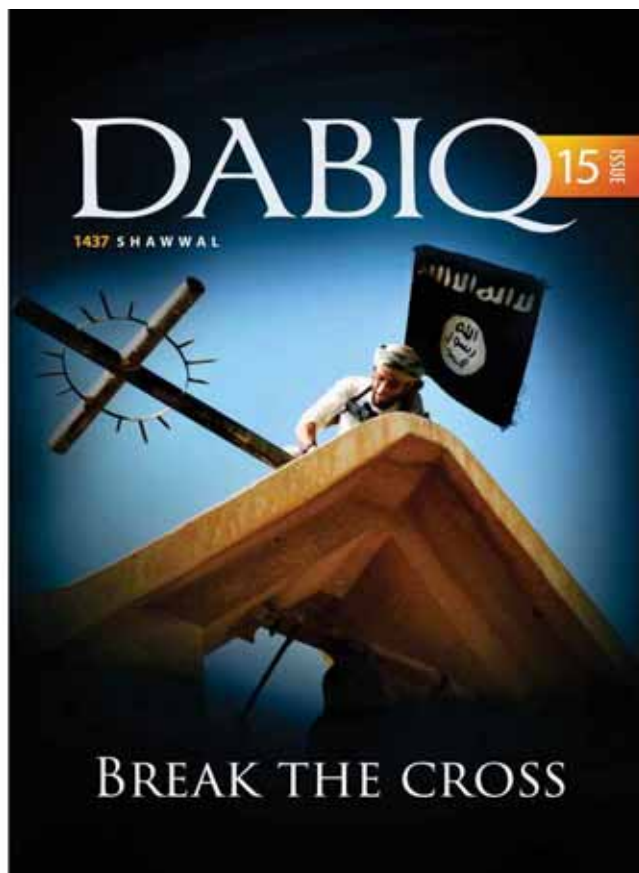
1. If any errors crept into a manuscript being copied in, for example, Asia Minor, a manuscript from Rome would not contain those errors. Comparing the two today does not show this mistake.
2. Since no one person controlled all the manuscripts, it would be impossible to uniformly corrupt all the manuscripts.
3. Since there was no uniform revision of the all the manuscripts, surviving manuscripts can help us piece together the original text, not a revised version of that text.
4. There was no universal destruction of all the texts. Though many attempted this, such as Diocletian, surviving manuscripts and historical accounts are proof destruction was unsuccessful.

There are presently 5,686 Greek manuscripts in existence today for the New Testament, as studied by Norman Geisler & Peter Bocchino, (Unshakeable Foundations, Bethany House Publishers, 2001). There are certainly more copies than any other ancient writing. The internal consistency of the New Testament documents is 99.5% textually pure. That is an amazing accuracy result. In addition, there are over 19,000 copies in the Syriac, Latin, Coptic, and Aramaic languages. The total supporting New Testament manuscript base is over 25,000 copies. No organized program to alter text could have located all these copies in many countries and many languages. The Bible is true.

None of these copying mistakes (0.5%) in any way take away the core Christian message--which is Jesus Christ was the Son of God, the Holy Spirit is God, and only Christ as the Son of God has the power and authority to offer forgiveness necessary to obtain eternal presence with God.

The Bible's Truth: Answering the False Islamic Doctrine of ISIS and Dabiq

The Islamic State, also known as ISIS publishes the Dabiq magazine. They write many articles about Islamic wars and beheadings of Christians, but the most recent edition also had a long article called "Break the Cross" and tried to prove why the Bible was wrong about Jesus as God and the Holy Spirit. The false arguments used against Jesus and the Holy Spirit in Dabiq are false and incorrect. They are based on deceit. We show the truth in this article. Pray that Muslims can learn the truth.



Listed below are some of Dabiq's false statements:

"The concept of the Trinity, specifically 'God' the Father, 'God' the Son, and 'God' the Holy Spirit, is the pillar of pagan Christian theology. "

"Believe in Allah, the True King, the Creator, and the One God, who has neither Son nor partner."

"All praise belongs to Allah."

"So believe in Allah and His Messengers, and do not say He is three. Cease! Such is better for you. Allah is above having a Son or partner."

"Do not make rivals with Allah."

"Allah has made our mission to wage war against disbelief until it ceases to exist, as he has ordered us to kill all pagans wherever they are found."

Allah said, "Then kill the pagans wherever you find them."

"O People of the Scripture, let us reach an agreement, that you will only worship Allah, making no partners for Him, and that none of you will adopt Lords besides Him."

1. Textual Authenticity of the Bible Is Nearly Perfect

The Dabiq article attacked the textual authenticity of the Bible.

Dabiq: "In that vein, most of the Bible in general is written by unknown authors. Likewise, history and the very text of the Bible itself casts much doubt on the overall authenticity of this scripture. Jews had a history of state establishment and a foothold in the land. Though eventually defeated, they had ample time to circulate the Torah, which would have been preserved if it were not for the deceptive scribes who were charged with its keeping. Jeremiah 8:8 reads, 'How can you say, 'We are wise, and the law (Torah) of the Lord is with us'? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.'"

Dabiq is wrong in that most of the authors of the Bible, both in the Old Testament and New Testament are well known. In the New Testament only the book of Hebrews has an unknown author. Even if an author is unknown, it does not change the inspired message from God that the writing contains.

Jeremiah 8:8 describes some scribes that were not following the Law of Moses. But these were a sinful and isolate group---the very reason the Bible mentions this. Because of this sinfulness that Jeremiah was pointing out the Israelites were soon sent into the Babylonian exile.

We can use the Dead Sea Scrolls to show the accuracy of the Bible. We know the Dead Sea Scroll Isaiah copy dates from 107 to 335 year before Christ. The scrolls have been carbon dated at least four times and every time they were proved to be copied between 107 to 335 years before Christ. Thus we can look at actual text today that existed when revealed to Jesus.



Another alleged Bible contradiction is the account of Peter's triple denial of Christ in conjunction with the crowing of a rooster. Skeptics charge that Mark's account contradicts the other Gospel accounts. The passages to examine are found in Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22 and John 13. Interestingly this is one event that appears in all four Gospels, all written at different times. Matthew, Luke and John quote Jesus as saying that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. This is found in Matthew 26:34; Luke 22:34; and John 13:38. In all four accounts we have the same number of denials listed—three; but in Mark's account the third denial comes before the rooster has crowed for the second time.

Mark writes: "Jesus said to him, 'Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times'" (Mark 14:30). So which is it—once or twice? Mark records that the first crowing of the rooster occurred after Peter's first denial, but the third denial occurred before the rooster crowed, which is exactly what we read in Matthew, Luke and John.

In this case one should not assume that there is a contradiction because three of the Gospel writers mention one crowing, while Mark mentions two. **The truth is that Peter denied Christ three times before the crowing of a rooster—either one time or two.** Matthew, Luke and John do not concern themselves with the number of times the rooster crowed, but the fact that Peter's third denial came in advance of a crowing of a rooster. There is no contradiction among the four accounts.

2. God Is Powerful Enough to Appear in Three Forms at Once

Dabiq: "The concept of the Trinity, that 'God' consists of three persons, who are all 'gods' themselves, specifically 'God' the Father, 'God' the Son, and 'God' the Holy Spirit, is the pillar of pagan Christian theology. But it was not always so."

Satan as the false Angel Gabriel convinced Mohammad to oppose the Holy Spirit. The Koran speaks against the Holy Spirit. Likewise the Dabiq article attacks the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. Dabiq is wrong because the Trinity was so from the very beginning. The testimony of Jesus proved the Trinity consisted of God in three forms; meaning God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and the promised Holy Spirit (the advocate or Paraclete) that came from God after Jesus ascended into heaven. Everyone agrees God is all powerful. Therefore it is a simple task for God to appear in three forms at the same time, much as water can be in three forms as liquid water, ice or steam. All are still water. Each part of the Trinity is still God.

The main reason Islam opposes the Trinity is that the Trinity proves Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is real. Satan seeks to collect as many souls as possible since he knows his time is short. The only door to God is through the sacrifice of Christ. God provided the Holy Spirit to keep Satan from deceiving the believers. Islam is opposed to the two forces (Jesus as God and the Holy Spirit as God) that are greater than Satan and are the only paths lead to salvation with God.

3. Jesus Promised the Advocate--The Holy Spirit, Not Mohammad

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be given to all believers after He ascended to heaven following his resurrection. (John 14:15-17 "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.")

Clearly Jesus was talking about a Spirit that would physically live inside the believers. The Holy Spirit is stronger than Satan (1 John 4:4 "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.") Thus it is not surprising that Mohammad and Islam would oppose the Holy Spirit and attempt to deceive and change what Jesus was speaking about. Jesus was referring to a Spirit, and not the human person Mohammad.

Dabiq: "Indeed, the Prophet Muhammad clarified to the world the ultimate truth of the life in this world, that it is only for living by the rule of Allah, convicting to death and damnation any who opposed him."

Dabiq is wrong about the Advocate (Holy Spirit). Jesus was clearly talking about a Spirit that would live in people and not a future false prophet. Jesus was not talking about Mohammad when he described the Advocate. No one has considered this to be a person in the form of a simple human being, because it was very clear this was a Spirit. This Holy Spirit is from God and is part of God.

4. Jesus Was Really Crucified

Islam claims Jesus was not crucified and someone else died in his place. Since the cross of Jesus was carried partly by a man named Simon from Cyrene, some claim it was Simon who was crucified. There is no basis for this conclusion and no historical account to make it believable. (Mark 15: 21-24 "A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him.") Dabiq is wrong, Jesus was crucified as Isaiah predicted.

Dabiq: "So even per the biblical account of the crucifixion according to the Synoptic Gospels, it can be deduced that Jesus was not crucified. Rather, the truth is that it was only made to appear as such. And while it is unknown exactly who was on the cross, as there is no authentic scripture giving his name or background, it certainly was not Jesus."

The ancient Jewish historian Flavius Josephus recorded Jesus was killed: "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man. For he was a doer of startling deeds, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. And he gained a following both among many Jews and many of Greek origin. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day." Flavius Josephus: Antiquities of the Jews, Book 18, Chapter 3. 94 AD

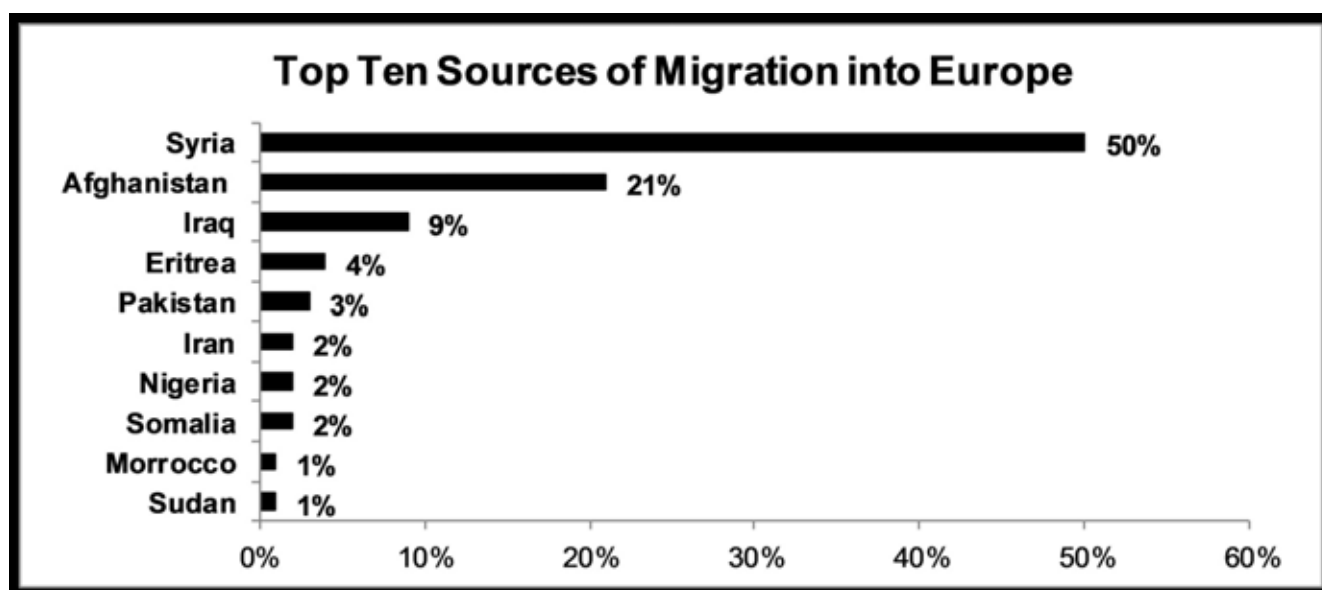
John 19:31-37 "They asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." The fact that the Roman soldier did not break Jesus' legs, the procedure for hastening death, indicates that Jesus had already died. The other two prisoners' legs were broken. To breathe while hanging on a cross one had to push oneself up with one's legs, otherwise one would asphyxiate. That is why the legs of the crucified were often broken; to prevent the crucified person from pushing himself up to breathe. Obviously Jesus, out of exhaustion, stopped breathing and died. Jesus was crucified, and rose again. Isaiah 53:11 "After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied."

The Many Islamic Wars Today

Islam is busy reforming itself into the Babylon-Persian Kingdom with at least 10 ongoing wars.



The UN Report on Displaced Persons shows startling facts. There are more people displaced by war today than at any time in the history of the world—including World War II. The vast majority of these people are from Islamic countries. In 2015, forced displacement continued to affect an ever increasing number of people, reaching 65.3 million individuals by the end of the year. The top ten countries as a source of migration into Europe are all Islamic. Islamic migration into Europe is the chief reason England voted to leave the European Union.



According to the International Crisis Group the top 10 worldwide conflicts today are all Islamic:

1. Syria and Iraq
2. Turkey
3. Yemen
4. Libya
5. Nigeria
6. Niger
7. Chad
8. Cameroon
9. Sudan
10. Afghanistan

The ongoing civil war in Syria has displaced millions internally, and more than four million civilians, mostly Sunni, are now refugees in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. The influx of more than one million mostly Sunni Syrians into Lebanon, a state that experienced its own fifteen-year civil war (1975–90), has burdened its cash-strapped government and put pressure on communities hosting refugees. Jordan and Iraq are struggling to provide housing and services to an impoverished and traumatized population.

Turkey- Saudi-Iranian Rivalry

Iran's Islamic Revolution in 1979 gave Shia cleric Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini the opportunity to implement his vision for an Islamic government ruled by the "guardianship of the jurist", that is opposed by Sunnis, who have historically differentiated between political leadership and religious scholarship. Shia ayatollahs have always been the guardians of the faith. Khomeini argued that clerics had to rule to properly perform their function: implementing Islam as "Allah" intended, through the mandate of the Shia Imams.

An ancient religious divide is helping fuel a resurgence of conflicts in the Middle East and Muslim countries. Struggles between Sunni and Shia forces have fed a Syrian civil war that threatens to transform the map of the Middle East, spurred violence that is fracturing Iraq, and widened fissures in a number of tense Gulf countries. Growing sectarian clashes have also sparked a revival of transnational jihadi networks that poses a threat beyond the region.

Saudi Arabia and Iran have deployed considerable resources to proxy battles, especially in Syria, where the stakes are highest. Saudi Arabia closely monitors potential restlessness in its oil-rich eastern provinces, home to its Shia minority, and deployed its forces, along with other Gulf countries, to suppress a largely Shia uprising in Bahrain. They also assembled a coalition of ten Sunni-majority countries, backed by the United States, to fight Houthi rebels in Yemen. The war, fought mostly from the air, has exacted a high civilian toll. Saudi Arabia provides hundreds of millions of dollars in financial support to the predominantly Sunni rebels in Syria, while simultaneously banning cash flows to al-Qaeda and extremist jihadi groups fighting the Assad regime.

The Restoration of Israel in the Latter Days

The Bible, with great clarity, states that Israel would one day be reborn, and this would happen because of the everlasting covenant with Abraham.

Leviticus 26 (NIV)

42 I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

43 For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees.

44 Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God.

45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the Lord.”

Jeremiah also prophesied at the time of this first dispersion about 600 BC. He warned the people not only of the coming Babylonian captivity but of a greater dispersion into all the world. He prophesied that the people would return from both captivities

Jeremiah 31 (NIV)

8 See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.

9 They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back.

Jeremiah 31 (NIV)

16 This is what the Lord says: “Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded,” declares the Lord. “They will return from the land of the enemy.

So there is hope for your descendants,” declares the Lord. “Your children will return to their own land.”

Isaiah prophesied that their return from a world-wide dispersion in the last days would be far greater than the one from Babylon. This restoration would bring Jews back from the ends of the earth and this has happened in our lifetime. The Jewish people have now come back to Israel literally from the east, west, north, and south. They have returned "from the ends of the earth" as Isaiah calls it.

Isaiah 11 (NIV)

10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

11 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the Mediterranean.

Isaiah 43 (NIV)

5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

1260 Days (Years) in the Wilderness

Jeremiah, like all the prophets, told of the rebirth of the nation. Jeremiah states that God, by His sovereign will, caused the Jews to return. God scattered the Jews and one day He would restore them to the land. He would be directly involved in leading Jews back to Israel. This regathering of the people was a warning to the nations. Remember, the prophet wrote these verses 2600 years ago! Jeremiah said they would return from the wilderness.

Jeremiah 31 (NIV)

1 "At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." 2 This is what the Lord says: "The people who survive the sword **will find favor in the wilderness;** I will come to give rest to Israel."

Note that God says "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness." This is similar language to Revelation 12 about "the woman fled into the wilderness" for 1260 days (years) sometime after Jesus ascended to Heaven.

Revelation 12 (NIV)

The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. 5 She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

6 The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

This is the same 1260 days (years) of prophecy in Revelation 11 until Israel had a homeland in 1948.

Revelation 11 (NIV)

1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers.

2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles. They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.

3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”

This accurate prophecy in the New Testament exactly gives us the important date of 1948. Matthew and Mark tell us an “abomination” will stand in the Holy place where it should not.

Revelation 11 tells us that the Gentiles will be given the outer court of the Temple Mount and sets a timeline in motion. This is the Islamic Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount. It was constructed between 687 and 691 AD with a mid-point of 688/689. The Islamic writings on the Dome of the Rock blaspheme Christ by saying “God did not have a Son” and deny the Holy Spirit.

Revelation tells us two witnesses, which are the Jewish Remnant and Christians, will prophesy symbolically 1260 days, or literally 1260 years. This is also the 1260 days (years) time of the woman in the wilderness in Revelation 12:6.

The midpoint time 688/689 + 1260 = 1948. They would prophesy until Israel again had a homeland on May 14, 1948. Jews would be in the wilderness for 1260 years until they had a homeland again.

Jesus was asked by His disciples whether He would restore the kingdom to Israel at that time, to which He replied they would not know the time, but they would be his witnesses until Israel is restored.

Acts 1 (NIV)

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

God Will Not Leave Israelite Any Behind: Operation Ezra and Nehemiah

Ezekiel 39 (NIV)

27 "When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will be proved holy through them in the sight of many nations. 28 Then they will know that I am the Lord their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind."

In less than a generation almost all Jews were driven out of Islamic countries, where they had lived for some 2,500 years. Most were gone in 3 1/2 years after 1948 and by late 1951 were in Israel.

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah, along with Magic Carpet flew Jews out of Islamic countries into Israel.

Islamic Country or Territory	1948 Jewish population	1967 Jewish population	1948-1967 reduction	2015 Jewish population	1948-2015 reduction
Aden	8,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Afghanistan	5,000	500	-90%	0	-100%
Algeria	140,000	1,000	-99%	0	-100%
Bahrain	1,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Egypt	80,000	500	-99%	100	-100%
Iran	175,000	60,000	-66%	4,000	-98%
Iraq	180,000	500	-100%	50	-100%
Lebanon	20,000	2,000	-90%	1,000	-95%
Libya	44,000	50	-100%	50	-100%
Morocco	265,000	31,000	-88%	2,000	-99%
Pakistan	2,500	250	-90%	0	-100%
Palestine	10,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Sudan	1,500	0	-100%	0	-100%
Syria	30,000	4,000	-87%	100	-100%
Tunisia	102,000	8,000	-92%	800	-99%
Turkey	80,000	20,000	-75%	5,000	-94%
Yemen	61,000	500	-99%	40	-100%
Totals	1,205,000	128,300	-89%	13,140	-99%

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah, Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 11

Liberating Jews Trapped in Islamic Countries 1948-1951

The Miracles of Operation Ezra & Nehemiah, and Magic Carpet

“If the United Nations decides to amputate a part of Palestine in order to establish a Jewish state, Jewish blood will necessarily be shed elsewhere in the Islamic world... to place in certain and serious danger a million Jews.”

Mahmud Bey Fawzi Egyptian Prime Minister 1947

**O, Zion, flee, daughter of Babylon,
Jews! Israel is calling you — Come out of Babylon!**

1951 Zionist Manifesto to 180,000 Jews Trapped in Baghdad and Iraq



Then they heard a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to Heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Revelation 11:12 (NIV)

The Restoration of Israel Prophecy in Revelation 11 and Ezekiel 37

In Ezekiel 37:12-13 God promises to bring the living but trapped Jews “out of their graves” and back to Israel in the latter days. 12 “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.” The return of the apparently dead Jews back to Israel is explained in more detail in Revelation 11.

When do these times begin? Revelation 11 tells us they begin with the giving of the outer court of the Temple Mount to the gentiles. The Islamic Dome of the Rock was built on the outer court of the Temple Mount during 687-691. The Dome exterior contains an Islamic inscription which states: **“To Allah who has not taken a Son and who doesn’t have any partner in dominion.”** It opposes the Holy Spirit (“doesn’t have any partner”) and blasphemes the deity of Jesus Christ. The Dome can be viewed as one of the abominations that make desolate the Holy Place, the Temple Mount. It is “sitting where it does not belong”. (Matthew 24:15-16 and Mark 13:14)

Using the Dome of the Rock construction (687-691) as a marker in time in Revelation 11:1-2, gentiles trampled and controlled the Holy City until Jerusalem’s liberation in 1967. (Note there is no timeline given for gentile control of the Temple Mount, so it is still under control of the Muslim Waqf today.) The 42 months of trampling (1278.4 days/years) mentioned in Revelation 11 stretches precisely from the midpoint of the Dome construction until Israeli troops liberated Jerusalem on June 7, 1967.

Revelation 1 says that a lampstand is not a person, but a church. Jews and Christians (the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth in Revelation 11:4) spoke the Word of God and prophesied exactly for 1260 days/years from 688 until 1948. In 1948 Jews were given back their rightful homeland God promised them when Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948. Just one day later, on May 15, 1948 six Islamic beast countries attacked Israel. (“Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them”)

Revelation 11 (NIV)

7 Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. 8 Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. 9 For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. 10 The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

11 But after the three and a half days the breath (spirit) of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. 12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

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STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

iator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the anguish over the fate of the few hundred Hagannah men and women in the Kfar Etzion bloc of settlements near Hebron. Their surrender to a fully equipped superior foreign force desperately in need of a victory was a foregone conclusion. What could not be known, with no communications since Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Red Cross and the Truce Council would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on these of these anxious questions have now been resolved.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, came the expected announcement of the Jewish State, and its official naming at birth, "Medinat Yisrael"—State of Israel, with the swearing in of the first Council of Government. The proclamation of the State was made at midnight, coinciding with the sailing from Haifa of Britain's last High Commissioner. Within the hour, President Truman announced in Washington that the Government of the United States had decided to give de facto recognition to the Jewish State, with

der of Jewish settlements in North-Eastern Galilee. The Security Council met yesterday in a special session to consider action on the invasion of Palestine by member states of the U.N. In the afternoon, Jerusalem was subjected to shelling from the northwest. Hagannah forces throughout the country continued mopping up, and Jewish sources claimed most of Western Galilee safe against Arab attack. Nakaryn, near Jaffa, and Majmie, inside Trans-Jordan,

JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

The battle for Jerusalem, which began when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, continued all day Friday and yesterday. The crackle of small-arms fire and explosions of mortar shells were still being heard in the early hours of this morning as the battle entered its third day.

Repeated efforts on Friday evening and again on Saturday by the U.N. Truce Commission to bring about a "cease fire" were brought to naught when the Arab representatives failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to occupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced back and the Barclays Bank area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting flared up. Jews overran one after another the areas evacuated by the British. By last night, the quarters and

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Kol Israel, the Tel Aviv broadcasting station, reported at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Tel Aviv had been bombed three times in the previous evening and morning, and that one plane had been shot down and its Egyptian pilot taken prisoner.

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 300 feet. Two dropped bombs while the others strafed the city. Little damage was caused. In the second attack two hours later, the airport to the north of the city was bombed, and an Air France plane parked there was damaged. The third raid was launched shortly before midday, but the planes were driven off before they could cause any damage.

Two settlements in the Negev had also been attacked from the air, the radio report said. A Kalanda airfield was taken on by the Jewish army on Friday morning, shortly after the High Commissioner had left there by plane for Haifa. The field was evacuated, together with the neighbouring settlement of Atazroth, on Friday night. The settlement itself was burnt by Arabs yesterday.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

Fighting in the Kfar Etzion bloc continued throughout Friday, after Kfar Etzion it-

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Sunday.

Ten minutes after the termination of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House released a formal statement by President Truman that the U.S. Government intended to recognize the Provisional Jewish Government as the de facto authority representing the Jewish State.

The U.S. is also considering lifting the arms embargo but it is not known whether to Palestine only or the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

The White House press secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, told correspondents today that reaction so far to the recognition had been overwhelmingly favorable. He said this step had been discussed with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lovett before action was taken, and it had their complete support.

Mr. Ross said that the President had decided several days ago to grant American recognition

Proclamation by Head of Government

The creation of "Medinat Yisrael", the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.



David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish all legislation of the 1939 White Paper of the late Mandatory Power, particularly the Ordinances and Orders relating to immigration and land transfer.

In the declaration of independence, Mr. Ben Gurion called on the Arabs of Palestine to restore peace, assuring them full civic rights and full representation in all governmental organs of the State.

Mr. Ben Gurion prefaced the declaration with a review of the historic connection of the Jewish people with the Land of Israel and of their efforts to return, which never ceased throughout the generations of their dispersal, until the Nazi holocaust proved anew the urgency of the need for a Jewish State.

The Balfour Declaration of 1917, confirmed by the League of Nations, had given explicit international recognition to the Jewish people's right to a national home in Palestine.

Special Assembly Adjourns

FLUSHING MEADOWS, Saturday. — The Special U.N. Assembly, called four weeks ago to discuss the U.S. proposal

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JEWS IN GRAVE DANGER IN ALL MOSLEM LANDS

By MALLORY BROWNE
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 15.—For nearly four months, the United Nations has had before it an appeal for "immediate and urgent" consideration of the case of the Jewish populations in Arab and Moslem countries stretching from Morocco to India.

Even four months ago, it was the Zionist view that Jews residing in the Near and Middle East were in "extreme and imminent danger." Now that the end of the mandate has precipitated civil war or even worse developments in Palestine, it is feared that the repercussions of this in Moslem countries will put the Jewish populations in many of these states in mortal peril.

Reports from the Middle East make it clear that there is serious tension in all Arab countries. The Jewish populations there are gravely worried at the prospect that an Arab-Jewish war may break out suddenly at any moment.

Feeling Runs High

Already in some Moslem states such as Syria and Lebanon there is a tendency to regard all Jews as Zionist agents and "fifth columnists." There have been violent incidents with feeling running

Nine Hundred Thousand in Africa and Asia Face Wrath of Their Foes

This plea arose to some extent from statements, made by Arab spokesmen during the General Assembly session last autumn, to the effect that if the partition resolution was put into effect, they would not be able to guarantee the safety of the Jews in any Arab land.

The memorandum of the World Jewish Congress went into considerable detail on this danger. It cited the text of a law drafted by the Political Committee of the Arab League which was intended to govern the legal status of Jewish residents in all Arab League countries.

It provides that beginning on an unspecified date all Jews except citizens of non-Arab states, would be considered "members of the Jewish minority state of Palestine." Their bank accounts would be frozen and used to finance resistance to "Zionist ambitions in Palestine." Jews believed to be active Zionists would be interned and their assets confiscated.

The memorandum gave many

details of instances of persecution of Jewish individuals and whole communities. It listed the following tabulation of the Jewish residents in Arab countries:

French Morocco	190,000
Iraq	130,000
Algeria	120,000
Iran	90,000
Egypt	80,000
Tunisia	80,000
Turkey	75,000
Yemen	40,000
Libya	30,000
Spanish Morocco and Tangier	30,000
Syria	11,000
Lebanon	7,000
Aden (including refugees from Yemen)	8,000
Afghanistan (including refugees in India)	5,000
Other countries (Hadramuth, Sudan, Bahrain)	3,000
Total	899,000

Later information submitted to the Economic and Social Council was to the effect that:

In Syria a policy of economic discrimination is in effect against Jews. "Virtually all" Jewish civil

servants in the employ of the Syrian Government have been discharged. Freedom of movement has been "practically abolished." Special frontier posts have been established to control movements of Jews.

In Iraq no Jew is permitted to leave the country unless he deposits \$5,000 (\$20,000) with the Government to guarantee his return. No foreign Jew is allowed to enter Iraq even in transit.

In Lebanon Jews have been forced to contribute financially to the fight against the United Nations partition resolution on Palestine. Acts of violence against Jews are openly admitted by the press, which accuses Jews of "poisoning wells," etc.

Danger Emphasized

Giving many other details of persecution, this report declares that "the very survival of the Jewish communities in certain Arab and Moslem countries is in serious danger unless preventative action is taken without delay."

Today, with a Jewish State an established fact, Jewish spokesmen at Lake Success do not conceal their anxiety that this danger to the survival of the Jewish populations of the Arab countries is even

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The re-creation of the State of Israel on May 14, 1948 immediately placed all Jews in Islamic countries at great risk. During the next three years and one half years over one million Jews were trapped. Their citizenship was revoked. Some Jews were killed and all were terrorized. Their property was stolen from them by many Islamic governments. In Iraq alone nearly \$100 billion, in today's dollars, was taken from them. They left behind 2,000 square kilometers of land in Iraq. Islamic governments congratulated themselves and kept the wealth purportedly to reimburse Palestinians leaving Israel. But in most cases they kept the money and actually sent each other gifts. Iraq gave Iran \$450,000 of confiscated Jewish money in 1950.

In a fantastic series of miracles most of the Jews were able to "rise up to their feet" and leave the Islamic countries despite overwhelming odds. In Yemen (Operation Magic Carpet) 60,000 escaped by air. In Iraq more than 180,000 Jews fled out of the country in 1950-1951.

Thus the Jews "went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on." (Rev 11:12) This escape of the Jews and the creation of Israel both stunned and caused dissension—a true "earthquake" in the Islamic world. Just at the peak of the Operation Ezra Iraqi exodus, King Abdullah I of Jordan was assassinated by an Islamic Jihadist on the Temple Mount in July 1951. The Islamic Jihadist was afraid the King would make a peace treaty with Israel.

Revelation 11 is easier to understand when read with Ezekiel 37, and also Ezekiel 39.

Ezekiel 37: 9-14 (NIV)

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'

12 Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'

Ezekiel 37 Language is Very Similar to Revelation 11 Language

- ✓ The dry bones are the people of Israel, cut off from Israel with no hope
- ✓ They are "slain", but really alive
- ✓ They are dead in graves
- ✓ God's breath entered them
- ✓ They came to life, and next they stood on their feet
- ✓ They were a vast army
- ✓ They went back to Israel in the end times

Ezekiel 37:11 makes clear this is about living dispersed Jews trapped and without hope returning to Israel in the end times: Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'" The time frame is 3 ½ years from May 1948 until December 1951.

	Revelation 11	Ezekiel 37
Event	Beast attacks, overpowers them, "Killed"	Living Jews cut off with no hope to return to Israel, "Slain"
Buried?	Not Buried	"In Graves"
Location	Figuratively Sodom, Egypt and where also their Lord was crucified	Out of the many nations where they have gone, gathered them from the countries of their enemies
How Many	2 Olive Trees and 2 Lampstands	Vast Army
God's Action	Breathed into the Dead	Breathed into the Dead
Next Event	They Came to Life	They Came to Life
Next Event	Rose to their Feet	Rose to their Feet
Command	"Come Up Here"	"I will bring you back to the land of Israel"
Final Event	Went up to Heaven in a cloud while enemies watched	Went to restored Israel
Time	3 1/2 Days	Unknown

Combining Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 11 Gives the Full Story

The dispersed living Jews are cut off with no hope of return to Israel. **(Ez)** It occurs in the last days. **(Both)** The beast is attacking and overpowering them. **(Rev)** The people are from many nations, from the countries of their enemies. **(Ez 37, 39)**. They are a vast number of people. **(Ez)** Next God breathes on them. **(Both)** After this they come to life. **(Both)** They next stand on their feet. **(Both)** The time is 3 1/2 days—[years]. **(Rev)** God says: "Come up Here." **(Rev)** They travel in the clouds. **(Rev)** They safely return to Heaven **(Rev)** Israel **(Ez)** in the last days. Their enemies are terrified. **(Rev)** There is finally an earthquake with 7,000 killed. **(Rev)**

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Operation Ezra and Nehemiah

Two Witnesses Prophecy Revelation 11 (NIV)

Prophecy	Bible Verse	Fulfilled	Event	When
But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.	Revelation 11:2	Yes	Dome of the Rock constructed on Temple Mount outer court 687-691	687-691
They will trample on the holy city for 42 months	Revelation 11:2	Yes	42 months = 1278.4 days/years from 688-1967 Jerusalem liberation	688-1967
And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.	Revelation 11:3	Yes	1260 days/years from 688-1948 Israel rebirth	688-1948
They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.”	Revelation 11:4	Yes	Jewish remnant in the diaspora, and Christians speak about God and prophesy 688-1948	1948
If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies.	Revelation 11:5	Yes	They speak the Word of God and the Gospels	688-1948
This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die	Revelation 11:5	Yes	Anyone not believing the Word of God will lose their soul	688-1948
They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying	Revelation 11:6	Yes	Jesus only looks favorably upon the believers and salvation is only available to those that accept Christ	688-today
and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.	Revelation 11:6	Yes	False doctrine of Islam pollutes the waters and salvation is only available to those that accept Christ	688-today
Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them	Revelation 11:7	Yes	Israel declared independence May 14, 1948 (end of 1260 days) the very next day Islamic countries (Beast) declare war on Israel May 15, 1948	1948
Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified	Revelation 11:8	Yes	One million Jews were trapped and threatened in Islamic countries (Iraq, Egypt and others) after Israel's independence	1948-1951
For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial	Revelation 11:9	Yes	The world, United States, the U.N. looked at the Jews trapped, but did nothing to help for three and a half years	1948-1951
The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth	Revelation 11:10	Yes	Egypt physically held Jews hostage, Iraq confiscated \$100 billion in Jewish property, Iraq gave \$450,000 of Jewish money to Iran	1948-1951
But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them	Revelation 11:11	Yes	Jews stood on their feet immigrated safely into Israel. Operation Magic Carpet (Yemen), Operation Ezra and Nehemiah	1950-1951
Then they heard a loud voice from Heaven saying to them, “Come up here.”	Revelation 11:12	Yes	O, Zion, flee, daughter of Babylon, Jews! Israel is calling you — come out of Babylon! Zionist Manifesto to Jews in Baghdad in 1951	1951
And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.	Revelation 11:12	Yes	Jews left Iraq and Yemen on airplanes	1951
At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed.	Revelation 11:13	Yes	In summer of 1951 as most Jews were flying out of Iraq, King Abdallah I of Jordan was assassinated on Temple Mount by Islamic Jihadist	1951
Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven	Revelation 11:13	Yes	The number of Islamic troops killed in 1948 war was 7,000. Jews in Israel gave thanks for liberation from Islamic countries	1948-1951

“Seven Thousand People Were Killed in the Earthquake”

Revelation 11:13 says 7,000 people were killed in the earthquake. According to www.onwar.com, the number of Islamic soldiers killed in the 1948 war with Israel was 7,000.

Islamic State	Combat Forces	Losses
Egypt + Mecca	300,000	2,000
Jordan	60,000	1,000
Palestine	50,000	3,000
Syria	300,000	1,000
www.onwar.com	Totals	7,000

It is estimated Israel lost 6,373 people, about 1% of its population in the war. About 4,000 were soldiers and the rest were civilians. Around 2,000 of the dead were Holocaust survivors.

“The Survivors Were Terrified and Gave Glory to the God of Heaven”



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Jews were terrified during the three and one half year after Israel's independence while trapped in Islamic countries and thanked God for their deliverance.

Who Are the Two Witnesses in Revelation 11?



Many people have speculated about the Two Witnesses that die and then live--symbolized as two olive trees and two lampstands--in Revelation 11. Much of the language is nearly identical to Ezekiel 37--which clearly refers to living Jews "in graves" brought back by God to Israel in the end times. Some believe the two in Revelation 11 are literally Enoch and Elijah, since neither experienced a physical death. The most likely explanation is that the two witnesses are two groups of people, **meaning Christians and the Jewish Remnant.**

Revelation 11 should be read in conjunction with Ezekiel 37. Much of the language in both is strikingly similar. They appear dead and God breathes on them. After this they come to life. They next stand on their feet and either go to Heaven or Israel.

Ancient Greek text uses the singular word "mouth" and "body", meaning joined together, as in Christians and Jews in one body. Revelation 1 says a lampstand is a church and not a person. There is no prophetic reason for Elijah to return since Jesus said several times that John the Baptist fulfilled the Malachi prophecy concerning Elijah. There is no Bible prophecy foretelling the return of Enoch.

The dead bodies are Jews trapped in Islamic countries. Ezekiel prophesy says the trapped Jews are "in graves" before God "opens their graves" and delivers them to Israel in the end times. Ezekiel says the "slain" receive the breath from God, "rise to their feet" and go to Israel in the end times. This is nearly identical to Revelation 11. God also says in Revelation 18 he will have his people come out of Babylon before the destruction in the end times. God promises in Ezekiel 39 he will not leave anyone (Israelites) behind, and this is nearly complete.

Enoch, Moses, Elijah, or More Likely, Two Groups of People?

Revelation 11 tells us of two people, or two groups of people, that will prophesy and spread the Word of God for 1,260 days (symbolically) or literally 1,260 years: Revelation 11: 3-6 (NIV)

Revelation 11 (NIV)

3 And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” 5 If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

6 They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Early Christians, such as Tertullian, Irenaeus, and Hippolytus of Rome, concluded that the two witnesses would be Enoch and Elijah, prophets who did not die because God “took” them. Others have proposed Moses as one of the witnesses, for his ability to turn water into blood and the power to plague the earth.

Modern theologians, such as John Walvoord of the Dallas Theological Seminary have furthered the point of individualism by comparing the “two lampstands” and the “two olive trees” of Revelation 11 to the two golden pipes and two olive trees/branches of Zechariah 4.

By the identification of the two olive branches as “two anointed ones” or “two sons of the oil”, in Zechariah, this reinforces the literalist interpretation that the two witnesses are two people. Walvoord also pointed out that because the Revelation passage does not specifically identify who the two witnesses are, it would be safer to conclude they are not related to any previous historical character.

The two witnesses have been interpreted as representing the Church or a similar concept. The 1599 Geneva Study Bible has asserted that the two witnesses are the exclusive purview of the church. Matthew Henry's Complete Commentary on the Whole Bible gives one church interpretation as consisting of believing Jews and that of the Gentiles.

Most likely, the two witnesses can be identified as Israel and the Christian Church. The number two has been associated with the witness of Israel to the Gentile nations during the 70th Week of Daniel's prophecy. The olive tree in the Scripture signifies Israel. The “witness of the Church” is signified by the two lampstands, whose identity was disclosed by the seven golden lampstands (i.e., candlesticks) revealed in Revelation 1-3 as the “churches.” Revelation 1:19-20 makes clear the golden lampstands are churches and not a single person.

Revelation 1 (NIV)

19 “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Elijah Prophecy Has Been Fulfilled (Malachi 4:5-6)

Malachi gives a future prophecy that mentions Elijah specifically. To this day, Jewish Seders include an empty chair at the table in anticipation that Elijah will return to herald the Messiah in fulfillment of Malachi's word. I have had discussions with Orthodox Jews who claim that because Malachi was not fulfilled before Jesus appeared, he could not have been the Messiah. So how was Malachi fulfilled at the time of Jesus? Some Christians believe this prophecy will be fulfilled in the end times. But it has been fulfilled already.

Jesus makes clear Elijah has come, and this prophecy was fulfilled by John the Baptist. Thus Elijah need not return again—unless God wills. Thus the two witnesses can best be identified as Israel and the Christian Church.

Malachi 4: 5-6 (NIV)

4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. 5 See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

Specifically related to Malachi 4:5-6 are Matthew 11:7-14 and Matthew 17:10-13. John the Baptist denied he was Elijah in a physical sense. But Jesus said in Matthew 11:14 that John the Baptist was really the Elijah. Jesus also said in Matthew 17:12-13 that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished; then the disciples understood that Jesus spoke to them of John the Baptist.

Matthew 11: 7-14 (NIV)

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces.

9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”

11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come.

The Three Abominations and Desolations

The interpretation of Daniel 9-12 is difficult and sometimes disputed, but it does have some fixed points, and the nature of the abominations and desolations is one of them. Daniel 9:26-27 refers the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD and those who will destroy the city (Jerusalem) along with its temple and sacrifices, "And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." There are more references to abominations and desolations in Daniel 11:31 and 12:11.

Webster's dictionary defines the word "abomination" as a "loathsome or disgusting act." W the Bible mentions something as an "abomination" it means "an act which is loathsome or disgusting in the eyes of God." In most instances in which the word "abomination" is used in the Bible, it is used to describe the sin of idolatry. Therefore, it's reasonable to conclude that the abomination which is the abomination of desolation will be various idolatrous acts that defile the Holy Place. Most likely all three occur on Temple Mount, and all mock or blaspheme God, and involve an idol. Although many people look for a single abomination of desolation, it is likely there were three. Two have already occurred and one is still in the future. Daniel makes clear there is more than one desolation since he uses the plural word "and desolations have been decreed" in 9:26.

Daniel 9 (NIV)

26 The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him

Scholars generally agree that the first abomination of desolation is the Seleucid king Antiochus Epiphanes IV, who ruled from 175-164 B.C. Antiochus treated Israel with such violence and contempt that they rebelled against him. When he came to suppress the rebellion, his forces entered the temple, stopped the regular sacrifices, set up an idol of or altar for Zeus, and apparently offered swine there as a sacrifice. This is an abomination because it is idolatry, and it brings desolation because it defiles the Holy Place at the heart of Israel. This act was the abomination "of" desolation, the abomination "causing" desolation.



The second one mocking God with blasphemy is the Islamic Dome of the Rock placed on the Temple Mount 687-691 AD. Revelation says the outer court of the Temple Mount will be given to the gentiles. The Dome of the Rock mocks Christ and also denies the Holy Spirit ("Allah has no partner").

Revelation 11 (NIV)

1 I was given a reed like a measuring rod and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshippers. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.”



“To Allah who has not taken a Son and who doesn’t have any partner in dominion.”

The final one is when Satan invades Jerusalem and proclaims himself God ("Allah") in the temple.

2nd Thessalonians 2 (NIV)

3. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.



Daniel's 70 Weeks

The Book of Daniel was written in the 6th century BC while the Jews were in exile in Babylon because of their rebellion against God. Daniel 9:24-27 has a prophecy spoken by the angel Gabriel to encourage the Jewish people as they were to be given a "second chance" to end their sin and rebellion, return and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple and then receive their Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Daniel 9 (NIV)

24 "Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Most Holy Place.

25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. 26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed.

27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

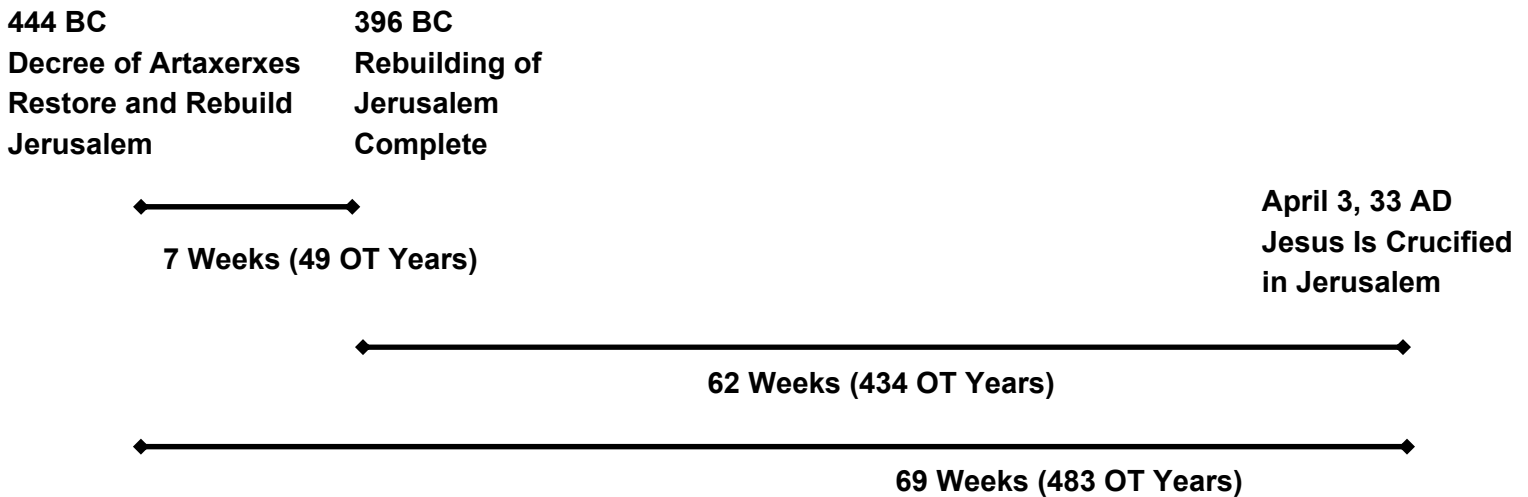
Who Is this For?

There can be little question about the identity of the subjects of Daniel's prophecy: it concerns the nation of Israel, those for whom he had been praying in their captivity, and Jerusalem, their capital city. "Seventy sevens are determined upon your people and upon your holy city" cannot possibly indicate anything else. Daniel had been pondering the future of his people, and in the writings of Jeremiah he found a partial answer: they would soon be delivered. Gabriel informed him of still more details of his nation's future--specifically, a period of 490 years, $70 \times 7 = 490$. About 150 years later after Daniel wrote his prophecy this actually begins in the year 444 BC, with the decree of Artaxerxes to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

The Purpose of the 70 Weeks

Daniel's prophecy contains a statement concerning God's six-fold purpose in bringing these events to pass. Verse 24 says this purpose is 1) "to finish transgression," 2) "to put an end to sin," 3) "to atone for wickedness," 4) "to bring in everlasting righteousness," 5) "to seal up vision and prophecy," and 6) "to anoint the most holy place." Of special note is the third in the list of results: "to atone for wickedness." Jesus accomplished the atonement for sin by His death on the cross (Romans 3:25; Hebrews 2:17).

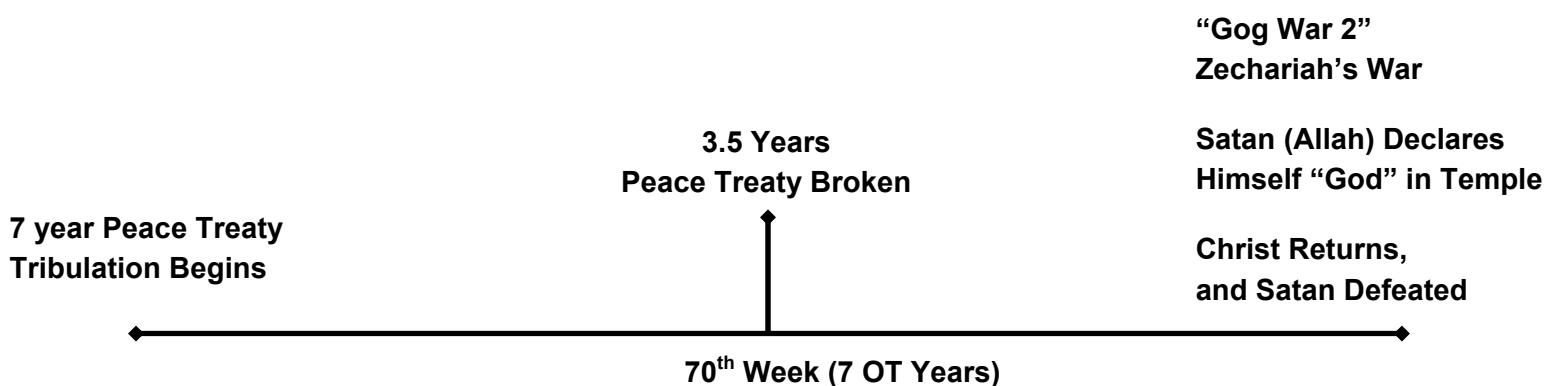
Timeline of Daniel's First 69 Weeks



The Final Week (The Great Tribulation)

The 69th week closed with the crucifixion of Jesus, “the Anointed One will be put to death”), so the 70 weeks are not yet complete. The killing of the Messiah stopped the prophetic clock, for an indefinite period of time determined only by God. Thus there is one week or seven-year period remaining. There is one week left of Daniel’s prophecy, the final 7 years of the Great Tribulation. This is still in the future. It begins with a peace treaty that is broken at the halfway point. It ends with the Man of Lawlessness declaring himself God (“Allah”) in the temple and next being destroyed by Christ’s return.

Timeline of Daniel's Last 70th Week



In order for the 70th week to take place, Daniel’s people the Jews needed to be back in Jerusalem. Gabriel informed Daniel that the 490-year period was determined on his people and his city. The full 490 years could only be completed after Israel was restored back to their land in 1948, and the 3 ½ years in Islamic countries from 1948-1951. The prophecies of Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 11 have now fulfilled as Jews have been restored to Israel, and God is ready to complete the final steps.

The Great Tribulation

The Great Tribulation (Daniel's last seven years of the 70 sevens) for the people of Israel and non-believing gentiles is first described in the Bible in Deuteronomy 4:27-30. Before the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land, Moses warned them that if they were unfaithful to God, they would be scattered among the nations. He then prophesied that "in later days" they would be "in distress", and the result would be their "return to the Lord." Believing Christians who accepted Jesus as the Messiah will not face God's wrath. There is no purpose for the Church during the Tribulation. This will be a time of God's judgment upon the unbelieving Gentiles and Jews who have rejected God's grace, love and mercy expressed in Jesus.

Deuteronomy 4 (NIV)

27 The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and only a few of you will survive among the nations to which the Lord will drive you. 28 There you will worship man-made gods of wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or eat or smell. 29 But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.

30 When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. 31 For the Lord your God is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which he confirmed to them by oath.

Zephaniah 1 (NIV)

17 "I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind, because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath."

Jesus warned of this coming tribulation as well. He also warned at this time there would be a false Jesus. Islam expects Jesus (the prophet) to appear next to the 12th Imam, or the Mahdi. This person is also Gog—Gog explained later in the "Who Is Gog?" section. This is the "powerful delusion" that Paul warned us about in 2nd Thessalonians 2.

Matthew 24 (NIV)

15 "So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17 Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. 18 Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. 19 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! 20 Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. 23 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you ahead of time.”

Believing Christians Will Be Spared from the Tribulation

John makes clear in Revelation 13:8 and 17:8 that only the people whose names are not written in the book of life will be astonished and worship the beast (Satan) during the tribulation. The only way this could occur is for Christians to not be in the world--meaning after the rapture. Some believe the rapture is during or after the tribulation, but that is not consistent with these passages of Revelation. Some argue that the Church must go through the Tribulation to be purged or cleansed. But the true Church has already been purified by the blood of Jesus (Ephesians 5:25-27, I John 1:7, and Romans 8:1). The Tribulation is not a Protestant purgatory.

Revelation 13 (NIV)

8 All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

Revelation 17 (NIV)

8 The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.

The primary Scripture passage on the rapture is 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. It states that all living believers, along with all believers who have died, will meet the Lord Jesus in the air and will be with Him forever. The rapture is God’s removing His people from the earth. A few verses later, in 1 Thessalonians 5:9, Paul says, “For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

It seems inconsistent for God to promise believers that they will not suffer wrath and then leave them on the earth to suffer through the wrath of the tribulation. The fact that God promises to deliver Christians from wrath shortly after promising to remove His people from the earth seems to link those two events together.

Bible Prophecy Timelines and Dates

Since 1948 more than 60 Bible prophecies have been fulfilled! More prophecy has been fulfilled since 1948 than in the one thousand years before 1948. This is a very active time.

Five dates in Biblical prophecy have been examined from a mathematical calculation perspective. The five prophesied dates are: 1) Jesus's Crucifixion in 33 AD, 2) Dome of the Rock 688/689, 3) Battle of Tours 732, 4) Israel was reborn in 1948, and 5) liberation from the trampling Gentile armies with the retaking Jerusalem and the Temple Mount in 1967. The odds of randomly selecting the correct year (just the year--not the day) for five different times are overwhelmingly against anyone guessing these dates. In other words they are so high you can be certain that they are not by chance. See www.ibeast.org/library for detailed articles on these five calculations.

To correctly select at random five different years far in to the future the odds are in 1 in 1,301,617,454,055,420, or 1 in 1.3 quadrillion. If you were making one guess a second, it would take you over 40 million years to guess correctly!! Wow!

The Bible likely speaks of three abominations--1) Antiochus setting up the Zeus statue on the Temple altar in 168 BC, 2) gentiles given the outer court of the Temple Mount, and 3) the Man of Lawlessness claiming to be God in the Temple). Daniel 12:11 says: "And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be 1,290 days." When was the daily sacrifice taken away? In other words, when was the last time that the Jews were allowed to worship on the Temple Mount before the Babylon exile? This is **583 BC** and marks the start of the dates.

If you looked at selecting just two years 1948 and 1967, the odds for hitting these two alone are 1 in 6,454,050. The two calculations are 99.98% and 99.99% accurate. Placed together, the 5081 years (2550 + 2531) calculation is 5081.3. **If you were using a 1,000 foot tape measure, the distance would be off about ½ inch!!**

583 BC – 1967 2550 Years
583 BC – 1948 2531 Years

} 1 in 6.4 million to guess both

Excel Calculation		History	History
		1948	1967
		583	583
		2531	2550
Actual Calculation Years		2531.493	2549.833
Actual Calc/History	Ratio	1.00019	0.999934
	Error	0.019%	0.007%
	Accuracy	99.981%	99.993%
Round to Nearest Integer Function of Calculation		2531	2550

The Islamic Dome of the Rock Abomination



***“To Allah who has not taken a Son,
and who doesn’t have any partner in dominion.”***

At this Islamic site, known in Arabic as Haram al Sharif, the 9th Caliph, Abd al-Malik, started construction for the great Dome of the Rock in 687 AD, and finished it in 691 AD. The midpoint of construction was 688/689 AD.

1290 Days (“Years”) Reveals the Mid-Point 688/689 Date of the Construction

The daily sacrifices finally stopped around 583 BC.

Daniel 12 (NIV)

11 “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

Hebrew Old Testament year was 360 days, or $360/365.24 = .9857$ of our Roman calendar years.
 $1290 \times .9857 = 1271.5$ Roman calendar Years. (add 1 year since no year 0 AD)

583 BC + 1271.5 + 1 = 689.5 AD

Israel is Reborn in 1948

There is important prophecy in the New Testament that exactly gives us the important date of 1948. Matthew and Mark tell us an “abomination” will stand in the Holy place where it should not.

Revelation 11 tells us that the Gentiles will be given the outer court of the Temple Mount and sets a timeline in motion. This is the Islamic Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount. It was constructed between 687 and 691 AD with a mid-point of 688/689. The Islamic writings on the Dome of the Rock blaspheme Christ by saying “God did not have a Son” and deny the Holy Spirit.

Revelation tells us two witnesses, which are the Jewish Remnant and Christians, will prophesy symbolically 1260 days, or literally 1260 years. This is also the 1260 days (years) time of the Woman in the Wilderness in Revelation 12:6.

The midpoint time 688/689 + 1260 = 1948. They would prophesy until Israel again had a homeland on May 14, 1948.

We are told in Revelation that as soon as they are done prophesying the Beast will attack them. The very next day after Israel's independence, the Islamic armies attacked Israel on May 15, 1948.

Jerusalem Is Liberated in 1967

There is important prophecy in the New Testament that exactly gives us this important date of 1967. Matthew and Mark tell us an abomination will stand in the Holy place where it should not.

Revelation 11 tells us that the gentiles will be given the outer court of the Temple Mount. There was no time limit on this. This is the Islamic Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount. It was constructed between 687 and 691 AD with a mid-point of 688/689. The Islamic on the Dome of the Rock writings blaspheme Christ by saying “God did not have a Son.” Revelation next tells us the gentiles will trample the Holy City for 42 months.

42 Months is 1278.4 days (years). **The midpoint year 688/689 plus 1278.4 years is 1967,** the exact year Jerusalem and the Temple Mount was liberated from the Islamic armies.

Israel now controls this area (Jerusalem). Note that Revelation does not say the Temple Mount was 42 months, only trampling the Holy City. The same day that Israel liberated Jerusalem in 1967, they gave control back to the Waqf, which is the Muslim group that controls the Temple Mount. (This is called today the "Status Quo.") So the prophecy of gentiles being given the Temple Mount with no specified time limit is fulfilled as well.

Who is Gog?

Gog is the Islamic leader who will invade Israel after the Israelites are restored. Gog is killed in the first invasion and buried in Israel. All of the countries mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39 are Islamic countries today, so Gog is an Islamic leader. Note also in Ezekiel 38-39 that Gog is brought from the "far north", as well as the land of Beth Togarmah is also from the "far north." Since the people of Togarmah settled in central Turkey, it is very likely Gog will be from Turkey. Since Turkey was the capital of the eastern Roman empire for over 1,000 years in Byzantium (Istanbul today), this would also explain the Gog-Roman connection of Daniel 9:26 ("The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.")

Ezekiel 38 (NIV)

3 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.

5 Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, 6 also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you.

Ezekiel 39 (NIV)

1 ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 2 I will turn you around and drag you along. I will bring you from the far north and send you against the mountains of Israel. 3 Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand.

11 “On that day I will give Gog a burial place in Israel, in the valley of those who travel east of the Sea. It will block the way of travelers, because Gog and all his hordes will be buried there. So it will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog.

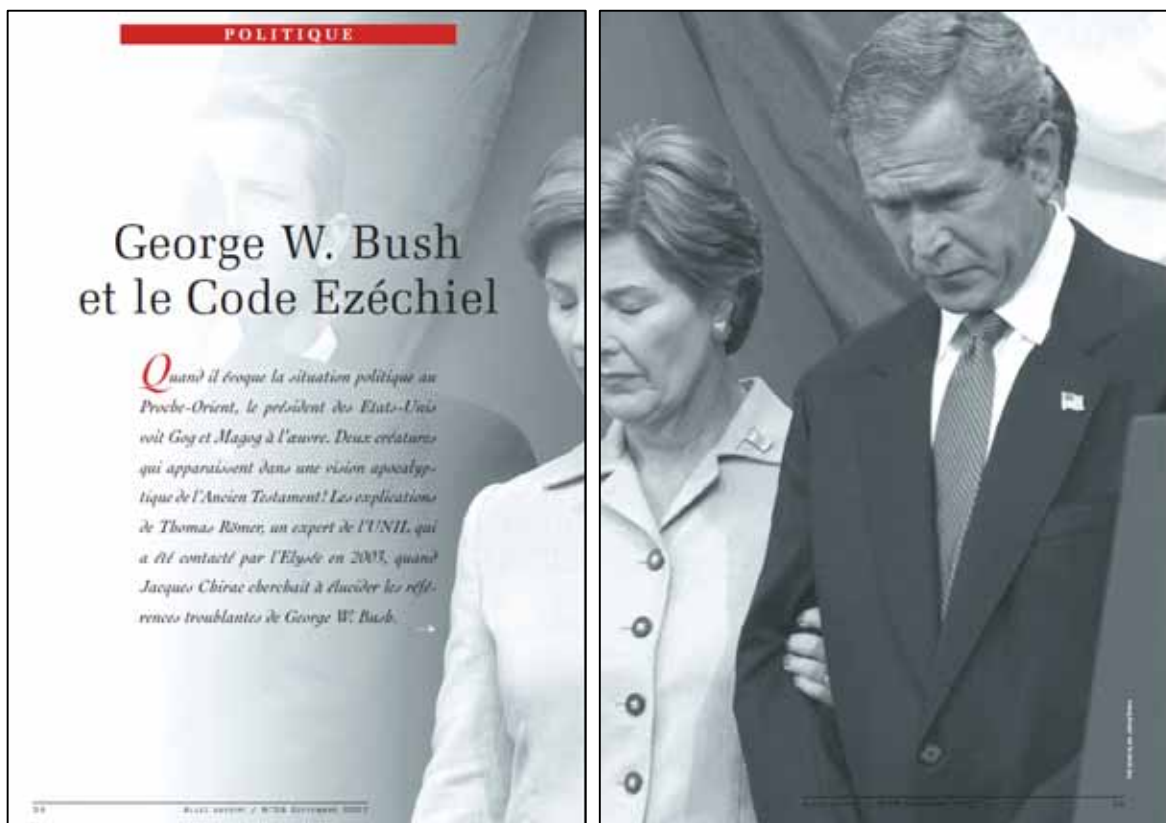
Why does God act to protect the nation of Israel and defeat Israel's enemies? The Lord tells us directly in Ezekiel 38:22-23 — to bring judgment and to reveal Himself and His power and glory to Israel and the nations. "With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him [Gog]....I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord."

Muslims all around the world will see God intervene, but to their shock God is defending Israel and destroying the Islamic nations who attack Israel. Muslims will intensely search their souls as they watch TV coverage of the biggest event ever on all forms of media. Many will see and believe that the prophecies of the Bible, not the Koran, have come true.

Did Misinterpretation of “Gog” Contribute to the 2003 Iraq War?

In a 2003 interview, Jacques Chirac, President of France at that time, affirmed that President George W. Bush asked him to send troops to Iraq to stop Gog and Magog, the "Bible's satanic agents of the Apocalypse." According to Chirac, the American leader appealed to their "common faith" (Christianity) and told him: "Gog and Magog are at work in the Middle East. The biblical prophecies are being fulfilled. This confrontation is willed by God, who wants to use this conflict to erase his people's enemies before a New Age begins."

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President Bush misinterpreted “Gog” and Magog” to be connected somehow with Iraq. The most likely explanation is that “Gog” is the Islamic Man of Lawlessness and leader of the 10 nation Babylon-Persian confederacy (“people of Magog”) who will invade Israel in the end times.

But it was incorrect to assume this meant Saddam Hussein in Iraq in 2003 and, most importantly, that the final battle as prophesied by Ezekiel some 2,600 years ago could be averted by the American led invasion. The 2003 American invasion actually helped make this Persian led invasion more likely. Babylon was created out of the destruction in Iraq and Syria.

The First Invasion of Israel led by Gog

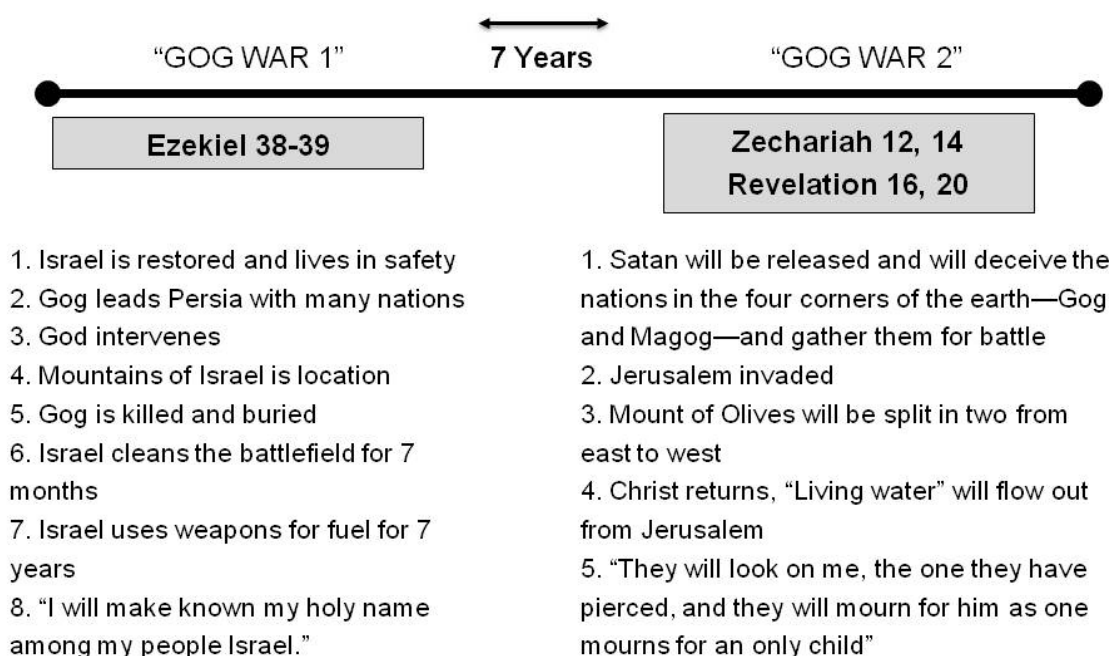
Ezekiel 38: 14 “Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: In that day, when my people Israel are living in safety, will you not take notice of it? 16 In days to come, Gog, I will bring you against my land, so that the nations may know me when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.’”

The Final Two Wars for Israel in the End Times

In the end times there are two final wars in Israel that are often confused for the same conflict--but are most likely different. They can be thought of more as an ongoing process. Much like World War II was a continuation of unresolved issues left over from World War I.

The first war is the Gog and Persia plus Turkey led invasion of Israel as described in Ezekiel 38-39. The final Gog war, which is ended only by the return of Christ, is described in Zechariah 12 and 14 and also in Revelation 16 and 20. The second war enters into Jerusalem directly. The first Gog war is likely after the rapture and somewhat near to the start of the seven year tribulation, and the second one is during the tribulation and also ends the tribulation. In both wars a leader called "Gog" is involved. Yet Gog is killed in the first war. These two wars can be called "Gog War 1" and "Gog War 2." They will be at least seven or more years apart.

THE TWO WARS OF GOG



The Bible tells us a Babylon-Persian (Islamic) 10 nation confederacy will invade and attempt to destroy Israel in the end times. Babylon today is Iraq and Syria, and Persia is Iran. God tells us about this first invasion of Israel in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39.



Ezekiel 38 (NIV)

3 *'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords.*

5 *Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, 6 also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you.'*

8 *In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. 9 You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land.*

Ezekiel 38 makes clear this first invasion will only occur after the Jewish remnant returns to Israel (this occurred beginning in 1948), and they have prospered, and live in peace (this is today). Thus it could not have occurred in past history. Persia and Turkey will lead this invasion, along with other Islamic countries such as Put, which is Libya today, Gomer and Beth Togarmah (Turkey), and Cush which is the Arabian peninsula today.

The invasion prophesied by Ezekiel occurs relatively soon after Israel's rebirth and the ingathering of Jewish people from around the world. All of the nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38 are Islamic.

Persia = Iran

Magog = Kazakhstan, other surrounding areas such as Azerbaijan.

Meshech and Tubal = Caucasus situated between the Black and the Caspian seas

Cush = Sudan, Arabian Peninsula

Put = Libya

Gomer = Eastern Turkey + Syria

Beth Togarmah = Turkey

Sheba = Saudi Arabia

Dedan = Saudi Arabia

"The many nations" = ? Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon

Gog is a Very Important Leader--But Dies in the First war

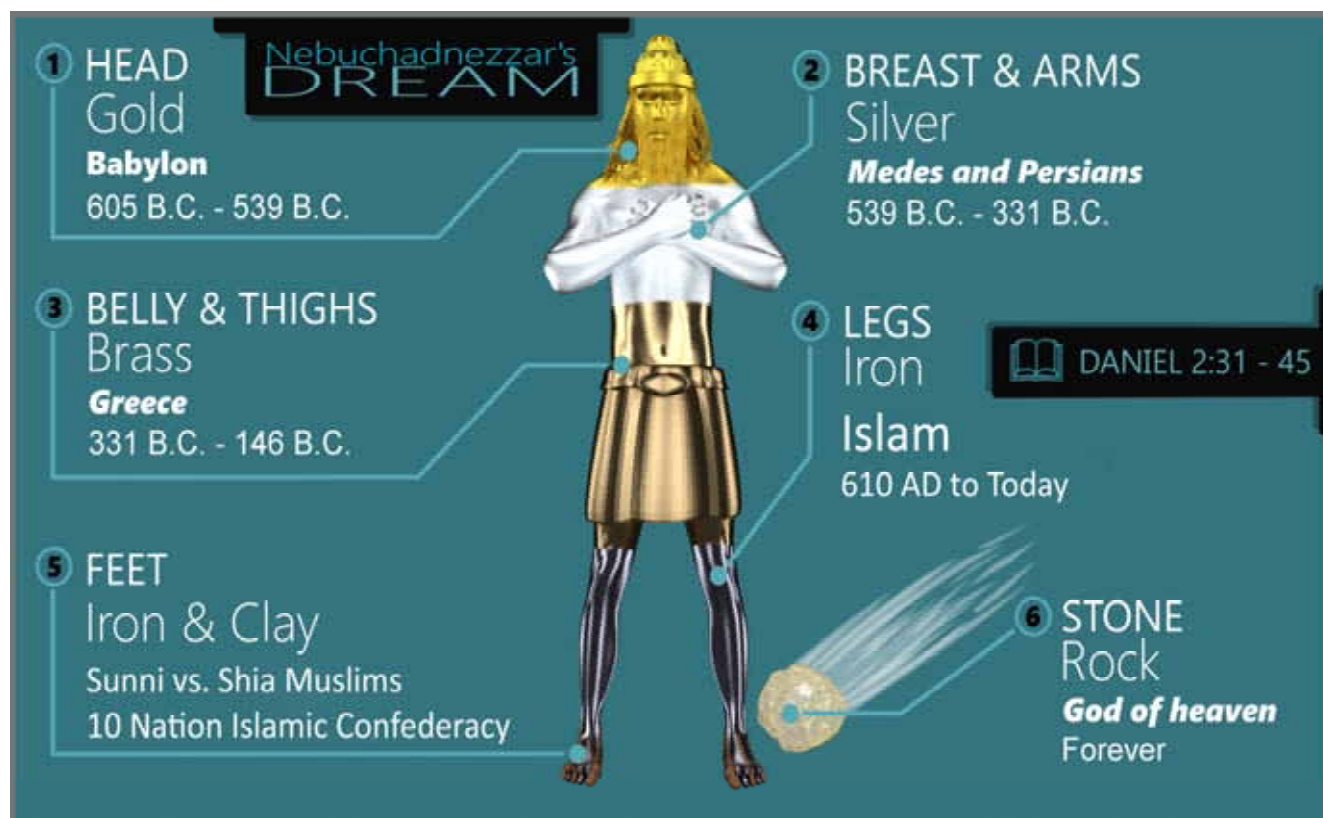
The Islamic Man of Lawlessness will lead this invasion. "Gog" the chief prince of Meshach and Tubal is the Islamic Man of Lawlessness, and the "northern nations" include Turkey, Iraq and Syria. Beth Togarmah is in modern Turkey today. In Ezekiel 39 God makes clear that Gog is killed and buried in the first invasion. In this first invasion the Islamic armies do not make their way to Jerusalem. With God's help they fall in the mountains of Israel before they can strike Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 39 (NIV)

1 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 2 I will turn you around and drag you along. I will bring you from the far north and send you against the mountains of Israel. 3 Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand.

4 On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals. 5 You will fall in the open field, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign Lord. 6 I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in safety in the coastlands, and they will know that I am the Lord. 11 "On that day I will give Gog a burial place in Israel, in the valley of those who travel east of the Sea. It will block the way of travelers, because Gog and all his hordes will be buried there. So it will be called the Valley of Hamon Gog."

Daniel's Fourth Kingdom Comes from the First Three



In Daniel chapter 2, Nebuchadnezzar dreams of a statue made of four different materials, identified as four kingdoms:

1. Head of gold, explicitly identified as King Nebuchadnezzar.[v.37-38]
2. Chest and arms of silver. Identified as an "inferior" kingdom to follow Nebuchadnezzar.[v.39]
3. Belly and thighs of bronze. A third kingdom which shall rule over all the earth.[v.39]
4. Legs of iron with feet of mingled iron and clay Interpreted as a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, but the feet and toes partly of clay and partly of iron show it shall be a divided kingdom.[v.41]

In Daniel chapter 7, Daniel has a vision of four beasts coming up out of the sea, and is told that they represent four kingdoms:

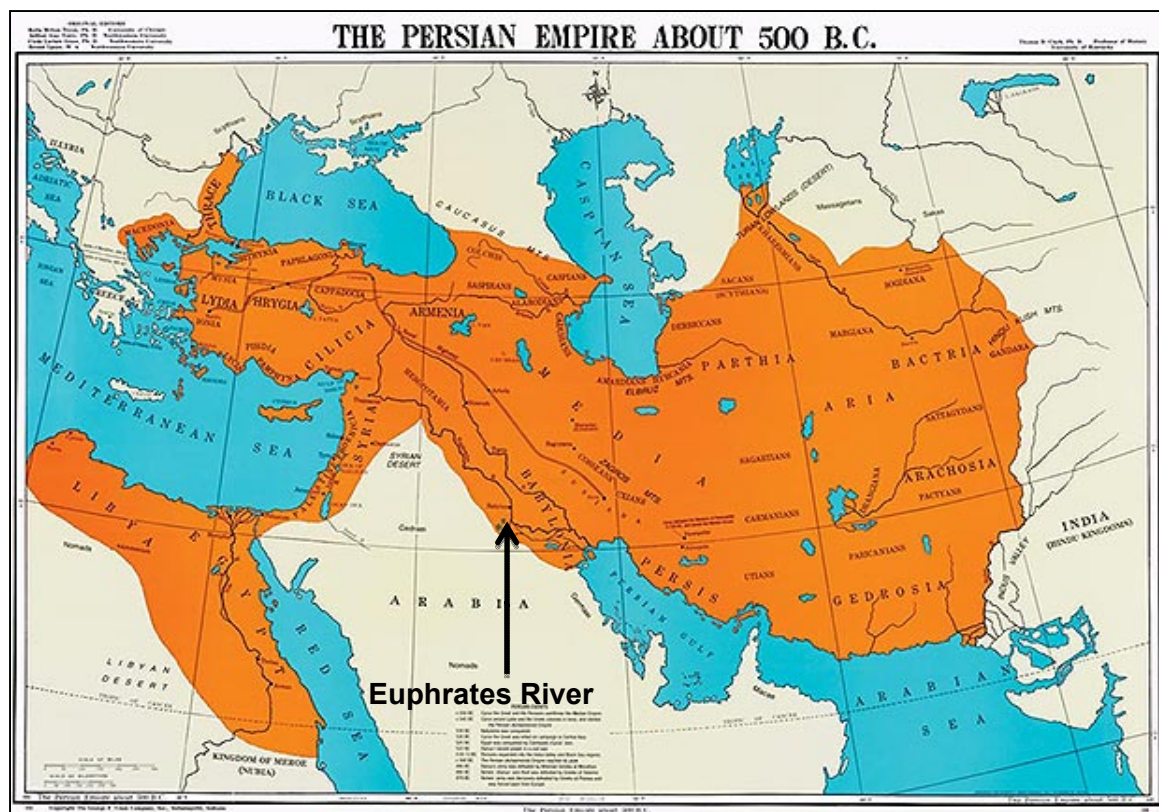
1. A beast like a lion with eagle's wings;
2. A beast like a bear, raised up on one side, with three ribs between its teeth;
3. A beast like a leopard with four wings and four heads;
4. A fourth beast, with large iron teeth and ten horns.

This is explained as a fourth kingdom, different from all the other kingdoms; it "will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it." [v.23] The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom.[V.24] A further horn (the "little horn") then appears and uproots three of the previous horns: this is explained as a future king. Many people think the forth kingdom is Rome, but Rome was never east of the Euphrates river. Only the Persians and Seleucid Greeks were.

At its peak the Roman Empire barely reached the Euphrates river. It was not east of it.



The Persian (and Greek) empires were well east of the Euphrates river.



The Second Gog Invasion of Jerusalem and Return of Christ

Revelation 20: 7 When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore.

Revelation 16: 16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon. 17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!”

Likely Chronological Order of Events

1. The rapture occurs; Christians and the Holy Spirit are withdrawn.

It is certainly likely the rapture occurs before the tribulation. This is because John tells us twice in Revelation that only the people whose names are not written in the book of life will be “astonished” when they see the head appears to recover from a fatal wound.

2. After the rapture Satan and Gog are fully released without limitations (Satan is no longer "bound" in the abyss by the Holy Spirit and can now deceive the nations).

3. Man of Lawlessness (Gog) is revealed since Holy Spirit is no longer holding him back. He appears with a powerful delusion (false Jesus) and attacks Israel in the mountains with 10 Islamic countries ("Gog War 1").

4. Muslim 12th Imam, "Mahdi", Gog, is killed and buried in Israel during first Gog invasion.

5. Israel will build Ezekiel's third temple on the Temple Mount after the victory. To do so they would have to destroy the Islamic Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

When Is the Third Temple Rebuilt?

The book of Ezekiel closes with a vision of a temple and its associated rituals. In chapter 40, the prophet is transported in vision from his home among the exiles in Babylon to Israel, where a divine messenger holding a measuring rod appears to him. The messenger gives Ezekiel a tour of the temple, measuring the various walls, gates, and courts. At one point, the glory of the Lord, which was seen departing from the temple in an earlier vision (chap. 10), is seen returning to inhabit the temple (43:1–4).

Ezekiel's third temple is much larger than the first two. For example, according to the prophecy of Ezekiel, the structure of the third temple will necessitate vast topographical changes in the environs of the Jerusalem. This temple will differ drastically in size from its predecessors. According to Ezekiel's

measurements, the new temple will be so large that it will occupy the entire area of the city of Jerusalem. Ezekiel's prophecy explains that both the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives will be enlarged and expanded in the future.

Thus the Temple Mount would need to be greatly reconfigured, and the Islamic Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque destroyed. This could only happen after a massive Israel victory over the Islamic armies sometime after the first Gog war

What Ezekiel is most likely referring to most likely is the rebuilt third temple following the first Gog war. God's name will no longer be blasphemed in Israel, and this will also be true in the whole world once Christ returns and Satan is fully defeated. But that will only occur after the second war. That's why the two wars should be seen as running on a continuum, much like World War I and World War II some 20 years later. There are just too many differences between Gog 1 and Gog 2 to be the same.

6. Sometime during or right after the first Gog war, a 7 year peace treaty is made with Israel, and this will be broken later halfway in the tribulation. This begins Daniel's 70th week.

7. The Beast's head (Gog) appears to recover from his fatal wound, Satan now appears as a God—"Allah." The post rapture non-believing world is astonished at seeing Satan and the beast—no one can oppose him now. Satan is the great deceiver.

8. The beast and the dragon ("Allah") rally the full Muslim world to now attack Israel again. This includes the kings east of the Euphrates in Revelation 16:12

9. Jerusalem invaded by Gog and Magog (Gog War 2") and Satan proclaims himself to be God ("Allah") at the Temple Mount. This invasion is much larger than the first. This war is partly to avenge the death of Gog and is during the tribulation. It is also to avenge the razing of the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount when the Ezekiel temple was built.



No Muslim human would proclaim to be God. The final leader (Satan) will demonically appear to be "Allah" so that Muslims will see him as God, although it is actually Satan. Gog is killed but seems to come back to life in some reincarnate spiritual form. Muslims will believe him to be "Allah." They will seem unstoppable. "In number, they are like sand on the seashore." (Rev 20:8)

The first phrase of the Shahada will be followed exactly: **"There is no god but Allah."**

Paul writes in 2nd Thessalonians the Man of Lawlessness must be revealed before Christ's return:

2nd Thessalonians 2 (NIV)

1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come.

3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Islamic leaders expect the Mahdi to appear with a false Jesus at his side and kill all non-Muslims. When Gog--the Islamic Messiah--is killed by Israel in the first invasion, the Muslim world will seek an ultimate revenge. When the head of the beast reappears with the "fatal wound that was healed" as prophesied in Revelation 13: 3-4, a reincarnate (not resurrected since Satan has no power of resurrection) "Super Gog" will take his place and will then appear to be "Allah" to the world and all Muslims. All remaining people on earth will be astonished and will follow the command of "Allah."

Revelation 17 (NIV)

8 The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction.

The inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the creation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast, because it once was, now is not, and yet will come.

There are two Gog wars. In the first Israel has a great victory and Gog is killed. In the second, Jerusalem is invaded and only the return of Christ saves Israel. There are too many difference to be the same war.

Differences between "Gog 1" and "Gog 2" wars.

	Ezekiel Gog	Revelation Gog
Biblical Name	Gog	Gog and Magog
Bible Verses	Ezekiel 38, 39	Revelation 13, 16, 20
Battle Location	Mountains of Israel	Jerusalem
Fate	Killed and Buried	Thrown in Lake of Fire
Destroyed By Whom	Power of God	Return of Christ
What Happens Next	Land cleaning, Weapons as fuel 7 years	Christ's Judgment and New Heaven and Earth
Supernatural Image	None	Claims to be God
Supernatural Power	None	Signs, Wonders, and Miracles
Beast's Fate	Armies destroyed, Beast continues	Beast completely destroyed
Actions of Israel	No repent, understands God was present	Repents, Israel calls upon God, Jesus
Israel Recognizes Jesus	No	Yes
Leader or King	Leader	King
The Final 8th King Revelation 17	No	Yes
Comes from	Territory of old Roman Countries	Once was, now is not, will be again
World Reaction	Strong Political and Military leader	Total fear, worship, astonished
World Astonished	No	Yes
Killed or Appeared Killed	Killed	Appeared to be killed
Connected to Beast	Islamic nations and armies	It and the Beast are one
Worshiped at Temple Mount	No	Yes
Status	Leader	Powerful Delusion, God like
Human	Yes	Appears to be God like, Satan in reality
Islamic Status	12th Imam, Messiah, Mahdi, Human	Appears to be Allah and non-human

The Babylon Persian 10 nation confederacy, now with "all nations", will again invade Israel and attack Jerusalem. In this battle they will be defeated only by God as Christ returns.

Zechariah 12: 2-3 (NIV)

2 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.

3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations."

During the battle for Israel the seventh and final bowl of wrath is released. The return of Christ is described symbolically as the greatest earthquake ever.

Revelation 16 (NIV)

15 "Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed."

16 Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake.

10. Christ returns and ends the seven year tribulation.

Zechariah 12: (NIV)

10 And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

"And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming."

Christ is King of Kings, believers are in paradise with God, and all non-believers are forever separated from God in final judgment.

Armageddon Is the Second Gog War, Not the First

Armageddon involves all the nations of the earth (Joel 3: 2; Zephaniah 3: 8; Zechariah 12: 3; 14: 2), whereas the northern military coalition of the first Gog war is made up of specific nations such as Iran, Sudan, Turkey, Libya, and some other local Islamic nations (see Ezekiel 38: 1-6). The locations are different as well.

In Armageddon the destruction takes place at the Mount of Megiddo, about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, whereas the destruction depicted by Ezekiel takes place on the mountains of Israel.

The casualties of the wicked at Armageddon result from the personal appearance of Jesus Christ at the second coming (Revelation 19:15, Zech 12:10), whereas the casualties of the northern military coalition in the first war result from a great earthquake, infighting among the troops, the outbreak of disease, torrential rain, and fire and brimstone falling upon the troops (Ezekiel 38: 20-22).

The Jews at the end of the tribulation will finally recognize Christ (Zech 12 "They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.")

Gog is killed in the first war, yet appears to have the fatal wound healed as Satan incarnate as "Allah" in the second war. The world (post rapture) will be astonished and worship Satan.



Revelation 21: (NIV)

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

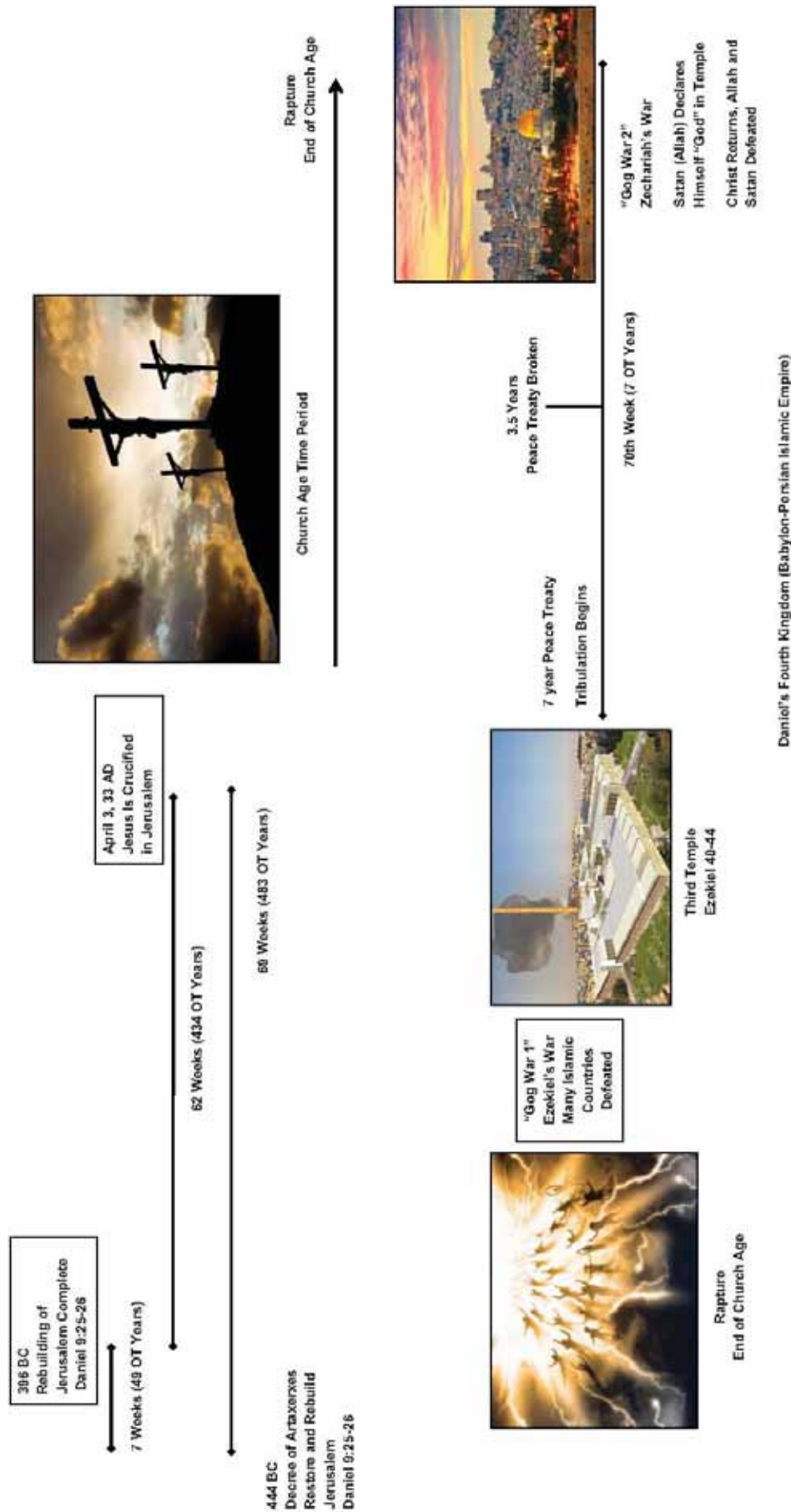
4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

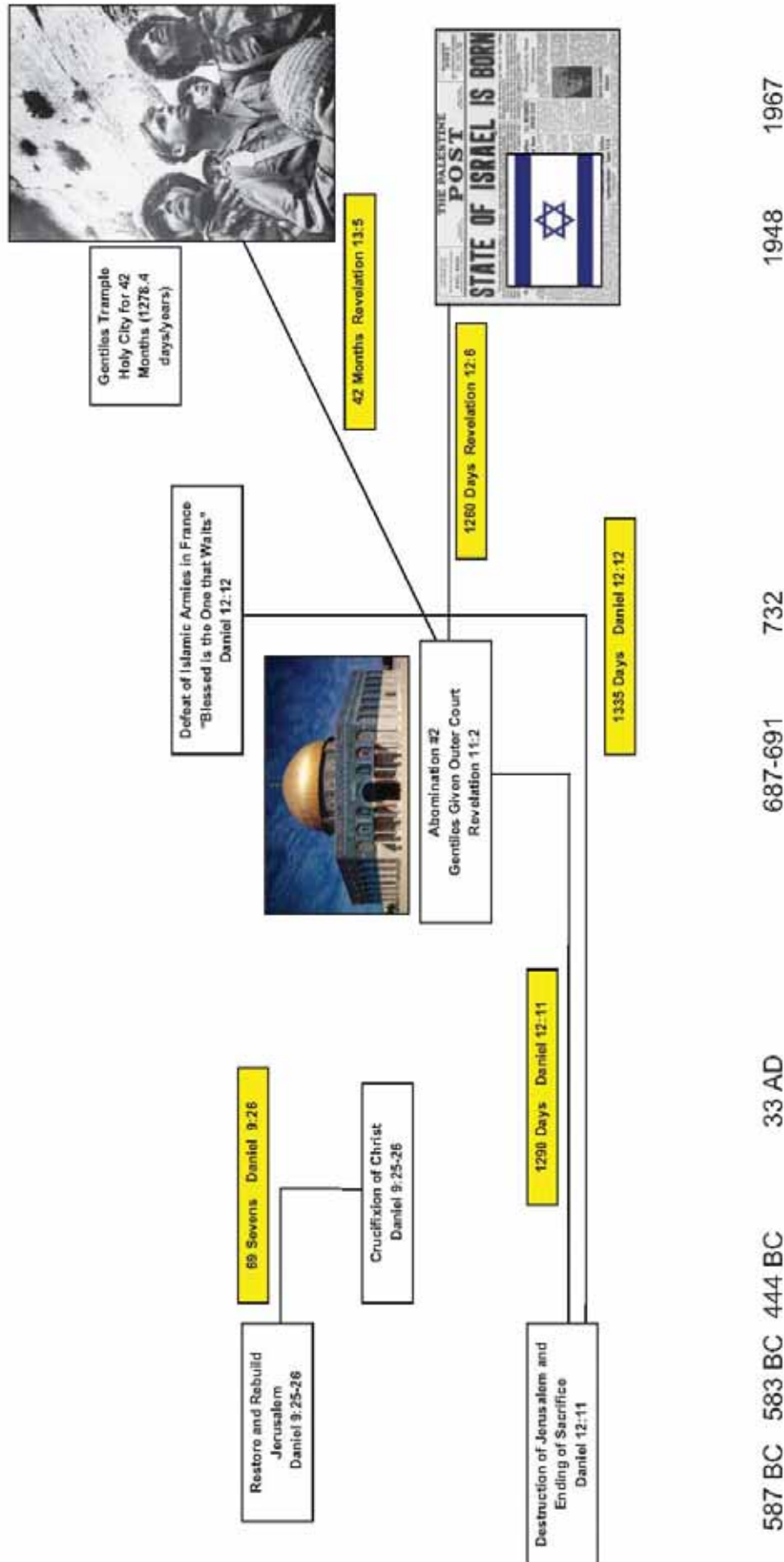
Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Amen! We pray for Christ's return very soon.

Timeline of Daniel's 70 Weeks



Timeline of Prophecies from Daniel and Revelation



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Test Your Knowledge about Islam

1. What does the word "Islam" mean?

The word "Islam" means submission to the will of Allah.

2. What does the word "Muslim" mean?

The word "Muslim" means a follower of Islam.

3. What is the name of Holy Book of Islam?

The Holy Book of Islam is the Koran or often spelled Qur'an. It is often called the Noble Qur'an.

4. What is the name of the Islamic God?

The name of the Islamic God is Allah. Allah is not the same as the Hebrew Jehovah, nor Christ.

5. Who wrote the Holy Book of Islam?

The Koran was written some time after Mohammad's death in 632. Mohammad was illiterate and could not read or write. There is no definitive proof who actually wrote the Koran. According to the traditional narrative, several companions of Muhammad served as scribes and were responsible for writing down the revelations. Shortly after Muhammad's death, the Koran was compiled by his companions who wrote down and memorized parts of it.

6. Who is called "The Prophet"?

Although there are several prophets mentioned in the Koran, when Muslims speak of "The Prophet" they are talking about Mohammad. Mohammad is also termed "The Seal of the Prophets", meaning there will be no more prophets after him. Thus his revelations are final. Mohammad was born in 570 and died on June 8, 632.

7. Why is the Saudi Arabia city of Mecca important to Muslims?

Mecca is important because this is where Mohammad received his first revelation in 610 from an image that he thought was the Angel Gabriel. It is also where he began his preaching work from 610 until 622 with only a little success. In Mecca Mohammad set up the Kaaba Blackstone image. Mecca today is the site of Islamic pilgrimage called the Hajj and centers around the Kaaba Blackstone image.

Muslims originally faced Jerusalem when praying, but Mohammad later changed this and all Muslims now face Mecca.

8. Why is the Saudi Arabia city of Medina important to Muslims?

Mohammad moved from Mecca to Medina in 622. He did this in part because people in Mecca would not follow his teachings and several tried to kill him. In Medina he received much more violent revelations from an image he thought was the Angel Gabriel. He began his conquests and conversions based upon armed conflict. He was much more successful spreading Islam with armed conflict than with preaching. In 630 he went back and conquered Mecca. He died in 632 and is buried in Medina. His burial site is within the Al-Masjid al-Nabawi (Mosque of the Prophet) in Medina.

9. Why is the city of Jerusalem important to Muslims?

The city of Jerusalem is known in Arabic as Al-Quds or Baitul-Maqdis ("The Noble, Sacred Place"). Mohammad claimed to have a miraculous night journey to Jerusalem.

Muslims believe one evening the Angel Gabriel took Mohammad on a winged horse from Mecca to the Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. He was then taken up to the heavens to be shown the signs of God. The Prophet met with previous prophets and led them in prayer. He was then taken back to Mecca. The whole experience (which Muslim believe as a miracle) lasted a few hours of a night. The Dome of the Rock marks this site today on the Temple Mount.

10. How does a Muslim believe they are saved?

Many Muslims will say they are saved by doing good works and that Allah has a scale to weigh them. They hope the positive works weigh more than the negative works.

Other Muslims say the Islamic concept of salvation is not based only upon good deeds, but is based primarily upon faith in Allah. For these Muslims belief is always mentioned before deeds or works.

When one converts to Islam, one does not do it by doing some good work but rather through realizing and believing that there is but one God (Allah) and Muhammad is the last messenger.

The combination of saying there is only one God but Allah, and Mohammad was his messenger, is the **Shahada**. Muslims can wear this dual phrase on their forehead or their hand.

Muslims do not believe salvation is available through grace or through an intermediary that died and took their place (Christ the suffering servant). In other words they do not believe Jesus the God is necessary for salvation.

Many Muslims believe the only sure way to not be saved is to believe in some other God other than Allah. *Thus to believe "Jesus is God" or the Holy Spirit as God s a certain way for damnation.*

Muslims believe Allah is powerful, and they cannot understand how a God like Jesus would allow himself to be crucified.

11. Does a Muslim know if they are saved?

Muslims do not know if they are saved. They believe they will only find out when Allah judges them. Allah's judgment is very harsh. Mohammad himself said he did not know if he was saved.

12. What is the one sure way to be saved under Islam?

The only sure way to be saved under Islam is to die in Jihad, or a holy war.

13. What are the names of the two main groups of Muslims?

The two main groups of Muslims are Shia and Sunni. About 85% of the world is Sunni and 15% is Shia. The main Shia Islam country is Iran (Persia in the Bible). The terrorist group Hezbollah is Shia. Shia and Sunni groups are divided and often in conflict.

Sunnis are followers of Abu Bakr who was Mohammad's father-in-law. Abu Bakr became the first openly declared Muslim outside Muhammad's family. The terrorist group ISIS is Sunni.

Shia are followers of Ali who was Mohammad's cousin and son-in-law. The word "Shia" means followers of Ali. Ali ruled over the Islamic caliphate from 656 to 661.

Abu Bakr died of an illness in 634, and Ali was murdered by other Muslims in 661.

14. What percent of the world is Islamic?

Approximately 24% of the world is Islamic today.

15. Is this percentage increasing?

The percent of the world that is Islamic, according to a Pew research study, is increasing 1.6% a decade. Approximately one third (33%) of the world will be Islamic about 50 years.

16. Who do Muslims think Jesus was?

Jesus is called "Isa" in the Koran. Muslims believe Mary was his mother, but he was a prophet only and not the Son of God. They do not believe Jesus was crucified and instead believe someone else was crucified in his place.

They think Allah took Jesus to heaven shortly before someone else was crucified. They do not believe Jesus rose from the dead. They do not believe Jesus or grace is necessary for salvation. They do not believe a powerful God would allow himself to be mistreated.

They do believe Jesus will return with the 12th Imam during the last days.

17. Who are "People of the Book"?

People of the Book are Jews and Christians. For this term, the religions must be older than the Koran and connected to Abraham.

The earlier writings (Mecca) in the Koran tended to be supportive of People of the Book, but later writings (Medina) are much more hostile.

18. What do Muslims believe about the Christian Gospels?

Muslims believe the Gospels were correct when originally given to Jesus. They have been taught that the Apostles later "corrupted" the Gospels and changed the language to make Jesus, the prophet, into a God. They can offer no proof of this corruption.

19. Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God?

Muslims and Christians do not worship the same God. Allah is a fortress God. Allah is different from Jehovah.

Although this is a popular myth pushed by some politicians seeking unity, and at some universities today, it is not true. The Christian Triune God includes the Father, Jesus as the Son of God and Messiah, and the Holy Spirit as provided to all believers. It is one God, but in three forms. Just as water can appear three ways as stream vapor, ice or liquid water--it is still water.

Muslims do not understand the Triune God--even though they admit God is powerful enough to appear in three different forms. Mohammad vehemently taught there was no such thing as a Triune God, and Jesus was only a prophet. Mohammad taught Jesus was not the Messiah. The Koran is opposed over and over again to the Holy Spirit.

Muslims believe Allah is a singular all powerful God, and offers no intermediary for redemption. They believe a powerful God would never lower himself to enter into a human form, or provide grace.

They see grace as a sign of weakness, rather than a loving God.

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