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If You Are a Muslim--What Does Jesus Want You To Do Next?

Did Jesus appear to you in a dream? Has the Holy Spirit visited you? Would just a prophet appear to you, or was it the Son of God, the risen Jesus? **Yes, it was Jesus the risen Son of God! Jesus is appearing to many Muslims to give them the truth. He wants you to be saved.**

Muslims know the Koran teaches that Jesus was born of a virgin (19:20); that He is among those closest to God (3:45); that He taught a message of kindness and compassion (57:27); that He healed the sick and raised the dead by the power of God (3:49); that He miraculously fed the hungry (5:112.); that He is alive now in heaven (3:55); and that He will return at the end of the age (43:61). Muslims also know the Koran says that Jesus is the Messiah and the Word of God (3:45 and 4:171).



At the same time, however, most Muslims have been told that Jesus did not die on a cross. They believe He did not rise from the dead or atone for human sin, and that people should not worship Him as God. When you take away these truths of Jesus—you take away his salvation for you. The truth is Jesus the Son of God, died for you and rose to life. This Jesus is the only path to God. Following any other path will result in being cast away from God on the coming Day of Judgment.

Muslims often feel most strongly, however, that it is deeply offensive to refer to Jesus as the Son of God. But Jesus himself said He was the Son of God when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.") So believe him!! There is much prophecy warning about Islam's false doctrine in the Bible, but you can learn about that later.

Muslims have been taught that the One God of Abraham is not triune (three in one) and has not become incarnate among us. Though they believe the New Testament, Torah, and Psalms are God's inerrant Word in the original manuscripts, most have been told a falsehood that people have altered the original text that the Bible we have today is not reliable. The Bible text is reliable and true.

As a Muslim, you should do the following:

- ✓ Pray that you receive the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Read the Gospel of John—it will teach you that Jesus is the risen Son of God
- ✓ Ask a Christian friend to explain the Gospel to you

In John 15:7 Jesus said: ***"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."*** Jesus will hear your prayers.

If You Are a Christian--What Does Jesus Command You to Do?

The West is not dealing with Islam and Muslims according to God's will. We are in a vast spiritual war, and the West has been deceived to believe we are in a physical war. The spiritual war will never be won with tanks and armies. Only the true Gospel of Jesus defeats the satanic forces of the spiritual war. Jesus expects us to make disciples out of all people—including Muslims that have been taught a false doctrine about Jesus the risen Son of God.

Jesus commanded all Christians to share the Gospel. He commanded us to pray for our enemies. No one needs the true Gospel more than Muslims. Today many of us have Muslim friends or coworkers, or perhaps you know a Muslim thinking about God.

The Prophet Joel promised us in the last days the true God's Spirit would be poured out.

Joel 2:28 (NIV)

And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Today Jesus is actively appearing to many Muslims in dreams. If a refugee or stranger asks you what their dream of Jesus means, what will you tell them? Jesus commands us to make disciples of all people. He also tells us to pray for those that do not know the Gospel. Jesus will answer our prayers.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus said He will lose none of all those he has been, but raise will them up at the last day. The Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and Jesus will raise them up at the last day. The Bible tells us Christ will return soon. We need to gather as many souls as possible before Jesus returns in all His Glory. The harvest is very ripe—but the workers are too few in number.

As a Christian following Jesus, you should do the following:

- ✓ Pray that Muslims receive the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Give them an Arabic copy of the Gospel of John—it will clearly teach Jesus is the risen Son of God
- ✓ Be prepared to explain the Gospel to Muslims who have questions
- ✓ Be prepared to easily explain why the Gospel is true and was never corrupted
- ✓ Be prepared to explain the Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is much like water which also exists in three forms (ice, liquid, and steam) but it is still water
- ✓ Explain that the advocate (Spirit of Truth) that will live in us promised by Jesus in John 14 was the Holy Spirit and not a prophecy of the future false prophet Mohammad
- ✓ Explain that fulfilled prophecy only exists in the Bible and not the Koran
- ✓ Pray with Muslims every day that they understand the truth while there is still some time before Jesus returns and it is too late

Introduction: Solving the Prophecy Puzzle

Why should we understand Bible prophecy? After all, many have tried and failed to predict the date of Christ's return, they forget Jesus himself said only the Father knows. *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."* (Matthew 24:36 NIV)

But, God gave us prophecy in the Bible for a reason. (Prophecy other than the date of Christ's return.) Something like 28% of the Bible is prophecy, so God put it in there for His purpose. I believe God has kept aspects of it "locked up" until it was time to understand it. Since the return of Christ is imminent, God now wants us to understand it, I believe. We are to understand so that we can bring more people to Christ while there is still some time, and avoid false doctrine that will destroy souls. The key false doctrine today is "universalism", meaning the dangerous lie from Satan that many religions lead to God. There is no path to God but through Jesus Christ his Son. Jesus said, *"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* (John 14:6 NIV)

How do we solve God's last days prophecy jigsaw puzzle? A common approach to solving a puzzle is to start by separating the edges from the inside pieces. Once the edges are connected it is easier to move inward.

Another way is to find several puzzle pieces that fit together for sure. These create a nucleus of correct answers that other pieces can then fit even if those pieces are unclear. I began by taking the absolute certain answers from Holy Spirit revelations to form the prophecy nucleus, and branching out from those core reliable answers.



Key prophecy puzzle pieces that form the prophecy nucleus:

- ✓ The Beast of Revelation is Islam
- ✓ Mohammad is the False Prophet
- ✓ The mark of the Beast in Revelation is the Islamic Shahada
- ✓ The image of the Beast in Revelation is the Islamic Kaaba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- ✓ Operation Ezra and Nehemiah is foretold in Revelation chapter 11
- ✓ Daniel's 70th Seven is 7 x 360 day/years, giving 2520 Old Testament years (536 BC to 1948)
- ✓ The Abominations are the Temple Mount Islamic Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque
- ✓ The identity of the "King will do as he pleases" in Daniel 11 is Umar the second Islamic caliph

Once you understand these key pieces, most other prophecy becomes much easier to see. Much more prophecy has been fulfilled since 1948 than most people understand.

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 seven dreams that revealed portions of Revelation and the Bible 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, and later changed my life.

Holy Spirit Dreams and God's Message that Jesus Is Returning Soon

For a long time I was somewhat reluctant to talk about the Holy Spirit visions and dreams I had experienced. They were real—and yet I have done nothing special to deserve them and did not seek any glory for myself. Thus I struggled about telling about the amazing things God has done. But they must be told.

If non-believers could have seen the things God has done for me, and allowed me to see, I am sure they all would see God is real. I feel since God has done this, I am obligated to tell people. I try to emphasize God has done this without me deserving it.

You would believe in Jesus if you saw what I have seen. Some of you may laugh or say there is no God. But what I tell you is the truth. Sometime I feel like the prophet Jeremiah—although I am not a prophet. But I very well understand why Jeremiah had no choice but to tell people what he had seen.

Jeremiah 20: 8-9 (NIV)

So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.

Until last year I had never experienced a dream from the Holy Spirit. The warmth, the love, the power, the peace and irresistibly strong attraction I felt are hard to describe. It is like a small piece of steel pulled towards a very large magnet, or enjoying warm sunshine. You know immediately you are loved by something greater than you. I experienced this every time in these dreams. God is real!!!

"Keep the Gospel Pure"

In my first dream I was told to study the Book of Revelation. I had read Revelation a few times before but could never make any sense of it. I began to understand the warning Jesus gave to John about a dominant false religion in the last days was Islam. I was told: **"Keep the Gospel pure and avoid those who mix false Islamic teaching with the truth."** Anyone who says Jesus was not crucified, did not rise from the dead or that Jesus is not the Son of God is not telling the truth.

"Herald, Herald"

In the second dream I was told to find the book of "Herald" in the Bible. In the dream I looked and looked but, of course, could not find the Book of Herald. I said "I cannot find it." Then the word **"Herald"** was repeated to me over and over. The important message was **"Jesus is returning soon."** The next morning I had to look up the word "herald" in the dictionary to be sure I knew what it meant:

- An official messenger bringing news.
- A sign that something important is about to happen.



The Woman Runs Away from Islam; Angels Rejoice in the Heavenly Jerusalem

In another dream I saw a woman that was running away from something evil (Islam) as she looked behind her. She was traveling down a long and winding hilly road in the country. Next a man (Jesus) met her in the road and she accepted him. Then I was instantly transported to ancient Jerusalem and I was in a large church or Temple. I stood in the midst of an assembly with thousands and thousands of joyful people or angels around me singing, praising God, worshipping, and giving thanks.



I understand now after the woman accepted Christ I was taken to the joyful assembly promised in Hebrews 12: 22-24 ("*Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly*"). I later learned from a missionary that a Muslim girl accepted Christ at the time as my dream. Heaven rejoiced that her soul was saved.

Hebrews 12 (NIV)

22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, 23 to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.



God's Word Destroys What Seems to Be a Strong Platform

Once in a dream the Holy Spirit had me stand in front of a wooden platform. The sturdy wooden platform looked to be very well built. The platform was about 4 feet high and 6 feet wide. On top of the platform was next placed some kind of manuscript or book. Then as I was watching the wooden frame collapsed and broke into many pieces from the weight and power of the book.

The true word (the book) of God destroys the false doctrine of Islam which teaches that Jesus was only a prophet of Islam—even if Islam looks to be a solid platform.

The Islamic belief of Allah denies that Jesus is the Christ and Son of God, denies the crucifixion and the resurrection, and opposes the Holy Spirit.



1 John 2 (NIV)

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth.

22 Who is the liar? It is whoever denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a person is the antichrist—denying the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

The Holy Spirit Told Me to Focus on Saving the Lost—Not to Ignore Them

I thought the messages from the Holy Spirit were to warn Christians about Islam and stay away from Muslims. But I was rebuked by the Holy Spirit in my next dreams. The Holy Spirit clearly told me that Christians are to give the Gospel to all of the lost, including all Muslims while there is still some time.

God cares about the souls of His image bearers and so must we. Our friends, family, coworkers, neighbors, and acquaintances who do not know Christ will endure God's wrath forever if they do not trust Jesus before they die. Let us pray that God would send lost people our way and that we would be ready to preach the gospel to them. Let us also look for the lost among those whom we know so that we can share the gospel with them. Spread the Gospel to Muslims.

The Spiritually Confused Woman Cannot Be Ignored

In another dream the Holy Spirit had me stand in front of me a confused Christian woman who next converted to Islam. She walked towards me and then behind me--but I continued to look straight ahead. I just let her pass by without helping her. Next I could hear many footsteps. I believe these were demons spiritually attacking her. I still looked straight ahead and did not help her.

Next I heard a loud "BANG", louder than an actual gun. As I left the dream I saw her lying dead on the floor. I interpreted this dream to mean anyone who rejects Jesus as the Son of God and follows Islam is spiritually killed. I also understood we cannot ignore Muslims and must give them the Gospel.



John 3: 16-18 (NIV)

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son.

The Spiritual Prison Has Too Many People to Count

In next dream the Holy Spirit took me to some type of old prison. It was a spiritual prison that held those who followed the false doctrine of Islam. In the front cell all alone was a very proud man. He had a special guard. He stood tall and was defiant. This was Mohammad the False Prophet.



I next saw a large room in the spiritual prison with too many people to count. These people represent the billions of lost souls that have followed the false teaching that Jesus is not the Son of God, was not crucified and did not rise from the dead. They have no salvation and will be separated from God on judgment day.

In this spiritual prison the children were hungry. A mother was mixing cereal and I watched her add poison to it. I only watched and did not stop her.

Then I watched her feed her small child and I still just stood by. The poison killed the child's mind, but it still was breathing and had a heartbeat. But it was brain dead. It is a message of the bitter waters of Revelation 8: 8-10. The Holy Spirit was warning us not to stand by and let Muslims die a spiritual death from their false doctrine.



Revelation 8: 8-10 (NIV)

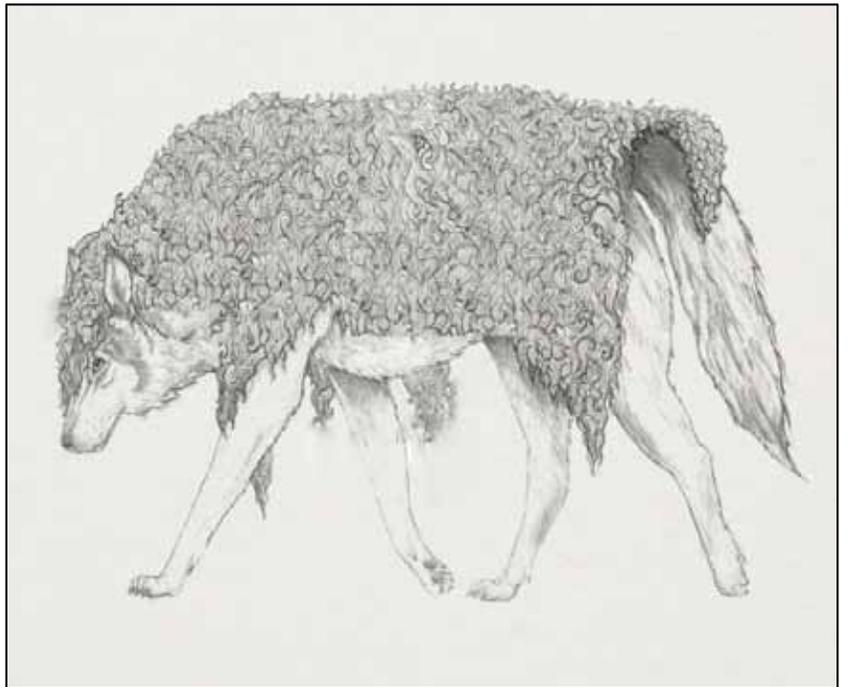
The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

The House with the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing Killed by the Lion of Judah

In the next dream I was told by someone I did not know to enter an unfamiliar house. I was told there was a wild dog or wolf in the house, but that it was safe because the animal was weak and locked in a room. The Holy Spirit was showing me how Satan will try to deceive us.

As soon as I entered the house I was attacked by the wolf. The wolf was instantly out of the locked room and it was strong. I remember the wolf had thick lamb's wool—about two inches thick--all over it including its head and face. The wolf knocked me down and was on top of me on my neck. I tried and tried but could not get it off of me.

Then suddenly a lion appeared and sat next to me about a foot away. When the lion appeared the wolf was instantly killed even though the lion did not bite it. This was a warning from the Holy Spirit. The enemy is the wolf dressed like a lamb and that the lion that overcame it was Christ. Jesus is the Lion of Judah.



God is revealing how the enemy attacks us with spiritual warfare, that any voice telling Christians to ignore Muslims was not His. He looks and sounds like a lamb, but he is not Jesus. Satan wants Christians to ignore non-believers.

In these and other dreams the Holy Spirit is teaching about spiritual warfare. This battle is as real as Satan himself. To deny the existence of Satan is a flat rejection of the Bible's divine inspiration. The Spirit has shown me several times that Muslims cannot be freed other than through the Spirit's work; Satan is far too strong for any human effort to make a dent in his prison.

The House with Many Demons, and the Building with Many Vultures

The next two dreams told again me I was headed in the wrong direction when I ignored Muslims. In one dream I was told by someone I did not know to enter a strange house. As I went into the house I could see and hear many hundreds of demons as they coursed through the walls. The demons were dark, about six inches in diameter and about two feet long. They looked like a fish or tadpole.

The demons were straining to get out, and the walls were bulging under the pressure. Another time the Spirit showed me as I was headed to another building that was covered in dozens of vultures. I could see all of them very clearly. I could distinctly see all of their feathers and where they had been on the building so long the wood had not faded where they sat in the sunshine. This was a warning from the Holy Spirit that we are in the midst of terrible spiritual warfare and Satan will tempt us to go in the wrong direction. Satan wants to ignore those that do not have the Gospel truth.

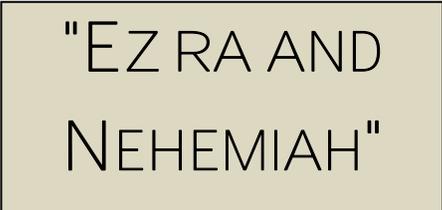
Jesus commands us to make disciples of all people. He also tells us to pray for those that do not know the Gospel. Jesus will answer our prayers. Jesus is really the Son of God and He is returning soon. Anyone who denies Jesus is God will not enter Heaven. We must tell that message!

John 15: 7-8 (NIV)

But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah Explains Revelation 11

Some dreams have interpreted prophecy--but the main message from the Holy Spirit is about evangelism. Before this dream I was reading Revelation 11 and trying to understand the two witnesses that appeared to be killed and dead and then are brought to life by God after three and one half days, and travel in the clouds. That night in prayer I asked for wisdom to understand what God was trying to tell us. Revealed to me in that dream were the words "**Ezra and Nehemiah**", I wrote them down in the middle of the night. I had never heard about Operation Ezra and Nehemiah. Later I looked up what this meant and found Operation Ezra and Nehemiah. It was the first time I ever heard of it.



"EZRA AND
NEHEMIAH"

Revelation 11 gives more prophecy about the restoration of Israel in the last days, and should be read in conjunction with Ezekiel 37. Much of the language in both is strikingly similar. The two witnesses in Revelation and trapped Jews in Ezekiel appear "slain" and dead before God breathes on them. After this they come to life. Then God tells them to stand on their feet, and finally they either go to Heaven or Israel. The dead bodies are Jews trapped in Islamic countries after Israel is restored in 1948. They are trapped for three and one half years from May 1948 until the end of 1951.

Ezekiel's 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.

Daniel's Final Seven Is a Different Type of Seven

Before this dream I was studying the Daniel 9: 24-27 prophecy of seventy sevens. I could not understand the final seven. I prayed for wisdom. That night I was given the number "2520."

"2520"

My understanding was 2520 is the final or 70th seven. It is seven years of 360 days ($7 \times 360 = 2520$) of Old Testament years. It is different from the prior 69 sevens--but still a multiple of seven! Many people thought it was just seven years.

This punishment time period stretches exactly from the final return from the Babylonian exile with the decree of Cyrus of Persia in 536 BC, to when Israel was reborn in 1948. This is exactly 2484 of our modern 365.24 days/year New Testament years. Israel was occupied by many hostile foreign powers ("a covenant with many") throughout this time span. Exactly in the midpoint of this (the middle of the seven) is year 706. This year marks the construction completion of the Islamic Al-Aqsa Mosque--the abomination on the southern edge or "wing" of the Temple Mount. The Islamic structures on the Temple Mount make it desolate. (The structure on the far left in the picture below.)

Daniel 9 24-26, 27 (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.

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."



The Islamic Al-Aqsa Mosque--the Abomination on the Wing of the Temple Mount

Jesus and the Holy Spirit Are Appearing to Muslims In the Last Days



Recently I was speaking to a Christian doctor who just returned from a medical mission trip to Egypt. He said that a devout Muslim girl, about age 20, came to their clinic to ask about an experience she had the night before. Muslims call Jesus by his Arabic name "Isa."

The Muslim girl knew Christians were working at the clinic. She knew nothing about the Bible, and only knew mostly incorrect stories about Jesus (the "prophet") from the Koran. While she was in her dark bedroom that night, a light appeared across the room and she clearly heard the words "Holy Spirit" in Arabic said to her several times.

She did not know what the "Holy Spirit" was, since Islam is opposed to the Trinity and the Holy Spirit. The two doctors explained the Gospel and that the Holy Spirit is from Jesus, the Son of God. She accepted Christ and was baptized that day. She could not tell her parents since her Islamic father would kill her. But now her soul has been saved!

According to David Garrison, (A Wind in the House of Islam) when the 1979 Islamic revolution started in Iran, there were about 500 Muslim-background followers of Christ in a nation of 40 million mostly Shiite Muslims. Now just one generation later, hundreds of thousands of Iranian Muslims have given their lives to Jesus Christ. What happened? God is at work in the Islamic nations in the last days!!

In David Garrison's study of the history of Muslim movements to Christ, in Islam's first 12 centuries he found no voluntary, and only a handful of coerced, conversions to the Christian religion. Not until the end of the 19th century, twelve and a half centuries after the death of Mohammad, did he find the first voluntary movements of Muslims to Christ that numbered at least 1,000 baptisms.

But then, in the final two decades of the 20th century, there was a surge of 11 additional movements. These occurred in Iran (2), Algeria, Bulgaria, Albania, West Africa, Bangladesh (2) and Central Asia (3). By the close of the 20th century, 1,368 years after the death of Muhammad, there had been a total of 13 movements of Muslim communities to faith in Jesus Christ.

It is this long history of frustration, a history that has seen tens of millions of Christians absorbed into the Muslim world that makes the current events all the more striking. In only the first 15 years of the 21st century, an additional 69 movements to Christ of at least 1,000 baptized Muslim-background believers or 100 new worshiping fellowships have appeared.

Century	Christian Movements	% of Total
7th to 18th	0	0.0%
19th	2	2.4%
20th	11	13.4%
21st (15 years)	69	84.1%
Totals	82	100.0%

Source: Garrison, David. A Wind in the House of Islam: How God is drawing Muslims around the world to faith in Jesus Christ WIGTake Resources, LLC. 2016.

Likewise Pastor Frank Costenbader, founder of Manifold Hope Ministries, publisher of the Isa Dreams website notes a huge increase in the past few years. He says:

“The number of Jesus dreams has seemed to grow tremendously since 2000, and in 2005 it seems to have kicked into another gear. There has been an explosion of testimonies in the past two years about people encountering Jesus in dreams and subsequently becoming followers of Jesus.”

Most of those interviewed began their witness by developing a friendship. They then used Koran passages to bridge their friend into a conversation that ultimately revealed the necessity of Jesus for salvation. From the Koran they highlighted the unique virgin birth of Jesus, His holiness, His miraculous power and His divinely ordained death and ascension to heaven. These progressive steps sometimes took place in one meeting, but were more typically stretched over a lengthy period of time. Once it was certain the person was genuinely interested in Isa (Jesus), the Insider offered an Injil, the Arabic word for the New Testament Gospel.

The Truth: Jesus Is the Son of God and Is the Only Path to God

For each of us Jesus offers a New Covenant of hope. A covenant from God cannot be broken. The true Jesus was the only sacrifice perfect enough to remove our sins. The true Jesus of the Bible is the Son of God and the only way back to God. God created us perfect, but then the rebellion of man caused all to sin. Only a perfect sacrifice from God could allow us to be with God again. This perfect gift of God from God was Jesus the Son of God. Anything else falls woefully short of what God requires. We are saved not by works, but the grace from God by giving us God himself. No amount of prayer, good works, pilgrimage, or reading of Holy books can save us.

Mankind was created in the Image of God and then all rebelled. No one can perfectly keep the law. God gave us one more chance with Jesus. But Islam denies that Jesus is God. Islam denies Jesus was crucified. Islam takes away the ability to be with God after we die. In the Koran Satan deceived Mohammad when he appeared as the "Angel Gabriel." Gabriel told Mohammad that Jesus was born of a virgin, did miracles by raising people from the dead, but was not the Son of God, was not crucified and not resurrected. Thus even Satan recognized that Jesus was real. But by lying about Christ's deity, Satan eliminated the only path back to God for anyone who accepts Islamic teaching. Satan has done this many times.

Mankind started perfect in the image of God.

Genesis 1 (NIV)

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

It is not enough to try to keep the law, God requires you must obey all of the law.

Romans 2 (NIV)

12 All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.

No person has kept the law. The rebellion caused every person to fall short of what God requires.

Isaiah 64 (NIV)

5 How then can we be saved? 6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

God gave a New Covenant by sending Jesus, the Son of God.

John 12 (NIV)

44 Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

Jesus came into the world to save the world, not condemn it.

John 12 (NIV)

47 "If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day."

The Father's will is eternal life for all those that look to his Son.

John 6 (NIV)

35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

The Gospel gives the truth where Jesus died for sinners on the cross, was buried, and rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). His death was a sacrifice that turns away the wrath of God (1 John 2:2). This is the only way to be saved from God's righteous judgment upon those who have sinned by breaking His Law. Jesus and the Father are the same (John 10:30).

Jesus is the one who died for the sins of the world (1 John 2:2). He is the only way to God the Father (John 14:6). He alone reveals God (Matthew 11:27). He has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). It is only through Him that you can be saved from God's wrath (Ephesians 2:3). Jesus has the power to forgive you of your sin (Luke 5:20; Matt. 9:1-8).

Only God can forgive sins. Since Jesus has the power to forgive sins, it makes clear Jesus is God. If your sins are not forgiven, you will spend all eternity cast away from God in outer darkness. Jesus had to be God to take away our sins. That's why Satan tries so hard to convince others that Jesus is not God.

Mark 2 (NIV)

5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

8 Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?"

10 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Some Muslims have been taught Jesus did not say he was God and refused worship. This is a lie from Satan. Jesus made clear he was God and received worship many times. Jesus and the Father are one God.

John 10 (NIV)

25 Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

Jesus is presented as divine in this Gospel text. From the beginning, John emphatically declares that Jesus is God, that he has always existed, and that he is the very means of all creation (John 1: 1–3). Thus the first three verses of John's gospel introduce Jesus as "God, the Eternal One through whom the universe was created." In John 10, Jesus says He and the Father (YHWH) are one

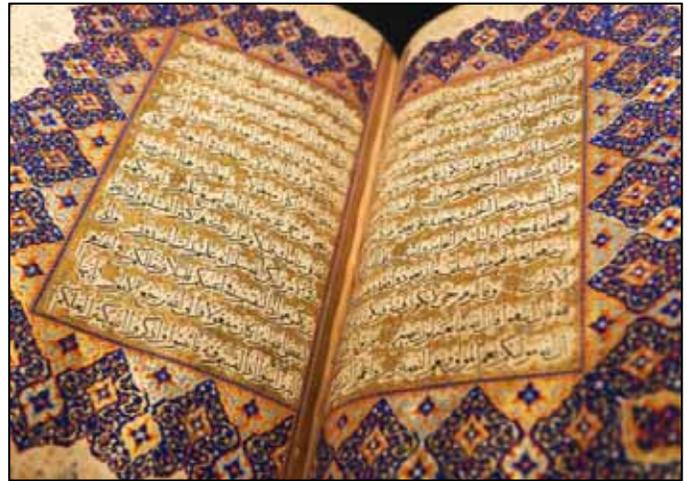
In response to the question "Who are you?" Jesus tells us very clearly and repeatedly he is God. Jesus is the one who deserves eternal worship from all mankind in His own kingdom, where Jesus will sit on the very throne of God. Jesus is Yahweh. Yahweh was pierced. (Psalm 110, Zechariah 14)

Satan Lies about Jesus and Deceives in False Gospels and Koran Text

Satan lies constantly and says: "Jesus is not God." Satan deceives about Jesus not being crucified. Satan uses many of the same lies over and over to mislead about Jesus. Satan was very active from the 2nd century to the 7th century, and still even so today. Satan deceived Mohammad during 610-632 and writer of the false Thomas Gospel (600-625). Satan's same lies are in false Gospels, such as the false Gospel of Thomas, the false Gospel of Pseudo Matthew, and also the false Arabic Gospel of the Infancy of Jesus. These nearly identical lies about Jesus were told by Satan to Mohammad and later written into the Koran. Five nearly identical false stories of Jesus are also in the Koran. That the same false stories are in the Koran proves the Koran is not from God.

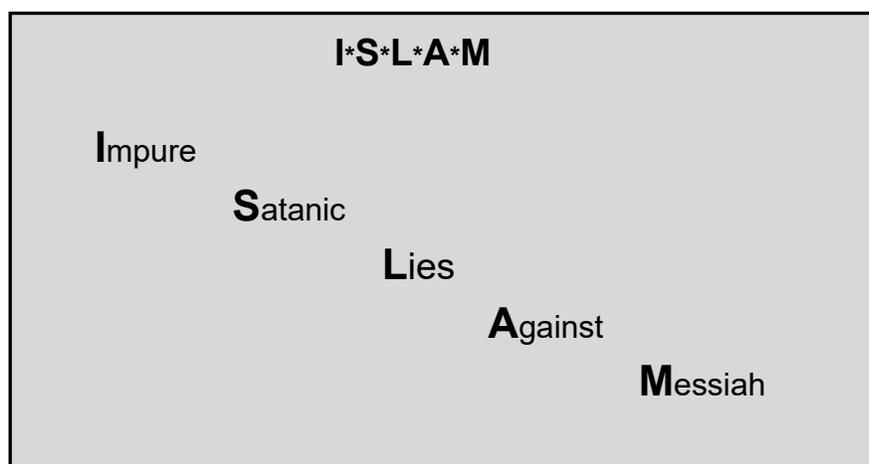


The Thomas Gospel has false stories of Jesus



The Koran has the same false stories of Jesus

After the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, Satan tried many times to deceive--not knowing which lie would work. Islam is one of numerous attempts by Satan to deceive from the truth of salvation. Satan does not know the future and cannot give genuine prophecy. That is why there is no fulfilled prophecy in the Koran. But when Satan appeared as the "Angel Gabriel" to Mohammad with a false narrative of Jesus, Satan collected several billion souls over time. In fact, Satan's deception to Mohammad was so destructive that Jesus--who can see the future--gave warnings in the Book of Revelation about the Islamic False Prophet, the Beast, the Mark and the Image.



Satan Appeared Angelic to Deceive about Jesus

Satan the deceiver appeared as an “angel” at least three different times in history to unsuspecting people and gave false or conflicting narratives about Jesus. Each time the angel acknowledged that Jesus was real, and a righteous prophet, man or angel, but generally denied completely or confused his deity. Sometimes the angel denied the resurrection. Thus the angel's stories were not true. The angel would appear where Christians became active. First in the Middle East and later after America was mostly Christian. John warned us to see if the spirit fully acknowledges Jesus Christ is God.

1 John 4 (NIV)

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, 3 but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

1. An "Angel" appeared to Elchasi in Mesopotamia who then wrote the Book of Elchasai around 110-140 AD, and was later found to be a heretic by early church fathers.
2. The "Angel Gabriel" appeared to Mohammad in 610-632 AD and gave the Koran; likewise the false Gospel of Pseudo Matthew was written about the same time between 600-625 AD.
3. In 1823 the "Angel Moroni" appeared to Joseph Smith, age 17, in New York state.

The followers of Elchasi were an ancient Jewish Christian sect in Sassanid, southern Mesopotamia (Iraq today). Hippolytus of Rome (170-236 AD) recounts that Elchasi taught a false doctrine of Jesus with a natural birth and the reincarnation of Christ as only an Angel. Thus it was false doctrine about Jesus not being God. Despite the efforts of Satan, not much became of this deception, and the followers faded away by the mid 4th century.

Satan, as the Angel Gabriel, visited Mohammad many times during 610-632 AD. Mohammad said: "Never once did I receive a revelation without thinking that my soul had been torn away from me." Mohammad tried to commit suicide several times. Once the "Angel Gabriel" physically stopped him. Satan said Bible texts (both Old Testament and New Testament) were corrupted and could no longer be believed. Instead Satan's false revelations about Jesus were written by scribes into the Koran.

Likewise, in 1823 Joseph Smith had an "angel" appear to him. According to the account Smith told in 1838, he went to the woods to pray and fell into the grip of an evil power that nearly overcame him. This is similar to the negative experience Mohammad had. When Smith asked which church he should join, the angel told him to join none of the churches then in existence because they were teaching incorrect doctrines. Smith said that he was told the Bible had been corrupted through the ages, and he tried to re-write the Bible. Smith ended up with a confusing doctrine and claimed Jesus and Satan were brothers at one time. The Mormon Church now downplays Smith's false Bible, and tends to focus more on the true Gospels today in their public statements.

Many Satanic Stories from Early False Gospels Are Also in the Koran

Soon after Jesus ascended into heaven, Satan began to promote false doctrine about him. Fortunately the early church fathers recognized false doctrine that was not true about Jesus. There are at least five stories in false Gospels that are nearly identical in the Koran. This proves the Koran is not true.

1. The false story of Jesus born in Egypt under a date tree, and then immediately providing dates and water to Mary shortly after birth by bending the tree and opening a stream.
2. The false story of baby Jesus speaking from the cradle shortly after birth.
3. The false story of the boy Jesus turning clay birds into real live birds.
4. The false story that Jesus was not crucified and did not rise from the dead. Instead another person who was made to look like Jesus was crucified.
5. The false story that Jesus never said he was God or was worshiped.

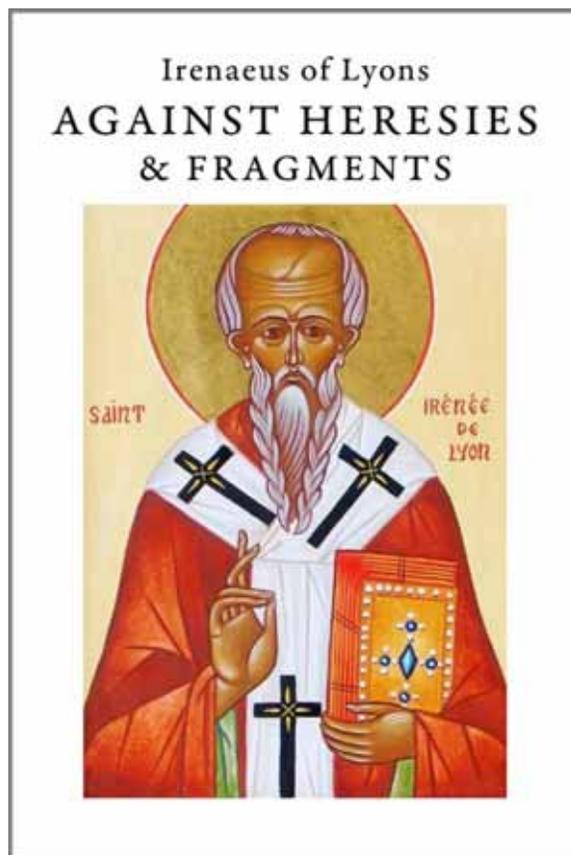
Gnosticism (meaning "having knowledge") covers several false semi-Christian sects whose adherents shunned the material world and embraced the spiritual world.

Gnostic ideas influenced ancient religions that teach that gnosis (variously interpreted as enlightenment, salvation, or 'oneness with God') may be reached by practicing philanthropy to the point of personal poverty and diligently searching for wisdom by helping others.

In other words, oneness with God many be reached without the need of the sacrifice from Jesus. Thus it is false doctrine. Gnostic ideas teach Jesus was a good teacher, but not God. Thus the Gnostics are not saved, but instead will be separated from God, since they could not keep the law and rejected the atoning sacrifice of Jesus.

Irenaeus wrote ***Against Heresies*** around the year 180 AD. Irenaeus went to great lengths to present the theologies of the various Gnostic schools in order to refute them biblically and logically.

In this Irenaeus sought to present "what was understood as an authentic form of century-old Christian tradition against various forms of Gnosticism."



Irenaeus wrote about the false doctrine of the Elchasai followers who were related to the sect that had the Book of Elchasai, given to them by an angel. They had a false doctrine that Jesus was not God. Irenaeus was a student of Polycarp--who in turn was a disciple of the Apostle John.

In ***Against Heresies*** book 3, chapter 4, verse 3 Irenaeus writes that Polycarp told Irenaeus he (Polycarp) had spoken to many who actually saw the risen Jesus. What a great testimony from Polycarp!

"But Polycarp also was not only instructed by apostles, and conversed with many who had seen Christ, but was also, by apostles in Asia, appointed bishop of the Church in Smyrna, whom I also saw in my early youth, for he tarried on earth a very long time, and, when a very old man, gloriously and most nobly suffering martyrdom."

The ***Panarion*** written by Bishop Epiphanius of Salamis in Koine Greek around 375 AD, and issued about 3 years later, was a treatise on heresies, with its title referring to the text as a "stock of remedies to offset the poisons of heresy." It dealt with 80 false texts and doctrines.

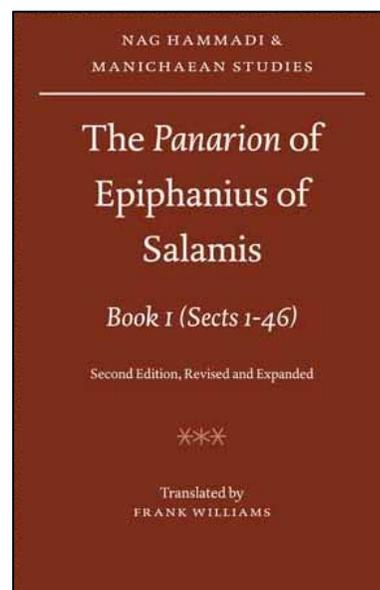
The Nag Hammadi Library, a collection of thirteen ancient books (called "codices") containing over fifty texts, was discovered in upper Egypt in 1945. This discovery includes a large number of primary "Gnostic Gospels" – false texts once thought to have been entirely destroyed during the early Christian struggle to define "orthodoxy" – generally false writings such as the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, and the Gospel of Truth. Many of these were covered by Irenaeus and Bishop Epiphanius.

In a review of the Gnostic Gospels, noted biblical scholar Raymond Brown affirmed that from the Nag Hammadi "works we learn not a single verifiable new fact about the historical Jesus' ministry, and only a few new sayings that might possibly have been his." Thus they are not true and give a false story of Jesus.

The False Gospel of Thomas

The false Gospel of Thomas presents Jesus as a real person in history and affirms Him as a wise teacher. But it denies Jesus was God--just like the Koran. The teachings of Jesus are paramount in this text and nearly half of its sayings are repetitions and confirmations of teachings found in the canonical Gospels. Even though the text is simply a collection of sayings, the Gospel of Thomas confirms Jesus was, at the very least, a wildly popular travelling teacher in the areas of Samaria and Judea. The text also affirms Jesus had brothers and sisters and mentions John the Baptist by name.

There are many good reasons to believe the Gospel of Thomas was written by Gnostic believers who allowed their saving trust in hidden, esoteric knowledge to falsify their description of Jesus. The text was discovered among other Gnostic works and opens with the words, "These are the secret sayings that the living Jesus spoke and Judas Thomas recorded."



In these false Gospels salvation is found not in the substitutionary atonement of Christ on the cross, but is instead found in the secret, hidden words of Jesus if they are properly and insightfully understood. For this reason, the false Gospel of Thomas fails to describe any of Jesus' historic life and focuses instead on His words alone. This connection between hidden knowledge and salvation (or spiritual enlightenment) is characteristic of Gnostic groups of this era.

The Infancy Gospel of Thomas

The Infancy Gospel of Thomas was written about 150-185 AD. Like the Infancy Gospel of James, is an ancient false text with details different from the true biblical Gospel. In this case, the author describes details that are absent from the childhood narrative of Jesus (particularly as His childhood was described in the Gospel of Luke). It begins when Joseph and Mary flee to Egypt, and describes the activities of Jesus when He was a child in that country. Some scholars believe the document was written in Eastern Syria, but the precise origin is unknown.

Why Is It Not Reliable?

Irenaeus (in AD 180) refers to the Infancy Gospel of Thomas and included it in his list of fake and unreliable non-canonical documents described in Against Heresies. Hippolytus and Origen also refer to a Gospel of Thomas in their respective lists of heretical false books. The text presupposes the true Gospel of Luke and must, therefore, have been written after Luke's text was distributed and well known; the author is dependent upon Luke for his information related to the life of Jesus, the Sabbath and the Passover. In addition, the text describes Jesus as a brilliant child, performing a number of miracles in Nazareth, completely contradicting the portrayal of the events in Nazareth as described in Luke Chapter 4.

There are a number of distorted and disturbing characterizations of Jesus in the Infancy Gospel of Thomas. Jesus is often described as quick tempered, spiteful and disrespectful, almost as if the author was shaping him to resemble other Greek mythological "trickster" gods and pagan "child-gods" from antiquity. Jesus appears to be far more similar to pagan mythological gods than He is to the true Christ we know from the canonical Gospels.

Islam and Christianity both recognize Jesus as a significant historical figure. However, they teach contrary doctrines regarding the nature and person of Jesus Christ. Christians have taught from the beginning that Jesus is the divine Son of God. This was not a doctrine invented centuries after the life of Christ as some allege, but was taught from the beginning by Christ Himself and the church.

Satan denied Jesus is God in the false Pseudo Matthew Gospel, the Thomas Gospels and the Arabic Infancy Gospel. Later these nearly identical false stories end up in the Koran around 650 AD. Another false story from Satan in these books is about Jesus taking clay and bringing a bird to life in the Thomas Gospel and the Koran. Both of these stories are not in the Bible and are so unusual they had to come from the same source (Satan). Both the Thomas Gospel and the Koran deny Jesus is God, the main lie from Satan. The Koran also holds the false story of Jesus talking as an infant.

The false stories are not in the true Gospels. They are not consistent with proven history. They are not consistent with early church teachings. They also deny the crucifixion, the resurrection and deny Jesus was God. They are merely Satan's lies and false stories that were also given to Mohammad.

1. False Matthew Gospel of Jesus Infancy: Infant Jesus Bending the Palm Tree and Creating a Stream of Water with Mary Eating Dates

And it came to pass on the third day of their journey, while they were walking, that the blessed Mary was fatigued by the excessive heat of the sun in the desert; and seeing a palm tree, she said to Joseph: Let me rest a little under the shade of this tree. Joseph therefore made haste, and led her to the palm, and made her come down from her beast. And as the blessed Mary was sitting there, she looked up to the foliage of the palm, and saw it full of fruit, and said to Joseph: I wish it were possible to get some of the fruit of this palm.

*And Joseph said to her: I wonder that thou sayest this, when thou seest how high the palm tree is; and that thou thinkest of eating of its fruit. I am thinking more of the want of water, because the skins are now empty, and we have none wherewith to refresh ourselves and our cattle. **Then the child Jesus, with a joyful countenance, reposing in the bosom of His mother, said to the palm: O tree, bend thy branches, and refresh my mother with thy fruit.** And immediately at these words the palm bent its top down to the very feet of the blessed Mary; and they gathered from it fruit, with which they were all refreshed.*

*And after they had gathered all its fruit, it remained bent down, waiting the order to rise from Him who had commanded it to stoop. Then Jesus said to it: Raise thyself, O palm tree, and be strong, and be the companion of my trees, which are in the paradise of my Father; **and open from thy roots a vein of water which has been hid in the earth, and let the waters flow, so that we may be satisfied from thee. And it rose up immediately, and at its root there began to come forth a spring of water exceedingly clear and cool and sparkling.** And when they saw the spring of water, they rejoiced with great joy, and were satisfied, themselves and all their cattle and their beasts. Wherefore they gave thanks to God."*

1. Koran: False Story Infant Jesus Bending the Palm Tree and Creating a Stream of Water and Mary Eating Dates

*Koran 19: 22-26 Then she conceived him; and withdrew with him to a remote place. **And the throes of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree. She said: Oh, would that I had died before this, and had been a thing quite forgotten! So a voice came to her from beneath her: Grieve not, surely thy Lord has provided a stream beneath thee. And shake towards thee the trunk of the palm-tree, it will drop on thee fresh ripe dates. So eat and drink and cool the eye.** Then if thou seest any mortal, say: Surely I have vowed a fast to the Beneficent, so I will not speak to any man to-day.*

2. Arabic Infancy Gospel: False Story Jesus Talking as an Infant in the Cradle

"We find what follows in the book of Joseph the high priest, who lived in the time of Christ. Some say that he is Caiaphas. He has said that Jesus spoke, and, indeed, when He was lying in His cradle and said to Mary His mother: "I am Jesus, the Son of God, the Logos, whom thou hast brought forth, as the Angel Gabriel announced to thee; and my Father has sent me for the salvation of the world."

2. Koran (Twice): False Stories Jesus Talking as Infant in the Cradle

Koran 3: 45-46 Remember when the angels said: "O Mary! Verily, Allah gives you the glad tidings of a Word "Be" – and he was! Jesus the son of Mary from Him, his name will be Messiah (Jesus), the son of Mary, held in honor in this world and in the Hereafter, and will be one of those who are near to Allah." "He will speak to the people in the cradle and in manhood, and he will be one of the righteous."

Koran 19: 29-31 But she pointed to him. They said: How should we speak to one who is a child in the cradle? Jesus said: "I am indeed a servant of Allah. He has given me the Book and made me a prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I may be, and He has enjoined on me prayer and serving the poor-so long as I live."

This story parallels an account from the apocryphal false Gospel of Pseudo Matthew, which is dated to the early seventh century AD (between AD 600 and 625).

3. Thomas Gospel: False Story Young Jesus Turns Clay into Live Bird

1 When this boy, Jesus, was five years old, he was playing at the ford of a rushing stream. 2) He was collecting the flowing water into ponds and made the water instantly pure. He did this with a single command. 3 He then made soft clay and shaped it into twelve sparrows. He did this on the Sabbath day, and many other boys were playing with him.

4 But when a Jew saw what Jesus was doing while playing on the Sabbath day, he immediately went off and told Joseph, Jesus' father: "See here, your boy is at the ford and has taken mud and fashioned twelve birds with it, and so has violated the Sabbath." 5 So Joseph went there, and as soon as he spotted him he shouted, "Why are you doing what's not permitted on the Sabbath?" 6 But Jesus simply clapped his hands and shouted to the sparrows: "Be off, fly away, and remember me, you who are now alive!" And the sparrows took off and flew away noisily.

In the *Panarion* published by Bishop Epiphanius around 378 AD, the Thomas Gospel was included among a group of books that he believed to be not only spurious, but "the fictions of heretics".

3. Koran (Twice): False Stories Young Jesus Turns Clay into Live Bird

Koran 3:48-50 And Allah will make Jesus a Messenger to the Children of Israel (saying): "I have come to you with a sign from Allah, that I design for you out of clay, as it were, the figure of a bird, and breathe into it, and it becomes a bird by Allah's will; and I heal him who was born blind, and the leper, and I bring the dead to life by Allah's will. And I inform you of what you eat, and what you store in your houses. Surely, therein is a sign for you, if you believe.

Koran 5:110 Remember the day when Allah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, remember My favor upon you and upon your mother when I supported you with the Pure Spirit and you spoke to the people in the cradle and in maturity; and when I taught you writing and wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel; and when you designed from clay what was like the form of a bird with My permission, then you breathed into it, and it became a bird with My permission; and you healed the blind and the leper with My permission.

4. Gnostic Apocalypse of Peter Gospel: False Story of the Crucifixion of Someone Else

He whom you saw on the tree, glad and laughing, this is the living Jesus. But this one into whose hands and feet they drive the nails is his fleshly part, which is the substitute being put to shame, the one who came into being in his likeness. But look at him and me.

4. Gnostic Second Treatise of The Great Seth: False Story of the Crucifixion of Someone Else Who Looked Like Jesus

The Second Treatise of The Great Seth, 56.6-19 in NHL 332

It was another...who drank the gall and the vinegar (on the cross); it was not I... it was another Simon, who bore the cross on his shoulder. It was another upon whom they placed the crown of thorns. But I was rejoicing in the height (the hills) over... their error. And I was laughing at their ignorance.

4. Koran: The False Story of the Crucifixion of Someone Else Who Looked Like Jesus

Koran 4:157-158 And for their saying, "Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah" And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but another was made to resemble him [Jesus] to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain. 158. No! Allah raised him[Jesus] up to himself and Allah is mighty and wise.

5. Thomas Gospel: False Story that Jesus Was Not God

Jesus said to His disciples, "Compare me to someone and tell Me whom I am like." Simon Peter said to Him, "You are like a righteous angel." Matthew said to Him, "You are like a wise philosopher." Thomas said to Him, "Master, my mouth is wholly incapable of saying whom You are like." Jesus said, "I am not your master. Because you have drunk, you have become intoxicated by the bubbling spring which I have measured out."

5. Koran: False Story that Jesus Was Not God or Worshipped

Koran 5:116 And behold! Allah will say: O Jesus the son of Mary! Did you say unto men, worship me (Jesus) and my mother as gods besides Allah? He will say: Glory to Thee! Never could I say what I had no right to say. Had I said such a thing, You would indeed have known it. You know what is in my heart, though I know not what is in Yours. For You know in full all that is hidden.

The Koran has other false stories. The Koran says that Jesus was not the Son of God, was not crucified, was not worshipped, not raised from the dead and was only a prophet of Allah. Islam denies the Trinity and Holy Spirit, and falsely claims Mohammad was the promised "Spirit of Truth" instead. This is what Jesus meant with His warning about speaking against the Holy Spirit in the age to come. (Matthew 12:31)

Koran 5:72 Jesus said: "O Children of Israel! Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord." Verily, whosoever sets up partners in worship with Allah, then Allah has forbidden Paradise for him, and the Fire will be his abode.

Koran 4:171 O people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)! Do not exceed the limits in your religion, nor say of Allah but the truth. Jesus the son of Mary was no more than a Messenger of Allah and His Word.

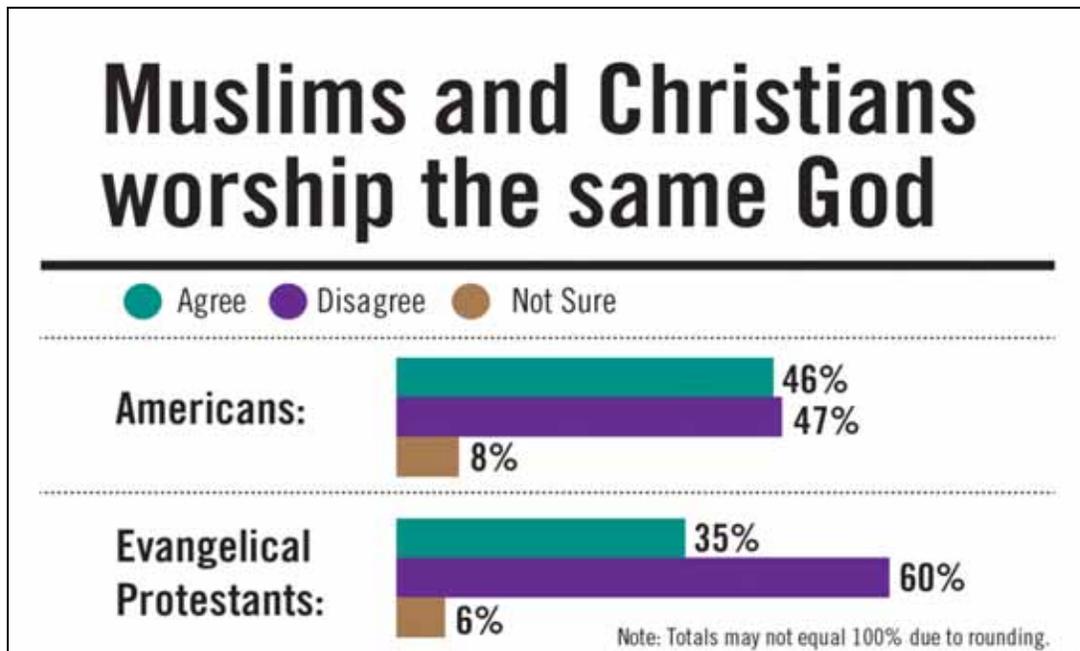
Koran 4:172 So believe in Allah and His Messengers. Say not: "Three (Trinity)!" Cease! it is better for you. For Allah is the only God. Glory be to Allah, and far exalted is He above having a son.

Koran 4:157-159 And because of their saying (in boast), "We killed Jesus, son of Mary, the Messenger of Allah," – but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but the resemblance of Jesus was put over another man (they killed that other man), and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely; they killed him not. But Allah raised Jesus up with his body and soul unto Himself and he is in the heavens. And Allah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.

Koran 61:6 And remember, Jesus, the son of Mary, said: "O Children of Israel! I am the messenger of Allah sent to you, confirming the Law which came before me, and giving Glad Tidings of a Messenger to come after me, whose name shall be Mohammad."

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.

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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.

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 judgment 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.

Introduction to Bible Prophecy Heralding Christ's Soon Return

Fulfilled Bible Prophecy Heralds the Soon Return of Christ

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

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

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 last days 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. Only Islam actively opposes the Holy Spirit as part of the Triune God.

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. Islam goes so far to claim the Mohammad (the false prophet) was actually what Jesus was referring to when He promised the Holy Spirit.

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 Hurlled Down to Earth a Final Time

The ultimate desire of Satan is to take God's place and be worshipped. In the last days 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)

Christian Understanding of Islamic False Doctrine

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! Once Islamic, no Islamic country has ever peacefully reversed itself. On the surface even to some Christians, Islam may seem similar to Christianity. Misinformed liberals today want tolerance and inclusion. 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 intentionally eliminates all of the essential ingredients for salvation. Christ is the only door to God.

Who was Mohammad?

Mohammad was born in 570 AD in Mecca in present-day Saudi Arabia. He was orphaned at an early age. 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.

What Mohammad said about his encounters tells you clearly who was visiting him. 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."***

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 main teaching from "Gabriel" was that Jesus was not the Son of God and was not crucified. Gabriel's goal was to take away the only path to salvation God gave us.

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 *“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. He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him.”*)

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. 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 called Shia and Sunni. These two 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 companion and—through his daughter Aisha—the father-in-law of Mohammad. Abu Bakr became the first caliph after Mohammad’s death. Sunnis are followers of Abu Bakr. After Abu Bakr died, the next caliph was Umar—who was the “King will do as he pleases” in Daniel 11: 36-45.

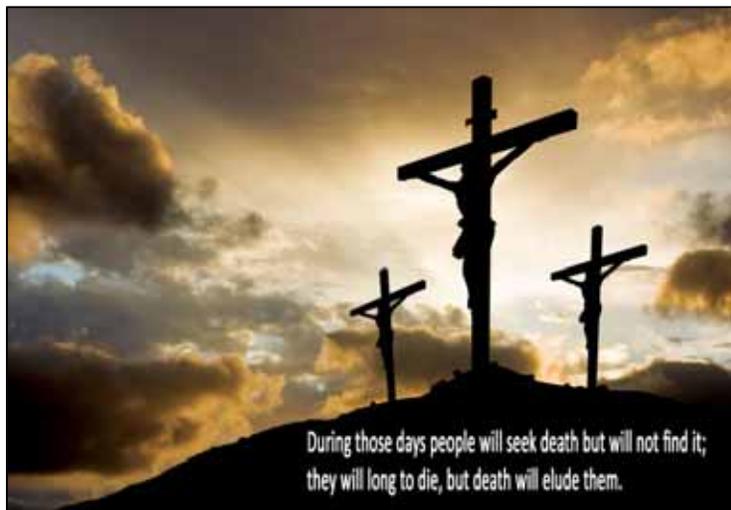
Ali ibn Abi Talib (“Ali”) was the cousin and son-in-law of the Mohammad. After migrating to Medina, he married Mohammad’s daughter Fatimah. Shia are followers of Ali. The word "Shia" means “followers of Ali.” Ali ruled over the Islamic caliphate from 656 to 661. Abu Bakr died of an illness in 634, and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

No Muslim is Saved When They Deny Jesus Is the Son Of God

Muslims think they are saved by good works and that Allah has a scale to weigh them. They hope the positive works weigh more than negative works. When one converts to Islam, one must say "there is but one God (Allah) and Mohammad is the last messenger." The combination of saying there is only one God but Allah, and Mohammad was his messenger, is the **Shahada**. This is the mark of the beast. The true God punishes those that deny Jesus was his Son and instead take the mark--the Shahada. (Rev 14:11, Rev 16:2).

The woes in Revelation are about Islam. What did John mean when he wrote in Revelation 9:6? "During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them."

On judgment day all of us will bow before Christ as we are being judged. We will feel his warmth, love and immense power. We will all run to him! But those that have not accepted Jesus as the Son of God will be cast out. John is saying then they would rather be dead, but death will elude them.



Many Muslims have been taught 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.* Allah is harsh, does not connect with people, and offers no help for salvation. 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. They have no hope.

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."

Islam says Jihad Is the Only Sure Way to be Saved

In Islam the highest form of worship is Jihad. Jihad is the pure form of Tawhid---which fights for the oneness of Allah. Tawhid effectively means Jesus was not the Son of God. Allah teaches 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. But they are dying to a false God.

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."

The Islamic Allah Is Not Jehovah or Jesus--But the Fallen Morning Star

The Islamic Allah is Satan the fallen morning star of Isaiah. The Islamic Allah fights for Tawhid. Tawhid means "the oneness of Allah". It is also transliterated as Tawheed. It is the indivisible oneness concept of monotheism in Islam. Tawhid is the Islam's most fundamental concept and holds that Allah is one and single. No one else counts.

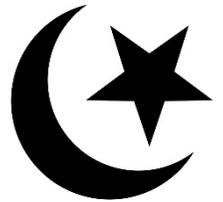
Tawhid constitutes the foremost article of the Muslim profession of faith. The first part of the Shahada--the Islamic declaration of faith--(and the Shahada is also the mark of the beast in Revelation) is the declaration of belief in the oneness of Allah. To attribute divinity to any other entity, known as "shirk", is an unpardonable sin according to the Koran. Satan is very jealous!!

Isaiah 14 (NIV)

12 How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God;"

14 "I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."



There is No Fulfilled Prophecy in the Koran

The Bible contains several thousand true and fulfilled prophecies. There is no fulfilled prophecy in the Koran. That is because the Islamic Allah (Satan) is a created being—a fallen angel—and does not exist outside of time. Prophecy requires the ability to see into the future. Only the true God can do this. Defenders of Islam often rely on a single passage in the Koran to attempt to prove Allah was God and inspired the work. They claim the "Roman" (Byzantine) defeat of the Sassanid Persians was a prophecy in the Koran. This passage is found in Koran chapter 30, the "Romans."

Koran 30: 2-4

2. The Romans have been defeated. 3. In a nearby territory. But following their defeat, they will be victorious. 4. In a few years. The matter is up to Allah, in the past, and in the future. On that day, the believers will rejoice.

Remember that Mohammad received his first revelations in 610 and died in 632, and the Koran, was written around 650. It was actually written after this prophecy was supposed to have taken place.

The Byzantine–Sasanian War of 602–628 was the final and most devastating of the series of wars fought between the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire and the Sasanian Empire of Persia.

While the Persians proved largely successful during the first stage of the war from 602 to 622, conquering much of the Levant, Egypt, and parts of Anatolia, the new Byzantine emperor Heraclius in 610 led a campaign that eventually brought on the Persians' defeat. In 627 Heraclius invaded the heartland of the Persians and forced them to sue for peace. The final victory was in 628.

The period of time was at least 14 years, if not longer. The Persians defeated the Byzantines and captured Jerusalem around the year 614. The Byzantine counter-offensive did not begin until 622 and the victory was not complete until 628, making it a period of at least 14 years.

Why This Koran Prophecy Fails

1. The Koran text says nothing about who defeated the Romans, when were they defeated, and where they were defeated. It does not say who they will defeat in a few years. Far from being a significant prophecy of the Koran, this passage actually demonstrates just how truly incoherent and unintelligible the Koran is.

2. According to Arabic scholars the actual Arabic word for "a few years" is Bidh'un, which signifies a period "less than ten years", meaning three to nine years. Even ignoring the nonspecific nature of the passage, the closest victory that could apply in hindsight did not come until 14 years later (614-628). The time period was not correct.

3. The passage might have even said the opposite!! The original Koran text had no vowel marks. Thus, the Arabic word "they shall defeat" could easily have been rendered, with the change of two vowels, "they (i.e. Romans) shall be defeated." Since vowel points were not added until sometime after this event, it could have been quite possible for a scribe to deliberately tamper with the text, forcing it to become a prophetic statement.

Now, these vowels were not in the original Koran. These vowels came later on when they started to write the Koran again and again, when they said, "To make it right, we have to put the vowels." Then they put the vowels.

4. Selection bias applies here. Since the battle was over in 628, when the Koran was compiled around 650, the text could have included simply because it looked prophetic after the fact. Many other texts were discarded when the Koran was compiled in 650.

Koran verses were regularly abrogated, or replaced, and the Byzantine victory came during Mohammad's lifetime. Had it looked as if it were not going to happen, the text could easily have been abrogated and deleted by Mohammad before he died in 632.

The "best" prophecy in the Koran is no prophecy at all. Because of its true fulfilled prophetic predictions, it is the Bible which stands exalted as truly originating from God, and it is Jehovah and Jesus of the Bible who are distinguished as being the true and living Almighty God! It is the Bible which can be trusted to describe who God truly is, what he is like, and what his requirements for salvation actually are. He is the one who sets out the challenge for anyone else to foretell the future.

Only the True God Can Give Accurate Prophecy

Accurate prophecy only exists in the Bible. It is given from Jehovah and Jesus, both the same God as part of Trinity, which also includes the Holy Spirit. Satan is not able to give any real prophecy because Satan exists in the same time universe as humans. Satan has a past, a present and a future. If Satan wants to know the future, he should just read the Bible. (Surely if Satan could offer prophecy he would--as it would allow him to deceive even more people.)

There is no fulfilled prophecy in the Koran since the Islamic Allah is not God, but rather the fallen morning star Satan (Isaiah 14 12-14.) The Islamic Allah seeks to be God but is not. If Allah could give prophecy it would be in the Koran.

Because God is outside of time, God gives accurate prophecy because at that very same instant God is observing the future event. It is easy to be accurate when you are able to watch the event as you are giving the prophecy.

We get a sense of this when Jesus said: **“before Abraham was born, I am!”** Note how carefully Jesus uses the present tense “I am”. Jesus could have simply said “I am older than Abraham.” Jesus shows that he was in the present as he was speaking to the Pharisees while at the same time watching Abraham being born.

God exists but God is beyond time altogether. God does not travel through time. **God is outside of time.** God does not experience the first century before he experiences the twenty-first. Both of these centuries are experienced by God in one "timeless now." God is everlastingly eternal. This is why Bible prophecy is so accurate.

John 8 (NIV)

56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

57 “You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

58 “Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” 59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

The Image of the Beast is the Kaaba Blackstone in Mecca

To understand the spiritual importance of the image and the mark, we must understand they are an abomination to the true God, and yet most important to those that worship a false god. In other words they are important to both Christ and the antichrist. The Islamic Shahada (the mark) and daily prayer and pilgrimage to the Kaaba (the image) are key worship parts of the Five Pillars of Islam.

God makes his will about false worship clear in the First and Second Commandments:

Exodus 20: 2-6 (NIV)

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.



A warning about the image of the beast is given eight times in Revelation. (Rev 13:14, Rev 13:15, Rev 14:9, Rev 14:11, Rev 15:2, Rev 16:2, Rev 19:20 and Rev 20:4)

The false image used to physically worship and honor Satan, and there is severe punishment from God for worshipping the image. This image is the Kaaba Blackstone set up by Mohammad in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Rev 14:11 (NIV)

11 And the smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.



The False Image of the Beast in Mecca, Saudi Arabia

Revelation describes the image that honors and worships the beast as follows: “image in honor of the beast”, “image in honor of the first beast”, “worships the beast and its image”, “worship the beast and its image”, “victorious over the beast and its image”, “worshiped its image”, “and worshiped its image”, “not worshiped the beast and its image”.

All Muslims face the image to pray five times per day. They are required to visit the image with a pilgrimage at least once in their lifetime.

Mohammad, the false prophet, 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.



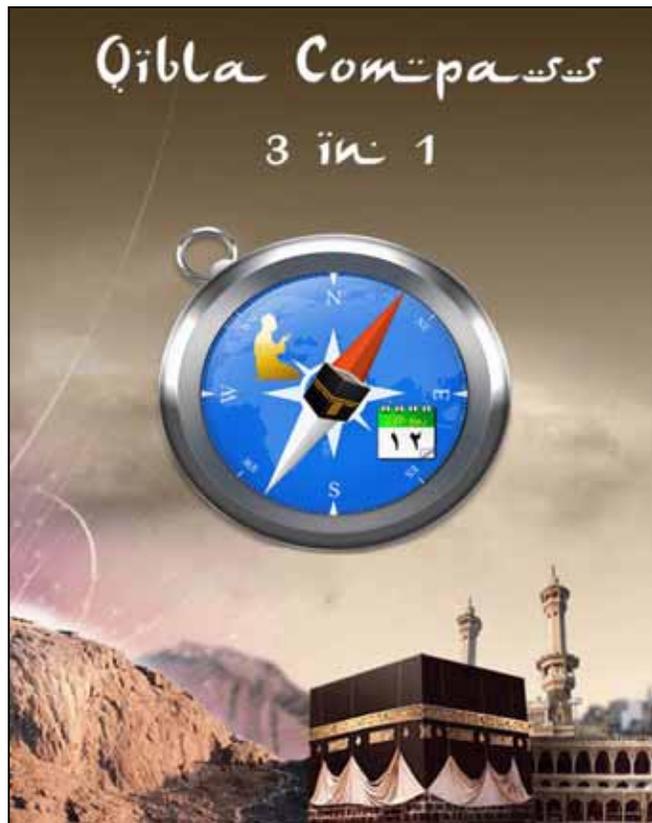
Muslims are required to pray to the image five times per day. It is not enough to face Mecca to pray. The exact coordinates of the image are used in GPS devices to be sure to face the image.



When a Muslim prepares to pray, no matter where he is, he turns towards the Qibla, the direction of the Kaaba. The Kaaba is a small cube shaped building in the courtyard of the mosque known as Masjid Al Haram, in the city of Mecca, in the country of Saudi Arabia. The Qibla (Arabic, "direction"), is the direction that should be faced when a Muslim prays during Islamic prayers.

It is fixed as the direction of the Kaaba Blackstone in Mecca. Muslims all praying towards the same point is traditionally considered to symbolize the unity of all Muslims worldwide, under Sharia (Law of Allah).

Muslims call the Kaaba the "House of Allah." This is the same house of iniquity that the prophet Zechariah saw in his vision of the wicked women in a basket that was going to a house to be built later in Babylon. The woman is the harlot of Babylon—which is Mecca.



Zechariah 5 (NIV)

6 I asked, "What is it?" He replied, "It is a basket." And he added, "This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land." **7** Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman!

8 He said, "This is wickedness," and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it. **9** Then I looked up—and there before me were two women, with the wind in their wings! They had wings like those of a stork, and they lifted up the basket between heaven and earth.

10 "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me. **11** He replied, "To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. **When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."**

Revelation tells us the false prophet (Mohammad) who set up this Kaaba image in the house of Allah and the Shahada mark will be thrown into the lake of fire when facing God's judgment.

Revelation 19 (NIV)

But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Zechariah's Vision of the Future House Proves the Koran Is Not True

The Koran incorrectly says, and most Muslims have been taught, that Abraham (or perhaps even Adam) built or at least used the Kaaba. Muslims also expect the Kaaba Blackstone to speak in the last days. Zechariah makes clear the house of wickedness in Babylon (the Kaaba) will be built sometime in the future after him. (*Zechariah 5:10* "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me. 11 He replied, "To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place.")

Most scholars believe Abraham lived around 1800 BC. Zechariah lived long after Abraham around 520 BC. Thus the Kaaba house (image of the beast) was built not in the time of Abraham, but much later. In fact it was Mohammad--the false prophet--who set up the Kaaba house image. (*Revelation 13: 14-15* "It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.")

Koran 2:125

"We made the House a place of return for the people and a place of security. And take, O believers, from the standing place of Abraham a place of prayer. And we charged Abraham and Ishmael, saying, "Purify My House for those who perform Tawaf and those who are staying there for worship and those who bow and prostrate in prayer."

Tawaf (literally circling) is one of the Islamic rituals of pilgrimage. During the Hajj (pilgrimage) Muslims are to go around the Kaaba (House of Allah) seven times in a counterclockwise direction.

Koran 3: 96-97

"Indeed, the first House of worship established for mankind was that at Mecca – blessed and a guidance for the worlds. In it are clear signs such as the standing place of Abraham. And whoever enters it shall be safe. And due to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House – for whoever is able to find thereto a way."

Islam Version

Abraham **Kaaba** 1800 BC ----- Zechariah 520 BC ----- Mohammad 610 AD

True Bible Version

Abraham 1800 BC ----- Zechariah 520 BC ----- Mohammad **Kaaba** 610 AD

The Mark of the Beast Is the Islamic Shahada--Created in the Year 666

Some prophecy experts have written that the mark is a bar code on your arm. God does not care about a bar code on your arm. God cares about false worship. The mark of the beast is not a bar code on your arm. It is about worshipping a false God. Just like the image, a warning about the image of the beast is given eight times in Revelation. (Rev 13:16-17, Rev 13:18, Rev 14:9, Rev 14:11, Rev 15:2, Rev 16:2, Rev 19:20 and Rev 20:4) There is severe punishment from God for taking the mark.

Revelation describes the mark that honors and worships the beast as follows: "a mark", "the mark", "his mark", "mark of his name", "his mark", "the mark of the beast", "the mark of the beast", "his mark". People with the mark were deluded (deceived).

Rev 14:9 (NIV)

9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, 10 they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath.

Rev 19:20 (NIV)

20 But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.



The Islamic Shahada is the Mark of the Beast

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."***

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 or in the year 666. Thus the Shahada may explain the number 666 in Rev 13:18.



A Muslim Must Recite the Shahada at Death--Meaning they Deny Christ with Their Final Breath

Mohammad the false prophet gave instructions that a dying Muslim must say the Shahada as they die. Islam teaches those who are with a dying Muslim should say the Shahada and following :

"I have accepted Allah as the God, Mohammad as the Prophet, Islam as the religion, the Koran as the Book Allah and the Kaaba."

Jesus warned us about false prophets that would deny he was the Son of God.

Matthew 24 (NIV)

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."

Umar the Islamic Caliph Is "the King Will Do as He Pleases" in Daniel 11

Daniel was taken captive in 605 BC as part of the Babylonian captivity of Israel. Daniel finished his work around the year 530 BC, shortly after the capture of Babylon by Cyrus of Persia in 539 BC. In the book of Daniel (Daniel 11:36-45 and 7:23-25) he sees a future king who treats the Holy People very badly. This King defeats three kings, and changes the set times and laws.

This king has many battlefield conquests and also invades the Holy Land. Today many people think this king is still in the future (perhaps the "Antichrist"), but almost certainly Daniel was writing about the second Muslim caliph after Mohammad named **Umar**. Daniel wrote this 1,200 years before Umar.

Every point Daniel uses about this King accurately describes the life, conquests and unique death of the Islamic caliph Umar. After Mohammad died in 632, his successor was Abu Bakr. When Abu Bakr died in 634, Umar took his place. Umar was the Islamic caliph from 634 to 644 and was responsible for most Islamic victories in the Middle East. Umar matches all the of Daniel prophecies.

Daniel 11 (NIV)

36 The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. 37 He will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.

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. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.[or land for a reward]

40 "At the time of the end the king of the South will engage him in battle, and the king of the North will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries and sweep through them like a flood. 41 He will also invade the Beautiful Land. Many countries will fall, but Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand.

42 He will extend his power over many countries; Egypt will not escape. 43 He will gain control of the treasures of gold and silver and all the riches of Egypt, with the Libyans and Cushites [or people from the upper Nile region] in submission. 44 But reports from the east and the north will alarm him, and he will set out in a great rage to destroy and annihilate many. 45 He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at [or the sea and] the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Daniel Prophecy Fulfilled by Umar's Actions 634-644

1. **"The king will do as he pleases"** (Umar was never defeated in battle)
2. **"He will exalt and magnify himself above every god"** (Umar was above the "false" non-gods)
3. **"Say unheard-of things against the God of gods"** (Umar despised the true God--the Trinity)
4. **"Show no regard for the gods of his ancestors"** (Umar's tribe and father were polytheist)
5. **"But will exalt himself above them all"** (Umar was above the "false" non-gods)
6. **"Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses"** (Umar honored the new god Allah)
7. **"He will honor with gold and silver"** (Umar used taxes and war booty to build Mosques for Allah)
8. **"He will attack the mightiest fortresses with...a foreign god"** (Allah was key to his victories)
9. **"Greatly honor those who acknowledge him"** (Umar paid very high salaries to subordinates)
10. **"He will make them rulers over many people"** (Umar conquered many countries)
11. **"Distribute the land at a price"** (Umar kept defeated people on the land in exchange for taxes)
12. **"The king of the South will engage him in battle"** (Umar wins in Upper and Lower Egypt)
13. **"The king of the North will storm out against him"** (Umar battled with Heraclius)
14. **"He will invade many countries"** (Umar invaded most countries in the Middle East)
15. **"He will also invade the Beautiful Land"** (Umar conquered Jerusalem and Palestine)
16. **"Many countries will fall"** (Umar conquered most countries in the Middle East)
17. **"Edom, Moab and the leaders of Ammon will be delivered from his hand"** (These areas were occupied during 630-634 before Umar was caliph, and escaped his wrath)
18. **"He will extend his power over many countries"** (Umar conquered all the Middle East)
19. **"Egypt will not escape"** (Umar conquered Egypt)
20. **"Gain control of the treasures...and the riches of Egypt"** (Umar took booty and taxed Egypt)
21. **"The Libyans and Cushites in submission"** (Umar conquered North Africa)
22. **"Reports from the east and north will alarm him"** (He fought Persian and Byzantine empires)
23. **"He will pitch his royal tents...at the holy mountain"** (Umar was in Jerusalem Temple Mount)
24. **"He will come to his end, and no one will help him"** (Umar was stabbed in a Mosque in public)
25. **"The ten horns are ten kings"** (Umar defeated 10 nation-states)
26. **"He will subdue three kings"** (Umar defeated Heraclius, Yazdgerd III, and Kushan Sahi king)
27. **"He will speak against the Most High"** (Umar despised the true God--the Trinity)
28. **"Oppress his holy people"** (Umar conquered Jerusalem and Palestine, and other areas)
29. **"Try to change the set times"** (Umar invented the Islamic calendar and its widespread use)
30. **"And the laws"** (Umar developed Sharia law and installed Islamic judges throughout the lands)
31. **"Delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time"** (Umar set up plans for Al-Aqsa Mosque (706) and Dome of the Rock (687-691) on Temple Mount, to mark 1242 and 1260 years exactly until Jews return to Israel in 1948, the 3 ½ years of days)

Note that Daniel says the **"gods of his ancestors."** This means the King's ancestors were polytheistic.

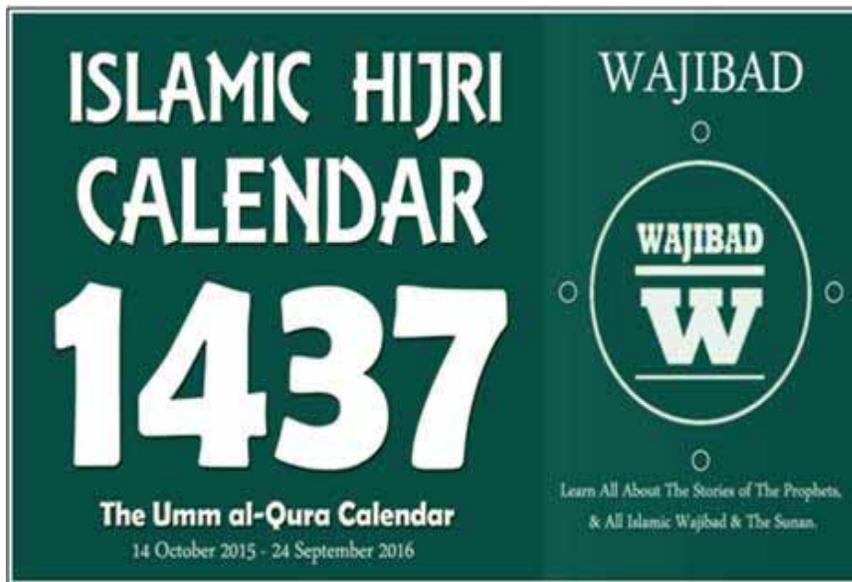
Umar's father and his tribe were polytheists who worshiped many gods in Arabia. In 610 Mohammad (after given false revelations about Jesus and the Holy Spirit from Satan masquerading as the Angel Gabriel) started preaching the new message of Islam and Allah. Like many others in Mecca, Umar opposed Islam and he even threatened to kill Mohammad. Umar believed Islam was opposed to the many gods of his ancestors.

Umar strongly tired to defend the traditional polytheistic religion of Arabia. He was adamant and cruel in opposing Mohammad and very prominent in persecuting Muslims. Umar recommended Mohammad's death. Umar firmly believed in the unity of the Quraish (the historical tribe of Umar) and saw the new faith of Islam as a cause of division and discord. The Quraish were a powerful merchant tribe that controlled Mecca and its Kaaba and that, according to Pre-Islamic and Islamic tradition, descended from Ishmael. They worshipped many gods.

Umar Changes the Set Times

In 639 Umar started the Muslim calendar counting it from the (false) prophet Mohammad's migration to Medina, 16 July in 622.

Umar recognized the necessity of a calendar to govern the affairs of the Muslims. This was first of all a practical matter. Correspondence with military and civilian officials in the newly conquered lands had to be dated. But Persia used a different calendar from Syria, where the caliphate was based; Egypt used yet another.



Umar Ordered Two Abominations Set Up on God's Holy Mountain



Dome of the Rock in Outer Court



Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Wing

Umar subdued three kings. Umar's conquests included 1) Heraclius of the Byzantine Eastern Roman empire, 2) Yazdegerd III of the Sassanid Persian empire and 3) under Umar the Muslims captured the Sistan king Kushan Sahi in what is today Afghanistan.

Even Umar's death followed exactly what Daniel wrote. Umar came to his end while praying to his false fortress god Allah, and no one helped him.

In 644 Umar was at the height of his power having conquered most of the Middle East. He had a very large army along with many bodyguards. That year Umar went to Mecca for the Islamic pilgrimage. Next Umar went to Medina. Umar led the prayers at the front of the Mosque in Medina. While praying to Allah in the Medina mosque Umar was attacked by his Persian slave and no one came to help him and stop the attack. Umar was stabbed six times and yet no one stopped the attacker. Islamic tradition says the worshipers were too horrified to do anything. All they could do was watch. The attack was in response to the Islamic conquest of Persia.

The Persian slave, Piruz Nahavandi (also known as Abu Lulu), brought a complaint to Umar about the high tax charged from him by his master Mughirah. Umar wrote to Mughirah and inquired about the tax; Mughirah's reply was satisfactory, but Umar held that the tax charged from Abu Lulu was reasonable, owing to his daily income. Umar then is reported to have asked Abu Lulu: "I heard that you make windmills; make one for me as well." In a sullen mood, Piruz said, "Verily I will make such a mill for you, that whole world would remember it".

On 31 October 644, Piruz attacked Umar while he was leading the morning prayers, stabbing him six times in the belly and last on the navel, that proved fatal. Umar was left profusely bleeding while the other stunned worshipers just looked on. As Daniel says, "no one will help him." Umar died of the wounds three days later on Wednesday, November 3, 644.

The Legacy of Umar Is Powerful Even Today

ISIS today, and many other Muslim jihadists, follow a form of "Salafism", that is the "rightly guided ones." Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali are called the rightly guided caliphs, meaning the first four caliphs after Mohammad. Of these, Umar was by far the most important. Umar's many influences are still widespread today.

You may logically ask, shouldn't Daniel's king be about the very last days? Why is it not the antichrist (Satan)? Why is it the Islamic Umar instead? Daniel saw the final days, but was precluded from writing about them. The very last days were sealed. Daniel was allowed to write about near end time events. Yet Islam has a key role to play in all of this.

*Daniel 12: 8 I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?" 9 He replied, "**Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.** 10 Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand."*

Islam Destroyed the Middle Eastern Christian World

Middle East Christian World Before “Gabriel” Appeared to Mohammad



Christian World 152 Years After “Gabriel” Appeared to Mohammad and Umar’s Victories



Green = Christian, Black = Islamic

Umar is described in Daniel 11: 36-45. Revelation tells us about these conquests as well. 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.

Daniel's 70 Sevens and Islamic Events

The Book of Daniel was written in the sixth 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."

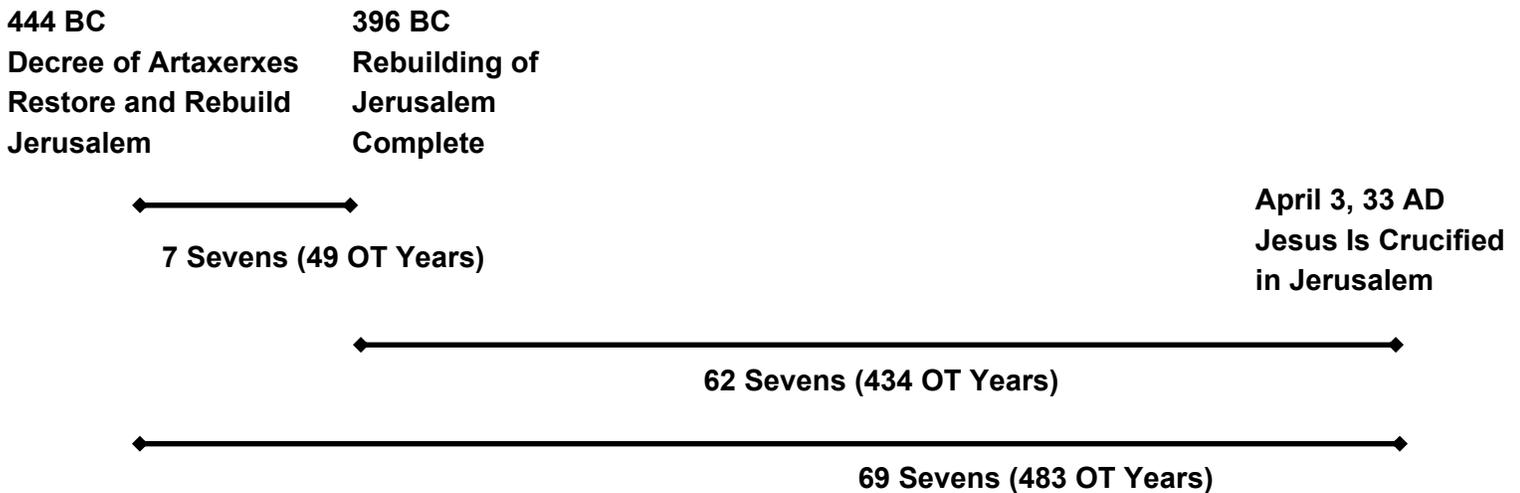
Who Is this For?

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 69 (7 + 62) sevens, $69 \times 7 = 483$. The last seven was set aside as something different. 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 Sevens

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 Sevens



The Final Seven Contains the Great Tribulation-The Holocaust

The 69th seven closed with the crucifixion of Jesus, (“the Anointed One will be put to death”), so the 70th seven was not yet complete in the time of Jesus. Another way to look at the last seven is like the Old Testament "Jubilee Year" law in Leviticus whereby the calculation is more complex.

Leviticus 25 (NIV)

8 “Count off seven Sabbath years—seven times seven years—so that the seven Sabbath years amount to a period of forty-nine years.

9 Then have the trumpet sounded everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement sound the trumpet throughout your land.

10 Consecrate the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants.”

The Jubilee Year is the year at the end of seven cycles of shmita (Sabbatical years), and according to Biblical regulations had a special impact on the ownership and management of land in the Land of Israel; there is some debate whether it was the 49th year (the last year of seven sabbatical cycles, referred to as the Sabbath's Sabbath), or whether it was the following (50th) year.

Throughout most of history it was actually a 49 year cycle where the Jubilee year was part of an internal cycle. In other words the overall time period creates intra-period sub cycles. The numerical progression in Leviticus and Daniel’s seventy sevens is the same:

One seven, a multiple of sevens, with a unique time at the end.

The Old Testament Levitical Law, had a 49/50 year cycle, which ended with a Jubilee Year with 360 Sabbaths. Daniel's 70 sevens also ends with a unique seven, each year of which should also have 360 Sabbaths.

Thus the best explanation is that Daniel's 70th seven is seven years of 360 day of Old Testament years. It is different from the first two sevens--but still a seven multiple!

Daniel's 70th Seven
7 Years x 360 days per year = 2,520 days/years
(Old Testament days/years)

$2,520 \times 360/365.24 = 2,483.85$ days/years (modern New Testament days/years)

This time period stretches 2484 modern years exactly from the first day of return from the Babylonian exile with the decree of Cyrus of Persia in 539 and final return of Jews in 536 BC, to when Israel was reborn in 1948. Exactly in the midpoint of this is the year 706 with the abomination on the wing of the Temple Mount with the Islamic Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The Punishment of Israel for One Seven



Understanding the Various Translations of Daniel 9:27

“And at the wing he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on it.” (NIV alternative)

“And one who causes desolation will come upon the wing of the abominable temple, until the end that is decreed is poured out on the desolated city.” (NIV alternative)

“And on a wing of abominations will come one who destroys, until the decreed annihilation is poured out on the one who destroys.” (TLV)

When all of the alternative translations are reviewed, what seems to be the best understanding is that an abominable temple will be on the wing or the edge. This wing or edge is on God's holy Hill meaning the Temple Mount. This abominable temple will stay on the edge until either the end that is decreed is poured out on it (meaning the abominable temple is destroyed) or the one who placed it there (meaning the destroyer is defeated.) The destroyer is Satan. Satan is the ultimate Antichrist.

Daniel tells us in the middle of the seven, "he" the future ruler (Satan) will put an end to sacrifice and offering by desecrating the wing of the Temple Mount. During the 2,484 modern years (2,520 Old Testament years) from 536 BC to 1948 AD the exact midpoint is 706 AD.

There are two abominations on the Temple Mount. The first is the Dome of the Rock constructed over God's Holy Mountain-- Mount Moriah. This was constructed between 687 and 691, with a midpoint of 688/689. This is the outer court of the Temples as referenced in Revelation 11:2 ("but exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.")

The second abomination is the abominable Temple on the wing of the Temple Mount. This is the Al-Aqsa Mosque. **It was completed in 706 AD.** Both of these were ideas of Umar, the second Islamic caliph. They were completed after he died, but Umar was the one who ordered them built.

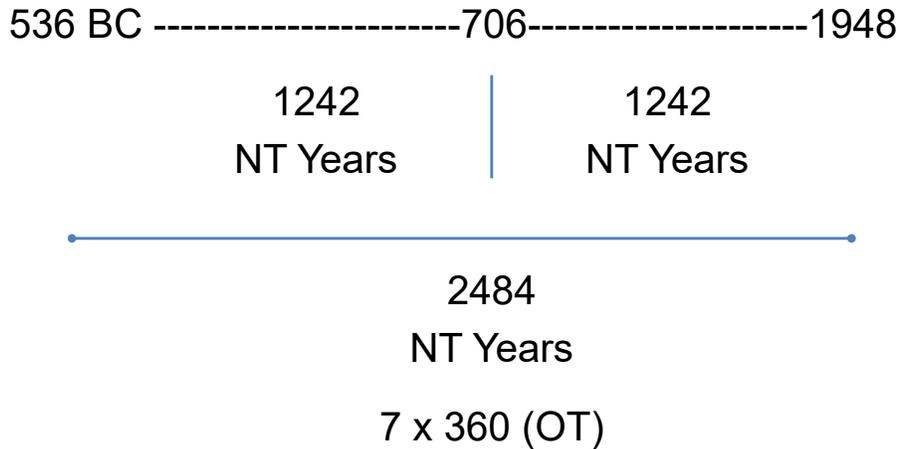
The Al-Aqsa Mosque Abomination Is on the South Wing of the Temple Mount



This abomination would be set up in the middle of the 70th seven and precludes any sacrifice or offering at the Temple Mount. The Al-Aqsa Mosque was built exactly in the middle of the 70th seven. This would be 1,260 Old Testament years (3.5×360), or 1,242 New Testament years.

The Al-Aqsa Mosque, completed in 706 AD, is exactly 1,242 modern years from 536 BC, and exactly 1,242 years from 1948.

DANIEL'S 70TH SEVEN



The Jewish people were continuously punished during the 70th seven. Israel was punished for exactly 2,484 modern years (2,520 Old Testament 360 day years) from 536 BC until 1948 AD. During this time they were continuously occupied, under many different foreign powers, and subject to war after war, and atrocity after atrocity. They would suffer in the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD, and 67% (2/3) would be killed 1930-1945 by Adolph Hitler and the Nazis.

The Jews did not come out of the wilderness until 1948 with the rebirth of Israel.

The 2,520 Old Testament years/days (360 days) calculation is perfect for a whole number prophecy.

The historical time period was 2,484 modern (365.24 days) years, while the prophecy calculation is 2,483.85. The "error" is 0.006%. There is no whole number that can be more accurate than what God gave us. Any other whole number gives a greater error.

In order to best understand Daniel, reading the last chapter (12) is the best place to start. Daniel makes clear he has seen the last days but is precluded from writing about them ("the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.") Thus Daniel was actually only allowed to write about the near end time events but not the actual final last days. Daniel calls these "the end" meaning the end of his vision.

"The Covenant with Many" Israel Had 2,484 Years of Occupation 536 BC to 1948 AD

Date	Israel's Many Occupations and Wars
536 BC	Decree of Cyrus to Return to Israel from Babylon
536 BC to 331 BC	Persian Rule
331 BC to 146 BC	Seleucid Greek Rule
145 BC to 65 BC	Hasmonean Dynasty
64 BC to 390 AD	Roman Rule
390 AD to 634 AD	Byzantine Rule
634 AD to 1099 AD	Islamic Caliphate Rule
1099 AD to 1291 AD	Crusader Rule
1291 AD to 1517 AD	Mamluk Islamic Rule
1515 AD to 1920 AD	Ottoman Islamic Rule
1920 AD to 1948 AD	British Mandate of Palestine Rule
May 14, 1948	Israel Restored

These many occupations and attacks of the Jewish people fulfills the **"He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven"** prophecy in Daniel 9:27 that the future ruler makes.

"He", this future ruler that will come, is **Satan**, and Satan uses these many different kingdoms to attack and occupy the Jewish people for the seven years of days (7 x 360 =2,520 Old Testament years) from 536 BC to 1948 AD.

This ruler, Satan, will appear as the Islamic Allah in the last days. This is the only way Muslims will worship this ruler as the Shahada says: "There is no god but Allah." Satan the deceiver is the anti-Christ. Muslims will never worship a man.

Some Think Daniel's Final Seven is 7 Years and is Still Unfulfilled

Many believe the final seven is just 7 years. Daniel's prophecy of the final seven is often interpreted in accordance with either of two different schools of thought. One approach is to see the final seven years as historical and fulfilled during the first advent of Christ. The other approach, representing premillennialism, is to view the entire seven years as still in the future and unfulfilled. This last position regards these final seven years as the time of the great tribulation. The beginning of the final seven years foretells a final period that will immediately precede the Battle of Armageddon and the second coming of Jesus to the earth.

But the placing Daniels' final seven as 7 years in the still in the future requires that you ignore the Holocaust as the tribulation, ignore the fulfilled prophecy of Israel reborn in 1948, ignore the two Islamic abominations on the Temple Mount, and ignore all of the perfectly accurate prophecy timeline dates that have been fulfilled. Daniel's final seven is most likely different from the first sevens.

The Olivet Discourse: Jacob's Trouble and the Holocaust Tribulation

The Olivet Discourse is the orderly and extended teaching given by Jesus Christ on the Mount of Olives, shortly before his crucifixion and resurrection in 33 AD. His subject is both the coming destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple, and also the tribulation, the last days and his return. This discourse is recorded in Luke 21, and parallel passages are found in Mark 13 and Matthew 24.



The Mount of Olives in Jerusalem when Jesus Gave the Olivet Discourse (Author's Photo)

The Olivet Discourse was prompted by Jesus' disciples as they left the Temple where Jesus had been teaching. The disciple, looking at the Temple, said, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings" (Mark 13:1). The answer Jesus gave must have seemed an impossibility: "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down" (Mark 13:2). This must have greatly perplexed the disciples of Jesus, because later, after they had ascended the Mount of Olives and had stopped to rest, they asked Jesus: "Tell us when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3). Including the Olivet Discourse, there are three prophecies of "never before or again trouble" or great tribulation for Israel. Also, Zechariah 13 says two thirds of Israel will be killed in the land.

- 1) Matthew 24:21 **"For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again"**
- 2) Daniel 12:1 **"There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then."**
- 3) Jeremiah 30:6 **"How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it."**

It is important to recognize that Jesus' teaching in this discourse is in reference to Israel and not the Church. Likewise the seventy sevens of Daniel 9 are "for his people", meaning only Israel. Jeremiah 30 tells us this will be a one of a kind terrible time of "Jacob's trouble." Then Jacob (Israel) is saved.

Notice that all three involve the concept of an unparalleled time of trouble. Since there cannot be more than one unparalleled time of trouble, the time periods must all be speaking of the same events.

There are differences in what the Apostles recorded. Luke focuses on the coming destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, while Matthew and Mark focus on the Great Tribulation events after the Abomination(s) of Desolation were set up by Islam's second caliph Umar, the "King who does as he pleases" in Daniel 11. These were set up in 688 AD and 706 AD. These abominations were given in Daniel's prophecy and Jesus references Daniel's abominations (Matthew 24:15, Mark 13:14).

Jesus Foretells the Destruction of Jerusalem 70 AD in Luke



Jesus Prophecy: Temple Stones Down By Romans in 70 AD Jerusalem Destruction (Author's Photo)

Luke 21 (NIV)

5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

Zechariah and Jacob's Trouble: The Holocaust Killed Two Thirds of Jews in that Land

During World War II, the Nazis murdered two thirds (about 6 million) of all Jews under their control. They would have killed more if the days of the war were not shortened with the Allied victory. The killing of the Jews ended in 1945, shortly before Israel was reborn in 1948. The year 1948 marked the fulfillment of many prophecies and timeline dates. The year 1948 marks the end of Daniel's last seven. No genocide in world history had been based so completely on myths, on hallucinations, on abstract, non-pragmatic ideology—which was then executed by very rational, pragmatic means. Zechariah 13 tells us two thirds will be killed. Nothing like this ever occurred before or since.

Zechariah 13 (NIV)

7 “Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the Lord Almighty. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

8 In the whole land,” declares the Lord, two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are my people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is our God.’”

Country	Pre-Final Solution Jewish Population	Jewish Population Killed in Final Solution	Percent Killed
Poland	3,300,000	3,000,000	91%
Baltic Countries	253,000	228,000	90%
Germany/Austria	240,000	210,000	88%
Protectorate	90,000	80,000	89%
Slovakia	90,000	75,000	83%
Greece	70,000	54,000	77%
The Netherlands	140,000	105,000	75%
Hungary	650,000	450,000	69%
White Russia	375,000	245,000	65%
Ukraine (est)	1,500,000	900,000	60%
Belgium	65,000	40,000	62%
Yugoslavia	43,000	26,000	60%
Romania	600,000	300,000	50%
Norway	1,800	900	50%
France	350,000	90,000	26%
Bulgaria	64,000	14,000	22%
Italy	40,000	8,000	20%
Luxembourg	5,000	1,000	20%
Russia (est)	975,000	107,000	11%
Denmark	8,000	--	n/a
Finland	2,000	--	n/a
Total	8,861,800	5,933,900	67%

Source : <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/Holocaust/killedtable.html>



Deathly Pale Jewish Survivors of WW II Holocaust Camps 1945 (Israel Government Photo)

Jeremiah 30 (NIV)

3 The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,' says the Lord." 4 These are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: 5 "This is what the Lord says: "Cries of fear are heard—terror, not peace.

6 Ask and see: Can a man bear children? Then why do I see every strong man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor, every face turned deathly pale? How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

8 'In that day,' declares the Lord, 'I will break the yoke off their necks and will tear off their bonds; no longer will foreigners enslave them. 9 Instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. 10 'So do not be afraid, Jacob my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel, 'declares the Lord. 'I will surely save you out of a distant place, your descendants from the land of their exile. Jacob will again have peace and security, and no one will make him afraid.

“If the Lord Had Not Cut Short Those Days, No One Would Survive”

If Adolph Hitler had more time, he would have killed every Jew living in the Muslim lands. Had the United States lost World War II, all Jews would have been killed in America. But because the United States entered the war and won these things did not come to pass. God shortened those days.

Mark 13 (NIV)

20 “If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them. 21 At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

Mohammad Amin al-Husseini (1897-1974) was a Palestinian Muslim nationalist and the Muslim leader in Palestine. His opposition to the British peaked during the 1936–39 Arab revolt in Palestine.

The Supreme Muslim Council had at its head al-Husseini, who regarded himself as guardian of the Temple Mount (“abominations”) holy sites of Islam, launched an international campaign in Muslim countries to gather funds to restore and improve the Temple Mount Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock.



Muslim Grand Mufti al-Husseini Meeting In Adolph Hitler’s Office

In 1933, soon after Hitler's rise to power in Germany, the German Consul-General in Palestine, Heinrich Wolff, sent a telegram to Berlin reporting al-Husseini's belief that Palestinian Muslims were enthusiastic about the new regime and looked forward to the spread of Fascism throughout the region. Wolff met al-Husseini and many sheikhs again, a month later, at Nabi Musa. They expressed their approval of the anti-Jewish boycott in Germany and asked that no Jews be sent to Palestine.

Al-Husseini began the conversation by declaring that the Germans and the Arabs had the same enemies: “the English, the Jews, and the Communists.” He proposed an Arab revolt all across the Middle East to fight the Jews; the English, who still ruled Palestine and controlled Iraq and Egypt; and even the French, who controlled Syria and Lebanon. The British had secured a mandate for Palestine at the Paris peace conference in 1919, and made halting attempts to create a “Jewish national home” there without prejudicing the rights of the Arab population.



Muslim Grand Mufti Mohammad Amin al-Husseini Inspecting Muslim SS Troops

In February 1941, al-Husseini submitted to the Nazi German Government a draft declaration of German-Arab cooperation, containing a clause:

“Germany and Italy recognize the right of the Arab countries to solve the question of the Jewish elements, which exist in Palestine and in the other Arab countries, as required by the national and ethnic interests of the Arabs, and as the Jewish question was solved in Germany and Italy”.

He also wanted to form an Arab legion, using Arab prisoners from the French Empire who were then POWs inside Germany. He also asked Hitler to declare publicly, as the German government had privately, that it favored “the elimination of the Jewish national home” in Palestine.

Hitler promised more help to the Muslims would come after further advances into the USSR, and through the Caucasus. But Germany’s “fundamental attitude,” Hitler said, “was clear: Germany stood for uncompromising war against the Jews,” including, obviously, the “national home” in Palestine. “Germany,” he continued, “was at the present time engaged in a life and death struggle with two citadels of Jewish power: Great Britain and Soviet Russia.”

And Germany, Hitler said—in an unusually frank statement of what was to happen—“was resolved, step by step, to ask one European nation after the other to solve its Jewish problem, and at the proper time to direct a similar appeal to non-European nations as well.” God shortened those days.

What Did Jesus Mean By "This Generation"?

We know that Jesus as the Son of God would never make a mistake. So what did Jesus mean when he said: *"This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened."* Although the generation alive at the time Jesus was speaking saw the temple destroyed 40 years later in 70 AD, they did not live to see his return. So what did Jesus mean?

Matthew 24 (NIV)

34 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Next Jesus tells us even the Son does not know that day or hour of his return.

Matthew 24 (NIV)

36 "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Jesus did know when Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed and assured the disciple who raised that question that the current generation would not pass away until all the events surrounding this destruction had occurred. However, Jesus did not know the time of his second return, so in verses 36-41 Jesus stresses the need to be alert and watch for its preceding events. Therefore, if Jesus did not know the time of his second advent and the end of the age, (since Jesus the Son of God was sovereign, so Jesus voluntarily did not take this particular power) then in verse 34 he must be referring to the events surrounding the destruction of Jerusalem, of which he did know the time. Jesus was not referring to his second coming to be seen by that particular generation.

Many argue that "generation" here means "race," "nation, or people". Indeed, the lexicons do give this as the primary meaning of the word. If Jesus was speaking of a generation meaning the Jewish race, then he was talking about both the temple destruction and his return some time in the future.

Another interpretation of "this generation" is that the generation who sees the events of the great tribulation will not pass away before the second coming occurs. The disciples had asked for a sign of the second coming (Matthew 24:3). Jesus replies that the sign of the second coming will be the events of the great tribulation. Therefore, the generation that sees the events of the tribulation will know that the second coming is drawing near.

Once the beginning of the end arrives with the cosmic signs, the Son of Man will return before that generation passes away. It is arguing that the end will occur within one generation; the same group that sees the start of the end will see its end. Whom does the fig tree represent? Some believe that it is Israel. Thus, when Israel became a nation in 1948, the timetable for a generation began, and the second-coming events must take place before that generation died out.

When You See the Abomination in the Holy Place--Flee to the Mountains

Jesus tells the disciples that in the future an abomination spoken of by the prophet Daniel will stand in the holy place where it does not belong. When the people of Israel see it they should head for the mountains ("wilderness"). Jeremiah 31:2 tells us before the Jews return to Israel for the final time they will wait in the wilderness for God to come to them. Revelation tells us there will be 1260 days (years) of prophecy and waiting in the wilderness. What prophecy? The prophecy is from Ezekiel 37 that predicted the restoration of Israel in the last days. Daniel's final seven stretches from 536 BC to 1948. The two abominations were set up on the Temple Mount in 688 (the Dome of the Rock) and 706 (the Al-Aqsa Mosque). Gentiles will trample the holy city for 42 months or 1278.4 day/years from 688 until Jerusalem liberated in 1967. The 1260 in wilderness days/years are from 688 to 1948.

Revelation 12:6 (NIV) "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."

Revelation 11:3 (NIV) "And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

Revelation 11:2 (NIV) "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."

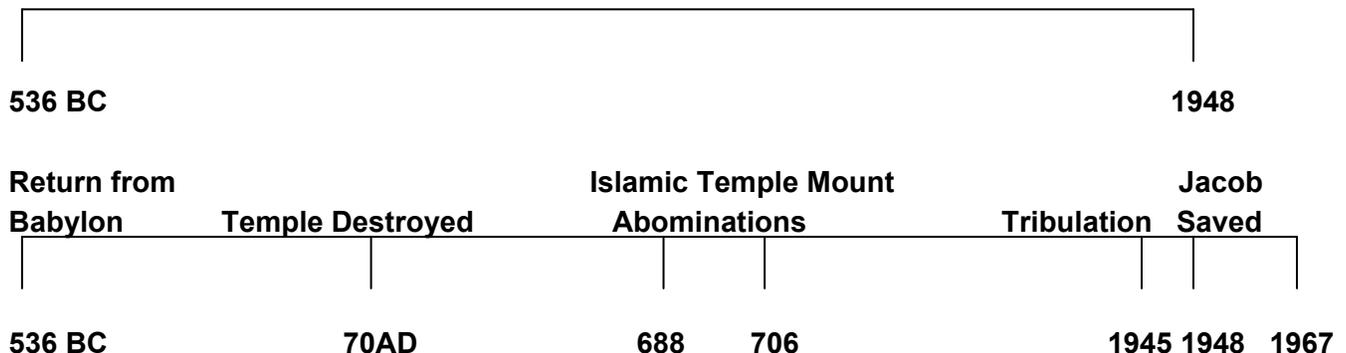
Matthew 24 (NIV)

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.

21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again."



Daniel's Final Seven (7 x 360 OT Years= 2520)



Was this the event that Daniel saw in his prophecy?

Daniel 12 (NIV)

1 At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

(The English Standard Version translation says : "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been **since there was a nation till that time.")**

Daniel saw the worst ever event in Jewish history since the time of a Jewish nation. The holocaust killed more Jews than any other event in Jewish history.

Daniel's final seven, which was 360 days/years x 7 years or 2520 Old Testament years, spanned from 536 BC when the Jews finally came out of the Babylonian Exile until 1948 when Israel was reborn. The second half of the seven (three and one half times) was the time period from 706 to 1948. In 706 the Al-Aqsa Mosque abomination was set up the wing of the Temple Mount. This is the middle of the seven.

Daniel tells us "It will be for a time, times and half a time." This tragic event will occur as the final "three and one half times" are completed, which ended in 1948.

Just before Israel was reborn in 1948 the Jews were at their lowest point in their history. As Daniel says: "When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

Daniel 12 (NIV)

5. Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. 6 One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?"

7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

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.”



About 750 BC, the prophet Isaiah wrote about the rebirth of Israel after a second world-wide dispersion. The first dispersion occurred when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon took Israel captive around 600 BC. This captivity was limited to Babylon and the Jews returned to their land 70 years later. God is Holy and keeps His word. In Ezekiel 37 God says He will restore Israel and bring the living Jews "out of their graves" to prove He is Holy. He also says in Ezekiel 38-39 He will again prove his Holiness by destroying the first Gog invasion after Israel is restored.

Ezekiel 37 (NIV)

12 "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."

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.

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.

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

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 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, together with the neighbouring settlement of Ataroth, 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 favourable. 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 recogni-

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.



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 1945-46 White Paper, of the 1946-47 White Paper, and of the 1947-48 White Paper, particularly the Ordinance 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

Special Assembly Adjourns

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

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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; prophesy, 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 prophesy 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

The “Great Earthquake” Was the Death of the Supreme Muslim Commander

Revelation prophecy says there would be a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city would collapse. Jordan was one of the ten nation Islamic countries surrounding Israel. The “severe earthquake” or upheaval was the assignation of the supreme Islamic Arab commander of the 1948 Islamic invasion of Israel.

Just at the peak time (“at that very hour”) as the Jews were emigrating from Islamic countries into Israel in July 1951, the King of Jordan, Abdullah I, was shot and killed on the Temple Mount by an Islamic jihadist who felt the king was secretly making a peace treaty with Israel.



Abdullah's role in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war was substantial. He was the supreme commander of the Arab forces and persuaded the Arab League to appoint him to this position. Through his leadership, the Arabs fought the 1948 war to meet Abdullah's political goals. King Abdullah, despite being the supreme commander during the 1948 war, later desired peace with Israel. He planned to sign a separate peace agreement but for the Islamic Arab League's militant opposition. On account of this, and because of his dream for a Greater Syria comprising Jordan, Syria, and Iraq under the Hashemite dynasty, many Arab countries distrusted Abdullah.



On July 20, 1951, while visiting the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, King Abdullah was assassinated by a Palestinian jihadist afraid that the old king would make a separate peace with Israel. Thus the beast commander was struck down by God by the Al-Aqsa Mosque the abomination on the wing for attacking Israel. King Abdullah had the title Supreme Commander of the Arab Legion, the strongest Arab army involved in the war.

“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.

The Jewish Remnant and Christians Are Two Witnesses of 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. What prophecy? The restoration of 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.

Messianic Jews Represent the 144,000 from All the Tribes of Israel

Revelation 7 (NIV)

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God.

He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.



The 144,000 is symbolic of a remnant of saved Jews. This Messianic Judaism of Jesus began with a remnant of Jews from all the twelve tribes. This remnant became the Messianic Judaism of Jesus. Into this remnant the Gentiles were grafted. These two groups are the two witnesses of Revelation 11. Today the number is estimated to be between 350,000 and 500,000. Some estimates are as high as one million. The number in Israel proper is estimated to be about 20,000. Paul mentions this in Romans 9:27-28. *"Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. For the Lord will carry out his sentence on earth with speed and finality."*

Although there were some Messianic Jews throughout history up until World War II, the growth has really taken off since 1948. The year 1948 corresponds to the close of Daniel's final seven, and we are told in Daniel after the distress *"those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens"*. Thus many Jews have accepted God's atoning sacrifice after the final seven and the end of the distress (the Holocaust). Since 1948, and particularly since the liberation of Jerusalem in 1967, hundreds of thousands of Jewish people around the world have accepted Jesus as the Messiah.

Daniel 12 (NIV)

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The 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. Daniel makes clear there is more than one desolation since he uses the plural word “and desolations have been decreed” in 9:26.

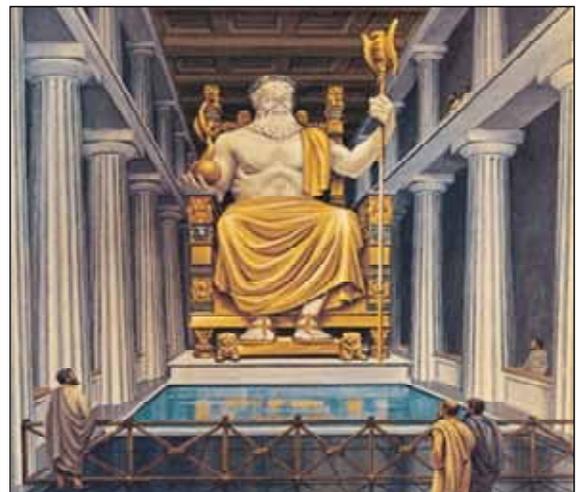
Daniel 9 (NIV)

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 worshipers. 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles."



We identify the abomination on the outer court of the Temple Mount, the Dome of the Rock, because its foundation stone contains the mark of the beast, the Islamic Shahada. Revelation warned of the mark of the beast. The Shahada says: "There is no god but Allah, and Mohammad is the messenger of Allah". The Dome of the Rock also blocks the building of the Third Temple.



Mark of the Islamic Beast Shahada on Foundation of Dome of the Rock

The abomination on the wing—the Al Aqsa Mosque.

ABOMINATION ON THE WING SET UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE 70TH SEVEN

536 BC ————— 706 AD
1242 NT Years

Return from Babylonian Exile
with Decree of Cyrus 536 BC

1260 OT Days



Daniel 9:27 (NIV) 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 one who causes desolation will come upon the wing of the abominable temple, until the end that is decreed is poured out on the desolated city.

The Al Aqsa Mosque was originally a small prayer house built by the second caliph Umar, (“the king will do as he pleases” in Daniel 11) but was rebuilt and expanded by the Umayyad caliph Abd al-Malik and finished by his son al-Walid in 706. it is built on the wing (Southern edge) of the Temple Mount.

Umar entered Jerusalem. Later, as Umar toured the Church of the Sepulchre, Sophronius (the Patriarch of Jerusalem), whispered in Greek to one of his Christian subordinates, “Surely this is the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place spoken of by Daniel the Prophet.” Sophronius would later write that the Muslim invaders were “unwitting chastisement of the weak and wavering Christian community” which had fallen astray from the faith; the loss of the city to Muslim infidels was in the Patriarch’s view divine judgment on God’s own people. They had become negligent in their faith and therefore God had sent the Muslim heathen to punish them.

The mosque was completely destroyed by an earthquake in 746 and rebuilt by the Abbasid caliph al-Mansur in 754. His successor al-Mahdi rebuilt it again in 780. Another earthquake destroyed most of al-Aqsa in 1033, but two years later the Fatimid caliph Ali az-Zahir built another mosque which has stood to the present day. No doubt the earthquakes are a sign from God to destroy this abomination.

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 with the Dome of the Rock, and 3) the abomination on the wing--the Al Aqsa Mosque. 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
		Error	0.019%
		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. It contains the Shahada on its foundation stone.

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.

Ten Fulfilled Long Range Prophecies of Daniel

1. The punishment of Israel for the full 70 Sevens (Daniel 9:24)
2. The covenant with many for one 'seven' (Daniel 9:27)
3. In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering (Daniel 9:27)
4. Will come upon the wing of the abominable temple (Daniel 9:27)
5. From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days (Daniel 12:11)
6. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days. (Daniel 12:12)
7. The rebuilding of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25)
8. The "Anointed One" put to death and have nothing (Daniel 9:26)
9. He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated." (Daniel 8:14)
10. "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed." (Daniel 12:7)

#	Prophecy	Bible Verse	Start Year	End Year	Historical Time Modern Years	Prophecy Calculation Modern Years	Error %	Best Fit Whole Number?
1	Israel 70th Seven	Daniel 9:24	536 BC	1948 AD	2484.00	2483.846	0.00619%	Best Fit
2	Covenant with Many	Daniel 9:27	536 BC	1948 AD	2484.00	2483.846	-0.00619%	Best Fit
3	Middle of Seven	Daniel 9:27	536 BC	706 AD	1241.00	1241.923	0.07439%	Best Fit
4	Wing of Abomination	Daniel 9:27	706 AD	1948 AD	1242.00	1241.923	-0.00619%	Best Fit
5	1,290 Days	Daniel 12:11	583 BC	689 AD	1271.00	1271.493	0.03877%	Best Fit
6	1,335 Days	Daniel 12:12	583 BC	732 AD	1314.80	1315.847	0.07964%	Best Fit
7	Rebuild Jerusalem	Daniel 9:25	444 BC	395 BC	48.00	48.297	0.61877%	Best Fit
8	Anointed One Cut Off	Daniel 9:25	444 BC	33 AD	469.00	469.171	0.03645%	Best Fit
9	2,300 Days	Daniel 8:14	320 BC	1948 AD	2267.00	2267.003	0.00011%	Best Fit
10	3.5 Times	Daniel 12:7	706 AD	1948 AD	1242.00	1241.923	-0.00619%	Best Fit
Rev	1,260 Days Wilderness	Rev 11:3, 12:6	688 AD	1948 AD	1260.00	1260.000	0.00000%	Best Fit
Rev	42 Months Holy City	Rev 11:2	688 AD	1967 AD	1279.00	1278.340	-0.05160%	Best Fit
Totals					16601.80	16603.61	0.01092%	Best Fit

The reason Daniel was so accurate is simply he was recording what God was telling him through his visions. Since the true God is outside of time, prophecy given by God is perfectly accurate since it is recorded as the events are seen by God on a real-time basis. The true God is an observer not a lucky predictor. Only the Bible contains accurate prophecy. Books that are not inspired by the true God, such as the Islamic Koran, cannot give any accurate prophecy. Most of the prophecy is in whole numbers. **Note that each is a "Best Fit" whole number**—meaning no other whole number is better. The random odds of this are in the trillions of trillion of trillions!

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

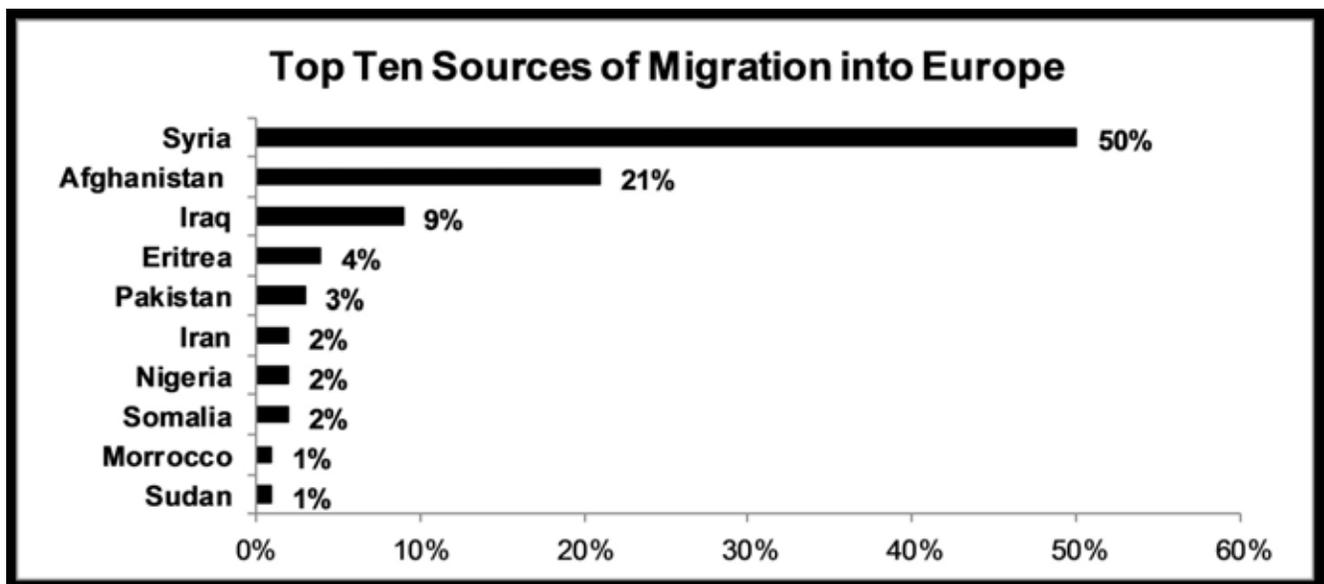
But Revelation 16:17 makes clear this occurs much later by saying "It is done". This would not have been when the temple was destroyed in 70 AD. The voice from the temple says: "It is done!" Christ returns. This larger and more powerful hail falls on the non-believers left on earth, and the hail represents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

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.

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), some would also say 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)

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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.

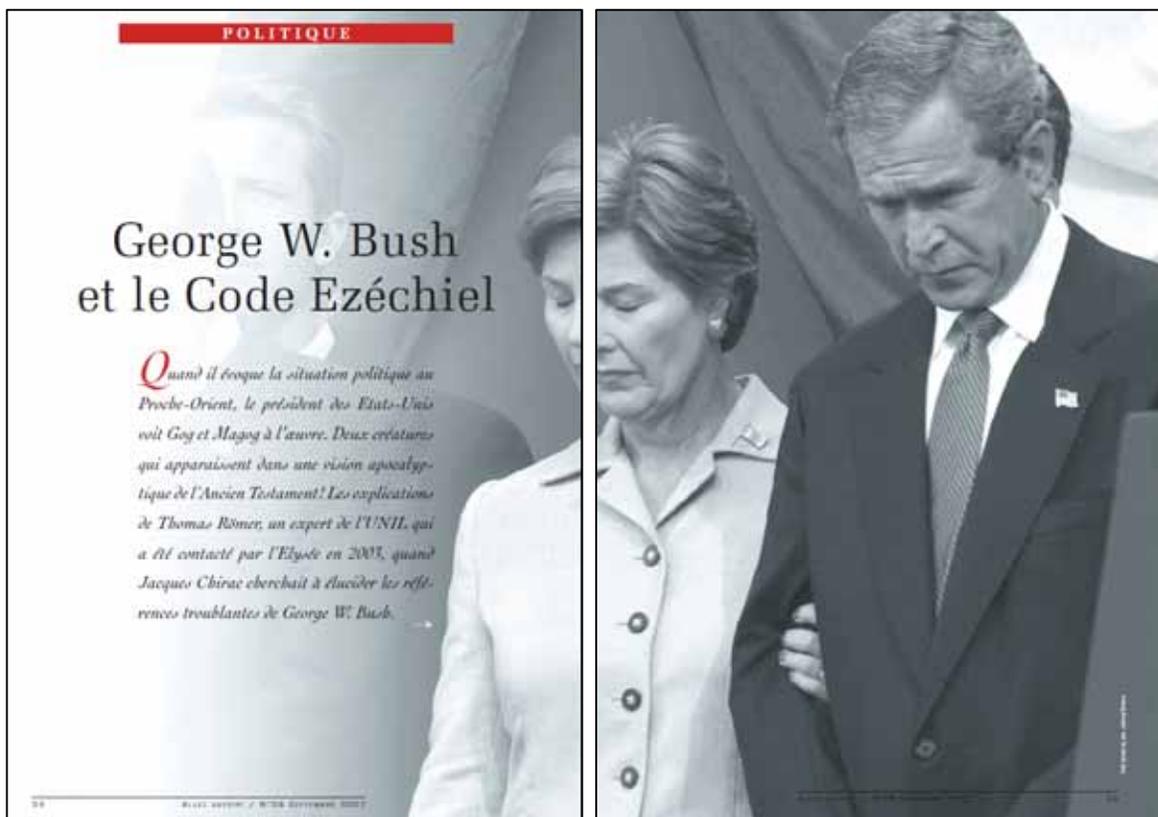
Why does God act to protect the nation of Israel and defeat Israel's enemies? The Lord tells us directly in Ezekiel 38:22-23 — to bring judgment and to reveal Himself and His power and glory to Israel and the nations. "With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him [Gog]...I will 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."

(Maurice, Jean-Claude (2003). *Si vous le répétez, je démentirai...* - Chirac, Sarkozy, Villepin. Paris: Plon. ISBN 978-2-259-21021-8. Agog over Bush's comments on Gog and Magog, Charleston Gazette, July 22, 2009)



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.’”

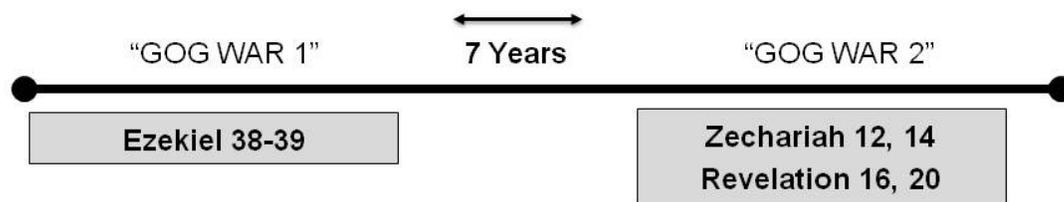
The Final Two Wars for Israel in the End Times

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 at least 7 years apart from the second, since Israel collects the weapons for 7 years.

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, since Israel needs seven years to burn the weapons for fuel.

THE TWO WARS OF GOG



1. Israel is restored and lives in safety
2. Gog leads Persia with many nations
3. God intervenes
4. Mountains of Israel is location
5. Gog is killed and buried
6. Israel cleans the battlefield for 7 months
7. Israel uses weapons for fuel for 7 years
8. "I will make known my holy name among my people Israel."

1. Satan will be released and will deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and gather them for battle
2. Jerusalem invaded
3. Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west
4. Christ returns, "Living water" will flow out from Jerusalem
5. "They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child"

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

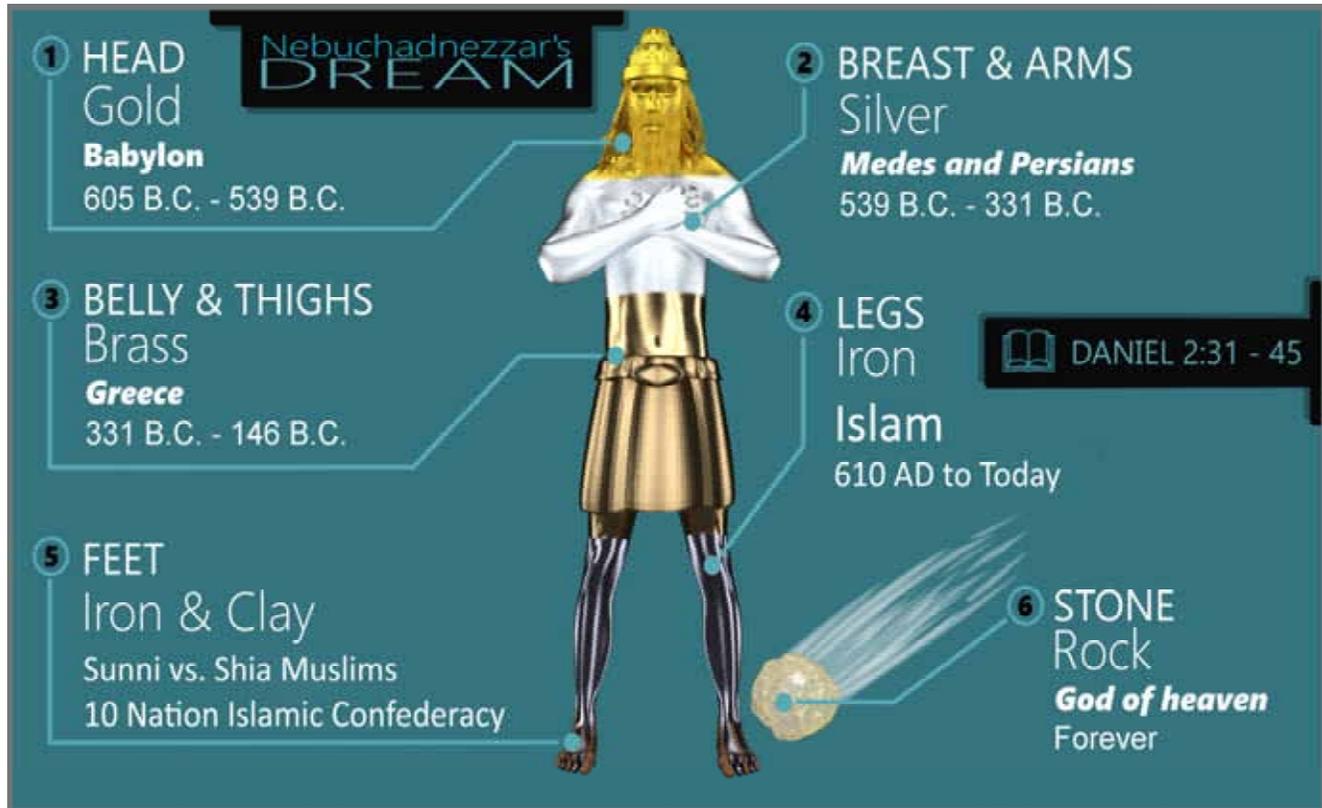
The Islamic Man of Lawlessness will lead this invasion. "Gog" the chief prince of Meshach and Tubal is the Islamic Man of Lawlessness, and the "northern nations" include Turkey, Iraq and Syria. Beth Togarmah is in modern Turkey today. **In Ezekiel 39 God makes clear that Gog is killed and buried in the 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:

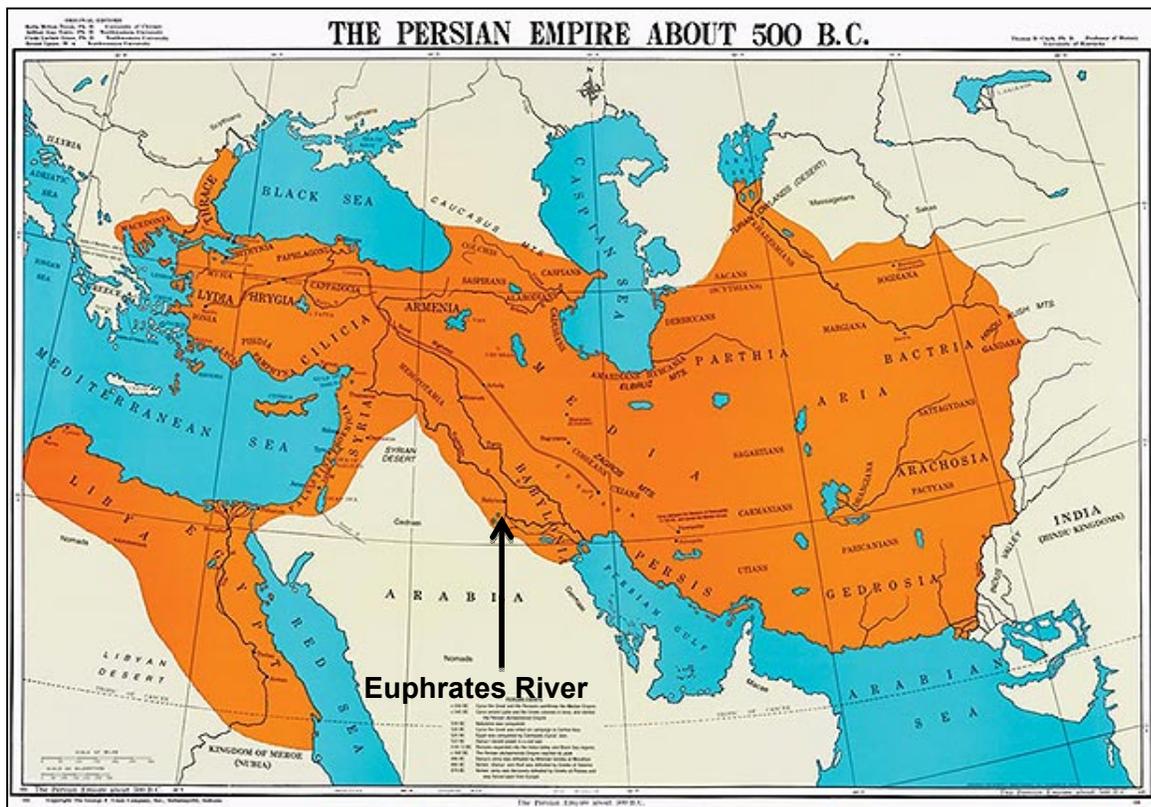
1. A beast like a lion with eagle's wings;
2. A beast like a bear, raised up on one side, with three ribs between its teeth;
3. A beast like a leopard with four wings and four heads;
4. A fourth beast, with large iron teeth and ten horns.

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 fourth 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 prison **8** 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. Many believe the rapture occurs; Christians and the Holy Spirit are withdrawn.

Christians must be prepared to live as if there is no rapture, because we don't know for sure. Some experts say it is likely the rapture occurs before the final battle. 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. 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). ("Gog War 1")

3. Gog is killed in the first war and buried in Israel during first Gog invasion.

4. 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.

5. The Man of Lawlessness (Satan) is revealed since Holy Spirit is no longer holding him back.

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

7. 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

8. 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. 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.



The mark of the beast--the Islamic Shahada.

No Muslim human would proclaim to be God. The final leader (Satan) will demonically appear to be "Allah" so that Muslims will believe him to be God, although it is actually Satan. Gog was 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) All Muslims will believe the first phrase of the Shahada 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 Satan is fully revealed Muslims will believe him to be "Allah."

Satan is the two "book ends" of Islam. First appearing as the "Angel Gabriel" in 610 to Mohammad, and then as the restored dead Gog re-appearing as the Islamic Allah. This is the "fatal wound that seemed healed" in Revelation 13:3. Satan the Islamic beast was seen, then not seen, and then seen again. This explains Revelation 17:8 ("The beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction.")



Gabriel

Allah

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 II" 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 the now visible "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
Worshipped 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.

9. Christ returns and judges all mankind.

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 battle 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 reincarnate as "Allah" in the second war. The world of non believers 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.

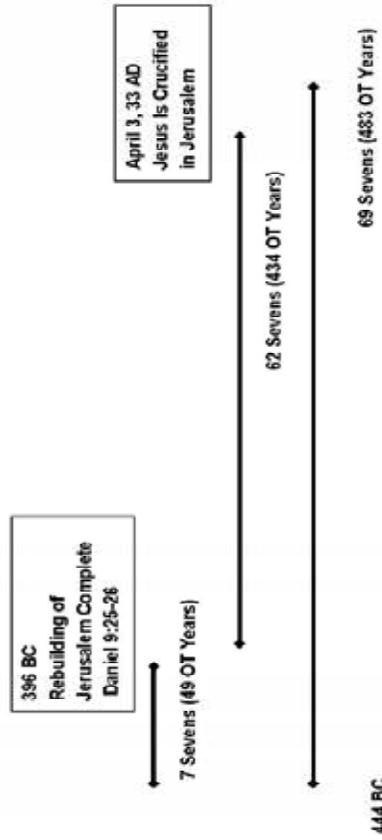
4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

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.”

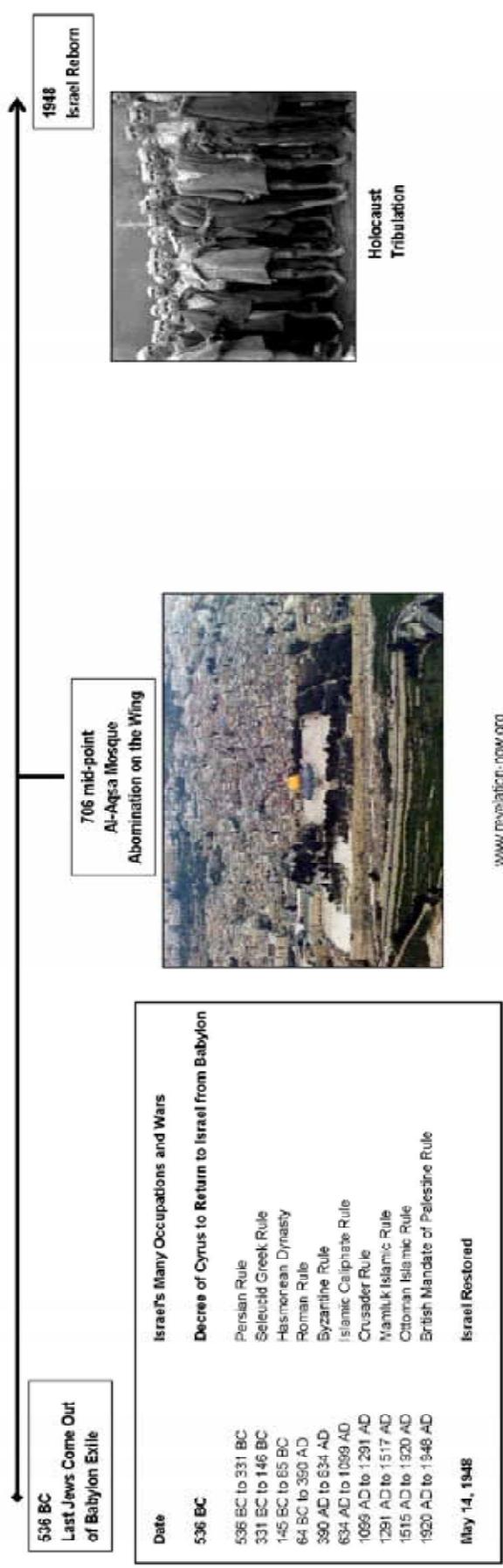
Amen! We pray for Christ's return very soon.

Timeline of Daniel's 70 Sevens



Church Age Time Period

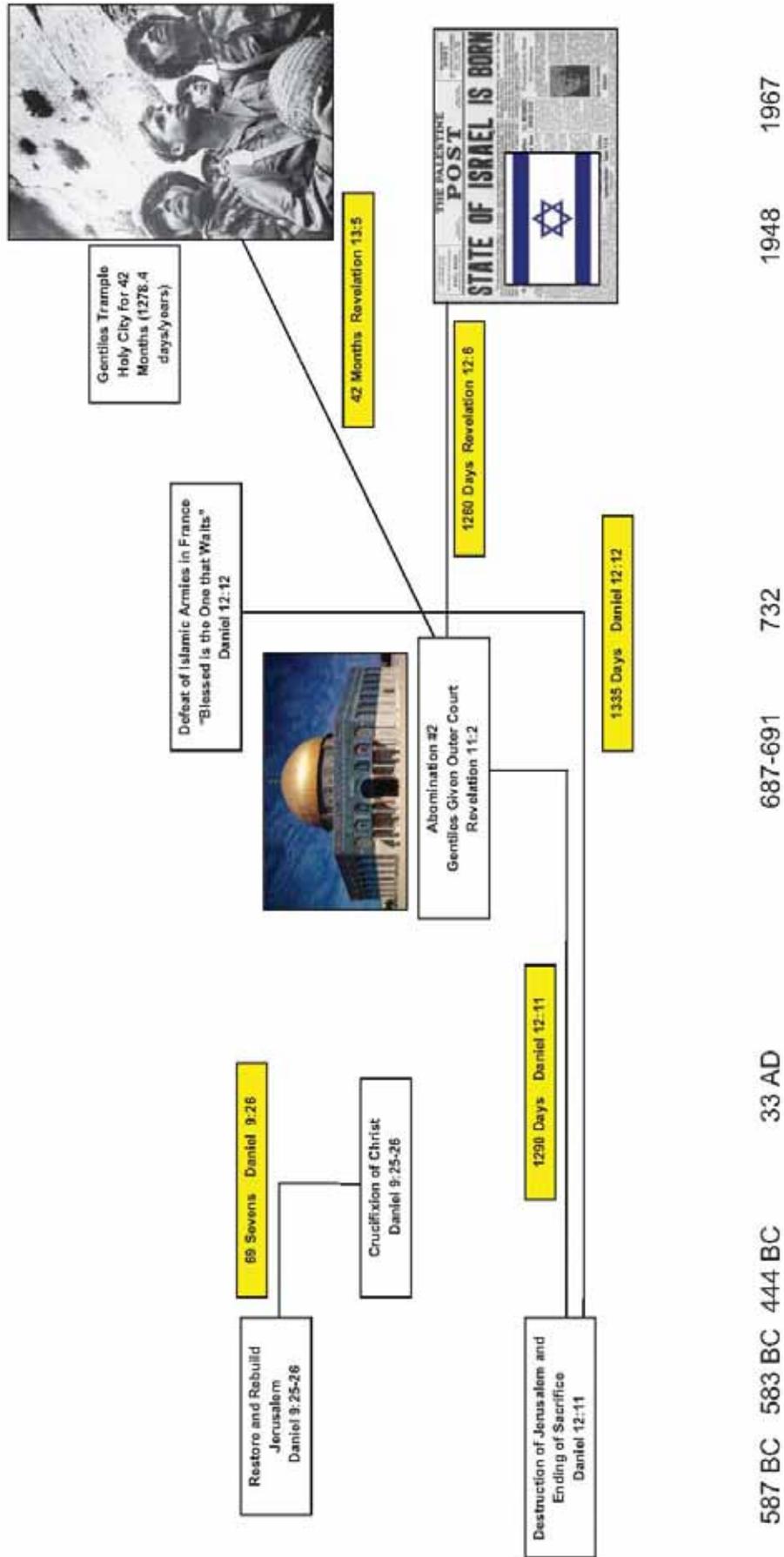
70th Seven 360 x 7 (2520 OT Years)



Date	Israel's Many Occupations and Wars
536 BC	Decree of Cyrus to Return to Israel from Babylon
536 BC to 331 BC	Persian Rule
331 BC to 146 BC	Seleucid Greek Rule
146 BC to 63 BC	Hasmonean Dynasty
64 BC to 360 AD	Roman Rule
360 AD to 634 AD	Byzantine Rule
634 AD to 1099 AD	Islamic Caliphate Rule
1099 AD to 1291 AD	Crusader Rule
1291 AD to 1517 AD	Mamluk Islamic Rule
1517 AD to 1920 AD	Ottoman Islamic Rule
1920 AD to 1948 AD	British Mandate of Palestine Rule
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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 an Arabic word for God. But the Islamic Allah is not the same as the Hebrew Jehovah, nor Christ. Thus the Islamic Allah cannot be God, since Jesus tells us there is only one God.

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. They mistakenly pray to the image of the beast.

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?

Muslims do not understand no one is saved without accepting Jesus the Son of God. 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. They have been deceived.

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. Without accepting Jesus as the Son of God no Muslim is saved.

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

Muslims think 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. Thus they miss out on His atoning sacrifice. 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 (the prophet) 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 have been told 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 false 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. Jesus is the only path to God.

