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INTRODUCTION TO BIBLE PROPHECY ABOUT ISLAM

Good News—Jesus loves all of us! Jesus paid the price of our sins. Jesus also warns us. In the Book of Revelation, Jesus warned about a coming False Prophet and a demonic spirit "beast" that would later emerge out of the "Abyss", also called "Sheol", where fallen angels and souls are kept until the day of judgment. Jesus warned that many people (one third of the world) would be spiritually killed by the false doctrine, a false Gospel, coming out of their mouths. In fact, today one third of the world has been spiritually destroyed by Islamic false teaching that Jesus is just a "messenger."

Revelation 9:18 (NIV) "A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths."

The False Prophet Jesus warned about was Mohammad, and the demon spirit from Babylon, called "Baal", was the beast that emerged from the Abyss. They gave a false story of Jesus in the Koran. They tried to destroy God's Plan of Redemption. Despite this, Jesus wants Muslims to be saved. Muslims now have dreams of Jesus and are coming to the true faith. The Spirit is being poured out.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the Son of God, not a messenger, and Jesus came to earth uniquely as both fully human and fully God to complete the Plan of Redemption for all mankind. Anyone who refuses to believe and have faith in Jesus and the one and only Plan of Redemption will be cast out on the day of judgment. God offered this plan because God first loved us while we are still sinners.

There is no path to heaven except through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross and rose to life on the third day. He will return soon on the Day of the Lord. Those who rejected Him will weep and mourn. Do not let that be you! There is a short time left to accept the Gospel of Jesus, repent, confess His name, and be baptized.

Around 95 AD, some 62 years after his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension into heaven in 33 AD, Jesus appeared to the Apostle John and gave him the Book of Revelation. The Book of Revelation can be very hard to understand, and much of the meaning was concealed until the true end times, just as with the end time prophecy found in the Book of Daniel. The Bible makes clear the full understanding of the prophetic words are concealed until the end time. Not by man, but rather only by the Holy Spirit, has God now allowed the words to be understood. Listen to the warnings of Jesus.



Daniel 12:8-9 (NASB)

I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?" He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time."

BELSHAZZAR SEES “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN”



Daniel 5:25-28 (NIV)

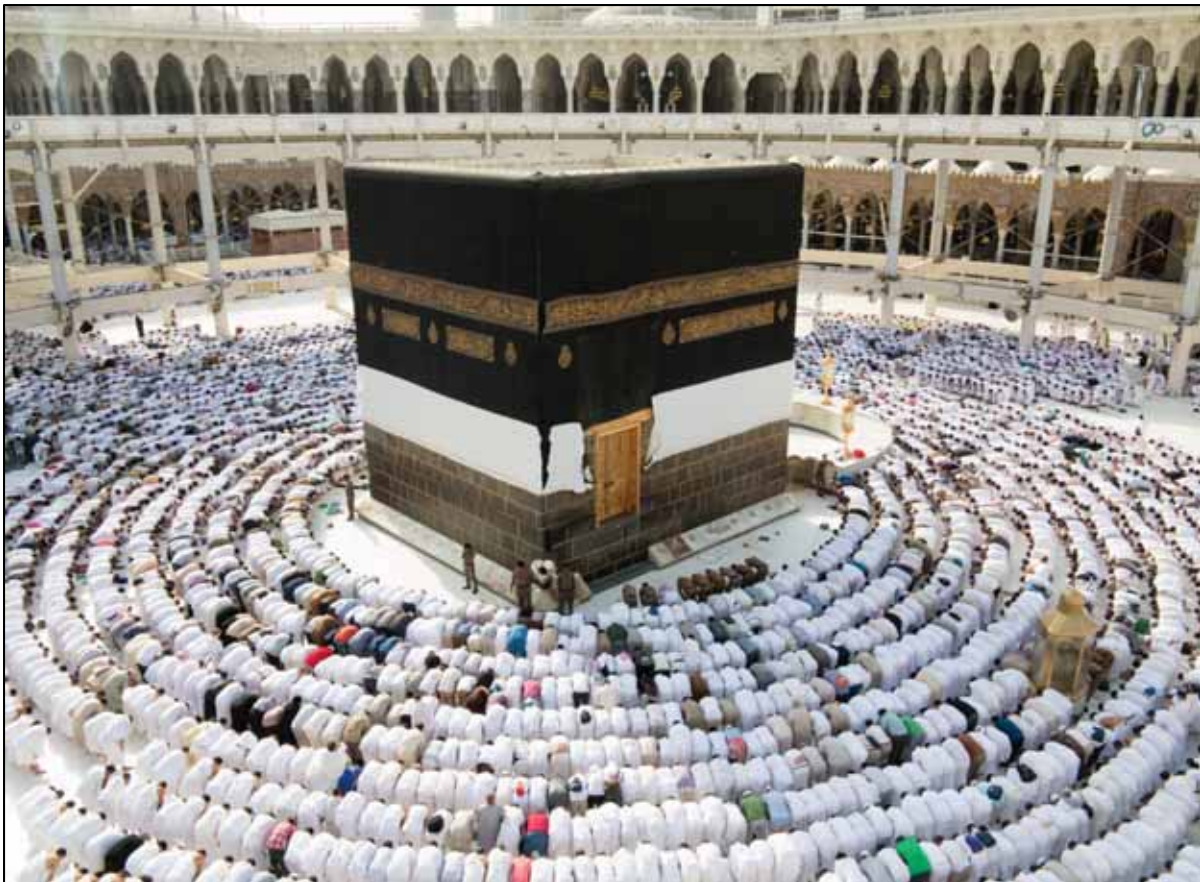
“This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN. “Here is what these words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Parsin: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

The last king of Babylon was Belshazzar—whose name literally means **“Bel guards the king.”** The demonic spirit Baal (“Bel” in Aramaic) was guarding the king that night. Most people know part of the story of the “handwriting on the wall.” Daniel interpreted the handwriting on the wall the last night the king of Babylon was alive. When Babylon fell in 539 BC to the Persians, the false god of Babylon called “Baal” or “Bel” was sent into the Abyss by the true God (Isaiah 14:15 *“You will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.”*) Once in the Abyss it certainly appeared that Baal was dead. But his seemingly fatal wound was later healed (Revelation 13:3 *“One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed.”*)

Baal would later be released from the Abyss by an angel and is worshipped in the Kaaba. Satan gave Baal his great power (Revelation 13:2 *“The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.”*) The Bible tells us both the beast and the dragon (Satan) will be jointly worshipped. Only Islam actually conducts this dual worship both to Allah and the Kaaba. (Revelation 13:4 *“People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, “Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?”*)

The battle Jesus warned about in Revelation is a spiritual battle. The real antichrist is Satan, and the beast is his second in command-Baal. This is not about some human leader that might be worshipped someday--as most prophecy writers wrongly believe. This is about Christ, and the antichrist forces that opposes him--Satan and his angels. Paul wrote this in Ephesians 6:12.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."



WORSHIPING BAAL IN THE KAABA--THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST OF REVELATION

Although it was well intended, the typical end-times prophecy followed by conservative Evangelical Christians is dangerously incorrect. If this did not damage the Church, it wouldn't matter. It would just be a collection of various opinions born out of conjecture.

But it does damage the Church because Christians are increasingly coming to accept Islam as an "alternative path" to God. In one study, some 46% of Americans think Muslims and Christians worship the same God. More than 35% of Evangelical Christians believe this. All Muslims believe this. The Pope has said this! All Muslims believe Jesus promised the prophet Mohammad would follow him. They see Mohammad as the "Spirit of Truth" in John 14-16. None of this is true. Jesus warned us!

THE TWO OPPOSING FORCES

Jesus Christ

1. Man cannot keep the law
2. God first loved us while we were still sinners
3. Jesus came to save by fulfilling the law and giving his atoning sacrifice



The Antichrist

1. Man must keep Allah's law (Sharia)
2. Allah only created you to worship him
3. Allah offers no savior nor atoning sacrifice



The Christian Church is misled today by most end times prophecy. This causes them to ignore the tribulation millions of Christians are undergoing in the world today. They do not understand Mohammad is the False Prophet, nor the tidal wave of Islam that first wiped out the Eastern church, next wiped out the European Church (the national church of Sweden-Lutheran-now prays to Allah, faces the Kaaba, and accepts Mohammad as the prophet) and is overtaking North America. Jesus warned us! This battle is not won with armies--but only with the Gospel truth.

The one true God of unity was manifest in the Bible as the Father, the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. This is not the God of the Koran. There is much confusion over the "names" given to God, such as "Allah" or "Jehovah." The truth of God is much more than His name. The truth is about the Plan of Redemption, and what antichrist forces would oppose it. Satan wants desperately to be worshipped. These forces, led by Satan, rebelled against God, and Satan plus one third of all angels, were thrown out of heaven. In this age they seek to be worshipped as the dragon and beast before their punishment on the inevitable Day of the Lord--judgment day. The beast in the Kaaba and the dragon are being worshipped today. Christians must understand the Book of Revelation.

The Book of Revelation can be easy to understand when you know it is a spiritual battle, and it is a warning about Islam. For example, just study the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, given in Revelation Chapter 6. There is much more about the Four Horsemen in chapter 33 beginning on page 106, but here is a quick summary that is easy to understand. There have been countless incorrect interpretations given, yet when we understand Islam, this series of prophetic warnings makes so much sense and the intended meaning is clear.

1. The Four Horsemen are on horses. Read the Bible literally.
2. The colors of the Four Horsemen are white, red, black and pale green.
3. The first is on a white horse, wears a crown, and carries a bow.
4. "Death and Hades" follows after the fourth, the one of the pale green horse.
5. They have authority over one quarter of the world.

The Bible tells us every detail in prophecy for a reason. It is very important to understand the colors of the Four Horsemen are **white, red, black and pale green**. Once you know this, you will see these colors everywhere in the Islamic world.

The Four Horsemen are the first four Islamic leaders, Mohammad, Abu-Bakr, Umar, Uthman. These four leaders actually traveled on horses--just as the Bible says. They had authority over one quarter of the world with the Umayyad Caliphate. (Revelation 6:1-8). After Uthman the terrible thing ("Death and Hades") that happened was the Shia-Sunni split. Shia and Sunni Muslims have been fighting for 1,400 years.

Far too many prophecy teachers misquote Revelation 6:8 by writing "one quarter of the world will be killed." Since this apparently has not happened, they look to the future and miss the prophetic meaning. The Bible does not say one quarter of the world will be killed. The Bible says "Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth." Never change the text of Revelation because a severe punishment from God is given as a warning by God at the end of the Book of Revelation!



THE FOUR COLORS OF ISLAM

Revelation 6:7-8 (NASB)

When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, an ashen [pale green] horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

So how are we to understand the White Horse prophecy? All Muslims know of "Isra and Mi'raj", also called the "Night Journey." This was one of Mohammad's miracles where, according to Islam, Mohammad around the year 621 AD traveled during a single night from Mecca to Jerusalem, and back again. Mohammad landed on the Temple Mount, where the Dome of the Rock is today.

The Dome of the Rock blasphemes Jesus, is in the Outer Court, and is the exact location excluded by God (Revelation 11:2 "*Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.*") The 42 months of days/years runs from 689 to 1967.



MOHAMMAD'S NIGHT JOURNEY--ON A WHITE HORSE WEARING A CROWN

In this painting you can also see the universal symbol of Baal, the Islamic crescent moon, on the right side of the painting. We are also told that this rider carries a bow. Mohammad is a descendent of Ishmael. In Genesis 21 the Bible says Ishmael was an archer. The first rider carries a bow, and this tells he is a descendant of Ishmael. We know this is Mohammad, because everything fits exactly.

Genesis 21:20 (NASB)

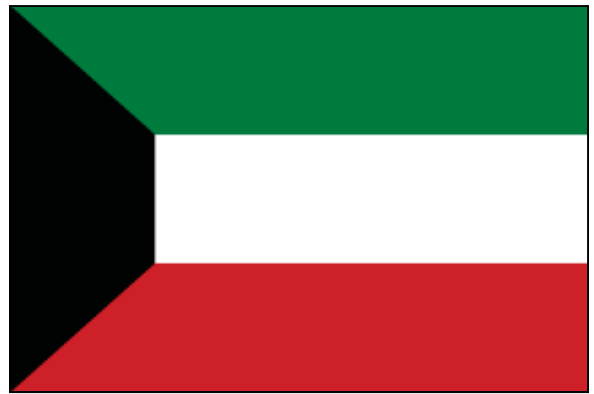
God was with the lad, and he grew; and he lived in the wilderness and became an archer.

Mohammad is the last prophet in Islam. Most end times prophecy writers are wrongly looking for a future False Prophet. By wrongly thinking this is still in the future, they miss the true fulfilled prophecy. Islamic verses indicate why the common prophecy idea of a future human antichrist will not come to pass. Muslims already worship the beast and the dragon. They have fulfilled what Jesus warned about. (Koran 33:40 "*Muhammad is not the father of any one of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah **and last of the prophets.***") and (Hadith Sunan At-Tirmidhi "The Messenger of Allah [Mohammad], said, "*The Hour will not be established until tribes from my nation join the idolaters and they worship idols. Verily, there will be thirty impostors among my nation, all of them claiming to be a prophet, **but I am the seal of the prophets. There is no prophet after me.***")

It is very important to know the colors of the Four Horsemen are the universal colors of Islam. These colors are white, red, black and pale green. They are the colors of most all Middle-East Islamic country flags. Once you start looking for the four colors, you will see them all time. Most people, including most prophecy writers, have missed the prophetic significance of the four colors.



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AFGHANISTAN

Jesus gave us these and many more warnings about a False Prophet and false teaching about the true Gospel. This False Prophet has a name. His name is Mohammad. The false teaching is the Koran. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Place your trust in the one and only Son of God.

Many people claim to know about Jesus. Jesus is both in the Koran and the Bible. But do you have the Bread of Life that only Jesus can give you? Jesus is the Son of God, not just a messenger. Only the Bible is true. There is no other path to God. No "third edition", the Koran, was needed.

John 6:35-41 (NIV)

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. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

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

Today nearly half of all Christians believe Muslims and Christians worship the same God. This is a deception. When you study the teachings in the Koran you see that they are in total conflict with the Bible. The Bible is true and the final revelation from God. No new edition was needed.

Revelation 22:18-19 (NIV) I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this scroll: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this scroll. And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll.

John 6:67-68 (NIV) Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

False Stories in the Koran

Truth	Bible Verse	Bible Text	Koran Verse	Opposite and False Koran Text
Jesus is the Son of God.	John 14:13	"Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."	Koran 17:111	And say, "Praise to Allah , who has not taken a son and has had no partner in his dominion and has no need of a protector out of weakness; and glorify Allah with great glorification."
Jesus was crucified.	Matthew 27:35-37	When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.	Koran 4:157	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 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.
Jesus rose from the dead.	Matthew 28:5-6	The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."	Koran 3:55	Allah said, "O Jesus, indeed I will take you and raise you to Myself and purify you from those who disbelieve and make those who follow you in submission to Allah alone superior to those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then to Me is your return, and I will judge between you concerning that in which you used to differ.
Jesus is the only path to heaven.	John 14:6	Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."	Koran 4:59	O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey his Messenger [Mohammad] and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best way and best in result.
The worst sin is blaspheming the Holy Spirit.	Matthew 12:31-32	"And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come."	Koran 4:171	O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul created at a command from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son.
God first loved us.	1 John 4:19	We love because he first loved us.	Koran 51:56	And I did not create the jinn [angels] and mankind except to worship Me.
Jesus is the only begotten (unique, one of a kind) Son of God.	John 3:16	"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."	Koran 112:3	Allah begets not, nor is He begotten.
Jesus promised he would send the Holy Spirit-the spirit of truth.	John 14:26	"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."	Koran 61:6	Jesus, the son of Mary, said "O Children of Israel! Truly I am the Messenger of God unto you, confirming that which came before me in the Torah and bearing glad tidings of a Messenger to come after me whose name is Ahmad [Mohammad]."

WHAT MUSLIMS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS

Jesus loves you. Did Jesus or the Holy Spirit appear in a dream? 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.

JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE APPEARING TO MUSLIMS TODAY



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.

Christian		
Century	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 GOD AND IS THE ONLY PATH TO HEAVEN

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. It is not enough to try to keep the law, God requires you must obey all of the law. None of us has kept the law. The rebellion caused every person to fall short of what God requires.

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

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

Romans 2:12-13 (NIV)

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. 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.

Isaiah 64:5-6 (NIV)

How then can we be saved? 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.

The sacrifice of Jesus saved us. Grace is a free gift, we cannot earn it.

Hebrews 10:14 (NIV)

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 12:44-46 (NIV)

Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 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 12:47-48 (NIV)

"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. 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 6:35-40 (NIV)

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. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

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

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. 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; Matthew 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 2:5-12 (NIV)

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

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? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?

But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” 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 false story from Satan. Jesus made clear he was God and received worship many times. Jesus and the Father are the same one God in unity. The Holy Spirit is part of the same one God in unity.

John 10:25-30 (NIV)

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

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. 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)

JESUS IS GOD AND FULFILLED 351 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES

Prophecy can be thought of as "pre-written" history. The Old Testament contains 351 prophecies that refer to the coming of the Messiah. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, fulfilled these prophecies that were written many hundreds of years, and in some cases more than a thousand years, before his birth. The Old Testament, written hundreds of years before Jesus' birth, contains these 351 prophecies that Jesus fulfilled through His life, death and resurrection. Mathematically speaking, the odds are staggering of anyone fulfilling a small amount of prophecy. Fulfilling just 8 is impossible!

1 person fulfilling 8 prophecies: 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (only Jesus!)

1 person fulfilling 40 prophecies: 1 chance in 10 to the 157th power (only Jesus!)

1 person fulfilling 351 prophecies: (only Jesus!)

THERE IS NO ONE LIKE JESUS

It is the magnificent detail of these prophecies that mark the Bible as the inspired Word of God. Only God could foreknow and accomplish all that was written about the Christ. This historical accuracy and reliability sets the Bible apart from any other book or record.

The New Testament was written after the death of Jesus Christ. Archeologists have found thousands of manuscripts of the New Testament. Some of these pieces of manuscript are dated less than 100 years after the original letters were written. In terms of historical reliability, the Bible is superior to any other ancient writings. Only the Bible is the true Word of God.

This is the miraculous and reliable record of the Word of God. God gave us these prophecies to build our faith and point the way to His Son.

John 1:1-3 (NIV):

"The One who existed from the beginning is the One we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him with our own hands. He is Jesus Christ, the Word of Life. This One who is life from God was shown to us, and we have seen Him. And now we testify and announce to you that He is the One who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then He was shown to us. We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ".

During the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew chapter five, Jesus said: *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."* Jesus fulfilled all prophecy concerning God's plan of redemption given by the Old Testament prophets and by doing so he fulfilled the law for us--something no man or woman can do for themselves.

. Jesus came to complete all law, and fulfill all prophecy concerning God's promise of redemption.

JESUS TELLS US TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE THE GOSPEL

The Christian 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

THE GOSPEL IS TRUE AND HAS NOT BEEN CORRUPTED

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 textually altered and “corrupted” to change Jesus the prophet into the Son of God. This gives Muslims 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, Christians 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 4:16-21 (NIV)

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. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. When He had unrolled the scroll, He found the place where it was written:

“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; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

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. 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 9:5-6 (Actual Hebrew/Aramaic Translation from Dead Sea Scroll)

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.

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 53:3-9 (Actual Hebrew/Aramaic Translation from Dead Sea Scroll)

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. Surely our griefs he is bearing and our sorrows he carried them, and we esteemed him beaten and struck by God and afflicted.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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 53:10-12 (Actual Hebrew/Aramaic Translation from Dead Sea Scroll)

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.

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.

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 the lying pen of the scribes has handled it falsely?)

Jeremiah 8:7-12 (NIV)

But my people do not know the requirements of the Lord. “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? 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?

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.

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 26:2-6 (NIV)

"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. 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.

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, 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), 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.

HIGH CONFIDENCE IN THE 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 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.

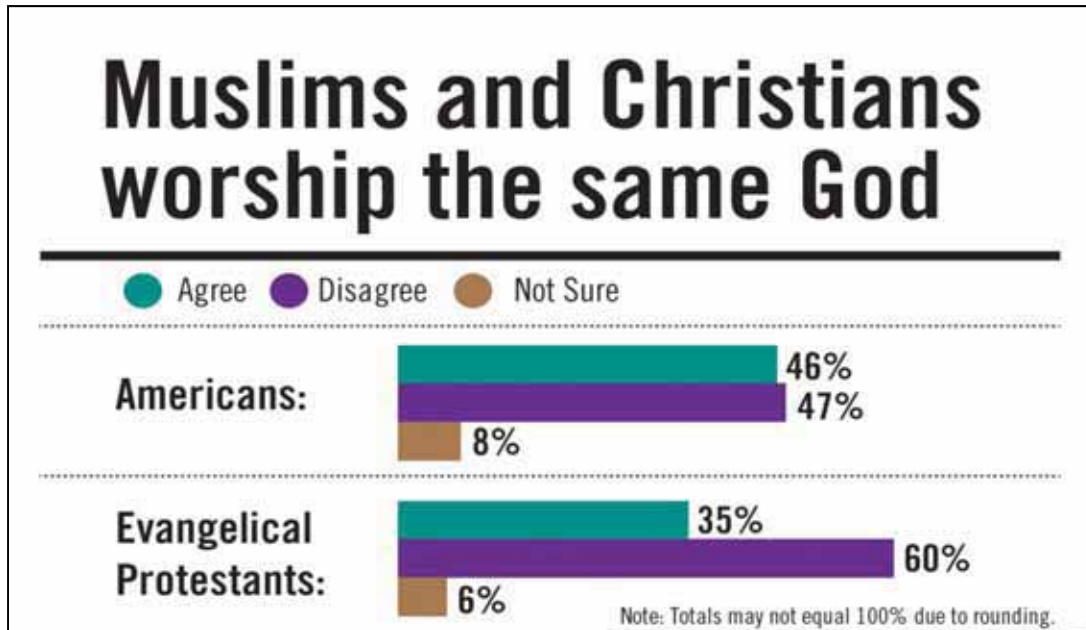
In addition, there are over 19,000 copies in the Syriac, Latin, Coptic, and Aramaic languages. The total supporting New Testament manuscript base is over 25,000 copies. No organized program to alter text could have located all these copies in many countries and many languages. The Bible is true.

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.

Do the differences in text matter, even if only 0.5%? This depends largely on what these differences are. Over 99% of the 0.5% are simple, scribal, penmanship blunders. A word might have been missed out, a spelling error would have crept in or the word order might be flipped – i.e., one scribe may have written 'Christ Jesus' instead of 'Jesus Christ' from one copy to another. In that sense, the presence of these errors do not actually change the meaning of a sentence the original writers intended. With each translation, scribes prioritized preserving the accuracy of words over interpreting them to make them more understandable. The Bible can be trusted.

KNOW AND LOVE THE ONE TRUE GOD OF THE BIBLE

Tragically, Islam is based on a false story and book. Since Islam came from Satan the deceiver (masquerading as the “Angel of Light”-Gabriel) it can be no other way. The greatest deceit is that Islam denies Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and Islam also insists the Holy Spirit is not God. Far too many Americans believe Muslims and Christians worship the same God. This is not true!



You can know the difference between Allah (the false god of Islam) and Jesus (the true God of the Bible) by asking three personal questions:

1. Does God love me?
2. Does God know me, and can I know God?
3. Did God give me a Plan of Redemption?

Shortly after the 9/11 attacks, President Bush said this in response to the charge that the Arab world sees the president as anti-Islam: “Well, first of all, I believe in an almighty God, and I believe that all the world, whether they be Muslim, Christian, or any other religion, prays to the same God. That’s what I believe.”

The Koran seems to support the president’s view: “Do not argue with the people of the scripture (Jews, Christians, and Muslims) except in the nicest possible manner—unless they transgress—and say, “We believe in what was revealed to us and in what was revealed to you, and our god and your god is one and the same; to Him we are submitters.” (Koran 29:46)



While it appears President Bush's comments were intended to soothe the minds of Muslim viewers, they should be seen as Biblically incorrect. The false god of Islam and the true God of the Bible clearly are different. In fact, whether you're Christian or Muslim, every person can know the difference between Allah and God by asking three personal questions:

THE FIRST QUESTION: DOES GOD LOVE ME?

One verse in the Koran gives a clear understanding whether Allah loves mankind or not. **Allah says mankind and angels were created only to worship him.** When we read Matthew 4:8-10 in conjunction with obsession on worship, we understand who Allah really is. Allah is the dragon--Satan. Satan constantly wants to be God and be worshipped. Only the God of the Bible is true love.

Koran 51:56 "I have created angels [jinn] and human beings only that they might worship Me."

Matthew 4:8-10 (NIV)

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Islam teaches extreme predestination. The Koran teaches that Allah loves those he chooses to love and hates those he chooses to hate. "Allah loves not those that do wrong," says the Koran (Koran 3:140), neither does he love "him who is treacherous, sinful" (Koran 4:107). "Those who reject faith and do wrong – Allah will not forgive them nor guide them to anyway – Except the way of Hell, to dwell therein forever. And this to Allah is easy." (Koran 4:168-169). See also Koran 5:49 and 40:10.

The Koran gives a long list of those Allah hates: transgressors (Koran 2:190), ungrateful and wicked creatures (Koran 2:276), those who reject Islamic faith (Koran 3:32; Koran 30:45) those who do wrong (Koran 3:57, 140; Koran 42:40), the arrogant, (Koran 4:36; Koran 16:23; Koran 31:18; Koran 57:23), those given to excess (Koran 5:87), treacherous (Koran 8:58) and ungrateful (Koran 22:38)

Is the Allah of the Koran a loving God? His actions say no, Allah is not. He offers no atoning sacrifice, no "helper", and says he created us just to worship him.

Some Muslims reject the notion that Allah in the Koran is a stern and cruel God who demands to be obeyed fully, and that he is not loving and kind. Nearly all the 114 chapters of the Koran begin with the verse: **"In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate."** But his subjects are required to say he is loving, merciful and compassionate. Saying does not prove it. These are just empty repetitive slogans from his slaves, not a true promise, or unbreakable covenant.

Jesus, the God of the Bible, on the other hand, loves all people (John 3:16). Jesus demonstrated, or proved this at the cross: *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* (Romans 5:8) John wrote, *"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."* (1 John 4:10) Even though God hates sin, He loves the sinner and takes no pleasure in punishing him. (Ezekiel 18:23).

THE SECOND QUESTION: DOES GOD KNOW ME? CAN I KNOW GOD?

Many people believe the Bible and Koran are similar in the sense they both let you know God. This is not true. The Bible is the “Word of God” and allows you to know God. The God of the Koran does not allow you to know him. In true Islam Allah is unknowable. In fact, it is heresy in Islam to claim to be able to understand and know Allah. In Islam, such people are called “Sufis” and are often branded as heretics.

Sufism is variously defined as "Islamic mysticism", "the inward dimension of Islam" or "the phenomenon of mysticism within Islam", is mysticism in Islam. Practitioners of Sufism have been referred to as "Sufis." Sufism is a mystical form of Islam, a school of practice that emphasizes the inward search for God and shuns materialism. It has produced some of the world's most beloved literature, like the love poems of the 13th century Iranian jurist Rumi. Its modern-day adherents cherish tolerance and pluralism, qualities that unsettle Islamic extremists.

While some Muslims view Sufis as simply quirky, or eccentric, some Islamic fundamentalists and extremists see Sufism as a threat, and its adherents as heretics or apostates. Recently militants aligned with the Islamic State attacked worshipers at the tomb of a Sufi philosopher in a remote part of southern Pakistan, killing more than 80 people, whom the militants described as “polytheists.” Sufis praying at the tombs of saints — a practice core to the group — have also been attacked in India and the Middle East.

Sufiism should not be confused with Salafism. Salafism is associated with literalist, strict and puritanical approaches to Islam. In the Western world it is often associated with the Salafist jihadism, while Sufism is associated with the rectification of the soul and is mainly focused in becoming a better Muslim and person to achieve a higher status in paradise. Since Islam is based upon works, and Allah offers no “helper”, Sufism is an extreme form of works. But Isaiah (64:6) said works fail for all mankind. Salafism follows what are called the “rightly guided ones”, which are the first four Islamic leaders. These are Mohammad (on the white horse), Abu Bakr (on the red horse), Umar (on the black horse) and Uthman (on the pale green horse). These are the four Horsemen in Revelation.

The Koran teaches that Allah is the transcendent creator, all-powerful and all-knowing. Allah knows who you are; in fact, he has fatalistically pre-determined your thoughts, words and deeds – good and evil – and even your eternal destiny, which is why Muslims so often say, **“If Allah wills it.”** So, Allah does indeed know you in the sense Allah controls you.

But Allah is not truly personal, knowable, or approachable. The Koran depicts him more judgmental than gracious. He exists as a singular unity who has no “partners.” In fact, to call Jesus the Son of God is to commit the unpardonable sin, or shirk. Of the 99 names for God in the Koran, Father is not one of them. In Islam, it is considered blasphemous to “presume” that one can know God or claim any sort of close, personal fellowship with Allah. **Allah reveals his will, not himself.**

Jesus (Yahweh, Jehovah) the God of the Bible, also is depicted as is the transcendent Creator. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, and everywhere present. He knows us; but more than that, He is knowable and approachable to us. He created us in His image – with personality, thought, and will – for the purpose of enjoying an everlasting, unbreakable, intimate relationship with Him.

God exists as a Trinity in eternal relationship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In fact, God is so knowable, God came in the flesh as Jesus of Nazareth.

Jeremiah 24:7 (NIV)

I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.

Jeremiah 31:34 (NIV)

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Jeremiah 7:28-29 (NIV)

Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”

Hebrews 8:11-13 (NIV)

No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

John 8:19 (NIV)

Then they asked him, “Where is your father?” “You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

John 17:1-5 (NIV)

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

John 1:1-5 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

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.”

THE THIRD QUESTION: DID GOD GIVE ME A PLAN OF REDEMPTION?

The Koran teaches that Allah did not, would not, and will not die for you, nor would he send anyone to die for you. In fact, the Koran teaches that Jesus did not die on the cross, but was taken up into heaven, and Judas was crucified in His place. Further, the Koran teaches that there is no need for God to provide a sacrifice for sin because ignorance of Islam, not sin, is man's problem.

Was Jesus crucified and resurrected? The Koran says no, the Bible says yes..

Koran 4:157

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 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.

Matthew 27:35-37 (NIV)

When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Above his head they placed the written charge against him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."

Is Belief Jesus the Son of God the only path to heaven? The Koran says no, the Bible says yes.

Jesus is only path to heaven and eternal life in God's presence. Everyone's works including Sharia will fail.

Koran 4:59

O you who have believed, obey Allah and obey his Messenger [Mohammad] and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best way and best in result.

John 14:6 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 6: 39-40 (NIV)

"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. 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."

Some Christians have been told Mohammad was a true prophet from God, and the liberal media reinforces this false belief. Great deceit occurs when people try to blend Islam with Christian doctrine. The two books 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 opposes the divinity of Jesus, opposes the Holy Spirit as God, and does not believe Jesus is the risen Messiah.



The true Gospel message cannot be mixed the false teaching of the Koran. Islam teaches a doctrine of absolute monotheism known as "tawhid." Islam must teach this false doctrine against Jesus because to acknowledge the Holy Spirit is God, it also means Jesus is God. Both the Holy Spirit and Jesus are part of the same one God, in unity with the Father.

Koran 4:171

O People of the Scripture, do not commit excess in your religion or say about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, was but a messenger of Allah and His word which He directed to Mary and a soul [created at a command] from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers. And do not say, "Three"; desist - it is better for you. Indeed, Allah is but one God. Exalted is He above having a son. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And sufficient is Allah as Disposer of affairs.

Islamic monotheism is overtly hostile towards the Trinitarian monotheism of Christianity in that the Koran permits no distinctions within God. The Bible teaches that there is one God, known in three eternal persons. While Muslims welcome the Christian affirmation of one God, they maintain that belief in the three persons compromises the unity of God and makes Christianity functionally tri-theistic (i.e., believing in three gods; see Koran 4:171 above.)

SHARING THE GOSPEL TRUTH WITH OUR MUSLIM FRIENDS

Jesus wants the "Good News" of the Gospel shared. When people think of Muslims, a lot of times the very first thing that comes to mind is fear. There are two kinds of fear, "what they might do to me" or "the fear of offending." Both tend to keep Muslims at arm's length. Jesus told us to share the truth.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How do you share the truth of Jesus when you first meet a Muslim? You do not need to wait. Muslims already think you are a Christian and will expect to hear from you. They will find it strange if you do not share about your faith. So, do not be timid. Early in your relationship, do not hesitate to ask something like,

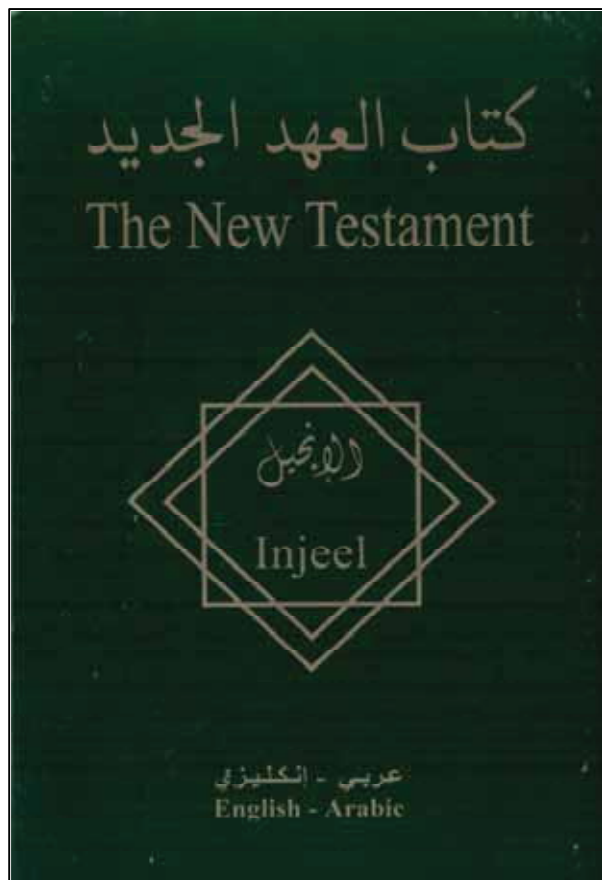
"Do you have a copy of the Bible in Arabic? I would love to get you one."

"Have you had any dreams of Jesus, or of heaven and hell?"

Jesus warned us that many are invited but few are chosen, so do not expect everyone to accept Christ. But a number of Muslims will if you continue to search for those who are open and focus on those who are willing to engage you. There are plenty of Muslims who are open to learning about Christ.

Recently a survey among 100 converts from Islam asked them about the major factor in their conversion. It may come as a surprise that **85%** of them wrote that the love of Christians toward them sparked their interest. There you have it: if 85% have come to Christ because of the love of Christian friends, doesn't it make sense that we should consider this as a major factor for success in our witness to Muslims?

Dreams and visions played a role among **60%** of these same converts. This is certainly a very interesting conversation starter. Ask, "Have you had any dreams of Jesus, or of heaven and hell?" If they have, you will know that Holy Spirit has gone ahead of you and prepared their hearts for you to share the Gospel with them. If not, find another conversation starter.



HOW GOD CALLED ME—ALONE IN THE OCEAN

Not long 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 Holy Spirit led dreams that revealed portions of Revelation and the Bible to me. I never had dreams like that before.

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 farther 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.

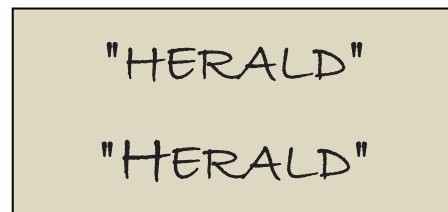
Until last year I had never experienced a dream from the Holy Spirit. The warmth, the love, the power, the peace and irresistibly strong attraction I felt are hard to describe. It is like a small piece of steel pulled towards a very large magnet, or enjoying warm sunshine. You know immediately you are 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.
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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 12:22-24 (NIV)

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, 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, 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. God's word also corrects incorrect prophetic interpretation.

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 2:20-23 (NIV)

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 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.

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. 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)

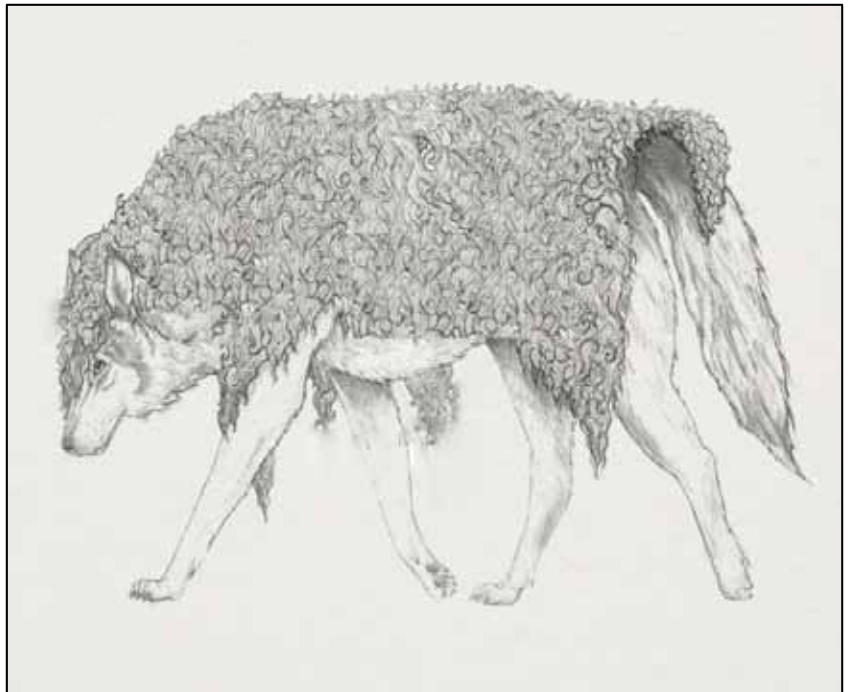
The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

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.

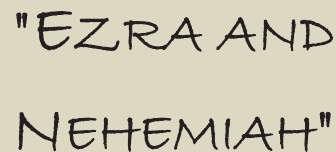
Jesus commands us to make disciples of all people. He also tells us to pray for those that do not know the Gospel. Jesus will answer our prayers. Jesus is really the Son of God and He is returning soon. Anyone who denies Jesus is God will not enter Heaven. We must tell that message!

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 THE TWO WITNESSES

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, and "those that sleep in the dust" of Daniel 12. 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.)



THE AL-AQSA MOSQUE--THE ABOMINATION ON THE WING OF THE TEMPLE

Daniel 9 24-26, 27 (NIV)

"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. 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. After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. 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."

INTERPRETING REVELATION BIBLE PROPHECY

God wants us to understand Revelation Bible prophecy. It was given to us for a reason. This is not about predicting the date Jesus returns. After all, many have failed to predict the date of Christ's return; they ignored 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)

God gave us prophecy in the Bible for a reason. (Prophecy other than the date of Christ's return.) Roughly 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 and historical facts to form the prophecy nucleus and branching out from those core reliable answers.



Key prophecy puzzle facts that form the prophecy nucleus:

- ✓ Bel (Baal) from Babylon was sent into the Abyss (Sheol)
- ✓ A spirit appeared to Mohammad making him the False Prophet
- ✓ The Four Horsemen of Revelation are the first four Islamic leaders
- ✓ The identity of the "King will do as he pleases" in Daniel 11 is Umar the second Islamic caliph
- ✓ The Beast of Revelation is Baal who dwells in the Kaaba in Mecca, Saudi Arabia
- ✓ The image of the Beast in Revelation is the Islamic Kaaba Blackstone
- ✓ The mark of the Beast in Revelation is the Islamic Shahada
- ✓ The Abominations are the Temple Mount Islamic Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque

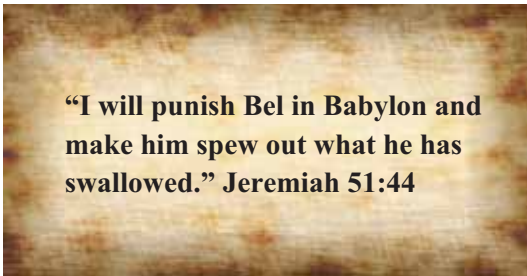
Once you understand these key pieces, most other prophecy becomes much easier to see. Much more prophecy has been fulfilled since 1948 than most people understand.

THE FALL OF BEL IN BABYLON STARTED THE ISLAMIC CLOCK

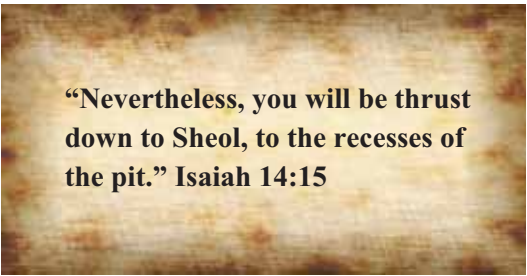
WHO WAS BELSHAZZAR? WHO WAS BEL?

What does the fall of Babylon have to do with Islam? Although most people think Islam began with the dark spirit repeatedly appearing to Mohammad during the time period of 610-632, the origins of Islam are much earlier. Bel was the false god worshipped by the Babylonians in place of the true God. "Bel" is Aramaic, and "Baal" is Hebrew, and both names are in the Bible. This false god Baal was a demonic spirit, called the "beast" in Revelation, with nearly as much authority as Satan (Revelation 13:1-3). Baal was sent to the Abyss when Babylon fell, and was later released from the Abyss (also called "Sheol") at the time of Mohammad.

Belshazzar was the eldest son of Nabonidus, the last king of the Babylonian empire, and regent for his father during the latter's prolonged absence from the city. The name Belshazzar means **"Bel protect the king."** Bel was always present with Belshazzar. Bel became especially used for the Babylonian god Marduk and when found in Assyrian and Babylonian personal names or mentioned in inscriptions in a Mesopotamian context it can usually be taken as referring to Marduk.



"I will punish Bel in Babylon and make him spew out what he has swallowed." Jeremiah 51:44



"Nevertheless, you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit." Isaiah 14:15



"BEL" OR "BAAL" BABYLONIAN DEMONIC GOD SENT DOWN TO SHEOL

We learn from the Book of Revelation the beast later emerged from the Abyss. The beast recovered from its seemingly fatal wound. The beast is the demonic spirit Bel, also called Baal. The female form of Baal is "Baalah", which is pronounced similar to "Allah" the false god of the Koran.

Revelation 17:8 (NIV)

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.

BEL WAS SENT DOWN TO SHEOL—THE ABYSS FOR A TIME

The universal symbol of Islam is the crescent moon, which is also the universal symbol of Baal. Bel was punished by God when Babylon fell in Jeremiah 51. It certainly appeared that Bel had a “fatal wound” when placed in Sheol (the "Abyss") as described in Isaiah 14.

Jeremiah 51:44 (NIV)

I will punish Bel in Babylon and make him spew out what he has swallowed. The nations will no longer stream to him. And the wall of Babylon will fall.

Isaiah 14:15 (NASB)

Nevertheless, you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.



CRESCENT MOON SYMBOL OF BAAL



CRESCENT MOON HOLDS KAABA



ANCIENT TEMPLE OF BAAL IN SYRIA

Belshazzar was killed the very night the words “Mene”, “Mene”, “Tekel”, ‘Parsin” appeared on the wall when Babylon fell to the Persians in 539 BC. Belshazzar’s downfall, along with his guardian god Bel, was prophecy given in the handwriting on the wall by the prophet Daniel.

“MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN”

“Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Parsin: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Daniel 5:26-28 (NIV)

Daniel 5:22-23 (NIV)

“But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.”

In the Book of Daniel, Belshazzar plays a significant role in the tale of Belshazzar's feast, following the story of Nebuchadnezzar's madness. The story presents what happens when a gentile king does not repent. During a feast, Babylonians eat and drink from the holy vessels of Yahweh's temple, and "king" Belshazzar sees a hand writing the words mene, mene, tekul, upharsin on a wall.

Daniel interprets the writing as a judgment from Yahweh, the God of Israel, foretelling the fall of Babylon. Daniel tells Belshazzar that because he has not given honor to God, his kingdom will be given to the Medes and Persians. Belshazzar is killed that night, and Darius the Mede takes the kingdom.

Daniel 5:30-31 (NIV)

That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.



BELSHAZZAR SEES “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN”

Revelation 13:1-3 (NIV)

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast.

God tells us in Jeremiah chapter 50 that "Bel will be put to shame."

Jeremiah 50:1-3 (NIV)

This is the word the Lord spoke through Jeremiah the prophet concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians: “Announce and proclaim among the nations, lift up a banner and proclaim it; keep nothing back, but say, ‘Babylon will be captured; Bel will be put to shame, Marduk filled with terror. Her images will be put to shame and her idols filled with terror.’ A nation from the north will attack her and lay waste her land. No one will live in it; both people and animals will flee away.”

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 14 the demonic prince from Babylon (Bel) is confined to Sheol--the Abyss. Isaiah 14 describes the destruction of Babylon. At the first in verses 1-13, the destruction of the human king is described, ("On the day the Lord gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil and from the harsh labor forced on you, you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon") but then the dialog changes to the demonic prince of Babylon.

Isaiah 14:12-17 (NASB)

How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'
"Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, they will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

HABAKKUK ALSO WARNED ABOUT AN END TIMES DEMONIC PRINCE FROM BABYLON; "HE ALSO GATHERS TO HIMSELF ALL NATIONS AND COLLECTS TO HIMSELF ALL PEOPLES"

Isaiah 14 is one of the better-known Bible prophecy chapters in the Bible. The chapter describes the fall of the end time prince of Babylon from power. Few people realize that Isaiah 14 also relates to Habakkuk chapters 1 and 2. Habakkuk 1 makes clear the prophecy is about the Chaldeans (the Babylonians). Habakkuk 2 is also an interesting chapter because it references a demonic individual but does not provide the name of the individual. The Bible says the prophecy will surely come to pass in the end times.

What really stands out about Habakkuk 2 is that there are several verses in the chapter that parallel Isaiah 14; a chapter that many people believe is a chapter about the end times prince of Babylon's downfall--"the proud one, his soul is not right within him" and "He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples."

Habakkuk 2:4-5 (NASB)

Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith. Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man, so that he does not stay at home. He enlarges his appetite like Sheol, and he is like death, never satisfied. He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples.

This speaks of not only Babylon, but all of Satan's world kingdoms (Persian, Seleucid Greek) and especially his final world kingdom of the Islamic beast from Sheol. The drunkard can never drink enough wine and the conqueror can never conquer enough land, he is never satisfied, always lusting for more power. All of Satan's world kingdoms will be conquered and those who did the plundering will be plundered. The destruction of Satan's world kingdoms throughout history will occur suddenly, Babylon fell in one day.

BAAL IS NOW WORSHIPED IN THE KAABA

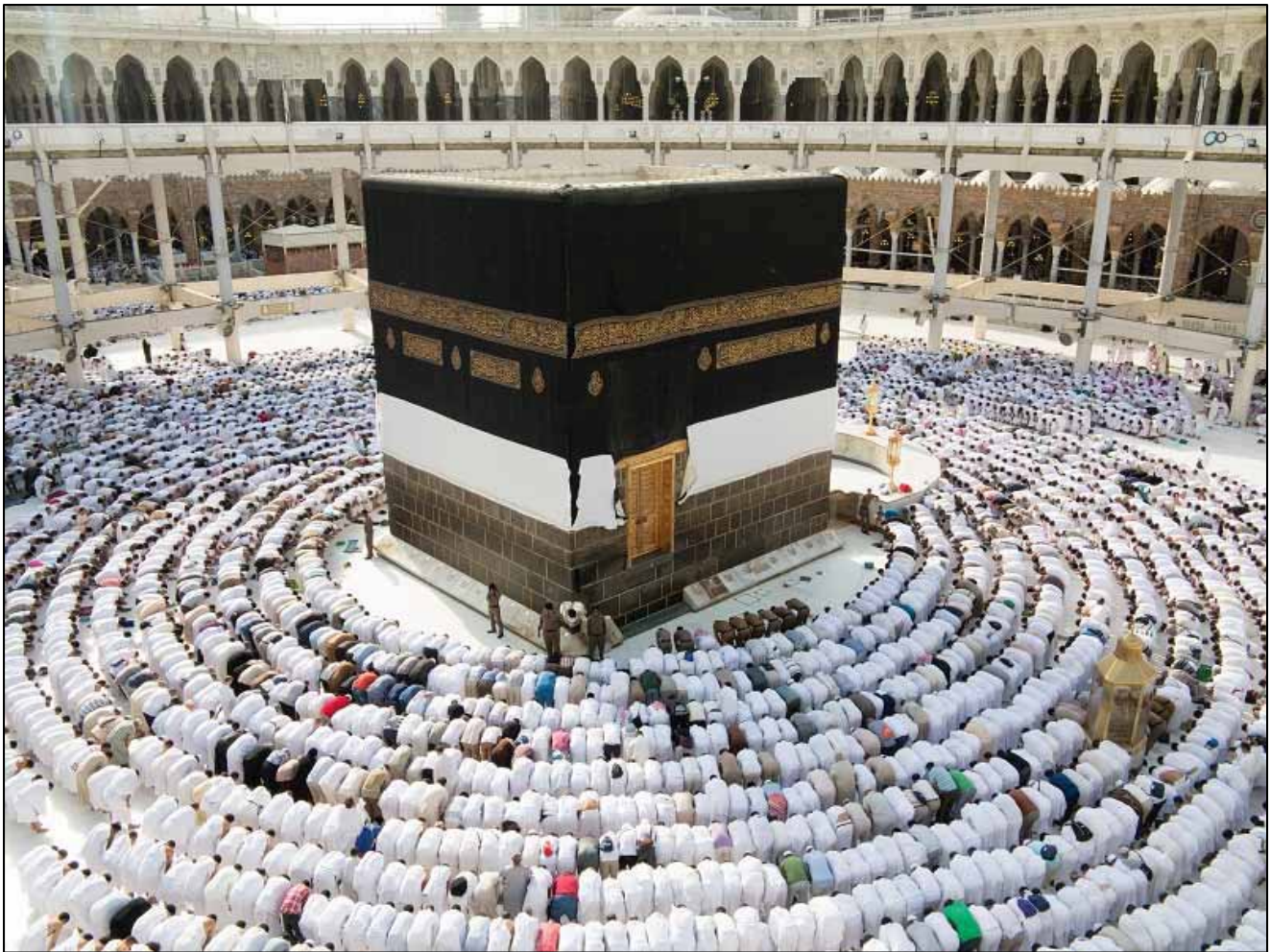
Paul wrote this in Ephesians 6:12 that the struggle is against the demonic world.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Habakkuk chapter 2 ends with an admonition about worshipping a stone. This is referring to the Kaaba Blackstone we are warned about in Revelation 13. The False Prophet Mohammad set up the Kaaba Blackstone. The “proud one” dwells there.

Habakkuk 2:19-20 (NASB)

“Woe to him who says to a piece of wood, ‘Awake!’ To a mute stone, ‘Arise! And that is your teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all inside it. “But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.”



WORSHIPING BAAL IN THE KAABA--THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST OF REVELATION

JESUS WARNED AGAINST HOLY SPIRIT BLASPHEMY

Many people find puzzling the warnings Jesus gave against Holy Spirit blasphemy. It seems few people have taken the name of the Holy Spirit in vain, so how does Holy Spirit blasphemy occur? And why did Jesus warn so strongly that it was coming, and it must be avoided? Placing the Biblical warnings in context to the time, location and the people Jesus was speaking to, it seems Jesus was warning against comparing the Holy Spirit to an evil spirit or making the Holy Spirit out not to be God. Jesus also makes clear that the Holy Spirit is part of the triune One God.

Mark 3:28-30 (NIV) “Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.” He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

Matthew 12:24-32 (NIV) But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.” Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges.

But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. “Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.”

ISLAM BLASPHEMES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Although blaspheming the Holy Spirit can occur in a variety of ways, Jesus was warning that Islam would greatly blaspheme the Holy Spirit when it would appear into the world some 600 years later.

Islam blasphemes the Holy Spirit in three ways.

1. The Koran denies the triune God and therefore must deny that the Holy Spirit is God.
2. Muslims believe the False Prophet Mohammad was the “spirit of truth” that Jesus promised in John chapters 14 to 16.
3. Muslims are taught the Holy Spirit is merely a created Angel, and not eternal.

Unless the Koran is wrong, Islam must reject the triune God. If the believers of Islam accepted that the Holy Spirit is God, it would also prove there is a triune God, and would mean Jesus is God. But this would be totally opposite to the demonic message that was given to Mohammad to take away the atoning sacrifice that only comes from Jesus, the Son of God. The Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of God, and must be God. (1 Corinthians 2:10-13).

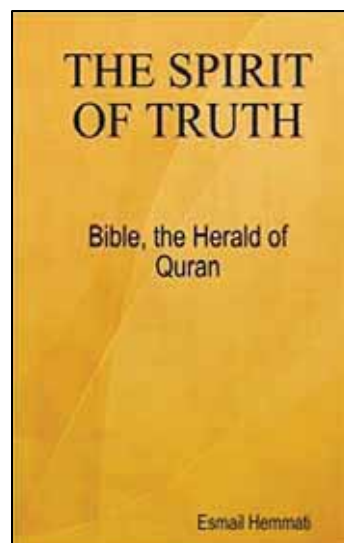
Koran 5:73

They have certainly disbelieved who say, "Allah is the third of three." There is no god except Allah. And if they do not desist from what they are saying, there will surely afflict the disbelievers with a painful punishment.

Koran 78:38 The day will come when the Spirit and the angels will stand in a row. None will speak except those permitted by Allah, and they will utter only what is right.

The truth is the Holy Spirit holds all five essential attributes that only belong to God. The Holy Spirit is eternal, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent and holy. These characteristics and attributes only belong to God. For example, since angels are created beings, no angel is eternal.

In John 16:5-11, Jesus spoke of "the Spirit of truth" coming after Him who would convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. Muslims seek to interpret this coming one as Mohammad. However, the verses immediately following clearly indicate the identification of this coming one: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you." (John 16:13-14). This coming one is the Spirit of truth, also called the Holy Spirit in the Bible. After His departure from earth, Jesus would send the Holy Spirit to empower His followers to live for Him (Acts 2). John 15:26 also calls the Holy Spirit a comforter ("paraclete" in older English translations).



THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ETERNAL

Hebrews 9:14 (NASB)

How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNIPRESENT

Psalms 139:7-10 (NASB)

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, you are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS OMNISCIENT

1 Corinthians 2:10-13 (NASB)

For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

DANIEL'S 70 SEVENS FORETOLD MANY COMING ISLAMIC EVENTS

In his first chapter Daniel the prophet states he was taken captive into Babylon in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah. This was when the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar was laying siege to Jerusalem. This occurred in the year 605 BC. Daniel finished his work around the year 530 BC, shortly after the capture of Babylon by Cyrus of Persia in 539 BC. Cyrus began to return Jews to Israel from the Babylonian Exile in 538 BC and was mostly completed by 536 BC.



Bible prophecy can be thought of as "pre-written" history. Daniel's prophecy, like all of the Bible, is perfectly accurate. However Daniel 9:24-27 is widely regarded as one of the most difficult passages in the Bible. Over the centuries scholars have proposed dozens of competing interpretations of these challenging verses, especially Daniel's prophecy of the 70 "sevens." The 70th seven in 9:27 of Daniel is best regarded as a different form of time measurement from the others.

Daniel 9:24-27 (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.

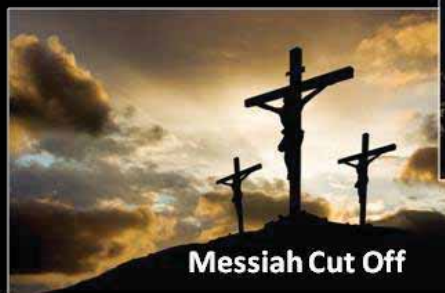
25 "Know and understand this: From the time the word goes out to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

26 After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. 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."

DANIEL'S SEVENTY SEVENS PROPHECY

A Strong Covenant with Many

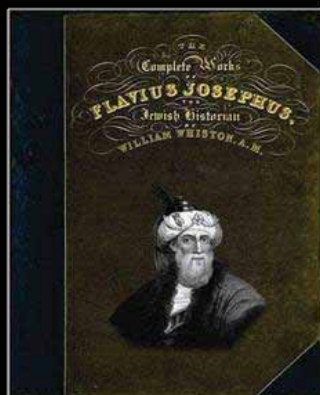


Temple Destroyed



Prince to Come

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The Peoples



THE PURPOSE OF THE 70 SEVENS IS ABOUT ISRAEL

In Daniel 9:24 the Angel Gabriel tells Daniel the 70 Sevens were established for six purposes for "your people." The phrase "your people" which means this is about Israel-the Jewish people. The six purposes are: 1) to finish transgression, 2) to put an end to sin, 3) to atone for wickedness, 4) to bring the everlasting righteousness, 5) to seal up vision and prophecy and 6) to anoint the most Holy Place (or "Holy One"). The Hebrew verb for "to finish" means to bring something to an end.

In Daniel 9:25-26 the prophecy of Jesus being killed and the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem is given. Which is exactly what happened after the death of Jesus when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD. Daniel's prophecy clearly predicts that the Messiah's work would be followed by an invasion of the city (the "people of the ruler to come").

WHO IS THE "THE RULER WHO WILL COME"?

The ruler to come was Baal of ancient Babylon when he was released from the Abyss. Most people think the Romans destroyed the Temple and Jerusalem in 70 AD, but it was not. In fact, Titus and Vespasian tried to save the temple. The people that destroyed the Temple are future Muslims from Syria, Arabia, Egypt and the local areas of the Middle East—they would later follow Mohammad and worship Baal (the future prince or ruler) in the Kaaba. The people and rulers of Rome did not destroy the Temple. The people who destroyed the Temple would later again worship the prince Baal.

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Likewise, Satan tried to get Peter to dispute the death and resurrection of Jesus. When Satan failed at tempting Jesus (and deceiving Peter) he later gave the false gospel about Jesus to Mohammad. The partner of Satan was Baal, to whom Satan gave great power (Revelation 13:2 *"The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority."*)

DANIEL 9:27--THE "IRREVOCABLE", "STRONG" AND "BINDING" COVENANT

Verse 27 is about a "strong covenant" and is much more difficult to understand. It is commonly taught by prophecy experts that the covenant is some type of peace treaty with Israel by a future "antichrist" and "broken" in the middle of the last seven. But that is not what the Bible says! But what about the "covenant"? it is from Jesus or the "antichrist"? Is it broken, or does it last the entire final seven?

Merriam-Webster defines the word "covenant" as: "a formal, solemn, and binding agreement." In order to properly interpret God's Word, it is important to recognize all Bible translations of Daniel 9:27 indicate the "covenant" is maintained for the full time span the final seven. This is the most widely misunderstood part of Daniel's final seven. This text should be read literally as "strong".

New International Version: "He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven"

New American Standard Version: "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week"

English Standard Version: "And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week"

King James Version: "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week"

Easy to Read Version: "Then the future ruler will make an agreement with many people. That agreement will continue for one week."

Modern English Version: "And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week."

Amplified Bible: "He will enter into a binding and irrevocable covenant with the many for one week "

New Revised Standard Version: "He shall make a strong covenant with many for one week"

Complete Jewish Bible: "He will make a strong covenant with leaders for one week [of years]."

In order to understand the final seven, two important concepts must be kept in mind. First, all Bible translations clearly state the covenant continues for the full seven. This interpretation keeps the covenant intact for the full seven. The Bible also indicates that despite the covenant continuing for the full seven, the sacrifice is stopped due to an abomination on the wing in the middle of the seven.

THE BIBLE SAYS THE COVENANT CONTINUES FOR THE FULL SEVEN

THE BIBLE SAYS AN ABOMINATION ON THE WING STOPS THE SACRIFICE

It is important to understand that the Hebrew word for the final seven is different. The Hebrew text of Daniel depicts a numerical progression like this: one seven "**shavuim**", multiple sevens "**shavuim**", and then a unique seven called "**shavua**", which is a Jubilee (shavua) year of 360 Sabbaths.

1ST: 7 SEVENS OF YEARS, 7 SHAVUIM

2ND: 62 MORE SEVENS OF YEARS, 62 SHAVUIM

3RD: ONE UNIQUE SHAVUA WITH 360 SABBATHS

THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED 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 many killed in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD, and later during World War II two thirds (67%) were killed in the land controlled by Adolph Hitler. (This also fulfills Zechariah 13:8 *"In the whole land," declares the Lord, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it."*)

The Jews did not come out of the "wilderness" until 1948 with the rebirth of Israel. "The Covenant with Many" Israel Had 2,484 Years of Occupation 536 BC to 1948 AD

DATE

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN 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

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.

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

THE BIBLE SAYS AN ABOMINATION ON THE WING STOPS THE SACRIFICE THE DOME OF THE ROCK AND AL-AQSA MOSQUE BLOCK THE TEMPLE MOUNT

The Islamic Dome of the Rock is in the outer court and the Al-Aqsa Mosque is on the wing of the Temple Mount. It will never be possible to rebuild the Third Temple (and restart grain and animal sacrifices) with the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque blocking the Temple Mount.

The structures would have to be removed but is unlikely that will never happen. Even if it were possible that some type of end times' temple will be built-but without the full promises of Ezekiel. In terms of salvation it will be in vain. There is no sacrifice other than that of Jesus which is pleasing to God. Only Jesus has taken away our sins.

Isaiah 1:11-13 (NIV)

"The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me."

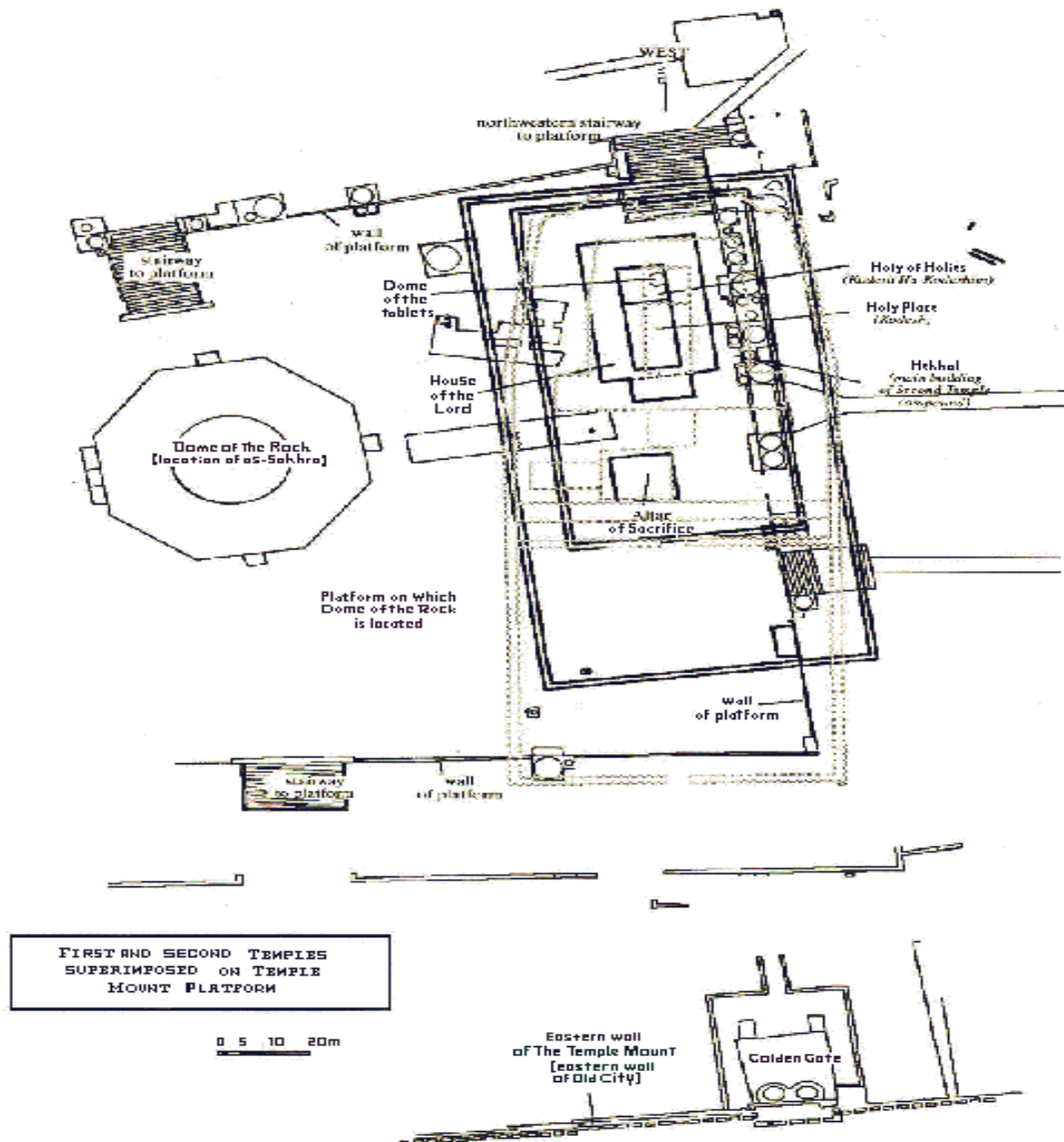
THE DEMONIC PRICE WILL COME UPON THE WING OF THE ABOMINABLE TEMPLE

Daniel tells us in the middle of the seven, "he" the future ruler (Satan's demonic prince Baal) 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 DOME OF THE ROCK ABOMINATION IS IN THE OUTER COURT OF THE TEMPLE

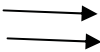


The Al-Aqsa Mosque ("the Farthest Mosque"), is the third holiest site in Sunni Islam and is located on the southern edge (wing) of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Originally the entire site on which the silver-domed mosque sits, along with the Dome of the Rock, seventeen gates, and four minarets, was itself historically known as the Al-Aqsa Mosque, today a narrower definition prevails, and the wider compound is usually referred to as al-Haram ash-Sharif ("the Noble Sanctuary").

Muslims believe that Mohammad was transported from the Sacred Mosque in Mecca to al-Aqsa during the Night Journey. Islamic tradition holds that Mohammad led prayers towards this site until the seventeenth month after the emigration, when Allah directed him to turn towards the Kaaba.

The Kaaba in Mecca holds the Blackstone and the Beast of Revelation dwells in the Kaaba. This is Baal, the demonic prince from Babylon, who has his "fatal wound" healed after he was released from Sheol (the Abyss).

THE AL-AQSA MOSQUE ABOMINATION IS ON WING OF THE TEMPLE MOUNT



THE ABOMINATION ON THE WING-THE AL-AQSA MOSQUE

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 x 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.

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

536 BC

1242 NT Years

706 AD

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.

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ISLAM TRIES TO TAKE AWAY THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST--IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEVEN

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Koran 4:157

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 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.**

Genesis 3:15 (NIV)

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Luke 4:5-8 (NIV)

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Matthew 16:21-23 (NIV)

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

John 8:44 (NIV)

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

**DOMES OF THE ROCK ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT TAKES AWAY THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS:
IT CONTAINS MANY BLASPHEMOUS INSCRIPTIONS**



ALLAH COMPLAINS ABOUT JESUS –THE SON OF GOD

"Praise be to Allah, who hath not taken unto Himself a son, and Who hath no partner in the Sovereignty, nor hath He any protecting friend through dependence. And magnify Him with all magnificence. In the name of Allah, the merciful the compassionate. There is no god but Allah. He is One. He has no associate. Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah. Lo! Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet."

THE FINAL SEVEN IS 2,520 YEARS (7 X 360)

The first 7 sevens run from 444 BC to 395 BC. The next 62 sevens run from 395 BC to 33 AD. The final (70th) seven is different. 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 types of sevens--but still a seven multiple! The first 69 sevens lie inside of the 70th seven.

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 from the first day of return from the Babylonian exile with the decree of Cyrus of Persia 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.

DANIEL GIVES THE CRUCIFIXION DATE OF JESUS OF APRIL 3, 33 AD

The Book of Nehemiah gives us the starting date for the 69 sevens. In the fifth century BC a Hebrew named Nehemiah, then cup bearer to the Med-Persian king Artaxerxes, wrote of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem:

Nehemiah 2:1-5 (NIV)

In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.”

I was very much afraid, but I said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”

The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.”

Nehemiah requested that he be allowed to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the city. King Artaxerxes granted his wish on the spot and gave him official "letters" or documents for easy passage. This occurred, we are told in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes Longimanus' reign.

Artaxerxes Longimanus ascended to the throne of the Medo-Persian empire in July 464 BC. The twentieth year of his reign would have begun in July 445 B.C.

BC	Reign Year	BC	Reign Year
464	1	452	13
463	2	451	14
462	3	450	15
461	4	449	16
460	5	448	17
459	6	447	18
458	7	446	19
457	8	445	20
456	9	444	20+9
455	10		
454	11		
453	12		

The decree occurred approximately nine months later in the month of Nisan (March/April on our calendar). **The exact date of the decree is March 5, 444 BC.**

Therefore, Nisan 444 BC marks the starting point of the 7 and 62 sevens of Daniel. Daniel says the 69 sevens (7 + 62) were to expire shortly before Christ's death. Hence the ending point for the 69th seven (69 x 7 years) is shortly before Christ's death. To do this calculation correctly, we must first understand a Hebrew Old Testament prophetic year. The Hebrew prophetic year had fewer days than the Roman year of 365.24 days. The Hebrew Old Testament year was 360 days. This gives us the precise date of April 3, 33 AD. This is confirmed by lunar eclipse dates as well.

The fact that the prophets understood a year as 360 days is well attested. God created the sun to mark the seasons and years. He made the moon to mark the days. There are 354.37 days in a lunar year (of 12 moons/months), and 365.24 days in a solar year; together they average 360 days.

69 x 360 = 173,880 days

March 5, 444 BC to April 3, 33 AD is 173,880 days

Christ was crucified on Friday April 3, 33 AD. He arose from the dead on the third day, Sunday April 5, 33 AD.

CONFIRMING THE 33 AD PASSOVER DATE BY ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS

Jewish Passover is based on an ancient lunar calendar using the calculation for Passover, the 14th day of Nisan, the month Spring begins. Jewish months start with a new moon. The full moon is 14 days later. The Nisan full moon is called the “Pascal Full Moon” and begins the Passover celebration. For the year 33 AD, the Passover was Saturday April 4, exactly matching the crucifixion day of April 3 being the day before Passover.

Year	Vernal Equinox	Astronomical New Moon Conjunction	First evening of visible crescent	Date of the first of Nisan	14th day of Nisan (Passover)
		(Near or first after vernal Equinox)	(Gregorian calendar. Midnight to midnight)	(Beginning at sundown the evening before...)	(Beginning at sundown the evening before...)
26 A.D.	Fri. Mar. 22, 0*	Sat. Apr. 6, 7 a.m.	Sun. Apr. 7	Mon. Apr. 8	Sun. Apr. 21
27 A.D.	Sun. Mar. 23, 6 a.m.	Wed. Mar. 26, 7 p.m.**	Fri. Mar. 28	Sat. Mar. 29	Fri. Apr. 11
28 A.D.	Mon. Mar. 22, noon	Tues. Apr. 13, 2 p.m.	Wed. Apr. 14	Thurs. Apr. 15	Wed. Apr. 28
29 A.D.	Tues. Mar. 22, 6 p.m.	Sat. Apr. 2, 7 p.m.**	Mon. Apr. 4	Tues. Apr. 5	Mon. Apr. 18
30 A.D.	Wed. Mar. 22, 0*	Wed. Mar. 22, 8 p.m.	Fri. Mar. 24	Sat. Mar. 25	Fri. Apr. 7
31 A.D.	Fri. Mar. 23, 5 a.m.	Tues. Apr. 10, 2 p.m.	Wed. Apr. 11	Thurs. Apr. 12	Wed. Apr. 25
32 A.D.	Sat. Mar. 22, 11 a.m.	Sat. Mar. 29, 10 p.m.**	Mon. Mar. 31	Tues. Apr. 1	Mon. Apr. 14
33 A.D.	Sun. Mar. 22, 5 p.m.	Fri. Mar. 20, 9 a.m.	Sat. Mar. 21	Sun. Mar. 22	Sat. Apr. 4
34 A.D.	Mon. Mar. 22, 11 p.m.	Wed. Apr. 7, 2 p.m.	Thurs. Apr. 8	Fri. Apr. 9	Thurs. Apr. 22

NASA also confirms there was in fact a lunar eclipse visible in Israel late in the afternoon of April 3, 33 AD, a date which coincides with one of Newton's astronomically possible crucifixion dates. (Colin Humphreys, The Mystery of the Last Supper Cambridge University Press 2011 ISBN 978-0-521-73200-0, pages 53-58)

In ancient Jerusalem this eclipse would have been visible at moonrise at 6:20 PM as a partial eclipse (a full moon with a potentially red "bite" missing at the top left of the moon's disc). Thus, a large proportion of the Jewish population would have witnessed this eclipse as they would have been waiting for sunset in the west and immediately afterwards the rise of the anticipated full moon in the east as the prescribed signal to start their household Passover meals. Humphreys and Waddington therefore suggest a scenario where Jesus was crucified and died at 3 PM on April 3, 33 AD, followed by a red partial lunar eclipse at moonrise at 6:20 PM observed by the Jewish population, and that Peter recalls this event when preaching the resurrection to the Jews (Acts of the Apostles 2:14-21).

THE PEOPLE OF THE PRINCE BAAL DESTROYED THE TEMPLE

***"and the people of the prince who is to come
will destroy the city and the sanctuary."***

Most Bible scholars believe the destruction of "the city and the sanctuary" to be a reference to the destruction that occurred in 70 AD when the Roman legions under General Titus destroyed both the Jewish capital city of Jerusalem and its Temple.

Many varying interpretations have been offered as to the exact meaning of this passage from Daniel chapter nine, but a common position holds that this prophecy is telling us that the specific people (or peoples) who destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD are the ancestors of the peoples who in the last days would be the primary followers of the demonic prince ("Beast") who is to come. But just who were the people? Were the soldiers who did the destroying actually true Romans from Rome, or locals under Roman leadership?



THE SIEGE OF JERUSALEM WAS CAREFULLY RECORDED BY JOSEPHUS

Josephus was a first-century Romano-Jewish scholar and historian, who was born in Jerusalem—then part of Roman Judea—to a father of priestly descent. He initially fought against the Romans during the First Jewish–Roman War as head of Jewish forces in Galilee, until surrendering in 67 AD to Roman forces led by Vespasian after the six-week siege of Jotapata.

Josephus was an eye witness and wrote daily about the fall of Jerusalem in amazing detail. This is well documented in the **Chronology of the War According to Josephus Part 7: The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem** (March- September 70 AD).

THE COMPOSITION OF THE ROMAN LEGIONS WERE FROM SURROUNDING COUNTRIES

The Jerusalem battle was conducted by four main Roman legions, the 5th, 10th, 12th and 15th. These composition of the soldiers and auxiliaries were drawn from the surrounding countries around Israel. These peoples are all Islamic today. Today nearly all of these peoples worship the beast (Baal in the Kaaba) and the dragon (Satan).

Legion V Macedonia:	Judea, Syria + Moesia
Legion X Fretensis:	Syria
Legion XII Fulminata:	Eastern Turkey + Syria
Legion XV Apollinaris:	Syria, Egypt, Iraq



Roman legions 5 (V) was called the Macedonica ("Macedonian"). Before the Jewish revolt the 5th legion was drawn from Moesia. This was a region situated in the Balkans south of the Danube River. It included most of the territory of modern-day **Serbia, Kosovo and the northern parts of the modern Macedonia and Bulgaria.** The 5th would have added many locals to its ranks as it moved to Israel.

Roman legion 10 ("X") Fretensis ("Tenth legion of the Strait") was stationed in **Judea and Syria since 20 BC.** In the year 6 AD, Publius Sulpicius Quirinus, governor of Syria, led X Fretensis in suppressing

the revolt that sprung out after the deposition of Herod Archelaus. After some 90 years in the Judean and Syrian regions, nearly all the troops of the 10th legion would be locals by 70 AD.

Roman legion 12 was called the Fulminata ("Thunderbolt Legion"). The troops and auxiliaries for legion 12 were mostly drawn from what today is Eastern Turkey today and Syria.

Roman legion 15 (originally from Austria) was called the Apollinaris ("Apollo's Legion"). It was legion 15 that captured the Jewish general later to become famous as the historian Josephus. During this period the legion was commanded by Titus, who would later become Emperor.

The troops and auxiliaries for legion 15 were mostly drawn from Syria. Some (2,000) from Alexandria Egypt and modern day Iraq (3,000) were also with them. The 15th legion was originally from Austria, but had been stationed in Syria since 61 AD. Thus nearly all of the Roman legion 15 troops by 70 AD (some 9 years later) would be Syrian.

By the time of the battle for Jerusalem began all four of these legions would have consisted of a majority of Eastern soldiers; Arabs, Syrians, Egyptians etc. Even Legion 5 Macedonia, although possibly stationed in Moesia -- or modern day Kosovo and Bulgaria -- also would have consisted of a majority of Eastern soldiers by the time they arrived at Jerusalem.

JOSEPHUS:TITUS SAID "HE WOULD PRESERVE THE TEMPLE AT ALL COSTS"

Titus states he would preserve the Temple at all costs, even if used as a fortress, because its beauty should be preserved as a possession of Rome. At that moment one of the soldiers, without orders "but moved by some supernatural impulse," snatches a burning timber from a fire and throws it through a golden door on the north side of the chambers surrounding the sanctuary.

Titus makes a second attempt to have the fire put out. But when he exits the building, one who had entered with him thrusts a firebrand through the hinges of the gate. The interior of the sanctuary is now on fire. *"Thus, against Caesar's wishes, was the Temple set on fire."*

MODERN DAY SCHOLARS CONFORM THE ROMAN SOLDIERS WERE MOSTLY LOCALS

In his book, *Soldiers, Cities, and Civilians in Roman Syria* (University of Michigan Press, 2000) Nigel Pollard, Ph.D., professor of Roman History at Oxford University, examines in great detail specifically the ethnicity of the Roman soldiers of the eastern provinces during the first century. After reviewing the most thorough and up-to-date scholarship on the subject, Pollard confirms that the vast majority of the soldiers that attacked Jerusalem under Titus were Middle Eastern peoples and not Europeans. Islam would become their religion in the future.

THE "PRINCE WHO IS TO COME" WAS BAAL

The Roman soldiers that destroyed the temple were from the peoples that would eventually follow Mohammad (610 AD) and send their prayers to the beast (Baal) that dwells in the Kaaba. The "prince who is to come" was Baal released from the Abyss. (Revelation 17:8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction.)

SATAN WAS HURLED DOWN TO EARTH

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 Thessalonians 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 8:10-11 (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.

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 12:4-9 (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. 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. 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.

Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. 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." (Revelation 8:11) Christians are protected by the Holy Spirit, which effectively "binds" Satan, but non-believers are deceived. (Revelation 20:1-6)

SATAN APPEARED AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT TO DECEIVE MANY

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 4:1-3 (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. 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.

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.

age to come. (Matthew 12:31)

GOD SENDS THEM A POWERFUL DELUSION

Paul preached in Arabia for three years with little success. Because they first rejected the Gospel, God later sends them a "powerful delusion"--Mohammad. In the Bible the Apostle Paul tells why God is sending a strong delusion in the latter days: *"They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness"* (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).

Soon after the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ, Paul was visited by Jesus on the road to Damascus. Paul (who was first called Saul) was dedicated to persecuting the early disciples of Jesus in the area of Jerusalem.

Paul was traveling on the road from Jerusalem to Damascus on a mission to "arrest them and bring them back to Jerusalem" (Acts 8-9) when Jesus appeared to him in a great light. He was struck blind, but after three days his sight was restored by Ananias of Damascus and Paul began to preach that Jesus of Nazareth is the true Son of God!



PAUL PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN ROME

Paul tells us that God will send a strong delusion to those who chose not to believe the truth of the Gospel of Jesus—the Son of God. But what group of people refused to love the truth? While this applies to anyone who mocks or rejects Jesus as the Son of God, Paul is specifically referring to the group of people who rejected the Gospel of Jesus preached by Paul, and are later deceived by the man of lawlessness when Satan revealed himself to the False Prophet Mohammad during 610-632.

This becomes clear when we look at Paul's Biblical writings, the Koran and the history of Pre-Islamic Arabia. This also explains why Islam dislikes Paul so much.

PAUL WENT TO ARABIA SHORTLY AFTER HIS CONVERSION TO PREACH TO THE GENTILES

Some of the authorities on the life of Paul seem to conclude that he spent two or three years in Arabia, directly after his conversion, to meditate and discern what Jesus was trying to tell him. Did Paul go to Arabia to meditate or preach? The better part of three years of secluded reflection in Arabia is an incredible anomaly in the early days of the first love, and the new-found joy of a converted Paul. Paul was a man of preaching—not a monk living on a mountaintop in solitude.

Galatians 1:15-17 (NIV)

"But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus."

Paul's writings in Romans, Galatians, and his speeches quoted in Acts, and his efficient career as a missionary, all indicate that Paul's conversion was not a process of unsettling, but of bringing order and light where before there was uncertainty and the darkness of a great, deep unrest and contradiction of soul; that his spirit, baffled by the hopelessness of legalism, was liberated by a vision of the heavenly Messiah. Paul immediately went to preach the Gospel truth to the Gentiles.

Paul went to the land of Ishmael. Paul went to the Nabatean kingdom. And Ishmael did in fact, analogous to Isaac's son Jacob, produce twelve sons—that is, twelve tribes.

DOES THE KORAN HINT ABOUT PAUL'S TIME IN ARABIA?

There is a story in the Koran about a messenger that was rejected in Arabia before the time of Mohammad. Is this story connected to Paul in Arabia? The location is the same area. When Satan was revealed to Mohammad during 610-632, he gave many false stories about Jesus to Mohammad. While the false stories were primarily given to distort the Gospel truth, it is just as likely other false stories in the Koran could be about the Apostles seeking to spread the Gospel truth.

There is another reason to hold with Jerome and later writers that Paul went to a tribe in Arabia where his mission was unsuccessful. The 'Salih' story in the Koran could be re-interpreted to be about Paul. The Koran speaks of a pre-Islamic prophet before Mohammad that was rejected by the Thamud people who did not believe. Scholars believe this person was generally between 100 BC and 100 AD. This fits the time of Paul. This was not "Isa" or Jesus. It is someone else named "Salih."

There was in the Nabatean region of Arabia, according to the Koran, to whom a missionary came with a new and strange message which was not favorably received, and yet whom and whose message those Arabs could not forget? The Arabs remembered it so well that Satan had to "spin" the story many years later in the Koran. The Mada'in Saleh is the place where the tribe of Thamud lived. That they rejected the teachings of the Prophet Salih is one of the well-known stories of Islam; however, they were also known for being able to make beautiful homes in the mountains.

Koran 11:61

And to Thamud we sent their brother Salih. He said, "O my people, worship Allah; you have no deity other than Him. He has produced you from the earth and settled you in it, so ask forgiveness of Him and then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is near and responsive."

Koran 7:93

So he turned away from them, saying, "My people, I delivered my Lord's messages to you and gave you sincere advice, so why should I grieve for people who refused to believe?"

Koran 11:62

"O Salih! You have been among us as a figure of good hope and we wished for you to be our chief, till this, new thing, which you have brought that we leave our gods, and worship your God alone! Do you now forbid us the worship of what our fathers have worshipped? But we are really in grave doubt as to that which you invite us to monotheism."

Was Salih really Paul? Did Satan “spin” the story of Paul in Arabia to make it look like a pre-Islamic prophet was calling the people to Islam and Allah—but who was rejected? Is this Paul’s real message to us in Second Thessalonians about the coming man of lawlessness being revealed as a punishment from God for refusing to love the truth? Note how Paul writes in the past tense: “they refused to love the truth and so be saved”, and “who have not believed the truth.”

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 (NIV)

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. The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. **They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.**

PAUL WARNED SATAN WILL DECEIVE AND APPEAR AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT

Satan wanted to be worshipped and to become ruler of heaven. But he was cast out and hurled to earth. Satan deceives by appearing as an angel of light. Therefore, Satan claimed to be the “Angel Gabriel” when he was revealed to Mohammad. Satan formed a pact with Baal, and gave Baal great authority and a throne. (Revelation 13:2 *“The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.”*)

Isaiah 14:13-14 (NIV)

You said in your heart, “I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” But you are brought down to the realm of the dead, to the depths of the pit.

Not only did Satan want to rule heaven, he wanted to be “like the Most High” or be in the place of God and to be over the angels in authority or rule them. To “sit enthroned on the mount of assembly” means to be in charge of or rule over. A mount or mountain almost always refers to a dominion. When Jesus said that He saw “Satan fall like lightning” He may have been referring to the time that he was cast down from heaven (Luke 10:18).

How does Satan disguise himself as an “angel of light”? Paul warned Satan would appear as an angel of light and give a false gospel about Jesus. The Koran is a false gospel about Jesus. It is a “different gospel.”



2 Corinthians 11:3-4 (NIV)

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 (NIV)

And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about. For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

SATAN LIED ABOUT JESUS AND DECEIVES IN FALSE 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 -gave warnings in the Book of Revelation.

THE BEAST OF REVELATION IS BAAL THE FALSE GOD OF BABYLON

Jesus, the Son of God, warns us about the beast of Revelation. This highly discussed prophecy has been difficult to understand. Many different interpretations have been proposed. Many interpreters have thought the beast is a person, but it is important to understand Jesus warns us about spiritual warfare. To understand the beast of Revelation we must let Scripture interpret Scripture.

1. THE BEAST IS FROM THE SPIRITUAL REALM--THE ABYSS

The Bible tells us the beast is from the “Abyss.” Another Biblical name for the Abyss is “Sheol.” Sheol is where angels and souls lie before judgment day. The beast of Revelation is not a human. It is not a man. It is a demonic prince. It is a specific demonic prince. It is connected to, but is not itself Satan. To understand the beast of Revelation we must look to Scripture. The beast of Revelation and Satan are opposed to Christ and the Gospel truth. Paul tells us in Ephesians chapter 6 that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but rather “the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”



PRAYING TO THE BEAST THAT EMERGED FROM THE ABYSS

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

John tells us in Revelation chapter 17 that the beast will come from the “Abyss” meaning the spiritual realm. Since the beast is also described as coming out of the sea in Revelation chapter 13, this means the “sea” in Revelation must mean the spiritual realm and not the visible earthly human population. The dragon is Satan and is controlling or closely connected to the beast.

Satan gives "his power and his throne and great authority" to the beast. The beast then controls many demons--or fallen angels.

Revelation 13:1-3 (NIV)

The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast.

Revelation 17:8 (NIV)

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.

Likewise in 1 John and 2 John we learn the "antichrist" was in the world at John's time and is a spirit. 1 John 2:18 "Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come." 1 John 4:2-3 "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. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."

2. THE BEAST IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DRAGON, BUT YET DISTINCT

Revelation chapter 13 tells us the beast received "his power and his throne and great authority" directly from Satan. The beast is very closely connected to the dragon--yet is distinct and is not himself actually the dragon. He is from the realm of the dragon, the Abyss.

Christ must reign in heaven until all enemies are put under his feet. ("The Lord says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." Psalm 110:1) This includes defeating the beast. The reason of the victory is, that Jesus is the King of kings, and Lord of lords. He has supreme dominion and power over all things; all the powers of earth and the Abyss are subject to his control. His followers are called to this spiritual warfare, are fitted for it, and will be faithful in it.

The beast receives punishment at a different time than the dragon. Revelation 19 and 20 tell us the beast is first thrown into the lake of fire with the False Prophet Mohammad (Revelation 19:19-21), while the dragon is thrown in the lake of fire at a later time (Revelation 20:10). Both are defeated by the return of Christ on the Day of the Lord.

3. THERE ARE SEVEN KINGS, AND THE BEAST IS THE EIGHTH, AND ALSO ONE OF SEVEN

These may be considered kings, or more accurately demonic leaders of principalities or kingdoms. Since the Bible clearly tells us beast is from the Abyss, all of the principalities described below are from the spiritual world. The demonic princes did exert control over physical earthly kingdoms and human kings, but the prophecy is about the spiritual world that is opposed to Jesus, the Son of God. The prophecy is about the battle for souls. Those that worship the beast, and its image, and take its mark will not be in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 20:4)

Revelation 17:9-11 (NIV)

“This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.

- 1. Egypt**
- 2. Assyria**
- 3. Babylon**
- 4. Persia**
- 5. Seleucid Greeks**
- 6. Rome**
- 7. Demonic King-rules only a short time {Abaddon}**
- 8. Beast {Babylon Demon from Sheol}**

4. GOD DOES NOT DESTROY THE PROUD PRINCE OF BABYLON; INSTEAD HE IS CONFINED IN SHEOL FOR A TIME

Isaiah 14 describes the destruction of Babylon. At the first in verses 1-13, the destruction of the human king is described, ("On the day the Lord gives you relief from your suffering and turmoil and from the harsh labor forced on you, you will take up this taunt against the king of Babylon") but then the dialog changes to the demonic prince of Babylon.

Isaiah 14:12-17 (NASB)

How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.

‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’

“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, they will ponder over you, saying, ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?’

5. HABAKKUK WARNED ABOUT “THE PROUD ONE” DEMONIC PRINCE FROM BABYLON

Isaiah 14 is one of the better-known Bible prophecy chapters in the Bible. The chapter describes the fall of the end time prince of Babylon from power. Few people realize that Isaiah 14 also relates to Habakkuk chapters 1 and 2. Habakkuk 1 makes clear the prophecy is about the Chaldeans (the Babylonians). Habakkuk 2 is also an interesting chapter because it references a demonic individual but does not provide the name of the individual. The Bible says the prophecy will surely come to pass in the end times.

What really stands out about Habakkuk 2 is that there are several verses in the chapter that parallel Isaiah 14; a chapter that many people believe is a chapter about the end times prince of Babylon's downfall--"the proud one, his soul is not right within him" and "He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples."

Habakkuk 2:4-5 (NASB)

Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous will live by his faith. Furthermore, wine betrays the haughty man, so that he does not stay at home. He enlarges his appetite like Sheol, and he is like death, never satisfied. He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples.



“GATHERS TO HIMSELF ALL NATIONS AND COLLECTS TO HIMSELF ALL PEOPLES”

This speaks of not only Babylon, but all of Satan's world kingdoms (Persian, Seleucid Greek) and especially his final world kingdom of the Islamic beast from Sheol. The drunkard can never drink enough wine and the conqueror can never conquer enough land, he is never satisfied, always lusting for more power. All of Satan's world kingdoms will be conquered and those who did the plundering will be plundered. The destruction of Satan's world kingdoms throughout history will occur suddenly, Babylon fell in one day.

Finally, Habakkuk chapter 2 ends with an admonition about worshipping a stone. Is this referring to the Kaaba Blackstone we are warned about in Revelation 13?

Habakkuk 2:19-20 (NASB)

“Woe to him who says to a piece of wood, ‘Awake!’ To a mute stone, ‘Arise! And that is your teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all inside it. “But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.”

6. ONE OF THE 99 NAMES FOR ALLAH IS “THE PROUD ONE”

One of the names of the Islamic Allah-- al-Mutakabbir



**“The Supremely Great”, “The Proud One”,
“The Possessor of all Rights”, “The Perfection of Greatness”**

The One who is supremely great. The One who is greater than all of creation.
The One who manifests greatness in all things and in all ways.

The One who has rights, privileges and attributes which others have not.

Mutakabbir denotes actively using rights, privileges and attributes that are above and beyond the rights of everyone else. **In mankind, this would be called pride or arrogance, but for the One this is simply the “truth.”** This name is used in the Koran, for example, see 59:23

Koran 59:23

He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Proud, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.

7. AT THE TIME OF THE REVELATION PROPHECY IN 95 AD THE BEAST "NOW IS NOT"

When the prophecy was given, John was told "the beast, which you saw, once was, now is not, and yet will come up out of the Abyss and go to its destruction."

Revelation 17:8 (NIV)

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.

The sixth demonic prince was the demon from Rome. Rome was in power at the time Revelation was written in 95 AD. Rome could not be the beast since the Roman demon "was" and the time. The demonic prince must be one of the princes that is not from Rome.

8. ABADDON THE DESTROYER--THE SEVENTH KING, AND THE BEAST--THE EIGHTH KING ARE RELEASED FROM SHEOL!

"They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon." The seventh king that only "rules a short time" is Abaddon. Abaddon is the "destroyer" and releases hordes of demons. He also releases from the Abyss the demonic spirit from Babylon. Now the seemingly fatal wound has been healed! Abaddon the king only operates a short time. Revelation 9:5 *"They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months."*

Revelation 17:8 (NIV)

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.

The demon from Babylon has been released from Sheol. Demonic monsters and false doctrine about Jesus ("smoke") are released which fly like locusts (Exodus 10:12-20; Joel 1:4, 2:4-14) and sting like scorpions (Ezekiel 2:6, Lk 11:12). God grants these evil "locusts" from the Abyss the power which scorpions have – the power to inflict pain of the souls of non-believers. God tells these paroled demons and fallen angels not to harm the earth or those humans who have His seal on their foreheads. The false doctrine of the Koran cannot harm true believers of the Gospel.

Revelation 9: 1-6 (NIV)

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.

They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes. During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

Revelation 9:11 (NIV)

They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon (that is, Destroyer).

9. THE BEAST FROM BABYLON SEEMED TO HAVE A FATAL WOUND THAT HEALED

For a long time religious institutions, ministers, prophecy experts and other have offered much speculation about who received the wound, what was the wound and how it was healed. This is all part of God's plan. Most assumed the beast was a human or an empire. The identity of the beast would not be known until God's appointed time. All people knew for sure it that it would happen because God said so! Obviously, as long as the world is being deceived, Babylon the Harlot would be able to continue operating behind the scenes without being detected.

The Bible describes the beast very clearly in the book of Revelation, including the fact that it "*seemed to have a fatal wound*", and that the wound will be healed, but it doesn't say exactly how this would occur. How does a demonic spirit seem to receive a fatal wound? The answer is the Babylonian demonic spirit (a god called "Bel" or "Baal") was sent into the Abyss by the true God and later was released by the seventh demonic king.

God tells us in Jeremiah chapter 50 that "*Bel will be put to shame.*"

Jeremiah 50:1-3 (NIV)

This is the word the Lord spoke through Jeremiah the prophet concerning Babylon and the land of the Babylonians: "Announce and proclaim among the nations, lift up a banner and proclaim it; keep nothing back, but say, 'Babylon will be captured; Bel will be put to shame, Marduk filled with terror. Her images will be put to shame and her idols filled with terror.' A nation from the north will attack her and lay waste her land. No one will live in it; both people and animals will flee away."

The Bible tells us the empire of Babylon along with their worshipped spirit "Bel" was defeated and Bel himself is punished. Bel is the Aramaic form of Baal, the national god of the Babylonians (Isaiah 46:1; Jeremiah 50:2; 51:44). It signifies "lord." Bel is more than a stone or wood idol, because God specifically punishes Bel; God will "*make him spew out what he has swallowed.*"

Jeremiah 51:44 (NIV)

I will punish Bel in Babylon and make him spew out what he has swallowed. The nations will no longer stream to him. And the wall of Babylon will fall.

The Bible tells us in Isaiah 14 the demonic prince from Babylon (Bel) is confined to Sheol--the Abyss.

Isaiah 14:15-17 (NASB)

Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit. Those who see you will gaze at you, they will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

10. THE DEMONIC BEAST DWELLS IN "BABYLON" THE IMMORAL CITY WITH DEMONS

There are eight references to "Babylon" in the Book of Revelation. The city has many demons. Mecca rules over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 14:8 (NIV)

A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

Revelation 16:19-20 (NIV)

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. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,' which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries."

Revelation 18:2-3 (NIV)

'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!' She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries."

Revelation 17:3-5 (NIV)

Then the angel carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness. There I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries. The name written on her forehead was a mystery:

**BABYLON THE GREAT
THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**

Revelation 18:9-10 (NIV)

"When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry: "'Woe! Woe to you, great city, you mighty city of Babylon! In one hour your doom has come!'



FALSE WORSHIP IN THE KAABA IN MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA

Revelation 18:21 (NIV)

Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said: “With such violence the great city of Babylon will be thrown down, never to be found again.

Revelation 19:1-3 (NIV)

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments. He has condemned the great prostitute who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has avenged on her the blood of his servants.” And again they shouted: “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever.”

Revelation 19:19-20 (NIV)

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and his army. 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.

An empire can be political, commercial, or religious. The woman named "Babylon the Great" is not a political empire because God's Word states that "the kings of the earth," or the political elements of this world, "committed sexual immorality" with her. She has practiced such immorality by forming alliances with the rulers of this earth and demons in her gain power and influence over them.

Causing worship of the beast prince demon is why the mystery city is called "the mother of prostitutes."

Mecca rules over the kings of the earth as they worship and pray to the Kaaba Blackstone.

Mohammad said the Blackstone can forgive sins. Baal is not able to forgive sins—only Jesus has that power.



11. THE IDOLATROUS CITY MECCA ON SEVEN HILLS IS THE "HARLOT" RIDING ON THE BEAST

Mecca sits on seven hills, holds the Kaaba and rules over the kings of the earth. The prophecy about Babylon in Revelation 14:8; *"Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great."* is nearly identical in Isaiah 21:9; *"Babylon has fallen, has fallen!"*

Isaiah 21:9 (NIV)

Look, here comes a man in a chariot with a team of horses. And he gives back the answer: 'Babylon has fallen, has fallen! All the images of its gods lie shattered on the ground!'

Revelation 17:6-7 (NIV)

I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. Then the angel said to me: "Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast she rides, which has the seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17 9-10 (NIV)

"This calls for a mind with wisdom. The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while.



**THE HARLOT OF REVELATION 17
MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA SITS ON SEVEN HILLS**



BAAL IS NOT ABLE TO FORGIVE SINS

MOHAMMAD FULFILLS ALL FALSE PROPHET PROPHECIES

Mohammad fulfilled all the False Prophet Bible warning prophecies given to us by Jesus. This individual in Revelation is referred to as "the second beast of the earth" (Revelation 13:11-18), as well as the "False Prophet" with demonic messages and spirits from his mouth (Revelation 16:13). He is associated with the lamb in several ways (Revelation 13:11). In order to fulfill all the prophecies given by Jesus, Mohammad also performed many signs and wonders. Mohammad was the False Prophet that Jesus warned us about.

An antichrist is anyone who opposes Jesus as the Son of God (1 John 4: 1-6), and the real antichrist is Satan. Some have mistakenly concluded the False Prophet (assuming it is the "antichrist") will lead an end-times war and rebellion occurring during the Day of the Lord--when the final trumpet sounds and Jesus Christ returns.

However, the Book of Revelation does not say the False Prophet leads any such battle. In fact, Revelation does not say the False Prophet is even alive at the end-times.

The Koran and Hadith clearly state Mohammad is the last of the prophets. There is no prophet after Mohammad. Because the Islamic writings unequivocally state Mohammad was the last prophet, no Muslim will ever look for another prophet or messenger in the future.



Only Islam worships two demons at the same time—wrongly thinking they are worshipping the true God. The Koran says to worship Allah and pray to the Kaaba. This is the dragon and the beast. The beast is Baal—the demon from Babylon.

Mohammad attempted to associate himself with the lamb (Revelation 13:11). The Koran claims Mohammad's name can be found in both the Old Testament and New Testament. The name of Jesus is found many times in the Koran, but He is treated only as a prophet. Muslims claim Mohammad is the "Spirit of Truth" Jesus promised in John chapters 14 through 16. This Spirit, of course, is not Mohammad but the Holy Spirit of God.

Muslims claim Jesus promised Mohammad would follow him. No of these claims are true, but it instead shows the deception of the False Prophet. In both Revelation 19:20 and 20:10, John is told the False Prophet is thrown in the lake of fire at the time of Christ's return.

Mohammad must deceive a lot of people to receive such special wrath from Jesus Christ!

JESUS SAYS THE FALSE PROPHET DOES FIVE THINGS

Mohammad fulfilled all five major warnings from Jesus about the False Prophet.

1. The False Prophet will attempt to look like, claim to be connected to, or associated in some way to the lamb (Revelation 13:11)
2. The False Prophet deceives the world. (Revelation 13:14)
3. The False Prophet sets up an image of false worship to the false god. (Revelation 13:14-15)
4. The False Prophet gives a mark, or statement of faith, to the false god. (Revelation 13:16-18)
5. Demonic spirits and messages come out of the False Prophet mouth. (Revelation 16:13-14)

What about “fire from heaven”? The Koran speaks to this—and makes an excuse as to why Mohammad should not try to ask for this. Because Mohammad would not be believed anyway! Baal cannot call down fire from heaven in front of Elijah, nor for Mohammad.

MOHAMMAD IS THE FINAL PROPHET

The phrase “last prophet” or “final prophet” is used primarily in Islam, where it refers to Mohammad, whom Muslims hold to be the final prophet in the monotheistic Abrahamic religion. “Khatamu ‘n-Nabiyyīn” (“Seal of the Prophets”) is regarded by Muslims to mean that Mohammad was the last of the prophets sent by God.

Mohammad is the final prophet. It does not matter if we look for another, the followers of the beast and dragon will not. Muslim sacred Scripture says they have their final prophet. They will never accept another prophet. Even the possible Islamic Mahdi is not a prophet. Satan made sure there would not be another prophet because he did not want Mohammad and the Koran to be contradicted later. The Koran says to worship Allah and pray to the Kaaba.

Muslims already worship the beast and the dragon. They have exactly fulfilled what Jesus warned about. A third of the world is doing this. It is increasing--not decreasing.

Koran 33:40

Muhammad is not the father of any one of your men, but he is the Messenger of Allah **and last of the prophets.** And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing.

Hadith Sunan At-Tirmidhi

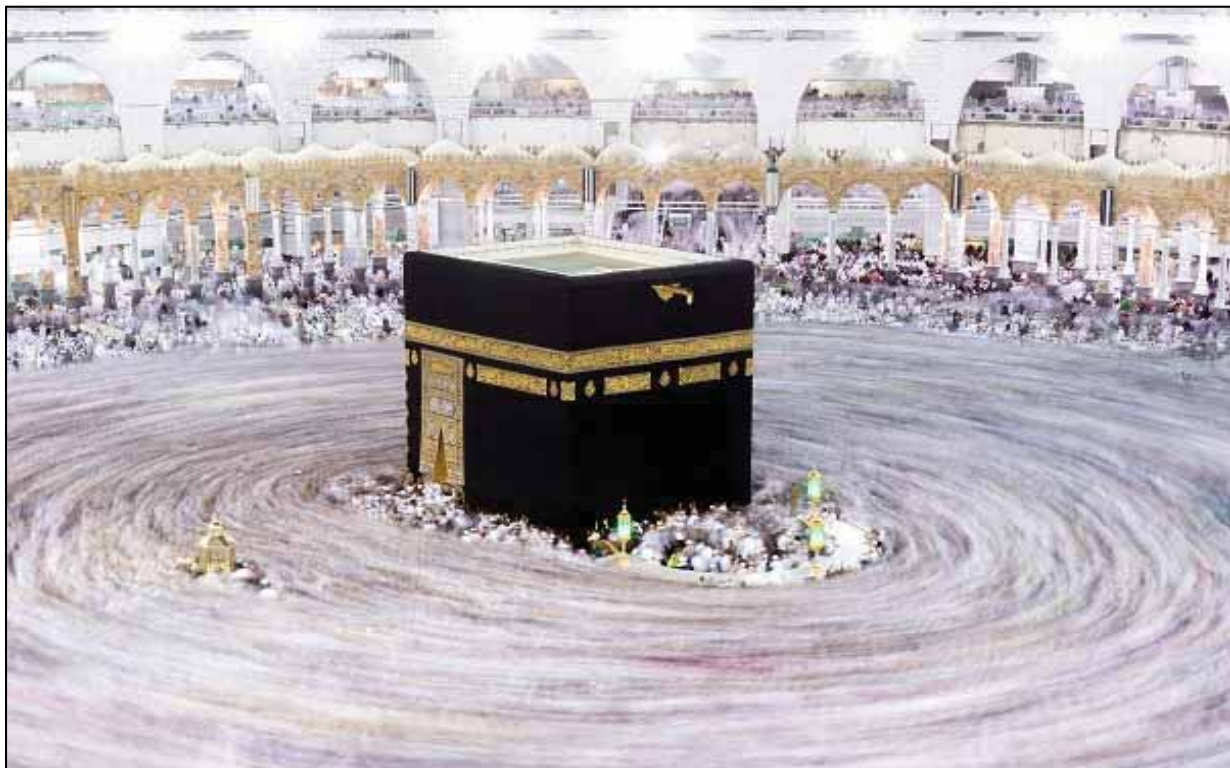
The Messenger of Allah [Mohammad], said, “The Hour will not be established until tribes from my nation join the idolaters and they worship idols. Verily, there will be thirty impostors among my nation, all of them claiming to be a prophet, **but I am the seal of the prophets. There is no prophet after me.**”

Therefore, all Muslims uniformly believe no other prophet will appear after Mohammad. Only some Christians have mistakenly looked for the end times “False Prophet” to still be in the future. The finality of the Prophet of Islam is made crystal clear from the above two verses in the Koran and Hadith. Muslims of the early period of Islam all understood it in this meaning and did not have any doubt in the finality of the prophethood of Mohammad.

THE SIGNS AND WONDERS OF MOHAMMAD THE FALSE PROPHET



THE FALSE PROPHET MOHAMMAD PLACED THE BLACKSTONE IN THE KAABA



THE WORSHIP OF BAAL THE BEAST IN THE KAABA AT MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA

Mohammad placed the Blackstone in the Kaaba. Islamic tradition gives a detailed account of how Mohammad did this. When the Quraysh tribes were re-constructing the Kaaba, a dispute arose when the building reached the level of the Blackstone. They differed on the issue of who was eligible to restore the Blackstone to its original place. A civil war was about to break out. They had made up their minds to fight one another. But tribal elders asked the Quraysh to agree on the judgment of the first person to come through the gate, and they all agreed on this suggestion. The first to come through this gate was the prophet Mohammad.

Mohammad placed the Blackstone in the middle of a piece of cloth and asked a representative of each tribe to hold one of the edges of the cloth and raise it close to its place. Then Mohammad picked it up with his hands and restored it to its original place. This was how Mohammad precisely fulfilled the False prophet prophecy in Revelation 13:14-15 by physically setting up the image.

Rev 13:14-15 (NIV)

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

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 Kaaba Blackstone image are used in GPS devices to be sure to precisely face the image.



ALL PRAYER IS TO THE BEAST BAAL IN THE KAABA

MOHAMMAD SAID TOUCHING THE BLACKSTONE FORGIVES SINS

Islamic Hadith (hadith are a record of the sayings of Mohammad) report the Blackstone has special powers from Allah. This is the dragon giving his power to the beast which is Baal.

Hadith report that Messenger of Allah (Mohammad) said: "The Blackstone is a white ruby from paradise, it was only blackened due to the sins of the those who touched the stone."

"Touching the Blackstone is an expiation for sins." (another Hadith recording what Mohammad said narrated by al-Tirmidhi) "The Blackstone is the right hand of Allah most high." (another Hadith quoting Mohammad)

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.



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 worshiping the image. This image is the Kaaba Blackstone set up by Mohammad in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

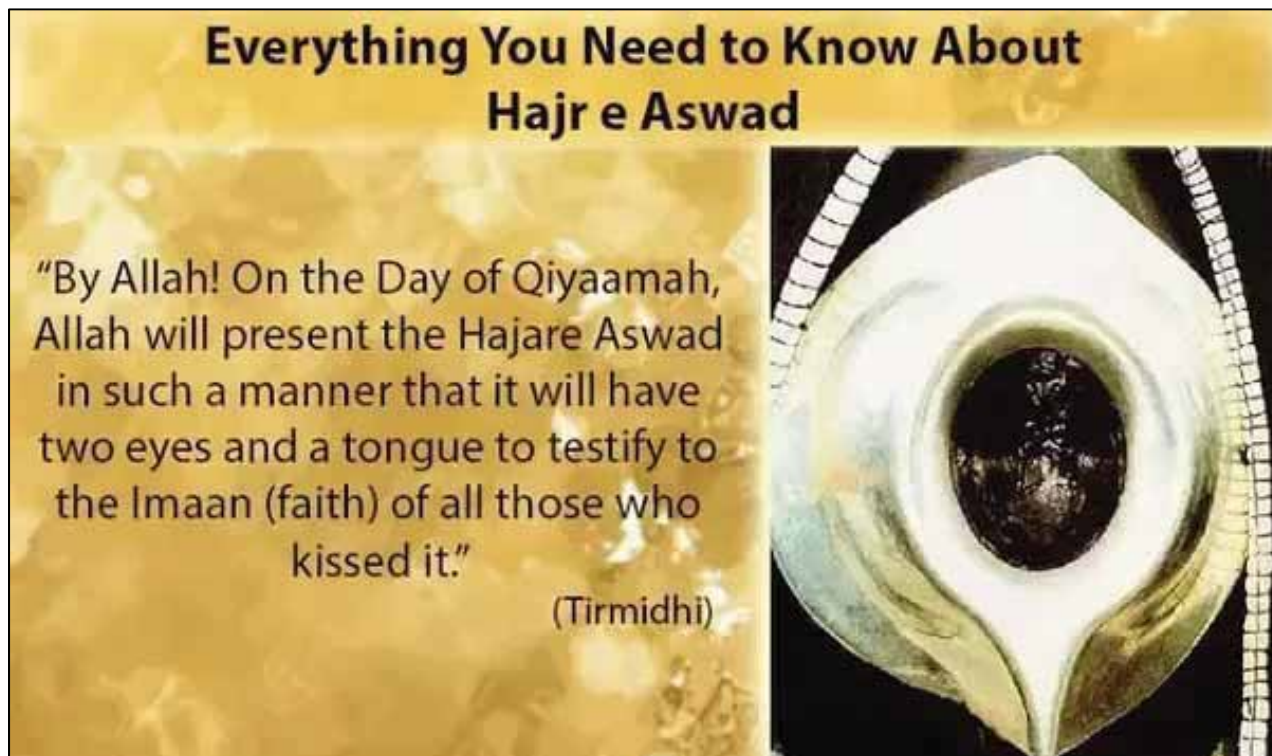
Rev 14:11 (NIV)

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.

Others quickly followed Mohammad's actions. Narrated by 'Abis bin Rabia: "Umar came near the Blackstone and kissed it and said 'No doubt, I know that you are a stone and can neither benefit anyone nor harm anyone. Had I not seen Allah's Apostle kissing you I would not have kissed you.'" (Bukhari Book #26, Hadith #667)

MOHAMMAD SAID "THE KAABA BLACKSTONE IMAGE WILL TESTIFY"

In the Hadith, al-Tirmidhi records that Mohammad said the Blackstone will speak. When Mohammad said the Blackstone would speak--it was a direct fulfillment of additional prophecy given by Jesus in Revelation 13:14-15. The Hajre-Aswad is Arabic for the Blackstone, in the Kaaba courtyard of the Great Mosque of Mecca.



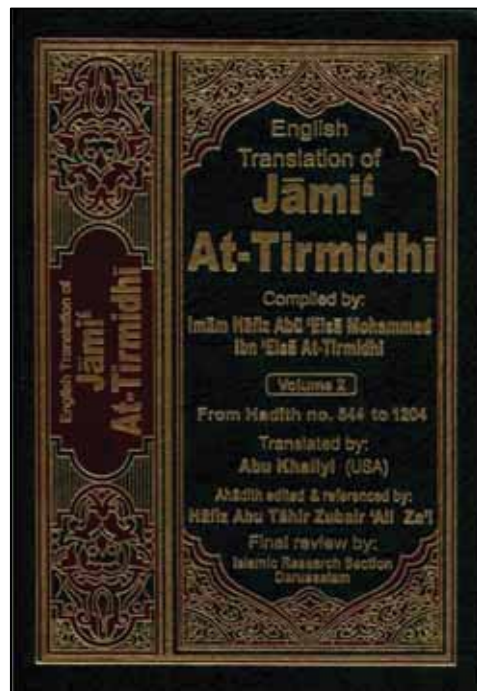
Jesus warned us that the False Prophet's image will speak. The Islamic Hadith record that Mohammad said the Blackstone image in the Kaaba will speak. This is proof Mohammad fulfilled even more warnings from Jesus about the False Prophet.

WHO WAS AT-TIRMIDHI?

At-Tirmidhi was born in 824 and died in 892. He recorded much of the oral tradition of Mohammad's words, called Hadith.

At-Tirmidhi was a Persian Islamic scholar and collector of Hadith and wrote al-Jami` as-Sahih (known as Jami` at-Tirmidhi), one of the six canonical hadith compilations in Sunni Islam. He also wrote Shama'il Muhammadiyah (popularly known as Shama'il at-Tirmidhi), a compilation of Hadiths concerning the person and character of the prophet Mohammad.

In his Hadith, at-Tirmidhi records that Mohammad (the "Messenger of Allah") said the Blackstone would have eyes and a tongue, and will speak. **He said the Blackstone will testify as to those who touched in truth, or sincerity.** Muslims around the world still believe this today.



Chapter 113. What Has Been Related About The Black Stone

961. Ibn ‘Abbās narrated that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said about the (Black) Stone: “By Allāh! Allāh will raise it on the Day of Resurrection with two eyes by which it sees, and a tongue that it speaks with, testifying to whoever touched it in truth.” (*Hasan*)

Abū ‘Eīsā said: This is a *Hasan* *Hadīth*.

(المعجم ١١٣) - بَابُ [مَا جَاءَ فِي

الْحَجَرِ الْأَسْوَدِ] (التحفة ١١٣)

٩٦١ - حَدَّثَنَا قُتَيْبَةُ: حَدَّثَنَا جَرِيرٌ عَنِ ابْنِ خَثِيمٍ، عَنْ سَعِيدِ بْنِ جُبَيْرٍ، عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ فِي الْحَجَرِ: «وَاللَّهِ لَيَبْعَثَنَّهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ لَهُ عَيْنَانِ يُبْصِرُ بِهِمَا وَلِسَانٌ يَنْطِقُ بِهِ يَشْهَدُ عَلَى مَنْ اسْتَلَمَهُ بِحَقٍّ».

قَالَ أَبُو عِيسَى: هَذَا حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ.

تخريج: [إسناده حسن] وأخرجه ابن ماجه، المناسك، باب استلام الحجر، ح: ٢٩٤٤ من حديث عبدالله بن عثمان بن خثيم به وصححه ابن خزيمة، ح: ٢٧٣٥، ٢٧٣٦ وابن حبان، ح: ١٠٠٥ والحاكم: ٤٥٧/١ والذهبي جرير هو ابن عبد الحميد.

At-Tirmidhi makes very clear that Mohammad is the last and final prophet. This shows Satan wanted that there can be no future prophet who brings a teaching which contradicts and alters the Koranic text. He wrote:

The Messenger of Allah [Mohammad], said, “The Hour will not be established until tribes from my nation join the idolaters and they worship idols. Verily, there will be thirty impostors among my nation, all of them claiming to be a prophet, but I am the seal of the prophets. There is no prophet after me.” Hadith Sunan At-Tirmidhi 2219

In the century following Mohammad’s death, Islam expanded in all directions, absorbing the Persian and Byzantine Empires to the North, reaching as far as Spain in the West and extending its borders to include parts of India and China to the East. This rapid spread of Islam in such a short period of time has caused many to marvel at how a man with a simple message could produce such an astonishing impact on the world. But the Biblical Books of Revelation, Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Habakkuk foretold all of this many hundreds of years before it came to pass.

Mohammad fulfilled all the False Prophet Bible warning prophecies given to us by Jesus. This individual in Revelation is referred to as "the second beast of the earth" (Revelation 13:11-18), as well as the "False Prophet" with demonic messages and spirits from his mouth (Revelation 16:13). He is associated with the lamb in several ways (Revelation 13:11). In order to fulfill all the prophecies given by Jesus, Mohammad also performed many signs and wonders. Mohammad was the False Prophet that Jesus warned us about.

ISLAMIC BELIEF OF MOHAMMAD'S MANY SIGNS AND WONDERS

Listed below are a few of the “miracles” attributed to Mohammad as written in the Koran and Hadith. These signs and wonders are as astonishing as “fire to come down from heaven to the earth”.

1. Koran - The revelation of the Koran is considered by Muslims to be Mohammad's greatest miracle because he could not read or write and a miracle for all times, unlike the miracles of other prophets, which were confined to being witnessed in their own lifetimes. The fact that that Mohammad could not read or write-he is why Mohammad is called the "unlettered prophet" in the Koran. **Mohammad fulfills the "worthless shepherd" with the useless arm and eye prophecy of Zechariah 11.**

Zechariah 11:17 (NIV)

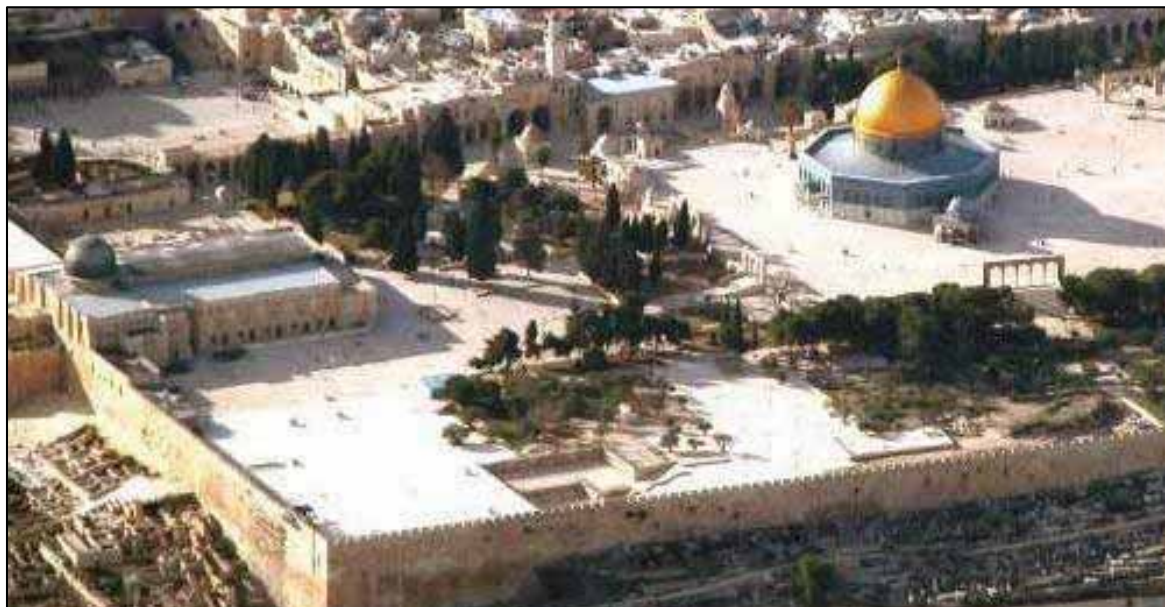
“Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! May his arm be completely withered, his right eye totally blinded!”

2. Isra and Mi'raj. This is the night journey on the white horse from Mecca to the Temple Mount and back again where the Dome of the Rock is today. This fulfills the "excluded outer court" prophecy of Revelation 11:2 and the first rider on the white horse of Revelation 6:2 (*"I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest."*)

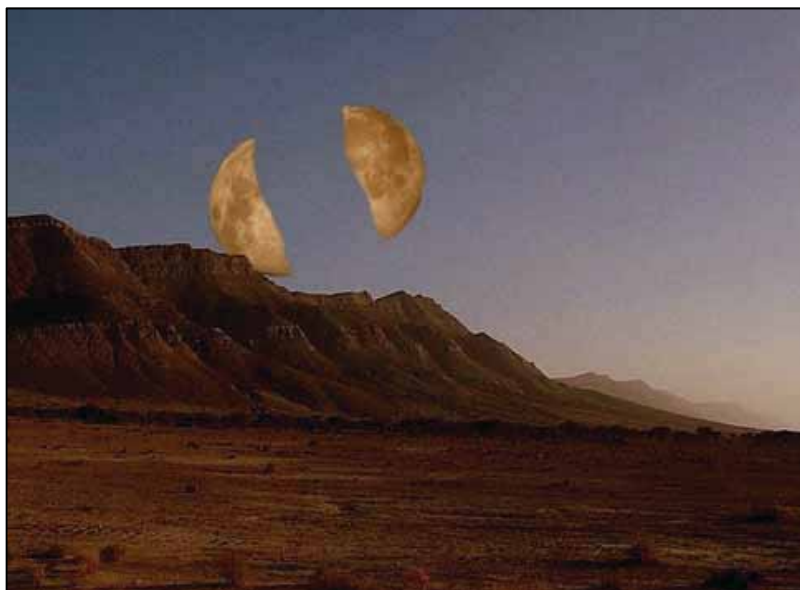


THE NIGHT JOURNEY OF MOHAMMAD ON THE WHITE HORSE

The Dome of the Rock sits in the Outer Court on Mount Moriah.



3. Mohammad split the moon.



4. Mohammad did not cast a shadow, interpreted as a sign of his "light".

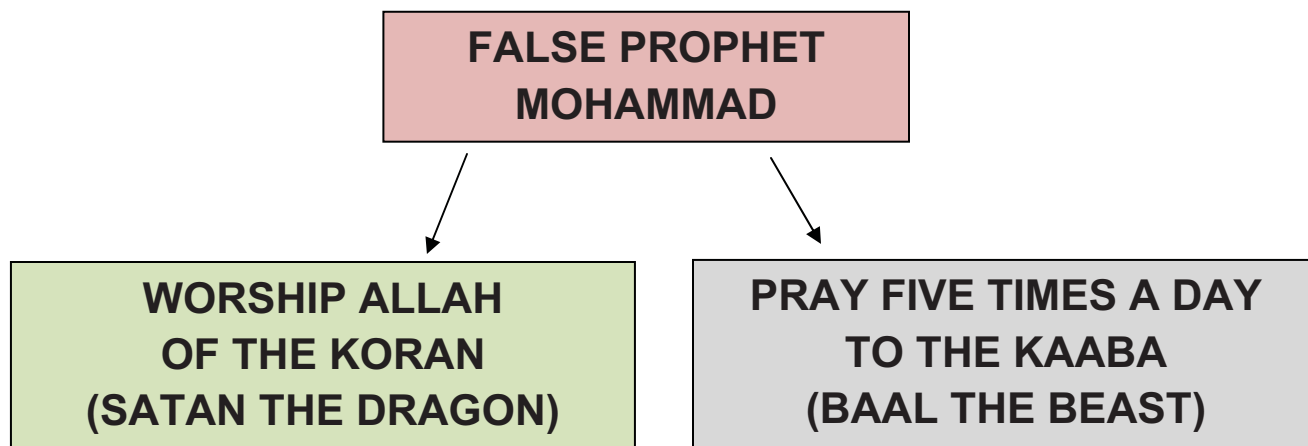
It is by the signs that the False Prophet deceives the earth dwellers to receive the mark of the beast and worship his image. Yet the signs are false—not in their miraculous ability, but in what they attest to. Signs alone are not trustworthy.

Thus, when they see the truly miraculous signs provided by the False Prophet, they easily succumb to the desired conclusion: the beast otherwise known as Baal is “God”. They believe Mohammad is then the messenger of God.

WORSHIPPING BOTH THE BEAST AND THE DRAGON SIMULTANEOUSLY

End times prophecy must be able to explain how the dragon and beast are both worshipped intentionally and simultaneously by a third of the world. Islam is the only system that does this.

Islam is the greatest paradox. They claim to be the leader in monotheist thinking ("no God but Allah"), and yet worship the "Allah" of the Koran (Satan) and then must pray five times a day to the Kaaba, Baal the beast. They worship two distinct entities, just like the Bible says will happen. The Bible says the False Prophet will lead them to do this. Mohammad did this.



Those that look for a human antichrist cannot explain how the dragon and beast are both simultaneously worshipped as two distinct entities, while interacting with the third entity the False Prophet. Only Islam does this--without even knowing they are worshipping two! The Bible is clear--people will simultaneously worship both the dragon and the beast.

Revelation 13:2-4 (NIV)

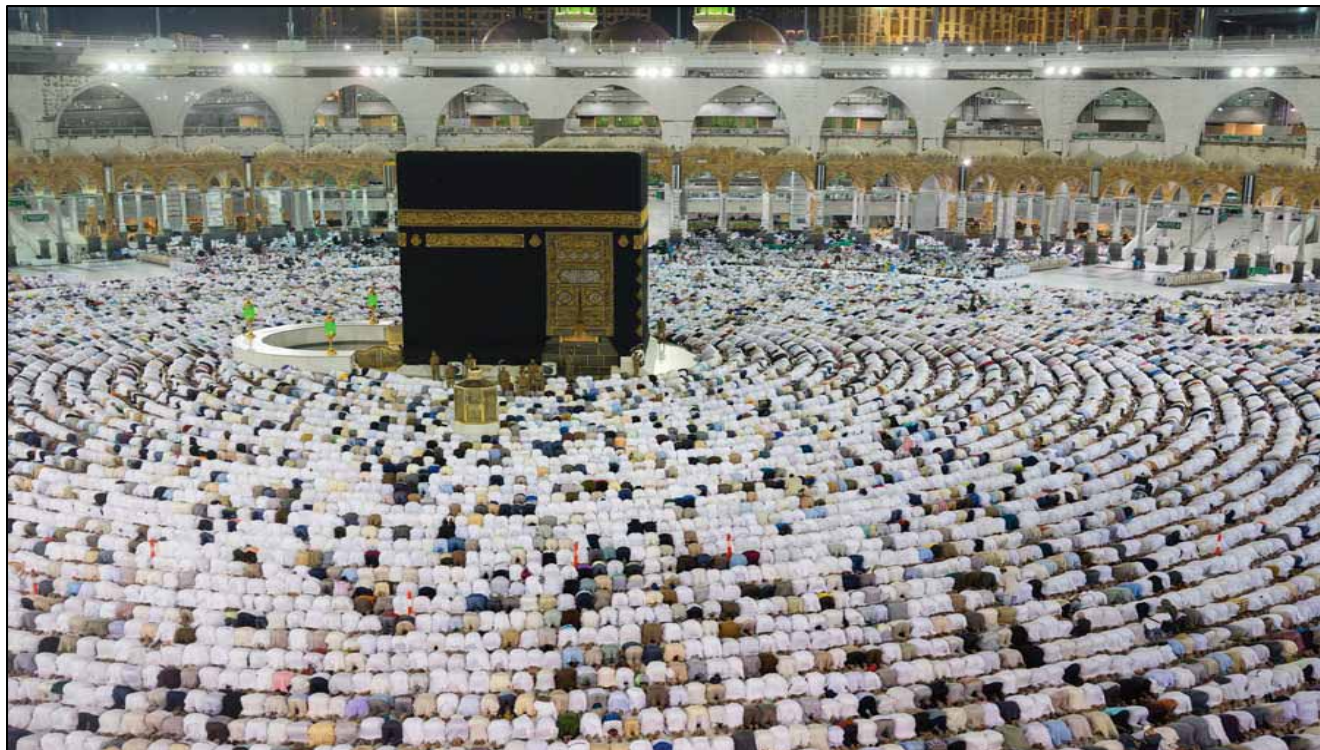
The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

Worship is one thing Satan has always wanted for himself (see Matthew. 4:8-10) and Satan is able to receive it through a partnership with the beast-Baal. In Revelation chapter 5 the Lamb is declared worthy to take the scroll and to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. Satan's desire for worship is strong enough that he is willing to share his worship ("*The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority*") with the beast. Muslims worship Allah and pray to Baal in the Kaaba.

"Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?" is taken from the very language appropriated to the true God in Exodus 15:11: *"Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"*

GOD WARNS NOT TO NOT BOW TO BAAL NOR KISS HIM

God warns us not to bow to Baal nor kiss him in 1 Kings 19:18, yet we see this every day in Mecca at the Kaaba. (*"Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."*) Listen to Jesus.



DO NOT BOW DOWN TO BAAL



DO NOT KISS BAAL

BAAL CANNOT BRING FIRE FROM HEAVEN FOR ELIJAH; NOR FOR MOHAMMAD

In Revelation 13:11-14 the second beast (the False Prophet) persuades people to worship the first beast by performing miraculous signs. He is a wonder worker. The Greek indicates that he repeatedly performs these signs and wonders so that a momentum of wonders occurs. The word “great” indicates that these will be extraordinary miracles. The purpose of these signs is to authenticate the authority of the first beast.



PROVING BAAL IS NOT GOD-ELIJAH CALLS DOWN FIRE FROM HEAVEN

Revelation 13:11-14 (NIV) Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people. Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth.

Never let it be said that God does not have a sense of humor! We see this when God taunts Baal for his inability to bring fire from heaven to the offering. Although most people know this story of Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel in 1 Kings 18, it is also the story of the beast and the False Prophet (Baal and Mohammad) in Revelation 13.

Some people think that “even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth” is a literal imitation of the miracle of Elijah the Bible tells us about in 1 Kings 18:36-39. His hope is to confuse biblical miracles with satanic miracles. This is a taunt--not a fulfilled prophecy. (God loves to taunt Baal as we read in 1 Kings 18 *“perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened”*).

1 Kings 18:25-29

So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one ox for yourselves and prepare it first for you are many, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." Then they took the ox which was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon saying, "O Baal, answer us." But there was no voice and no one answered.

And they leaped about the altar which they made. It came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened." So they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them. When midday was past, they raved until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no one paid attention.

Mohammad performed many signs and miracles so that those around him believed he was a truly a messenger of Allah. Yet there is no Islamic record anywhere of Mohammad calling down fire from heaven! It apparently never happened. So how do we understand the Revelation 13:11-14 Bible verse? Why the reference back to the failures of Baal with Elijah?

By reading the Koran we can understand what this Revelation prophecy really means. With regards to the signs of Mohammad and fire from heaven, there are two very similar verses in the Koran (3:183 and 3:184) about "fire from heaven" type miracles. These relate to Mohammad's signs so that he would be believed. But since Elijah at Mt. Carmel already proved Baal cannot deliver "fire from heaven" for Mohammad, Satan now intervenes to avoid another humiliation of Baal. This is not a prophecy in Revelation, but rather it is God taunting Baal as in the past. Baal is not God!

Koran 3:183

They are those who said, "Indeed, Allah has taken our promise not to believe any messenger until he brings us an offering which fire from heaven will consume." Mohammad say: "There have already come to you messengers before me with clear proofs and even that of which you speak. So why did you kill them, if you should be truthful?"

Koran 3:184

Then if they deny you, O Mohammad - so were messengers denied before you, who brought clear proofs and written ordinances and the enlightening Scripture.

The true God has manifested Himself through Jesus and the Holy Spirit and this is the only path to the Father and heaven. It is foolish; indeed, it is absurd to follow the dragon and the beast. But Islamic commentators do not understand Mohammad is the False Prophet, nor do they understand Baal dwells in the Kaaba. Even most Christians don't understand this.

Islamic commentators instead describe a challenge posed to the Prophet Mohammad by some prominent Jews, who asked him to prepare a sacrificial offering that would be consumed by a fire from Heaven. Many Islamic commentators note that since a miraculously burned offering was not exhibited even by all the earlier prophets of Israel (only Elijah), and since the practice of Jewish animal sacrifice had stopped after the destruction of the Second Temple, the challenge thus amounted to an empty and cynical ploy.

However, these Islamic commentators do not understand the true meaning!! Satan, the deceiver, in Koran 3:183 carefully produces a defense against Baal's inability to bring fire from heaven to the offering. Satan remembers what Elijah did to the 450 Baal prophets. Elijah killed them all. Satan does not want his new prophet of Baal (Mohammad) to be killed. (1 Kings 18:40 *And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there."*)

In the Koran Satan tells Mohammad ("Mohammad say") to not try to call fire down from heaven on an offering because the people still will not believe Mohammad. The Koran says Mohammad should not even try to do this. Satan is very clever. Satan keeps Baal and Mohammad from being humiliated. Satan basically says: "Mohammad there is no point in trying, so don't do it." So we never see that Baal could not deliver--again!

1 Kings 18: 36-39 (NIV)

At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!"

Revelation prophecy indicates the False Prophet's signs and wonders as great as "causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people." This will cause many people to believe the lie. The prophecy also connects the beast to Baal.

WE NOW UNDERSTAND FIRE TO "COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN" IS A TAUNT

This is given as a kind of sample of the power possessed by the beast and the False Prophet, being a form of sign or miracle, which would be well known to John's readers—such as the sign of Elijah described in 1 Kings 18. In this respect, therefore - in the very nature of his signs - the beast still seems to counterfeit the power of God. But Baal cannot deliver fire from heaven.

That is, Mohammad now ignores trying to bring down fire from heaven. Mohammed does not understand he is dealing with Baal. It is not necessary to suppose that the False Prophet actually did this, anymore than it is to suppose that he actually performed the other pretended miracles referred to in other places. The Apostle John describes him as he saw him in the Revelation vision; and he saw him laying claim to this power, and actually producing an effect as if by a miracle he actually made fire to descend from heaven upon the earth.

This is to be understood as included in what the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:9 calls "signs and wonders that serve the lie", as among the things by which "a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie" would be characterized, and by which he would be sustained. **The fire from heaven miracle is specified to allow the readers to understand Baal dwells in the Kaaba, thus connecting this to the same miracle he could not perform for Elijah.** It also illustrates, in general, the striking and impressive pretended miracles the False Prophet would claim to perform.

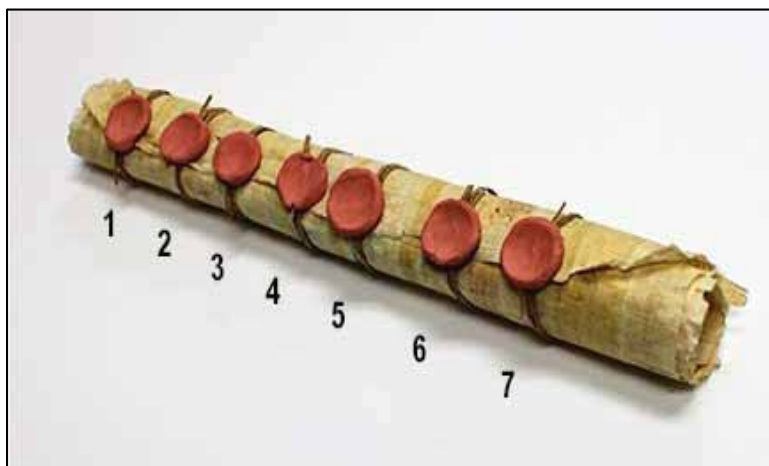
THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE ISLAMIC APOCALYPSE

Revelation is the last book of the Bible and is Jesus Christ's unveiling of the future to His servants showing major events that will take place prior to His second return to the earth (Revelation 1:1). Jesus will soon return to collect his believers, and judge those that have not accepted His Gospel. In Revelation chapter 6, God warns about Four Horsemen that fight the truth of Jesus. The Bible says Four Horsemen and their followers will have power over a quarter of the earth's population! The leader is the first horseman riding on a white horse, is given a crown demonstrating the highest ranking of the four and conquers many. Listen to the warnings of Jesus!



In his Holy Spirit vision, the Apostle John is shown a scroll with seven seals. No one other than Jesus can open the scroll. Only Jesus (*"the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed"*) is worthy to open the seven seals of Revelation. When Revelation says *"has triumphed"*, it means Jesus has risen from the dead.

Revelation 5: 2-5 *And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."*



The Four Horsemen are described in the first four seals opened by Jesus Christ in Revelation chapter 6, verses 1-8. The Four Horsemen lead a vast spiritual war against the truth of Jesus and conquer many with their false doctrine. After the leader on a white horse, three others follow in quick succession right behind him and have authority over a quarter of the world's population.

Revelation is about a spiritual war between the truth of Jesus ("the Lamb") and Satanic forces opposing Him. (Revelation 17:14 *"They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."*)

THE FIRST HORSEMAN ON THE WHITE HORSE WAS MOHAMMAD

Only the first rider on the white horse was given a crown. Thus, the first rider outranks the other three. (Revelation 6:1-2 *"I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest."*) Since he wears a crown, he ranks highest as a chief prophet, but is a False Prophet on a white horse. All those deceived will look to this prophet for the message. They will call him the "Messenger." Mohammad, as the prophet, outranked those following him.

Mohammad's night ride to Jerusalem on a white horse fits the description the of the first rider. Islam claims Mohammad was taken to the outer court on the Temple Mount on a white horse, a place Revelation 11:2 says was set aside for gentiles and does not belong to the people of God since it is "excluded." (Revelation 11:1-2 *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. But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles."*)

THE NEXT THREE RIDERS ARE THE THREE CALIPHS THAT FOLLOWED MOHAMMAD

The Four Horsemen produced a caliphate ("kingdom") that was devastating to the truth of Jesus in the Bible. The leader of a caliphate is called a "caliph." Mohammad was the first rider, followed by Abu Bakr, then Umar and finally Uthman. Historically, three major caliphates existed: the Rashidun Caliphate (632–661), the Umayyad Caliphate (661–750) and the Abbasid Caliphate (750–1258). The fourth major caliphate, the Ottoman Caliphate, established by the Ottoman Empire in 1517, was a manifestation whereby the Ottoman rulers claimed caliphal authority and lasted another 400 years until World War I.

THEY HAD AUTHORITY OVER ONE QUARTER OF THE WORLD

So many prophecy teachers misquote Revelation 6:8 by constantly saying "one quarter of the world being killed." This is not what the Bible says. The Bible says "authority:" or "control."

The Bible does not say one quarter of the world will be killed. The Bible says **"Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth."** Prophecy writers should not change the text of Revelation because a severe punishment from God is given as a warning by God at the end of the Book of Revelation.

Revelation 6:7-8 (NASB)

When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, an ashen [pale green] horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

(Highest Ranking) White Horse Mohammad 570-632



Red Horse Abu Bakr 632-634



Black Horse Umar 634-644



Green Horse Uthman 644-656



The Great Split

Shia

Sunni

THE FOUR HORSEMEN HAVE AUTHORITY OVER A QUARTER OF THE WORLD

Revelation tells us the Four Horsemen will have power over one quarter of the world. (Revelation 6:8 *"They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."*) The Four Horsemen set in motion the Umayyad Caliphate.

At its greatest extent, the Umayyad Caliphate (661-750) covered 15 million square kilometers (5.8 million square miles) and had power over 62 million people (**estimated between 25% to 29% of the world's population at that time**), making it the one of the largest empires in history in both area and proportion of the world's population. Today about 28% of the world is Islamic.

The "Rightly Guided Caliphs" is a term used in Sunni Islam to refer to the 30-year reign of the first four caliphs (successors) following the death of the Islamic prophet Mohammad, namely: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman and Ali.

The name "Sunni" comes from the word Sunnah, referring to the exemplary behavior of the Islamic prophet Mohammad. The concept of "Rightly Guided Caliphs" originated with the later Abbasid Caliphate based in Baghdad. It is a reference to the Sunni imperative "Hold firmly to Mohammad's example (sunnah) and that of the Rightly Guided Caliphs." Following Uthman, the Sunni-Shia split occurred. It has lasted 1,400 years and has produced fighting and killing to this day.

The image in Islam is the Kaaba in Mecca. The Kaaba contains the Blackstone-placed in it by Mohammad. All prayer must be directed towards the image. The mark, or statement of faith, is called the Shahada. Just by reciting the Shahada you become a Muslim. The statement of faith is: ***"There is no god but Allah. Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah."***

THE SECOND RIDER ON THE RED HORSE BRINGS WAR; ABU BAKR BROUGHT WAR

Revelation 6:3-4 (NASB)

When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

Abu Bakr became the first openly declared Muslim outside Mohammad's family. Abu Bakr served as a trusted advisor to Mohammad. On his return from a business trip from Yemen, he was informed by friends that in his absence the prophet Mohammad had declared himself the Messenger of Allah, and proclaimed a new religion—the “new fortress god” described in Daniel chapter 11:37-38.

From 622 to 632, Abu Bakr was Mohammad's chief adviser, but had no prominent public functions except that he conducted the pilgrimage to Mecca in 631, and led the public prayers to Allah in Medina during Mohammad's last illness in 632. In 632 Abu Bakr became the first caliph.

Abu Bakr's caliphate crushed the rebellion of the Arab tribes throughout the Arabian Peninsula in the successful Ridda Wars. Though the period of his caliphate covered only a bit longer than 2 years (27 months), it included successful invasions of the two most powerful empires of the time: the Sassanid Persian Empire and Byzantine Eastern Roman Empire.

THE THIRD RIDER ON THE BLACK HORSE CARRIES A PAIR OF SCALES UMAR USED SCALES TO CALCULATE HIS MANY TAXES

Revelation 6:5-6 (NASB)

When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”

This is about taxation—not famine!

Under Umar, the caliphate expanded at an unprecedented rate, defeating the Sassanid Empire and more than two-thirds of the Byzantine Empire. His attacks against the Sassanid Empire resulted in the conquest of Persia in under two years (642–644). After invading the Holy Land, and conquering Jerusalem in 637, Umar gave a covenant, or pact, that was a harsh treaty between the Muslims, Jews and Christians of Syria, Mesopotamia and Jerusalem. Umar “distributed the land for a price” (Daniel 11:39.) Umar instituted taxation on the conquered peoples, as illustrated by the pair of scales to calculate the tax.

The Zakat, Jizya, Kharaj and Ushr Islamic Taxes Instituted by Umar. The Islamic conquest of the Middle East brought four new taxes to the conquered peoples. The money was used to fund the Islamic State. The four types of taxes in Islam are called Zakat, Jizya, Kharaj and Ushr. These taxes were instituted by Umar.

THE FOURTH RIDER ON THE PALE GREEN HORSE HAS DEATH AND HADES FOLLOW HIM

Revelation 6:7-8 (NASB)

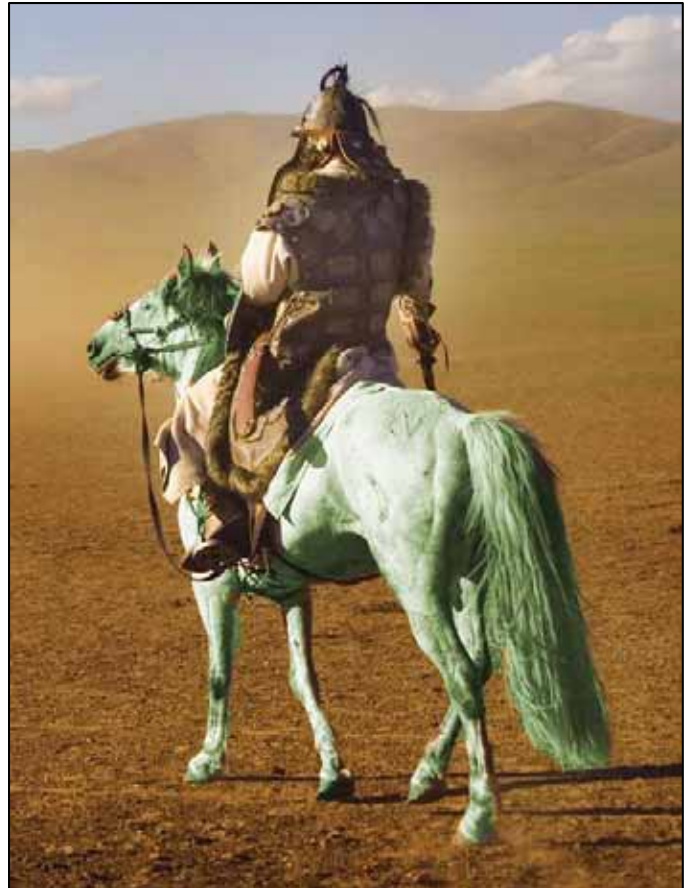
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In many Bible footnotes, there is an explanation that the color is not pale, but rather pale green or green. The footnotes indicate the Greek word in verse 8 is *chlóros*: meaning pale green or green. This is the same derivative as in the word “chlorophyll”, which gives the green color of leaves.

Uthman centralized the administration of the caliphate and established the official version of the Koran. Uthman created a standardized copy of the Koran by gathering all copies across the caliphate and burning all but one. That is why Islamic scholars try to claim today there are no errors in the Koran—since they came from the one copy that was not burned. The other Korans with errors were different and were destroyed.

Uthman is critically important in Islamic history because after his death marked the beginning of open massive religious and civil war conflicts within the Islamic community (called the “Fitnah”). Uthman was also murdered by other Muslims. Following his death, Ali was chosen as the fourth caliph, but not before violent conflict broke out. War erupted when Ali became caliph, and he too was killed in fighting in the year 661 near the town of Kufa, now in present-day Iraq. The violence and war split the small community of Muslims into two branches that would never reunite.

The war continued with Ali's son, Hussein, leading the Shiites. "Hussein rejected the rule of the caliph at the time," says Vali Nasr, author of *The Shia Revival*. "He stood up to the caliph's very large army on the battlefield. He and 72 members of his family and companions fought against a very large Arab army of the caliph. They were all massacred." Hussein was decapitated and his head carried in tribute to the Sunni caliph in Damascus. His body was left on the battlefield at Karbala. Later it was buried there. The Sunni Shia split continues to this day. This is Daniel's divided kingdom.



WHITE, RED, BLACK AND GREEN ARE THE FOUR COLORS OF THE HORSEMEN—AND ISLAM

The Bible makes clear the first three colors are white, red and black, but many translations give the fourth color as "pale". The correct translation is green, or pale green. The Greek word in verse 8 is chlóros: pale green, pale Original Word: χλωρός, ἁ, ὅν Transliteration: chlóros Short Definition: green, pale Definition: green, pale green

WHITE, RED, BLACK AND GREEN ARE THE COLORS OF ISLAMIC MIDDLE EAST FLAGS



SYRIA



IRAQ



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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



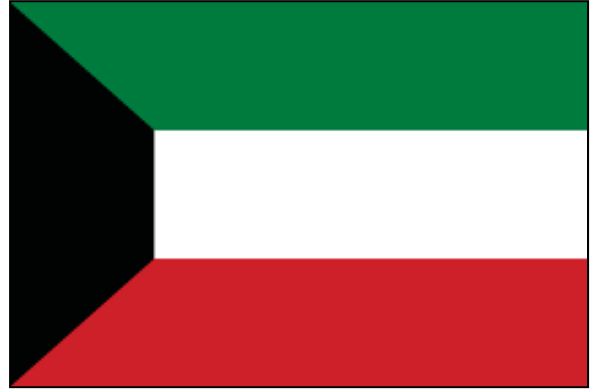
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UMAR IS "THE KING WILL DO AS HE PLEASES" IN DANIEL 11

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 tried 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."*

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 worshiping the image. This image is the Kaaba Blackstone set up by Mohammad in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Rev 14:11 (NIV)

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 GOD BAAL 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 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.



ALL MUSLIM PRAYER MUST BE TO BAAL IN THE KAABA

ZECHARIAH SAYS THE KAABA HOUSE IN BABYLON IS “WICKED” THE KORAN SAYS PRAY TO THE HOUSE

Only the Bible is true. 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 house 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 to the Kaaba when a Muslim prays to the house.

Qibla is exactly 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 (the Blackstone) that was going to a wicked house to be built later in Babylon.

Zechariah 5:6-11 (NIV)

I asked, “What is it?” He replied, “It is a basket.” And he added, “This is the iniquity of the people throughout the land.” Then the cover of lead was raised, and there in the basket sat a woman! He said, “This is wickedness,” and he pushed her back into the basket and pushed its lead cover down on it. 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.

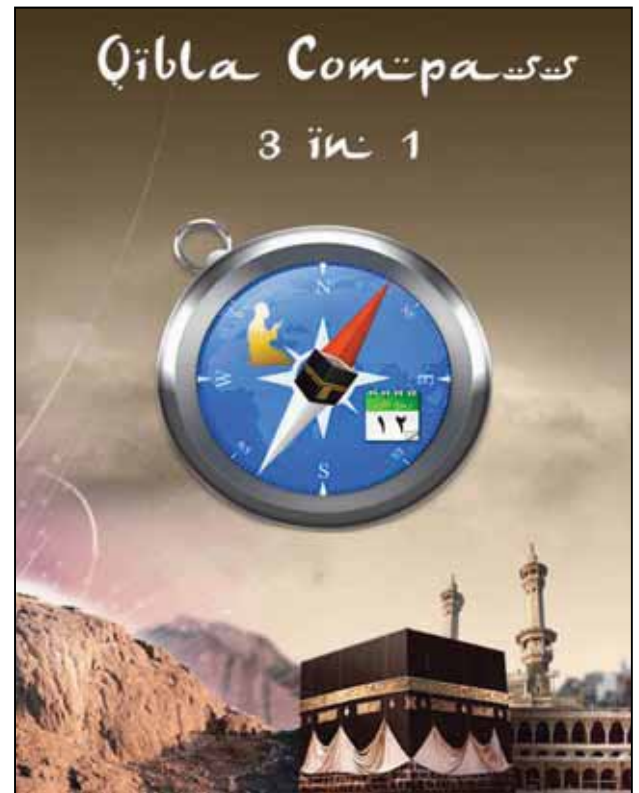
“Where are they taking the basket?” I asked the angel who was speaking to me. 11 He replied, “To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. **When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place.”**

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.

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. Baal dwells in the Kaaba today. 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-----520 BC-----610 AD

True Bible Version

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

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

THE MARK OF THE BEAST IS THE ISLAMIC SHAHADA

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 14:9-10 (NIV)

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, 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)

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 24:23-25 (NIV)

"At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it.

For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

See, I have told you ahead of time."

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 9:20-21 (NIV)

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. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE, JACOB'S TROUBLE AND THE HOLOCAUST

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, unequaled 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 FULFILLED: TEMPLE STONES DOWN BY ROMANS IN 70 AD JERUSALEM

Luke 21:5-6 (NIV)

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "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'S PROPHECY AND JACOB'S TROUBLE: THE HOLOCAUST KILLED TWO THIRDS OF JEWS IN THE LAND

During World War II, the Nazis murdered two thirds (about 6 million) of all Jews in the land 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 13:7-8 (NIV)

“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.

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 30:3-10 (NIV)

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." These are the words the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: "This is what the Lord says: "Cries of fear are heard—terror, not peace.

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.

'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. Instead, they will serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. '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 13:20-23 (NIV)

“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. At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 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"?

Jesus was speaking about several events, first the destruction of the Temple, and later the Holocaust. 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 24:34-35 (NIV)

"Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 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 24:36 (NIV)

"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 (Jesus deliberately limited some of His Divine power while on earth) 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

This prophecy from Jesus has a double meaning. First a warning for the coming destruction of Jerusalem, and later gives the time in the wilderness after the Islamic abominations are set up. Most all Christians fled Jerusalem in 70 AD, and were saved by listening to Jesus.

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

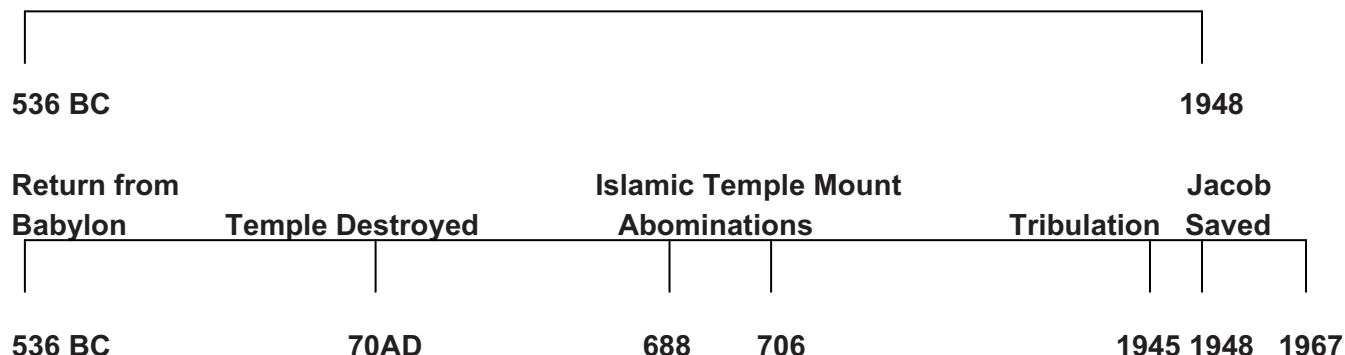
Matthew 24:15-17, 21 (NIV)

"So when you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand— then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house.

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? The Daniel 12 “*sleep in the dust*” language is similar to Ezekiel 37 “*Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.*”

Daniel 12:1-3 (NIV)

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.

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 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 12:5-7 (NIV)

Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. 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?”

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—A SIGN OF 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 26:42-45 (NIV)

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

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.

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.

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 31:8-9 (NIV)

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.

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

Jeremiah 31:16 (NIV)

this is what the Lord says: “Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded, ”declares the Lord. “They will return from the land of the enemy. So there is hope for your descendants,” declares the Lord. “Your children will return to their own land.”

Isaiah 11:10-11 (NIV)

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.

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 43:5-6 (NIV)

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

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 31:1-2 (NIV)

“At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.” 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 24:16-17 (NIV)

“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. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house.

Revelation 12:4-6 (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. 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.

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 11:1-4 (NIV)

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.

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.

And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” 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 1:6-9 (NIV)

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

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.” 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 39:27-28 (NIV)

"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. 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 SAVED ONE MILLION JEWS

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)

The beast of Revelation is Baal in the Kaaba. 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 homeland God promised them when Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948. Just one day later, on May 15, 1948 Islamic countries controlled by Baal attacked Israel. (“Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them”)

Revelation 11:7-12 (NIV)

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them and overpower and kill them. 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. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. 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.

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. 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

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 Hagana 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 Coms would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some 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

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 mediator 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.

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 re-occupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced back and the Barclays Bank area was taken.

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

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

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

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 800 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 midnight, but the planes were driven off without causing any damage.

Two settlements in the Negev had also been attacked from the air, the radio report said.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border

By WALTER COLLINS
E.P. Correspondent
CAIRO, Saturday.—A com-

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, Saturday.—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 late Mandatory Power, 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 Jewish people's right to a national home in Palestine.

Special Assembly Adjourns

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

There is very similar prophetic language in Ezekiel 37 (Valley of the Dry Bones) and Daniel chapter 12 (Sleep in the Dust) about seemingly dead Jewish bodies coming back to life. Most commentators have viewed Ezekiel 37 as symbolic and not literal, but the same commentators have generally interpreted Daniel 12 as a literal resurrection. Yet when carefully examined both Daniel 12 and Ezekiel 37 most likely describe the same events.

THE LORD SAID "THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND WILL AWAKE"

Daniel 12:1-4 (NIV)

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.

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, Daniel 12 and Ezekiel 39. 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.

1933		1945	1948	1951	1967
Hitler In Power	Holocaust	WW II Ends	Israel Restored	Operation Ezra & Nehemiah	Jerusalem Liberated



THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES--EZEKIEL 37



THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND--DANIEL 12

Ezekiel 37: 9-14 (NIV)

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.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. 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.’ 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. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 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

	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

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Further to our letter dated 21st. March in reply to
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Yours faithfully,

I. K. Laton

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 attacking Israel 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 TWO WITNESSES: JEWISH REMNANT AND CHRISTIANS



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 and Daniel 12. Much of the language 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 11:3-6 (NIV)

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

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 1:19-20 (NIV)

“Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 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 RETURN PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED (MALACHI 4:5-6 AND LUKE 9:28-30)

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.

Some Orthodox Jews 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. Elijah was also seen by Peter, John and James in Luke 9:28-30 at the transfiguration of Jesus. Thus, Elijah need not return again—unless God wills. The two witnesses can best be identified as Israel and the Christian Church.

Malachi 4:5-6 (NIV)

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 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.”

Luke 9:28-30 (NIV)

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

Matthew 11: 7-14 (NIV)

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

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. 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. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 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 7:1-4 (NIV)

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. 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: “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.”

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 12:1-3 (NIV)

“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. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. 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.”

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

Revelation

Worldwide False Religion ("Beast")

Opposes Christ, invades Israel

False Prophet

Image of the Beast

Mark of the Beast

Satanic in nature with Satan ("Dragon") worshipped

Ezekiel / Revelation

Israel Reborn

Jews will appear dead---but God breathes on them, and they stand on their feet

God brings them back to Israel from enemy countries

God will not leave any Israelite behind in the enemy countries

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). It must worship both the beast (Baal) and the dragon (Satan) (Rev 13:2).

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 and Baal being worshipped in the temple of the human soul. (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 and worship Baal 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)

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."

BIBLE PROPHECY TIMELINES AND FULFILLED 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	0.999934
	Error	0.019%	0.007%
	Accuracy	99.981%	99.993%
Round to Nearest Integer Function of Calculation		2531	2550

THE ISLAMIC DOME OF THE ROCK ABOMINATION



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

At this Islamic site, known in Arabic as Haram al Sharif, the 9th Caliph, Abd al-Malik, started construction for the great Dome of the Rock in 687 AD, and finished it in 691 AD. The midpoint of construction was 688/689 AD. 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 12:11 (NIV)

“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 8:7 (NIV)

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 (Revelation 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 (Revelation 13:8). This large hail falls at the time of the second return of Christ ("It is done." Revelation 16:17)

Revelation 16:17-21 (NIV)

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!" 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.

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. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

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

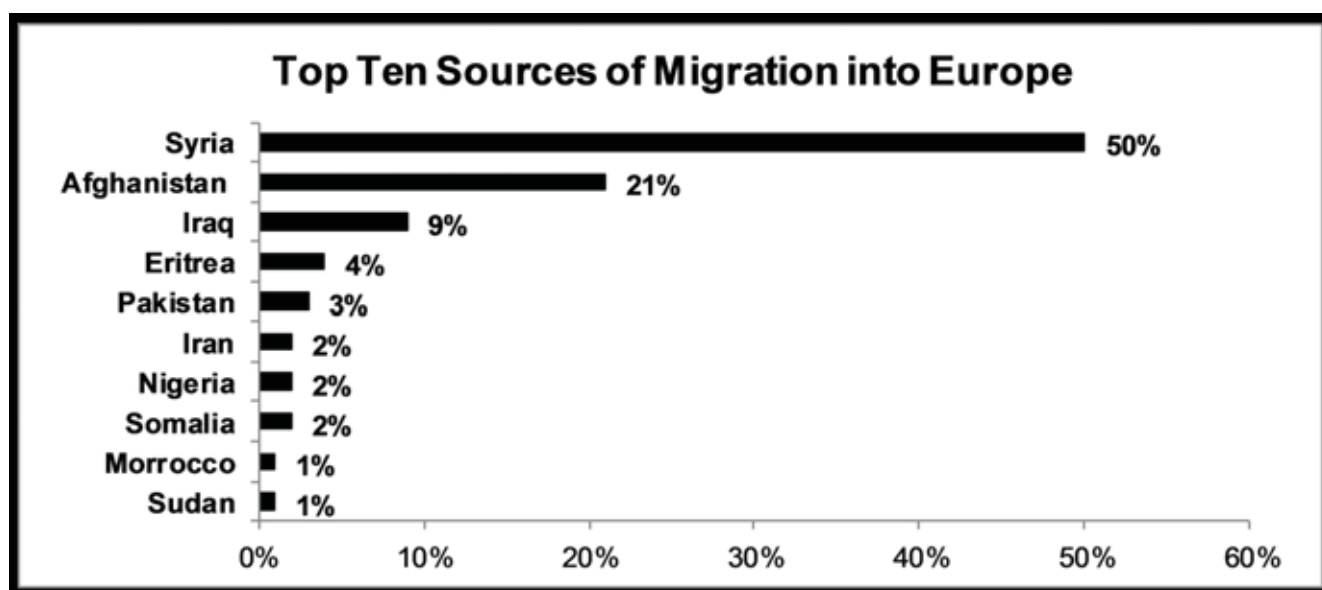
But Revelation 16:17 makes clear this occurs much later by saying "It is done". This would not have been when the temple was destroyed in 70 AD. The voice from the temple says: "It is done!" Christ returns. This larger and more powerful hail falls on the non-believers left on earth, and the hail represents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



A recent UN Report on Displaced Persons revealed 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 LIKELY TO BE 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 a leader 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 38:3-6 (NIV)

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal. 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.

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

Ezekiel 39:1-3, 11 (NIV)

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 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. Then I will strike your bow from your left hand and make your arrows drop from your right hand.

“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.

“THEY WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD.”

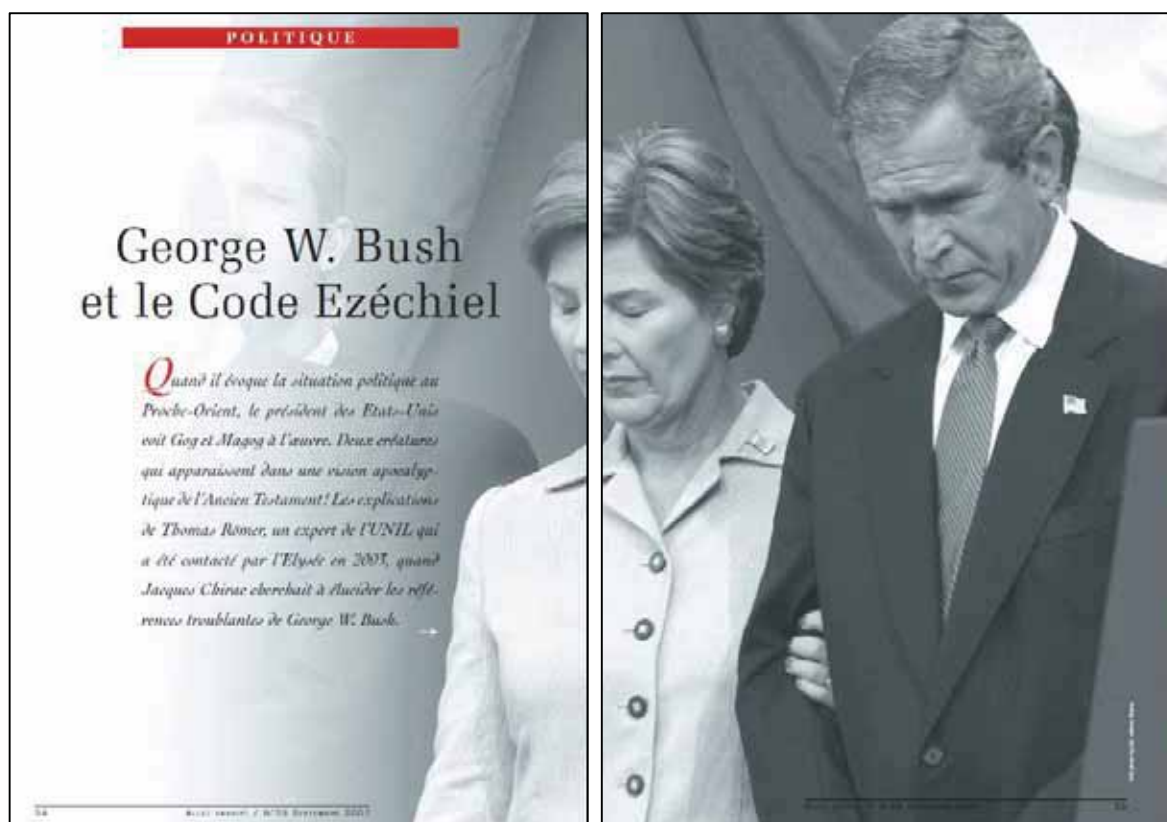
Why does God act to protect the nation of Israel and defeat Israel's enemies? The Lord tells us directly in Ezekiel 38:22-23 — to bring judgment and to reveal Himself and His power and glory to Israel and the nations. “With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him [Gog]....I will 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 only the prophecies of the Bible, not the Koran, have come true.

DID MISINTERPRETATION OF “GOG” CONTRIBUTE TO GEORGE BUSH INVADING IRAQ IN 2003?

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 leading 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 helped make this Persian led invasion more likely. Babylon was created out of the destruction in Iraq and Syria.

UNDERSTANDING THE GOG LED END TIMES WAR

Ezekiel 38:14-16 (NIV)

“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.’”

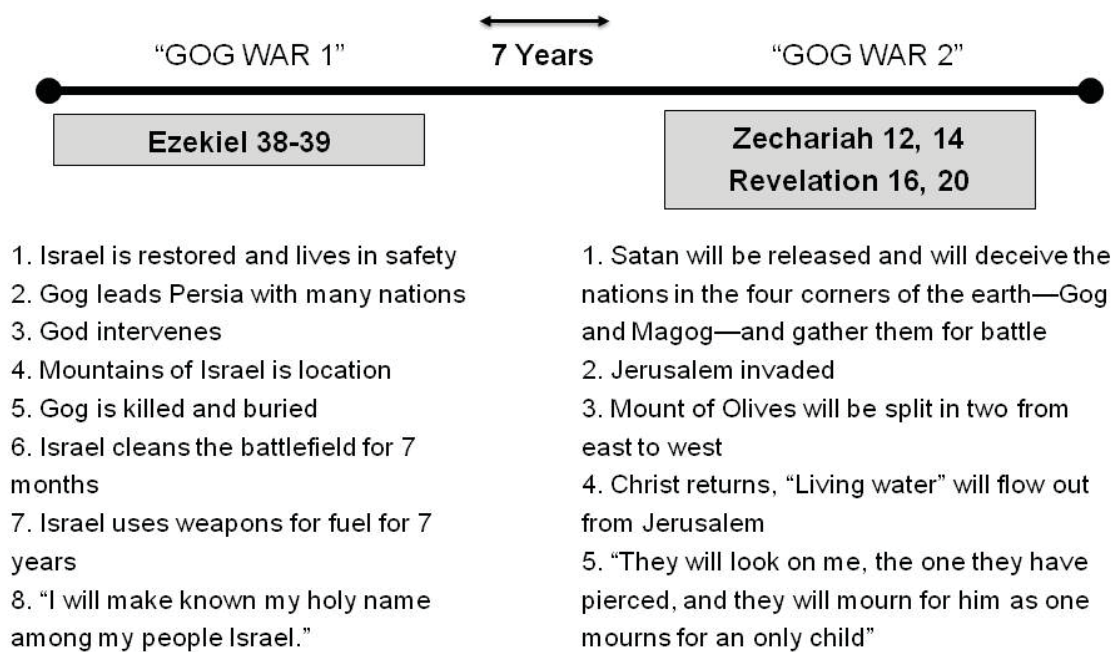
THE FINAL TWO WARS FOR ISRAEL IN THE END TIMES

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 in Revelation 16 and 20. The second war enters Jerusalem directly. The first Gog war seems to be at least 7 years apart from the second, since the Bible allows time for Israel to collect the weapons used by her Islamic enemies.

In both wars a leader called "Gog" is involved. Yet Gog the leader 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



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 38:3-9 (NIV)

‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 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.

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

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. 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 (these are the exact conditions we see 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.

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, Yemen

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 world leader will be in charge of this invasion. "Gog" the chief prince of Meshach and Tubal is the Islamic world leader, 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.

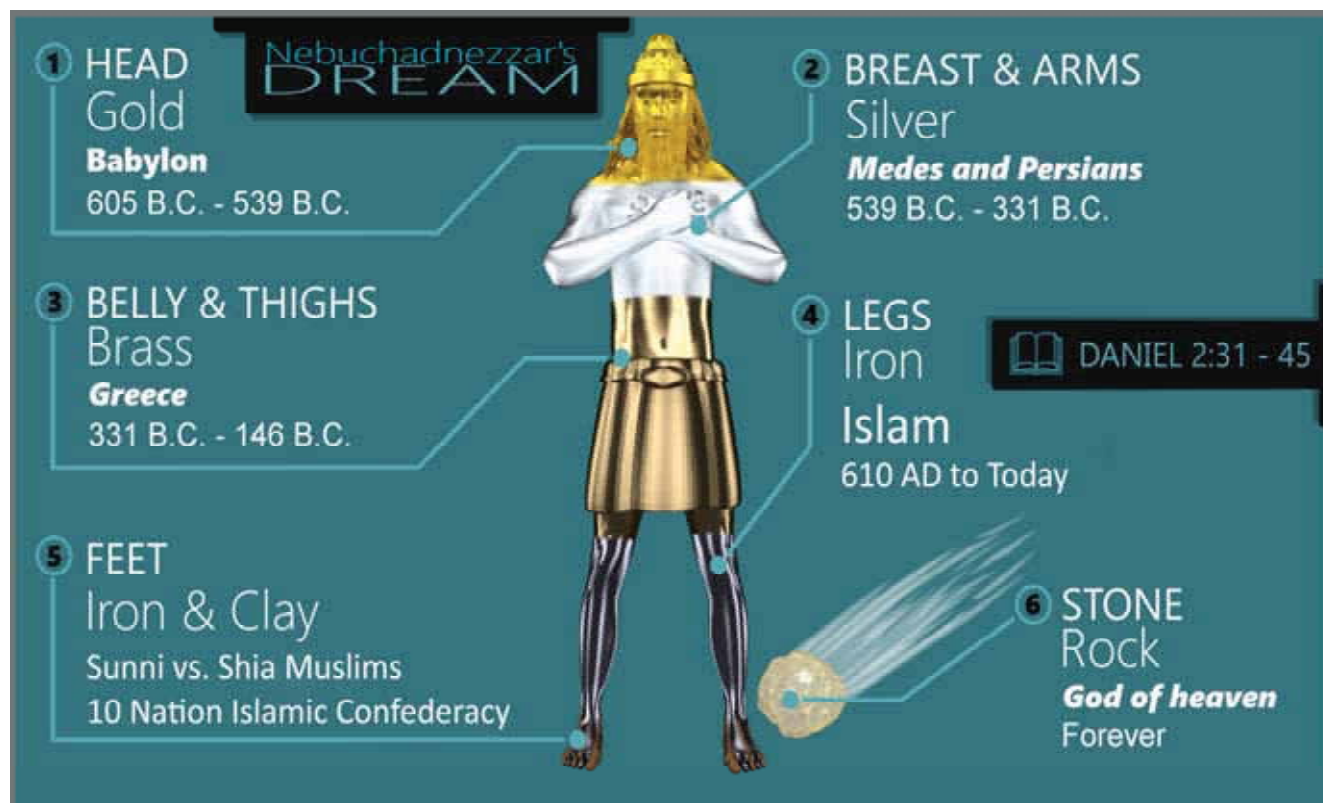
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On the mountains of Israel you will fall, you and all your troops and the nations with you. I will give you as food to all kinds of carrion birds and to the wild animals. **You will fall in the open field**, for I have spoken, declares the Sovereign Lord. 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.

"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 ISLAMIC 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. The "Little horn" was Umar. Some people think the fourth kingdom is Rome, but Rome was never east of the Euphrates river. Only the Persians and Seleucid Greeks were. It was the people of Baal who destroyed the Jewish Temple, not the Romans.

WILL 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).

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. It is important to note that Ezekiel's prophecy is conditional. The temple would only be built if the Jewish people repented, but they did not. Only God knows whether the third temple will ever be rebuilt or not.

EVEN IF THE THIRD TEMPLE REBUILT—SACRIFICES WILL NOT PLEASE GOD

Since the time of the Apostles the "temple" is spiritual, not physical, according to New Testament writings. **Jesus was the final sacrifice. God does not want grain or animal sacrifices!**

Acts 7: 48-50

"However, the Most High does not live in houses made by human hands. As the prophet says: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things?"

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Romans 8:9

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Hebrews 10: 1-7 (NIV)

The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason, it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. 4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'"

THE RETURN OF CHRIST AND THE RAPTURE

Jesus Christ is King of Kings, and at His return all believers are in paradise with God, and all non-believers will be forever separated from God in the final judgment. Revelation 14:14-16 gives us an understanding of the rapture. It takes place on the Day of the Lord, the day Jesus returns, and the seven bowls of wrath are poured out on all non-believers, especially those that take the mark (the Islamic Shahada) and worship the beast (Baal in the Kaaba). (Revelation 14:9-12)

Some Christians teach that non-believers “left behind” after the rapture will have a second chance to be saved during a future “tribulation.” The truth is that tribulation of Christians has been going on since the time of the Apostles. It is best to not teach that any non-believer will have another “chance to be saved” after the rapture. This is not in line with what Jesus said. Jesus taught his coming would be sudden, and judgment then follows (the sheep and the goats parable in Matthew 25). Remember the foolish virgins--they cannot get back in the house when the bridegroom shows up.

The rapture and Second Coming are mostly likely simultaneous. Paul uses the Greek word **"Parousia"** for both the rapture and the second coming. Parousia in Greek means the sudden appearance, arrival or visit of a royal person. The safest teaching is to tell people when the sky lights up "it is over." You either have the Holy Spirit in you at that moment or you do not. Everyone should be saved today. That is the safest way. Maybe a second chance--but don't bet eternity on it.

Jesus says there is no warning: Jesus comes "as a thief in the night." Matthew 24:43, and 1 Thessalonians 5:2. Jesus said He comes "at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:44. Peter said "The earth and heavens will suddenly burn up." 2 Peter 3:10-13.

Jesus indicated an immediate judgment: "And he will put the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left." Matthew 25:31-33. Jesus does not indicate a second chance to the five foolish virgins unprepared for the return of the bridegroom: "Lord, Lord, open to us." But he answered, "Most certainly I tell you, I don't know you." Matthew 25:1-13

Revelation 14:14-16 (NIV) [Rapture of Believers]

I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

Revelation 14:17-19 (NIV) [Day of the Lord Wrath on Non-Believers]

Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath.



Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV)

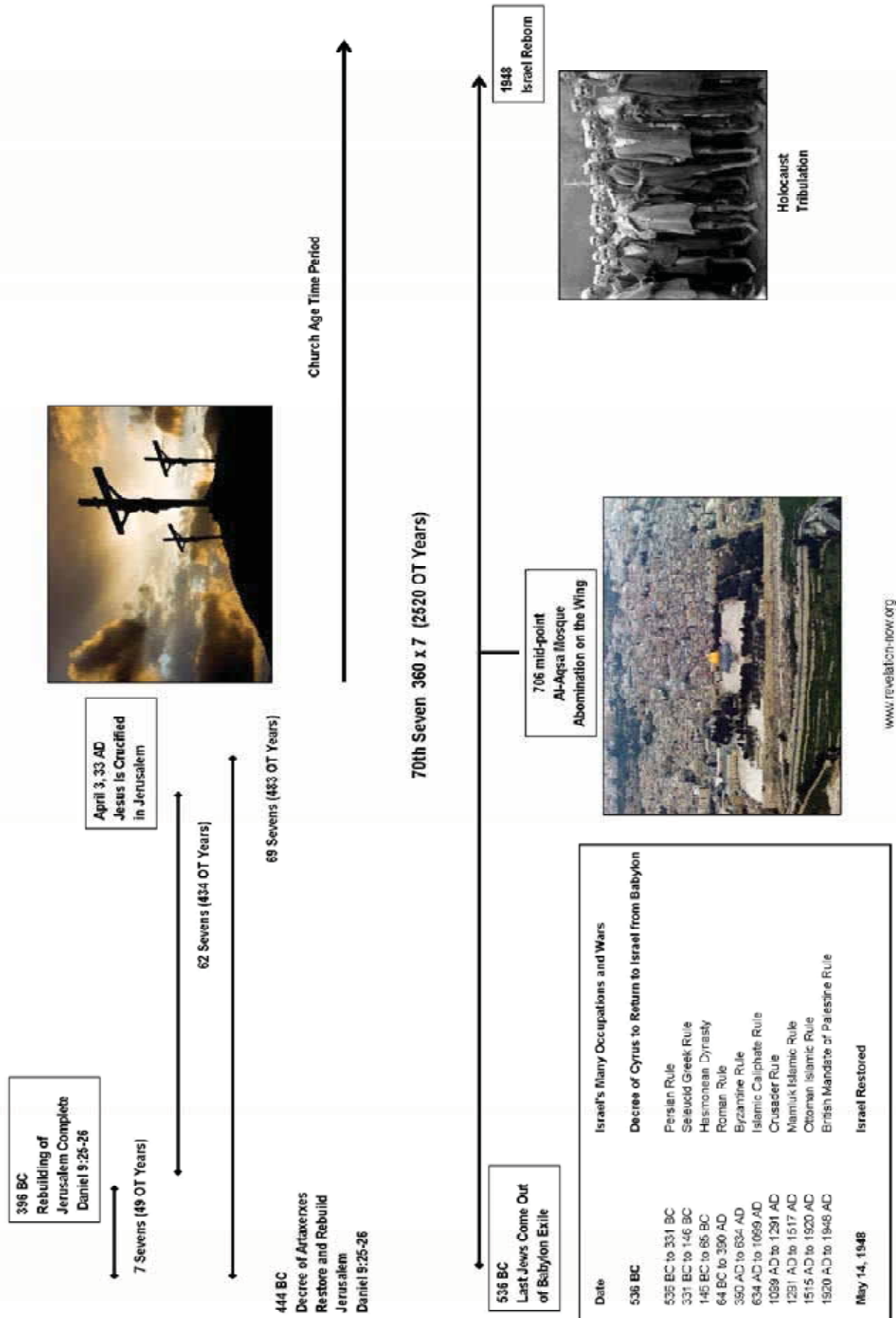
Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

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. ‘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.”

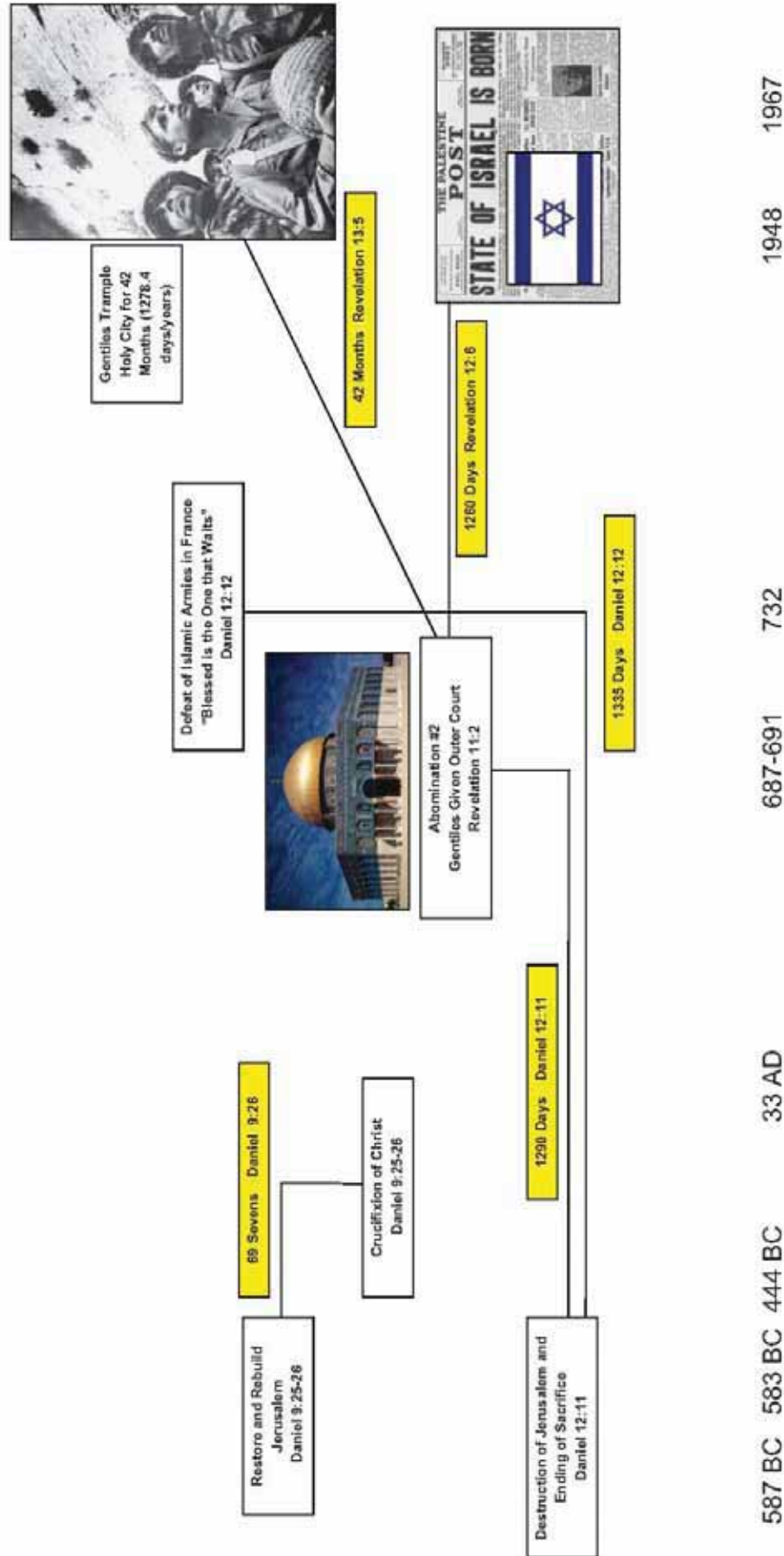
He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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

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