

Jesus Gives a Strong Warning: Avoid the Mark and the Image of Worship to a False God



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Rev 14:11 (NIV)

The Image of the Beast is the Kaaba Blackstone in Mecca

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

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

Exodus 20: 2-6 (NIV)

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

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



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

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

Rev 14:11 (NIV)

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The False Image of the Beast in Mecca, Saudi Arabia

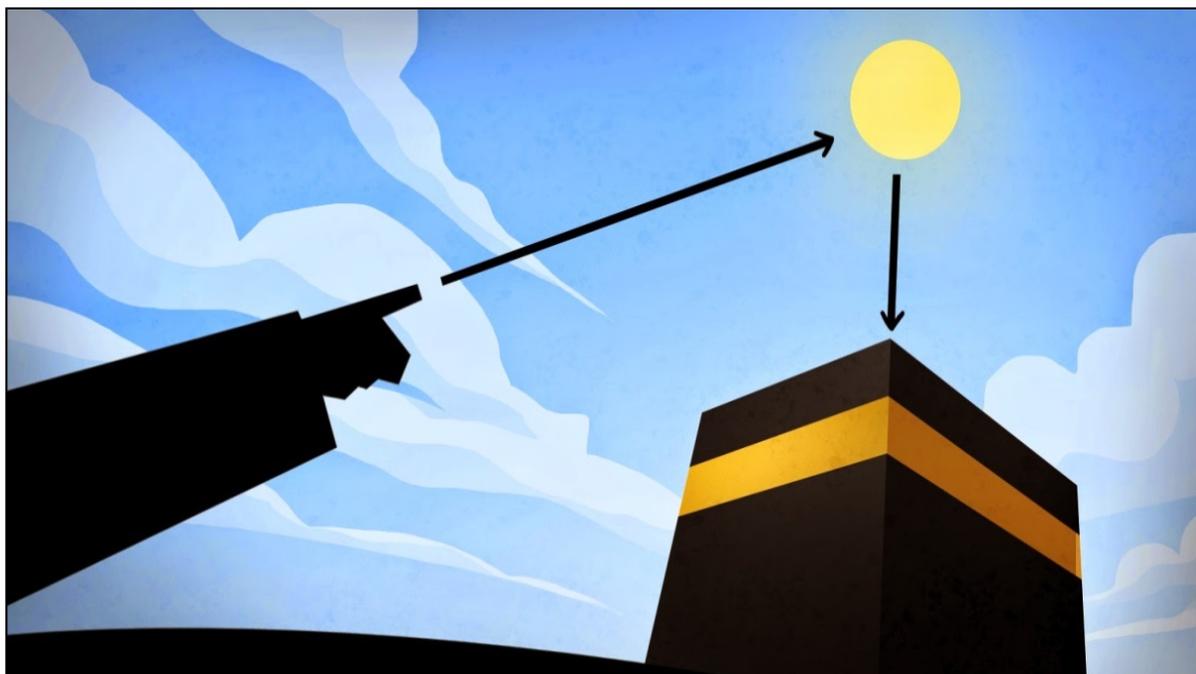
Revelation describes the image that honors and worships the beast as follows: “image in honor of the beast”, “image in honor of the first beast”, “worships the beast and its image”, “worship the beast and its image”, “victorious over the beast and its image”, “worshiped its image”, “and worshiped its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

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

Mohammad, the false prophet, set up the Kaaba Blackstone image in Mecca. It is the “House of Allah.” It holds a black meteorite. It is the central part of the Islamic pilgrimage for all Muslims, including kings.



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



The Bible Says the House 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 (NIV)

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

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

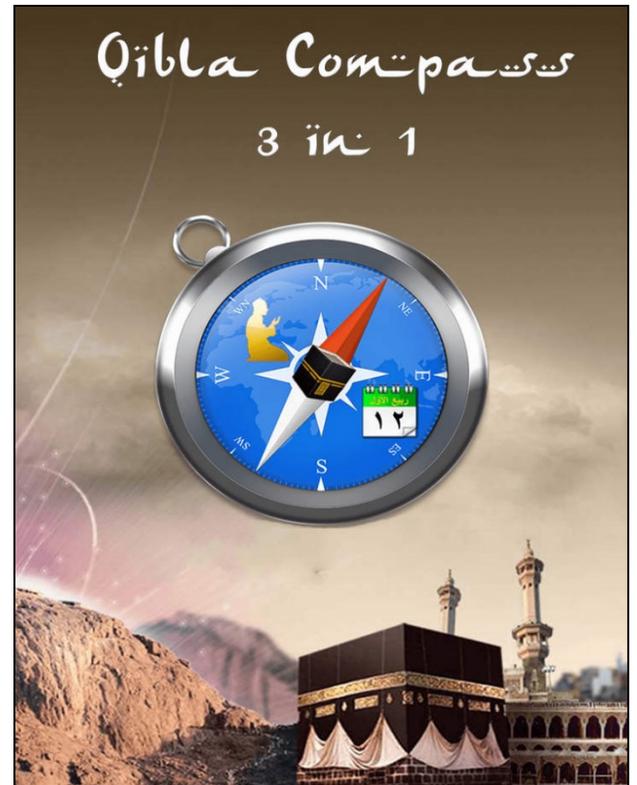
10 "Where are they taking the basket?" I asked the angel who was speaking to me.

11 He replied, "To the country of Babylonia to build a house for it. **When the house is ready, the basket will be set there in its place."**

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

Revelation 19 (NIV)

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



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

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

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

Koran 2:125

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

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

Koran 3: 96-97

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

Islam Version

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

True Bible Version

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



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

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

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

Rev 14:9 (NIV)

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

Rev 19:20 (NIV)

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



The Islamic Shahada is the Mark of the Beast

You can become a Muslim by wearing the Shahada mark and saying the two lines: ***"There is no God but Allah. Mohammad is the messenger of Allah."***

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



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

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

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

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

Matthew 24 (NIV)

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

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

25 See, I have told you ahead of time."

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

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

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



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

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

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

As a Muslim, you should do the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joel 2:28 (NIV)

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

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

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

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

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