



## **JESUS WARNS ABOUT THE SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST**

Jesus warns us about an antichrist spirit seeking to oppose Him that was active at the time of the Apostles. In the Book of Revelation Jesus also warns us about a second and different spirit, called the “beast”, that will emerge out of the Abyss sometime after the time of the Apostles. The term “antichrist” is found five times in the New Testament, and only in the First and Second Epistles of John. Many people confuse the antichrist with the beast of Revelation (both are spirits) or with the “little horn” of Daniel, or with the false prophet (these two are humans). These are different even though all four work against the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. Confusion comes when prophecies of the beast, false prophet, little horn and prophecies of the antichrist are combined into one entity.

In the First and Second Epistles of John, Jesus (speaking through the Apostle John) warns about the spirit of the antichrist. First, Jesus tells us the spirit of the antichrist is already in the world.

### **1 John 4:2-3 (NIV)**

**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.**

Next, Jesus tells us what identifies the antichrist spirit. The antichrist spirit is a liar and opposed to Jesus being the Son of God, and by extension, His atoning sacrifice that takes away our sins. The fact that the antichrist spirit is a “liar” quickly helps us to identify the antichrist spirit as Satan.

### **1 John 2:22-23 (NIV)**

**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.**

### **John 8:44 (NIV)**

**(Jesus said) “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.”**

## **THE ANTICHRIST SPIRIT AND BEAST SPIRIT ARE DIFFERENT SPIRITS**

The key passages are Daniel 7, 8, 11; Matthew 24; Second Thessalonians 2; and Revelation 13, 17 and 18 -- where the “little horn”, the “man of sin”, the “false prophet” and the “beast” are mistakenly forced into the role of the antichrist in 1 John and 2 John. This is not what the Bible says about the spirit of the antichrist that “*even now is already in the world.*” Confusion also comes when people try to make the antichrist into a human being. They mistakenly try to identify the antichrist spirit as the Pope, a current world leader or Adolph Hitler. The Bible says clearly this is a **spirit**. Paul, in Ephesians 6, tells us our battles are “against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

### **Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)**

**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.**

## **IDENTIFICATION OF THE MAJOR ADVERSARIES OF JESUS:**

### **SATAN, BAAL, MOHAMMAD AND UMAR**

The two chief spirits are **Satan** and **Baal**. The two humans are **Mohammad** and **Umar**.

### **The Two Spirits Opposing Christ**

The antichrist spirit in the world is **Satan** {1 John 4:2-3}

The beast spirit (“fatal wound was healed”) is **Baal in the Kaaba** {Revelation 17:8}

The “prince who is to come” is **Baal in the Kaaba** {Daniel 9:26}

The “man of lawlessness” spirit (“revealed—no longer held back”) is **Baal in the Kaaba** {2 Thessalonians 2: 2-7}

### **The Two Humans Opposing Christ**

The false prophet (human) is **Mohammad the Final Islamic Prophet** {Revelation 13:11-14}

The “worthless shepherd” (human) is **Mohammad the Islamic Prophet** {Zechariah 11:17}

The first rider on a white horse with a crown is **Mohammad the Islamic Prophet** {Revelation 6:2}

The third rider on a black horse with a pair of scales is **Umar the Islamic Caliph** {Revelation 6:5-6}

The “little horn” (“with eyes and a mouth” = human) is **Umar the Islamic Caliph** {Daniel 7:8}

The “king who does as he pleases” is **Umar the Islamic Caliph** {Daniel 11:36-45}

### **The Prostitute, Great City, Image and Mark**

The prostitute or (whore) great city is **Mecca** {Revelation 17-18}

The “wicked basket placed in the house” is the **Kaaba in Mecca** {Zechariah 5:5-11}

The image of the beast is the **Kaaba in Mecca** {Revelation 13:15}

The mark of the beast is the **Islamic Shahada** {Revelation 13:16-17}

Satan is the antichrist spirit and as such has opposed Jesus since the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15). The antichrist spirit (Satan) has been waging war against the believers in Jesus since he was cast out of heaven. Satan, the dragon, the antichrist, also gave his throne to the Baal the beast.

**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.”**

**Revelation 12:9 (NIV)**

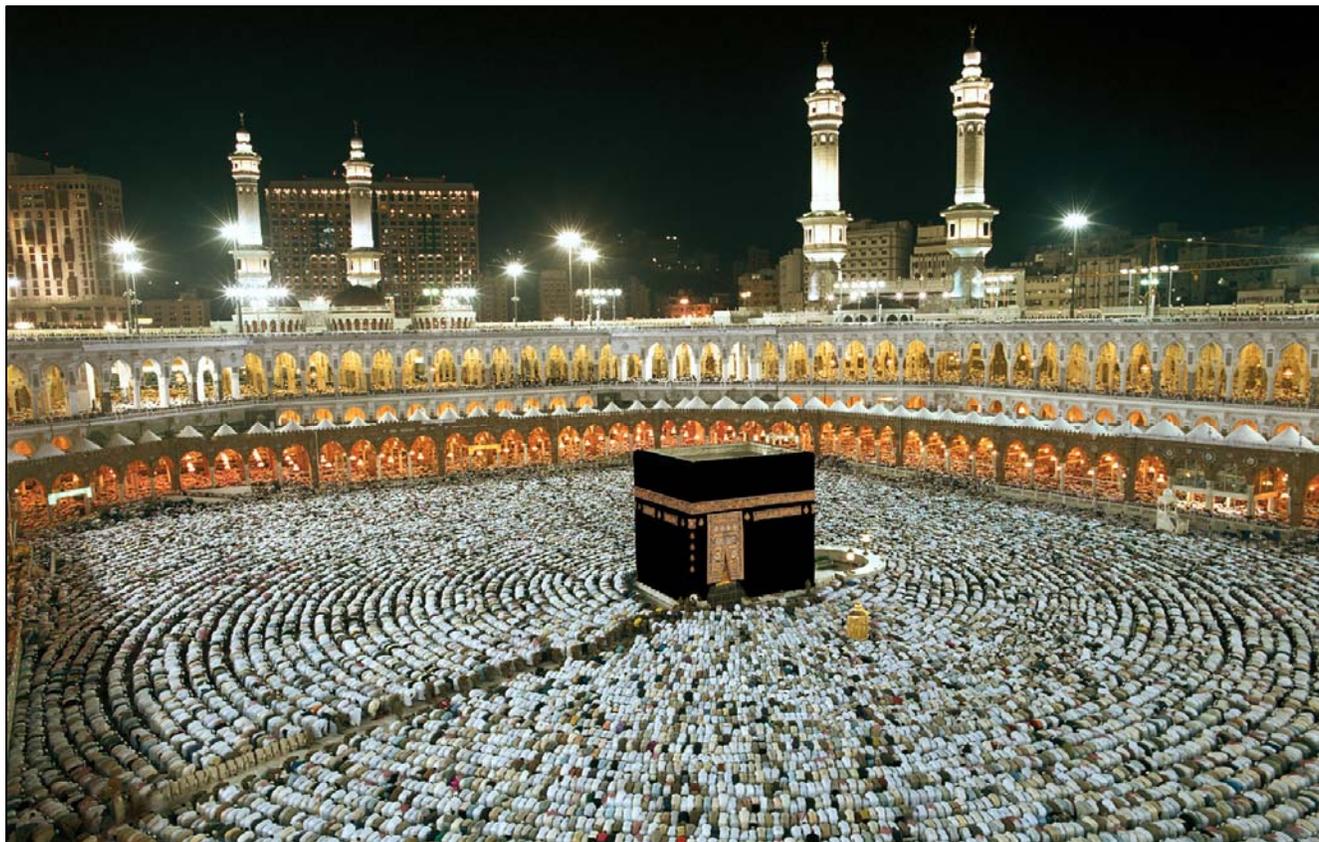
**The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.**

**Revelation 12:17 (NIV)**

**Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.**

**Revelation 13:2 (NIV)**

**The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.**



**PRAYING TO THE BEAST BAAL IN THE KAABA--SATAN GAVE HIS THRONE TO THE BEAST**

**THE BIBLE SAYS THE ANTICHRIST SPIRIT WAS “ALREADY IN THE WORLD”,  
AND THAT THE BEAST OF REVELATION SPIRIT EMERGES SOMETIME LATER FROM THE ABYSS**

The Bible could not be clearer that the spirit of the antichrist was present at the time of the Apostles. (1 John 4:3 (NIV) *“This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”*)

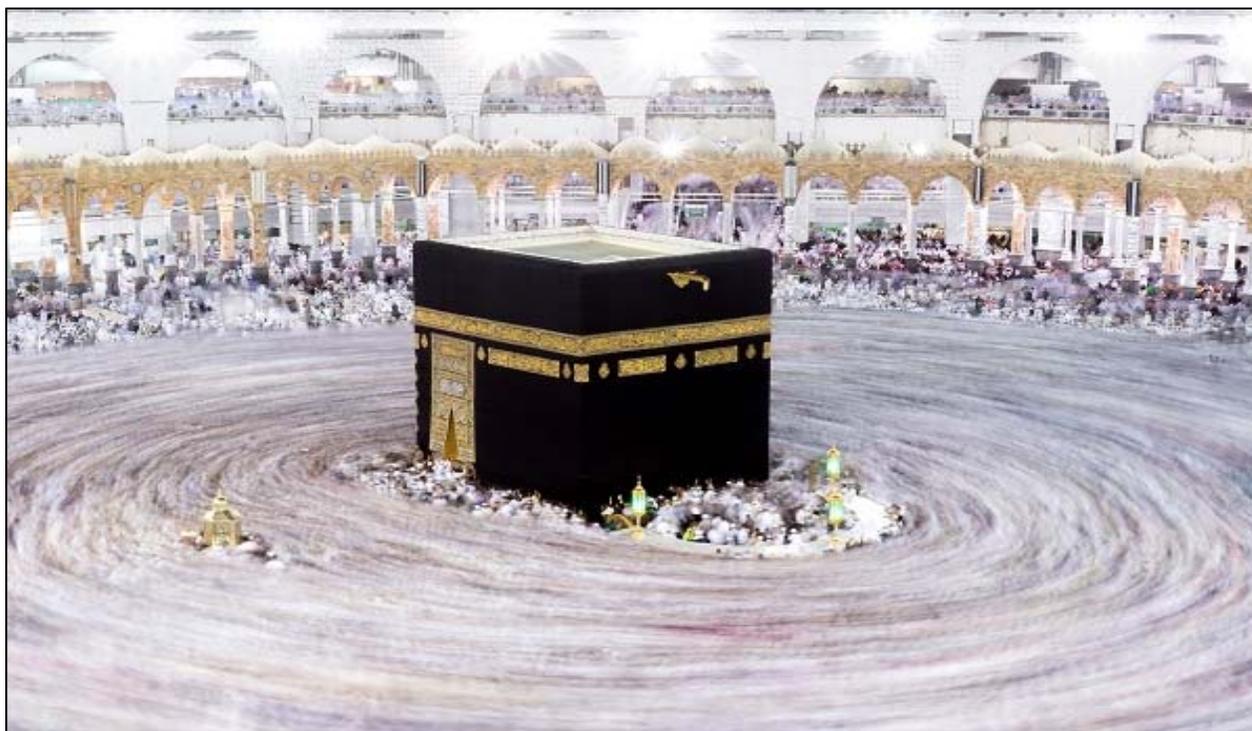
Likewise, the Bible is clear the beast spirit (at the time of the Apostles) was still in the Abyss and would be released sometime later. Concerning the beast, Jesus says “now is not” to John in 95 AD.

**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 ANTICHRIST SPIRIT AND THE BEAST SPIRIT WORK TOGETHER AGAINST JESUS**

When Babylon fell, the demon Baal (or Bel), was sent down into the Abyss (Isaiah 14:15 *“Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.”*). Jesus tells us the dragon (Satan) will give his authority and throne to the beast after it later re-emerges later from the Abyss, or Sheol (Revelation 13:2 *“The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.”*) The “woman in the wilderness” in Revelation 17:3 is the forlorn city of Mecca in the Arabian desert. Baal resides in the Kaaba in Mecca.



**THE THRONE OF BAAL IN THE KAABA**

The prophet Habakkuk in chapter two warns us about the future demonic prince of Babylon "*the proud one, his soul is not right within him*" and "*He also gathers to himself all nations and collects to himself all peoples.*" This demonic prince is Baal dwelling in the Kaaba today.

#### **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.**

#### **WHO IS THE "LORD OF THIS WORLD"?**

#### **WHO IS THE ALLAH OF THE KORAN THAT GAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS?**

The Bible makes clear Satan is the prince ("lord") of this world. Only Islam worships both the dragon (Allah of the Koran) and the beast (Baal in the Kaaba.) Jesus is God and has all power over the dragon and beast. "Mystery Babylon" is the Babylonian demon Baal released from the Abyss when Islam appeared on the earth. The beast is Baal released from the Abyss, and Baal now dwells in the Kaaba.

#### **John 14:29-31 (NIV)**

**Jesus said: "I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me."**

Koran 1:2 states that Allah is the god (lord) of this world. The Bible states in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that the god of this world is Satan, and that Satan has blinded their minds. The Koran says Allah leads people astray. The Allah of the Koran is opposed to the sacrifice of Jesus. Satan is opposed to Jesus. The Allah of the Koran is Satan.

Koran 1:2

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the worlds.

Koran 35:8

For indeed, Allah sends astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills. So do not let yourself perish over them in regret. Indeed, Allah is knowing of what they do.

## **2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NASB)**

**And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

## **THE SPIRIT APPEARING TO MOHAMMAD TAKES AWAY THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST**

In the Koran (4:157), the sacrifice of Jesus that takes away the sins of the world is disbelieved.

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.

The spirit also said Jesus was just a prophet in the Koran (19:30).

Koran 19:30

Jesus said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet."

The anti-Gospel work of Mohammad was aided by Umar who is the "little horn" of Daniel 9 and the "king will do as he pleases" of Daniel 11.

## **Daniel 7:8 (NIV)**

**"While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully."**

In the Koran (3:55) Allah just lets Jesus die a natural death.

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."

## **PAUL WRITES TO THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH**

### **THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS (BAAL) WILL BE REVEALED SOMETIME LATER**

The First Letter from the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians was likely the first written letter of the New Testament in the Bible. Most scholars believe Paul wrote First Thessalonians in 51 AD, and Second Thessalonians from Corinth within months of writing the first letter, around 51-52 AD. Paul wrote these letters after his unsuccessful preaching in Arabia, but successful preaching elsewhere.

The purpose of the second letter was to prepare Christians for the return of Christ. Christians apparently believed that it was useless to work because the end of the world was close at hand. Paul's second letter explained that the final day will not arrive until sometime after the man of lawlessness is revealed and proclaims himself God. Christians must consequently continue "to earn their own living" (2 Thessalonians 3:12), as did Paul himself in Thessalonica, who "did not eat any one's bread without paying" (2 Thessalonians 3:8). The letter contains a whole chapter regarding the second advent of Christ, among other themes and instructions.

From the inference of 2:1–2, the Thessalonians were faced with a false teaching, saying that Christ had already returned. This error is corrected in chapter 2 (2:1–12), where Paul tells the Thessalonians what must occur before Christ's return.

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NIV)**

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

Paul says in First Corinthians we are the temple. Satan wants to be worshipped in the hearts of deceived people. The man of lawlessness (Satan) does not enter the physical temple in Jerusalem. Satan wants to be in people's hearts.

#### **1 Corinthian 3:16-17 (NIV)**

**Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.**

Seeing as how this series of events had not yet happened in the time of Paul, his argument reads, Christ cannot have returned yet. He then expresses thanks that his readers were the elect of God, chosen for salvation and saved by His grace through faith, and thus not susceptible to the coming deception of the "Rebellion", or "Great Falling Away" in 2 Thessalonians 2:3–4.

The Great Apostasy Paul tells us about is a great falling away from the true Gospel of Jesus. This means falling away from the truth that Jesus was the Son of God. Since the demonic spirit of the man of lawlessness was revealed to Mohammad, some 5 billion souls have been lost to false Islamic teaching about Jesus. Widespread across the Christian Middle-East was the falling away after the spirit appeared to Mohammad.

This language *“He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God”* repeats Daniel’s prophecy of the Islamic caliph Umar, when Umar converted from Arab polytheism to the Islamic Allah.

#### **Daniel 11:36-39 (NIV)**

**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.**

**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. Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his ancestors he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.**

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. Paul illustrates the striking and impressive pretended miracles of Mohammad the False Prophet would claim to perform.

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:5-10 (NIV)**

**Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. 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.**