

## Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 20

**Revelation 13** — Before we continue with what the Scriptures say, I wanted to add an addendum that will help us understand current world events as well as, possibly, end time events.

### **Muslim worldview and Muslim theology.**

- ✓ You may have heard a rumor that Muslims believe in Jesus, and they do; it's just not the Jesus that you believe in.
  - ✓ Muslims believe that Allah is God – He's neither the God of the Jews nor the God of the Christians — He is not a Father and he's not a Trinity.
  - ✓ He demands submission or surrender which is what the word "Islam" means.
  - ✓ They have many similarities to Judaism and Christianity including a very detailed eschatology (theology of the end times).
  - ✓ They have two holy writings: Koran which is the word of Allah from, and angel written down by Mohammed; and the Sunnah or Hadith which are Mohammed's commentaries on the Koran.
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➤ In their eschatology, there are three great signs of the end, they are all persons. This is the core of their eschatological beliefs:

#### **Person #1**

- ✓ Mahdi – aka the 12<sup>th</sup> Imam; (which means "the guided one").
  - ✓ He will first come and make a peace accord with Israel for only 7 years.
  - ✓ He will come on a white horse.
  - ✓ He will be loved by all peoples.
  - ✓ He will come to bring peace and unity to the world by converting everyone to Islam. He will do it with the help of the second Person or great sign.
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#### **Person #2**

- ✓ Jesus – who returns to earth as a radical Muslim.
  - ✓ Not the world's savior but comes in submission to the world's Savior, the Mahdi.
  - ✓ He will come back holding the wings of two angels who flew him down from Heaven and arrive at a minaret in Damascus; he will acknowledge the Mahdi as Lord, make a pilgrimage to Mecca.
  - ✓ He returns at this crucial time to set the Christians and Jews straight.
  - ✓ He will tell Christians that He never died and never had a reason to resurrect. He only ascended like Elijah.
  - ✓ He will tell the Christians that the gospel is wrong, and the New Testament is wrong.
  - ✓ He will correct all misinterpretations of Himself and will "shatter crosses"
  - ✓ He will promote the worship of the Mahdi and of Allah.
  - ✓ This Jesus will be the Mahdi's prophet.
  - ✓ He will tell the Jews that they were wrong about their faith.
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- ✓ So, He will bring the Christians and Jews to Islam and thus bring about world peace.
  - ✓ But for those who do not believe, He will lead an army to rid the earth of them.
  - ✓ His army will carry a black flag with one word written on it: Punishment.
  - ✓ He will conquer the world and in particular Israel and set up the headquarters of Mahdi in Jerusalem.
  - ✓ **His final act will be to kill the Muslim Antichrist.**
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### **Person #3**

- ✓ The Muslim Antichrist – the “Dajjal” or “the great deceiver”.
  - ✓ He is an infidel and a false miracle worker who will claim to be the biblical Jesus, claim to be God Himself.
  - ✓ He will try to stop the Mahdi and His prophet, Jesus, and the armies of Muslims will fight this false Jesus, kill Him, and establish Islam forever.
  - ✓ Islam is an exact counterfeit and reversal of the Biblical Antichrist, false prophet, and Jesus.
  - ✓ Their Mahdi, riding a white horse, making a 7-year peace covenant with the Israel is the biblical Antichrist.
  - ✓ Their Jesus, submitting the Mahdi, promoting His worship, leading his armies, is the biblical False Prophet.
  - ✓ Their Antichrist, strangely enough, is the Biblical Jesus!
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Is this how it ends? Are we seeing the Antichrist regime rising in the Islamic world?

- ✓ Problem is that Antichrist is said to be of Roman descent in the Bible.
  - ✓ Today, 60% of what once was Rome is Muslim countries. Plus, the Islamic invasion of Europe is proliferating.
  - ✓ Also, the end times invasion from the North in Ezekiel 38 and 39 involves 8 regions that are, today, all Muslim countries.
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### **Number of the Beast:**

**Revelation 13:18** – Written to us but primarily to those who will face this situation.

- ✓ This number is based on a thing called **Gem-atrria**: in the Greek and Hebrew languages – the letters had numerical equivalents.
  - ✓ Ancient biblical scribes would check a section of transcribed text not only letter by letter but also by that section’s numerical equivalent.
  - ✓ They would add up the values of the letters in both documents, and if the numbers did not add up to the same value as the original, they would burn the page of the copy.
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Remember: Revelation is in code and that code is explained somewhere else in the Bible.

- ✓ 666 shows up 4 times in the Bible (once in the New Testament and 3 times in the Old Testament).
  - ✓ Twice in the Old Testament is shows up as wages Solomon received in a year's time (666 talents of gold) ( I Kings and I Chronicles) and in both cases in conjunction with a visit to Solomon by the queen of Sheba.
  - ✓ Solomon is a type of the Antichrist: What king introduced idolatry into Israel? Solomon!
  - ✓ In Revelation, you have an idolatrous king messing around with a queen in chapter 17 — woman rides the beast!
  - ✓ The 3rd time that 666 shows up in the Old Testament is in **Ezra 2:13** – Number of the descendants of **Adonikam** == his name means “the lord of the enemy”
  - ✓ Nebuchadnezzar's (clearly a foreshadowing of the Antichrist) statue was 60 cubits tall, 6 cubits wide, and there were 6 specified instruments that played.
  - ✓ Goliath = 6 cubits tall, had 6 pieces of armor, and a spear head that weighed 600 shekels.
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Gem-atrria is in the Greek and Hebrew languages, but the Antichrist is neither Hebrew nor Greek but Roman in origin (**Daniel 9:26-27**)

- ✓ Romans also used letters to represent numbers – Roman numerals. They only used 6 letters and they (I, V, X, L, C, D) added up to 666.
    - I = 1
    - V = 5
    - X = 10
    - L = 50
    - C = 100
    - D = 500
    - 666
  - ✓ 666 = sum of all the numbers from 1 to 36 = 6 squared (1+2+3+4+5+6+7.....+36 = 666)
  - ✓ The word beast is used 36 times in the Bible.
  - ✓ The title of Christ is expressed in Greek with 7 letters Xristos
  - ✓ To express the number 666 in using Greek letters you take the first and last letters of the name Christ in Greek (Chi and the sigma and in between them insert the letter Xi which was also the Greek symbol for snake)
  - ✓ Chi = 600 , Xi = 60, Sigma = 6
  - ✓ In other words, you take the first and last letters of the title of Christ and insert the Greek symbol for the snake in the middle!
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