

# The one world religion

## Pre Note and caution

Today we are looking at an important subject when dealing with the end times - the One World Religion.

There is a lot to get through - but I believe that this message is very important. It is not a message I've been looking forward to doing, but feel very burdened that I must.

The End Times are a difficult subject - because they've not happened yet. What we have is prophecy and prophecy must be interpreted. But when dealing with prophecy there is always going to be uncertainty.

We see through a glass darkly. We do not have the knowledge to make definitive statements on details. And be careful of those who do. Every person who has given a date has so far been wrong.

There are some things we can be certain of. For example that Jesus is coming back to rule and reign. There's no doubt there.

But on many all we can do is look at prophecy, look at the world today and make informed assessments based on that.

Over the centuries the evidence has pointed in different places - both Napoleon and Hitler were looked upon as potential Anti-Christ... and neither proved to be so.

No one knows the day or the hour - and that includes Satan. And throughout History there has always been a probable circumstance ready.

However I believe what we will be talking about today is extremely compelling and the more I've looked at it, the more convinced I have become.

Also when we are talking about another religion - which we will be today - we must always ensure we understand this:

Ephesians 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

People are not the enemy - making people the enemy is a mistake.

God loves people and is willing that none may perish.

When we are talking about those in other religions we are talking about people who are lost and bound by a principality and a power - bound by a spiritual stronghold.

There is something real behind those religions and it binds people. And that is what we contend against. We absolutely must never preach hatred of people - God loves them all.

## Will there be a one world religion?

I guess the first question is, will there be a One world religion?

It's a hard one to navigate - as a subject it attracts so much conspiracy theory and reactionary thinking. It's very hard to find an impartial opinion.

So let's start in the best place - in the bible.

Revelation 17:1-18

The Great Prostitute and the Beast

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the judgement of the great prostitute who is seated on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality, and with the wine of whose sexual immorality the dwellers on earth have become drunk." 3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was full of blasphemous names, and it had seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and jewels and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality. 5 And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: "Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth's abominations." 6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.[a]

And jumping down to verse 12

12 And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for one hour, together with the beast. 13 These are of one mind, and they hand over their power and authority to the beast. 14 They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."

15 And the angel[c] said to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute is seated, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages. 16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, and devour her flesh and burn her up with fire, 17 for God has put it into their hearts to carry out his purpose by being of one mind and handing over their royal power to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 And the woman that you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the earth."

So here we read about the Great Prostitute (Or harlot) and the Beast. The beast is a term used many times to describe the Anit-Christ, or the man of sin. Buy what about the harlot?

Well, the term harlot is used right throughout the old testament as a metaphor for idolatry or false religion.

In Hosea this metaphor is used throughout - comparing his prostitute wife to Israel going after other gods.

Whenever God talks about His people going after other gods He uses the term Playing the Harlot.

So the imagery is clear - and here we have The Great Harlot. The big one. The harlot that is bigger than any that has come before it.

The false religion will dominate all the "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" of the earth meaning that it will have universal authority, no doubt given by the Antichrist, who rules the world at that time. Verses 2-3 describe the harlot as committing adultery with the "kings of the earth," referring to the false religion's influence among the world's rulers and influential people. And John talks about the best ruling over a vast empire - back in Rev 13 of him having power and authority given to him by satan - been followed and receiving worship from all the world - that's in Rev 13:3-4.

The beast has a strong connection to the Harlot, but eventually it will lose favour with the Anti Christ who wants all the worship for himself.

He will not share the adoration of the world with the prophets and priests of the false religion. Verse 16 of the passage we read - And the beast will hate the Prostitute. They will make her desolate and Naked.

This happens once the Antichrist gains the world's amazed attention by his miraculous return from the dead

Revelation 13:3

3 One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marvelled as they followed the beast.

Revelation 13:12

12 It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence,[a] and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed.

He will turn on the false religious system and destroy it, establishing himself as God. The deception, Jesus tells us, will be so great that, if it were possible, even the elect would fall for it

Matthew 24:24

24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

This Harlot is drunk on the blood of the Martyrs. This one world religion will bring great persecution of the people of God. Give rise to the Anti Christ and eventually be betrayed by him. The actual identity and makeup of the religion has been debated for centuries and has resulted in a number of different views among Bible commentators and theologians.

## Do we have an indication what this religion will be?

My belief is that the evidence is pointing in one direction.

Now, let me share something that you may find of interest. But please do not take this as a definite. It's interesting, but it is also problematic.

I'm sharing it because it made me look in a certain direction for the one world religion - but in and of itself does not prove the argument. I hope to do that later - but I'm sharing this because I find it very interesting, but I won't dwell on this - and it's regarding the Number of The Beast.

At the start of Revelation we see this:

Revelation 1:19

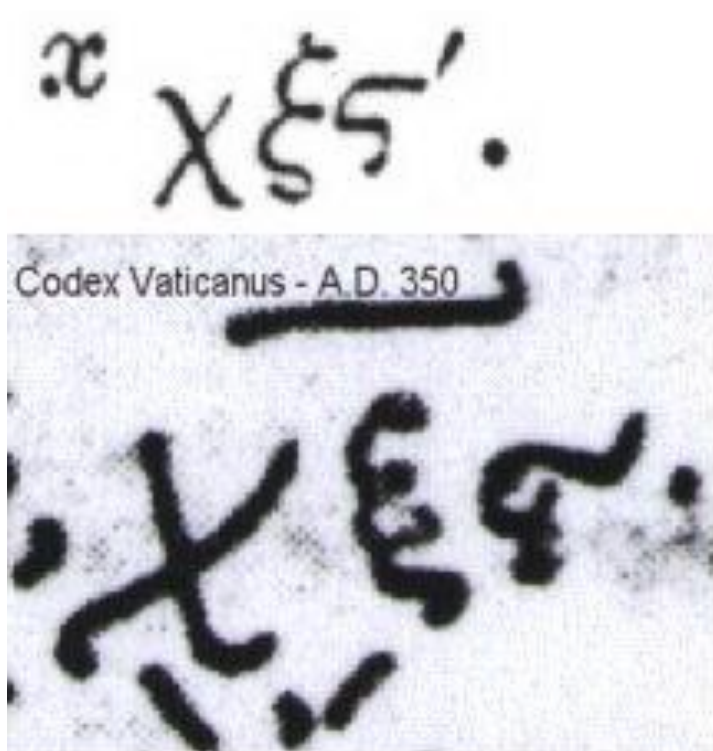
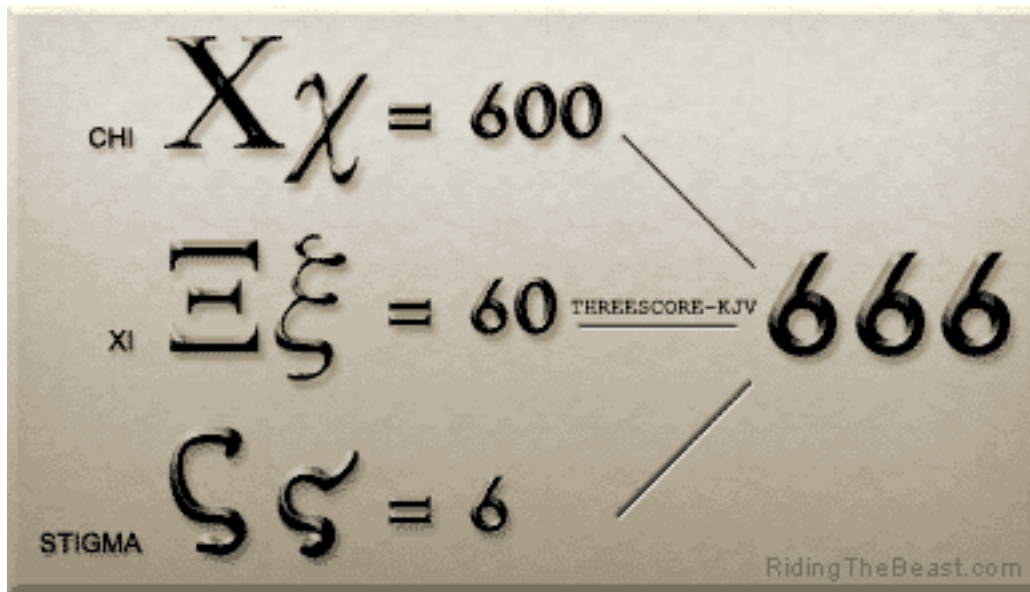
19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

So a lot of John's revelation was seen in a vision, rather than transcribed to him. He wrote the things he saw, which he constantly makes reference to.

So regarding the number or the mark of the beast John wrote what He saw. Now John did not see the number 666 like we see it today. Our written text is very different from the original Greek.

So what John wrote was this is Greek - Chi Xi Sigma.

There is a copy of that fragment of text in the Codex Vaticanus that dates from 340AD. And shows what the Chi Xi Stigma looks like in original handwritten Greek.



So let's say, rather than a number John SAW a symbol similar to this. After all we do interpret some of the book of revelation in this way.

In Revelation 9 we read about Locusts coming form the smoke - with stings like scorpions, noise of their wings like chariots - an an appearance like horses prepared for battle - in other words armoured.

What are they - again John SAW them and very often the interpretation given by author Hal Lindsay is he saw helicopters and describes them as he saw them.

That's possible. It could be something else - but it's an interesting interpretation.

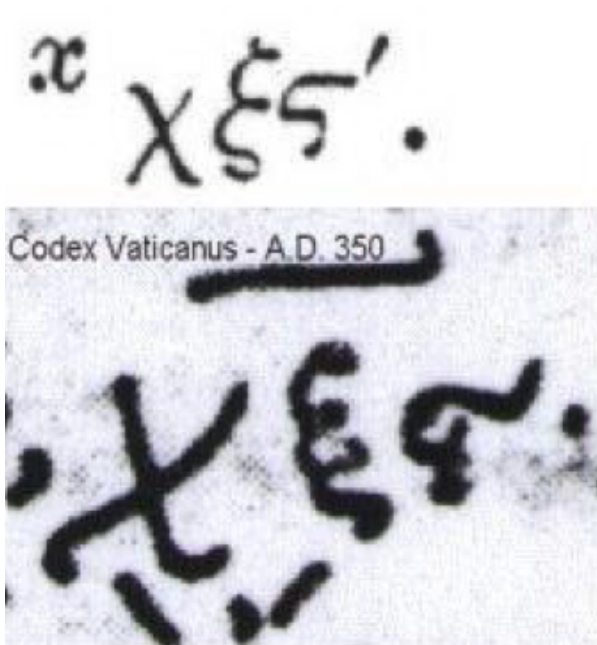
(Again with all of this we cannot say we KNOW)

So with this line of looking at it, we are looking for something that looks similar to this - but not something John would just recognise. Not exactly the same, but similar enough for him to make a connection.

What about something that looks like this?



If we turn it around we can do a side by side:



There is a similarity isn't there? It's not exact - but it is similar.

What is this symbol?

Well it's actually not a symbol, it's a written language. Arabic - for In The Name of Allah.

Could it be that John saw something that looked like the greek for Six Hundred and Sixty Six - that in his vision he saw a symbol of Islam?

Now, it's not exactly the same... for starters - the 600 part - the Chi is not there that part that looks like 2 swords crossed.

Like this?



This is the flag of the Islamic Courts Union.

The most common symbol of Islam is the Crescent Moon but crossed scimitars are also prevalent, as seen in the emblem of Hamas, the coat of arms of Saudi and the Muslim Brotherhood. Incidentally two crossed swords pointing up in heraldry means we are ready to fight.

Look, we cannot say for sure - John's vision has been seen in many ways over the years. But it's interesting.

And when you start looking in the direction of Islam - some interesting things come up.

You just need to watch the news today and you are reminded of verse like this:

Revelation 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Well it chillingly is an Islamic 'signature' we are seeing at the moment - where people are beheaded for not accepting and saying "Allah is the only God".

So, let's set the 666 aside for a bit - it's interesting but not conclusive. But now we are looking in that direction, what do we see?



## The Mahdi

One very interesting part of Islam that not many in the west know too much about concerns Iman Mahdi.

Christians, we often struggle with our own eschatology - that's hard enough. So I'd guess we know very little about Islamic Eschatology.

Just as we have signs we are waiting for pointing to the end, so does Islam. The most anticipated is the coming of a man known as The Mahdi.

You see - Islam has a promised redeemer - or a promised saviour who will come to rule. That's right - an Islamic Messiah known as The Mahdi - which means the guided one.

He is not mentioned in the koran but in the Hadith.

The Hadith are the collections of the reports of the teachings, deeds and sayings of Muhammad. Some Muslims reject them, but many do not. The hadith was used in forming the basis of 'Shariah' law - so it's pretty mainstream.

In fact the Hadith says this about him - Mahdi, upon whom be peace, and that he will undoubtedly appear and rule the earth in accordance with Islamic Sharee'ah.

A worldwide - Shariah Caliphate. Even today there is a call for a restoration of Islamic Caliphate. IS is all about that - it's called Islamic State for a reason - they want to see a world wide Shariah Caliphate. Every Caliphate has a Caliph. The Caliph (Khalifa) in Islam may be viewed somewhat as the Pope of the Muslims. The Caliph is viewed as the Vice-regent for Allah on the earth.

It is important to understand that when Muslims call for the restoration of the Caliphate, it is ultimately the Mahdi that they are calling for. For the Mahdi is the awaited final Caliph of Islam. As such, Muslims everywhere will be obligated to follow the Mahdi.

The Mahdi's ascendancy to power is said to be preceded by an army from the east who will be carrying black flags or banners of war. Black flags - coming from central Asia.

One tradition states that:

The Messenger of Allah said: The black banners will come from the East and their hearts will be as firm as iron. Whoever hears of them should join them and give allegiance, even if it means crawling across snow.

Suddenly, Muslims doing all they can to get to Syria and join IS... makes sense. it isn't about disenchantment with this country - it isn't about society failing them, but a genuine excitement that they are going to be part of something huge - that they could be part of something that ushers in the Mahdi. Whoever hears - should join them and give them allegiance.

I'm not saying IS are that army - but they chose that flag for a reason. The black flag of war. And they know that it brings people to their cause.

Islamic tradition pictures the Mahdi as joining with the army of Muslim warriors carrying black flags. The Mahdi will then lead this army to Israel and re-conquer it for Islam. The Jews will be slaughtered until very few remain and Jerusalem will become the location of the Mahdi's rule over the Earth.

And they will reach "Baitul Maqdas". In Arabic this means "the holy house" - the dome of the rock on the temple mount.

The Islamic world will never seek peace with Israel. If Hamas put down their weapons today, tomorrow there would be no more war. If Israel put down it's weapons today, tomorrow there would be no Israel.

One interpretation is that he will rule for 7 years! And in that time he will apparently rid the world of evil - so I guess you could say he makes a peace covenant.

According to Islamic tradition, the Mahdi's tenure will coincide with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ - who they call Isa, who is to assist the Mahdi and destroy the church.

Like all prophets in Islam, Jesus is considered a Muslim (i.e., one who submits to the will of God) Islam teaches the rejection of the Trinitarian Christian view that Jesus was God incarnate or the son of God. The Quran says that Jesus himself never claimed to be the Son of God, and it furthermore indicates that Jesus will deny having ever claimed divinity at the Last Judgment, and God will vindicate him.

A world leader - assisted by a prophet who calls himself Jesus. Who battles the church, reigns for 7 years and brings peace.

Both Shia and Sunni Muslims believe in this - but they differ a little on who he is.

But this man, this false messiah... he has some amazing parallels with a man the bible talks about - the man called the beast.

And to lead many of the elect astray.... well having someone calling themselves Jesus as your prophet... may have a profound effect.

Many powerful leaders have risen and fallen in history - but the similarity's between the Mahdi and the Anti-Christ are staggering.

The Mahdi and the Antichrist are both described as being more than merely political and military leaders. They are both viewed as being supreme religious leaders as well.

The Bible teaches that the Antichrist will be the leader of a worldwide religious worship movement that will attempt to displace and usurp worship from the God of the Bible.

Thus we see that the Mahdi is the leader of a world revolution that will institute a "new world order" that will be based on the religion of Islam. Islam will be the only religion that will be allowed to be practiced.

Both the Antichrist and the Mahdi are said to be the unqualified leaders of a global religious movement that will draw worship away from the God of the Bible and His Son Jesus Christ.

Interestingly enough, Islamic tradition speaks much of the Mahdi's special calling to convert Christians and Jews to Islam, yet speaks very little specifically of conversions from other faiths.

The following quote from Ayatollah Ibrahim Amini clearly articulates this vision:

The Mahdi will offer the religion of Islam to the Jews and Christians; if they accept it they will be spared, otherwise they will be killed.

So we have the Madhi - the ruler. Jesus (so called) his prophet. But there is a third character in this story that is interesting.

The Great Deceiver - known as the Dajjal - who will have miraculous power and will temporarily hold power over all the earth. Muslims are warned about this deceiver - that he will heal the sick, leading people on a false path. He will pretend to be the Messiah, and deceive people by showing them amazing powers.

This is amazing. Muslims are expecting 2 Jesuses - the real and the false.

The real Jesus will be identifiable by the fact that he does not like Jews; indeed he is expected to attack and slaughter them. Likewise the false Jesus (according to Islam) will be clearly identifiable by the fact that he will defend the Jews.

Muslims are expecting the Muslim Jesus, along with his leader, the Mahdi, to attack Israel and do battle against Him who Christians understand to be the real Jesus.

Built into their tradition, isn't just a worldview that will follow the Antichrist and his false prophet, but will also doubt Jesus himself when He does return!

In Islam we have a religion that already exists, that is already expecting the Anti-Christ with eager expectation. Purpose built to be the great harlot.

## History of Islam



Remember we do not content with flesh. This is a spirit. And it's spirit that has been deceiving people for a very long time.

What did Satan want? Worship. And the goal has not changed - this deceiving spirit has been trying to syphon worship away from God for a long time.

Islamic divisions of the universe:

1. Dar Al Islam: the domain of the faithful (to Islam)
2. Dar Al Harb: those with whom they are at war until Judgment Day.  
(Not just the Jews: all non-Muslims!)

What is Islam? Well it's helpful to think of it as a sort of Medieval Mormonism.

Just as Joseph Smith received so called fresh revelation that apparently exposed all the lies of the bible - Mohammed did the same.

The message to the Jews and Christians was this - this is your God, but this is the real, true revelation.

It is claimed by Muslims that Allah is the God of the Bible and that he is mentioned in the sacred texts. This is absolutely not true. The name "Allah" does not appear once in either the Old or New Testaments.

The only time God is referred to by name in the Old Testament is either as YAHWEH (meaning "He (who) is") or as a contraction, YAH. [Please note that the name "Jehovah" is not a biblical name of God but was especially 'created' by Jews afraid to pronounce the Sacred Name by combining the consonants YHWH with the vowels from adonai, meaning "Lord"].

There is no word 'alah' or 'allah' in the Greek New Testament at all. It was, quite simply, unknown in the Bible world. To therefore claim that 'Allah' was the name of God in the Bible is without one single shred of evidence. God has always been known as Yahweh, or (much less frequently) by the contraction Yah.

Now - Muslims would claim that Allah is simply Arabic for God, or The God.

Allah is not a common name meaning "God" (or a "god"), and the Muslim must use another word or form if he wishes to indicate any other than his own peculiar deity" If you cite the muslim creed and use any other word than Allah it is not accepted as genuine - so clearly there is a difference.

Muhammad was not the first to use the term Allah - the word goes back to pre-muslim times.

The Quraysh tribe (Muhammad's tribe ) was previously devoted to Allah, the moon god.

Before the Quran, Allah was part of a pantheon of many gods and he was the moon god.

Muhammad's father was Abd-Allah - which means slave of Allah. His Uncle, Obied-Allah.

There is a good deal of historical evidence that pre-Islamic people worshipped Allah as a supreme deity. Why is IS on a mission to wipe out any pre Islamic history? As we saw recently with them blowing up the entire ancient city of Nimrod? Because history exposes the truth.

As pointed out by Prof. Coon, "Muslims are notoriously loath to preserve traditions of earlier paganism and like to garble what pre-Islamic history they permit to survive. Arab Pagans worshipped Allah before Islam arrived.

Surprisingly, Qur'an never defines the word "Allah" as to who actually Allah was or what was the relation of Allah with pagans. I believe, 99% percent of Muslims do believe that—Allah's name was invented or started right from the time when Gabriel apparently gave Muhammad the Quran.

At Mekka, "Allah" was the chief of the gods. Allah had three daughters: Al Uzzah (Venus) most revered of all and pleased with human sacrifice; Manah, the goddess of destiny, and Al Lat, the goddess of vegetable life.

These three daughters of Allah were considered very powerful over all things. Therefore, their intercessions on behalf of their worshippers were of great significance. There are verses that

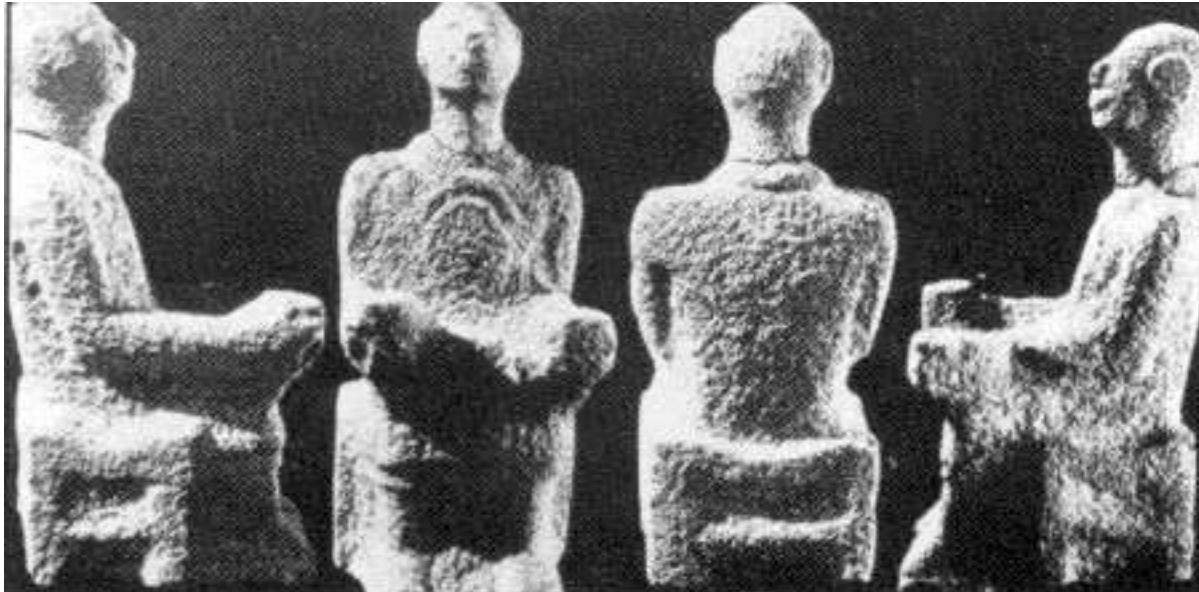
do suggest prayers to these daughters - but they were removed from the Quran. These verses are known as the Satanic verses.

The Muslims claim that Allah in pre-Islamic times was the biblical God of the Patriarchs, prophets, and apostles. The issue is thus one of continuity. Was "Allah" the biblical God or a pagan god in Arabia during pre-Islamic times?

The Muslim's claim of continuity is essential to their attempt to convert Jews and Christians suggesting it is the next step in biblical religion and we should all become Muslims.

If Allah was a pre-Islamic pagan deity, then its core claim is refuted.

And here's the thing - we see this Moon god worship right throughout history and the bible often condemns his worship.



The moon-god from all four sides. Note the crescent moon carved on his chest.

Here's an image of a pre Islamic moon god from Saudi Arabia. Note the crescent moon on his chest - a symbol of Islam since the start.

Moon god worship can be tracked right back through history in this region.

Astral religion, which involves worshipping heavenly bodies ("the host of heaven") is strongly warned against in the Bible. In such idolatrous systems the Moon is often viewed as a male deity; and the Sun, a female deity; with the Stars their offspring.

Ur of the Chaldees is first mentioned in the account of Abraham's journey in Genesis 12:1. The spiritual ruler of Ur was the moon-god. This god would ultimately become the supreme deity of the entire Babylonian empire.

In ancient Syria and Canaan, the Moon-god Sin was usually represented by the moon in its crescent phase.

The sun-goddess was the wife of Sin and the stars were their daughters. For example, Istar was a daughter of Sin.

The Old Testament constantly rebuked the worship of the Moon-god (Deuteronomy 4:19; 17:3; II Kings 21:3, 5; 23:5; Jeremiah 8:2; 19:13; Zephaniah 1:5, etc.)

When Israel fell into idolatry when they played the harlot, it was usually the cult of the Moon-god.

As a matter of fact, everywhere in the ancient world, the symbol of the crescent moon can be found on seal impressions, steles, pottery, amulets, clay tablets, cylinders, weights, earrings, necklaces, wall murals, etc. In Tell-el-Obeid, a copper calf was found with a crescent moon on its forehead.

And we see in the book of Judges - when Gideon chases the Midianites, he captures from them Crescent moon jewellery.

The Encyclopedia of Religion says: "'Allah' is a pre-Islamic name . . . corresponding to the Babylonian Bel" - What was Daniels Persian name when he was in Babylon? Belshazzar - Bel's Prince. Time and again we see the moon god worshipped in pre Islamic Arabia.

In Old Testament times, Nabonidus (555-539 BC), the last king of Babylon, built Tayma, Arabia as a center of Moon-god worship. South Arabia's stellar religion has always been dominated by the Moon-god in various variations.

Many scholars have also noticed that the Moon-god's name "Sin" is a part of such Arabic words as "Sinai," the "wilderness of Sin," etc. When the popularity of the Moon-god waned elsewhere, the Arabs remained true to their conviction that the Moon-god was the greatest of all gods.

And they still do.

While they worshipped 360 gods at the Kabah in Mecca, the Moon-god was the chief deity. Mecca was in fact built as a shrine for the Moon-god.

Muhammad was raised in the religion of the Moon-god Allah. But he went one step further than his fellow pagan Arabs. While they believed that Allah, i.e. the Moon-god, was the greatest of all gods and the supreme deity in a pantheon of deities, Muhammad decided that Allah was not only the greatest god but the only god.

In effect he said, "Look, you already believe that the Moon-god Allah is the greatest of all gods. All I want you to do is to accept that the idea that he is the only god. I am not taking away the Allah you already worship. I am only taking away his wife and his daughters and all the other gods."

This is seen from the fact that the first point of the Muslim creed is not, "Allah is great" but "Allah is the greatest," i.e., he is the greatest among the gods. Why would Muhammad say that Allah is the "greatest" except in a polytheistic context? The Arabic word is used to contrast the greater from the lesser.

That this is true is seen from the fact that the pagan Arabs never accused Muhammad of preaching a different Allah than the one they already worshipped. This "Allah" was the Moon-god according to the archeological evidence.

Muhammad thus attempted to have it both ways. To the pagans, he said that he still believed in the Moon-god Allah. To the Jews and the Christians, he said that Allah was their God too. But both the Jews and the Christians knew better and that is why they rejected his god Allah as a false god.

Is it any wonder then that the symbol of Islam is the crescent moon? That a crescent moon sits on top of their mosques and minarets? That a crescent moon is found on the flags of Islamic nations? That the Muslims fast during the month which begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon in the sky?

The Muslim's claim that Allah is the God of the Bible and that Islam arose from the religion of the prophets and apostles is refuted by solid, overwhelming archeological evidence. Islam is nothing more than a revival of the ancient Moon-god cult. It has taken the symbols, the rites, the ceremonies, and even the name of its god from the ancient pagan religion of the Moon-god. As such, it is sheer idolatry and must be rejected by all those who follow the Torah and Gospel.

The lie to the Christians has always been the same: This is your God. And it's not true.



The primary symbol of the moon god was as a bull, the result of the horizontal crescent of the waxing moon appearing similar to the horns of that animal.

As we said - In Tell-el-Obeid, a copper calf was found with a crescent moon on its forehead. The wilderness of Sin and Mt Sinai took their names from the moon God.

In Ur and Haran we find the moon god sin.

Midianites were moon god worshippers - in the Tayma region a number of carvings were found of the moon God as bull with crescent moon horns.

Above are two carvings of that moon god bull.

The Midianites had a history with Israel before the book of Judges.

Moses spent time with them - a lot of time.

We know that Moses' father in law, Jethro was a priest. A priest of whom? Not the God of Israel. No, he was very likely a priest of the moon god.

Now when Moses brings the children of Israel out of Egypt, he goes to Sinai.

When he goes up the mountain to meet with God and receive the 10 commandments... something happens.

Back down below, the people of Israel build something.

They build an idol - but not just any idol, one that they say THIS IS THE GOD WHO SAVED US.

Exodus 32:

3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden[a] calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord.

This is who saved us! And then they have a feast to this god they are calling Lord.

And what is the idol? A calf.

We do not get a description of this calf - but I'm willing to put my neck on the line and say that this calf had horns. In the shape of a crescent moon.

They were in a region where this god was worshipped. And they fell for the lie - this god is the same god that rescued you from Egypt.

This is the god you've been worshipping all along.

And it is the same lie that we are getting fed by Islam. This is the same god you have been worshipping - but this is what he is really like.

You see I believe that the same spiritual principality that was behind this golden calf - it is the same demonic force that was behind the worship of sin. It is the same principality that was worshipped in Ur, Syria and Babylon.

It is the same spiritual power that was and still is worshipped in Mecca. The same deception - the same demon that is asking the same thing. To divert worship to himself instead of the one true god.

That was Satan's plan from the very start - it's the reason he fell. And he has not stopped doing it. Whenever Israel fell into idolatry - this spiritual power is at the bottom of it.

And with Islam it has not changed.

Put on the news today... just a few weeks ago I saw two children on the news, one a Jew and one a Muslim. They said I don't understand why we fight, because we basically believe the same thing.

The Bible talks about a great falling away in the end times - that many of the elect will be deceived... it is by this lie.

That Allah is the god you've been worshipping all along, you've just got misguided.

Allah is not the same as Yahweh. Or Eloah, or Elohim.

Muslim apologists get annoyed when other Muslims talk about "God" instead of "Allah" because the word "God" can be applied to any religion's god. They recognise that Allah is a proper name which distinguishes the God of the Muslims from the God of the Jews and Christians, or the gods of the Hindus and others.

You will not find many (if any) Muslims insisting that they worship the Hebrew Eloah - the only time they ever try to make a connection is when trying to recruit Jews and Christians to Islam. If I were to confess that "Eloah" were my God and that Mohammed was his prophet I doubt any Muslim would believe I had converted to Islam!

They represent two different spiritual worlds. And when we discover even more of the nature of Yahweh through the revelation of Yah'shua (Jesus) we see that the gap between the Bible and the Koran is even wider.

The Islamic creed - there is no God but Allah translated as there is no God but God - but the key part - and Mohammed is his messenger.

He is either sent by God or deceived by the devil. Either or. Cannot be both.

Killing Christians was never top of Islam's agenda - but leading the saints into following a false God is. And when they reject Allah.... well then Islam gets militant.

## How do we react?

So what does this mean. How do we react now? How does this effect us today?

Is Islam the religion of the anti-christ? Well it certainly carries the spotter of Anti-Christ.

Here are the verses that describe the "antichrist" spirit:

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.

1 John 2:22,23

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

2 John 1:7

Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

From these verses, we learn that the antichrist is a spirit that is identified as a “liar” and a “deceiver” which specifically denies the following:

- 1 That Jesus is the Christ/Messiah (The saviour/deliverer of Israel and the World)
- 2 The Father and the Son (The Trinity or that Jesus is The Son of God).
- 3 That Jesus has come in the flesh. (The incarnation - that God became man)

The religion of Islam, more than any other religion, philosophy, or belief system, fulfils the description of the antichrist spirit.

The religion of Islam makes it one of its highest priorities to very specifically deny all of the above points regarding Jesus and His relationship to the Father.

In regard to whether or not Islam is specifically the Antichrist system that the Bible foretells, there can be no question that of this fact:

The second largest, fastest growing religion in the world, is and has been from its inception, the quintessence of the very antichrist spirit that John the apostle warned us of.

Satan’s goal has always been to cause the inhabitants of the earth to worship him rather than God. As such Satan has long had a very specific plan to raise up his own worship movement that will literally cover the face of the earth.

Through the Antichrist, and his False Prophet, the Bible says that Satan will come very close to achieving his goal just prior to the return of Jesus.

Let’s just look at some comparisons between islamic and Biblical eschatology:

- Bible: The Antichrist is an unparalleled political, military and religious leader that will emerge in the last-days.
- Islam: The Mahdi is an unparalleled political, military and religious leader that will emerge in the last-days.
- Bible: the False Prophet is a secondary prominent figure that will emerge in the last-days who will support the Antichrist.
- Islam: the Muslim Jesus is a secondary prominent figure that will emerge in the last-days to support the Mahdi.
- Bible: The Antichrist and the False Prophet together will have a powerful army that will do great damage to the earth in an effort to subdue every nation and dominate the World.
- Islam: The Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus will have a powerful army that will attempt to control every nation of the earth and dominate the World.
- Bible: The False Prophet is described essentially as a dragon in lamb’s clothing.



- Islam: The Muslim Jesus literally comes bearing the name of the one that the world knows as “The Lamb of God: Jesus Christ.”
- Bible: The Antichrist and the False Prophet institute new laws for the whole earth.
- Islam: The Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus institute Islamic law all over the earth.
- Bible: The Antichrist and the False Prophet will both be powerful religious leaders who will attempt to institute a universal world religion.
- Islam: The Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus will institute Islam as the only religion in the earth.
- Bible: The Antichrist and the False Prophet will execute anyone who does not submit to their world religion.
- Islam: Likewise, the Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus will execute anyone who does not submit to Islam.
- Bible: The Antichrist and the False Prophet will specifically use beheading as the primary means of execution for non-conformists.
- Islam: The Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus will use the Islamic practice of beheading for executions.
- Bible: The Antichrist and the False Prophet will attack to conquer and seize Jerusalem.
- Islam: The Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus will attack to re-conquer and seize Jerusalem for Islam.
- Bible: The Antichrist will set himself up in the Jewish temple as his seat of authority.
- Islam: The Mahdi will establish the Islamic Caliphate from Jerusalem.
- Bible: The Antichrist is said to make a peace treaty with Israel for seven years.
- Islam: The Mahdi is said to make a peace treaty through a Jew (specifically a Levite) for exactly seven years.
- Bible: Jesus the Jewish Messiah will return to defend the Jews in Israel from a military attack from a vast coalition of nations led by the Antichrist and the False Prophet.
- Islam: The Dajjal, the Islamic Antichrist will gain a great Jewish following and claim to be Jesus Christ and fight against the Mahdi and the Muslim Jesus.
- Bible: The antichrist spirit specifically denies the most unique and central doctrines of Christianity, namely the trinity, the incarnation and the substitutionary death of Jesus on the cross.
- Islam: Islam doctrinally and spiritually specifically denies the most unique and central doctrines of Christianity, namely the trinity, the incarnation and the substitutionary death of Jesus on the cross.
- Bible: From the Bible and History we learn that the final Antichrist empire will be a revived version of the Empire that succeeds the Roman Empire
- Islam: The Empire that succeeded the Roman/Byzantine Empire was the Islamic Ottoman Empire

- Bible: When Antichrist emerges, there will already be some form of system in place that will be poised to receive him as a Saviour and to give allegiance to him.
- Islam is already the second largest religion and will at present growth rates become the largest religion within a few decades. Islam is awaiting the coming of the Mahdi with a universal anticipation.

If this is correct - we need to understand: Islam is the future. Yes, you heard that correctly: Islam *is* the future.

If present trends do not change *dramatically*, Islam will bypass Christianity for the title of the world's largest religion very shortly. In fact, according to most statistics, this may take place in less than twenty years.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, growing at a rate four times faster than Christianity.

This means something today.

Islamic influence in our society will continue to grow. As a result there will be more and more pressure on us to compromise our faith.

There will be more reports on how our traditions are the same, that we worship the same god and the deception will be harder and harder to resist.

We cannot compromise our faith. Allah and Yahweh are NOT the same in any shape, way or form. They do not believe the same as us but are missing the revelation of Jesus in the way the Jewish people do - they believe in an entirely different god.

More and more you will be asked to compromise - your faith will be challenged. Stand firm.

We will see branches of the church moving in this direction. Christly will become more and more common. The Catholic church is already heading in this direction. We cannot.

There will be a falling away - a falling for the lie. We must stand firm.

And don't doubt this - we will be seen as the bad guys for not compromising.

Wherever Islam grows - Christian evangelism becomes more and more difficult. When Islam becomes dominant, Christian evangelism is not allowed.

That means it will be harder to reach people in a few years time than it is now.

There is an end time harvest to bring in. There are people all around us who will fall for this lie unless we can reach them.

The urgency to preach the gospel is greater today than it has ever been. Do not say there are months until the harvest - the fields are white NOW.

We do not know how long we have to reach people. Now is the time to act - we need to reach as many people as possible and point them to Jesus before their worship is directed to the Anti Christ.

Here is the reality - we can be uncompromising as a church in our beliefs - we can have a great time worshipping God - we can receive healing for all of our issues - we can have our self esteem built up by God and we can go round and round in blessing circles, enjoying ourselves and miss the harvest.

More than ever before we do not have time for a Christianity that exists just to bless us and help us work through things.

Church - we can go round in circles for years - we can always be struggling with something, we can move from crisis to crisis and get healing after healing, but we just simply don't have time for it!

There is a world going to hell out there and where's the church?

Just the other week I saw a news report about Trans Gender children. And it was reported as a good thing! How much worse do things need to get out there before we wake up!

There are people in this very town, lost.

There's some stuff guys, that we have going on in our lives that we just need to get over. We just need to get past and concentrate on the job at hand.

We are carrying issues and problems around for so long that we just need to grow up spiritually and move on from.

The harvest is great - but the labourers few. There isn't time anymore to accept that as the way it is.

It will get harder and harder to reach people. The time to act is NOW. Wake up church! Wake up and see that the tide is changing. We are closer than we have ever been to the end and we cannot rest.

We are too lethargic. We are too distracted. We start things well and then taper off... We don't have time anymore. We have a world to reach. NOW. While we can. We are the only tool Jesus has called - and we do not have long to do it.