

## The Antichrist Pt.4

### The Antichrist and Islam

#### Introduction

(Washington, D.C., September 24, 2010) — [Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad](#) made an inflammatory speech to the U.N. General Assembly . He began by praying, "O God, hasten the arrival of Imam al-Mahdi and grant him good health and victory and make us his followers and those who attest to his righteousness."

With this prayer, reporters were running about trying to find out what this "Mahdi" was all about.

Since 9/11 we have become more acquainted with the Islamic religion than most of us would desire. Perhaps it has been a good thing for the evangelical church to become aware of the real treat Islam gives to the life and ministry of the church. Some would say, that Islam is a false religion, on the other side of the globe, what do we have to worry about. They are no treat to the church...

Consider a few things with me

1. If things don't change dramatically, Islam will become the largest religion in the world very shortly
2. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, 4 times faster than Christianity.
3. "If present trends continue, half of all global births will be to Islamic families by 2055"
4. Islam is also the fastest growing religion in the United States, Canada and Europe at an average of 8 percent per year
5. This amounts to 25,000 converts per year in the United States alone.
6. Since 9/11 the number of converts in America have quadrupled
7. 80 percent of converts in America were raised in Christian Churches

## II. His Region

### a. *Daniel 2*

#### i. *Statue with iron legs and feet mixed with clay*

1. *The work Mixed from Hebrew = Arab – to mix or comingle, mixed people, part strong and part weak (perhaps a reference to the strength of the islam, but the weakness of its tribes and factions (Sunni vs Shea)*

Now somebody might say, “Well, when you think about the future and what’s going to happen in the world, don’t we have a revived Roman Empire? Doesn’t that mean the west? You remember that the image in Daniel 2 of the final world empire had two legs and the Roman Empire had the west and the east? You know, of course, if you know history that the western part of the Roman Empire basically dissolved and the east survived for a thousand years or more so that at the time of the New Testament, sixty percent of the Roman Empire was land that is now under Muslim control...at least 60 percent. The vast majority of the Roman Empire in New Testament times is today under Muslim control and Islam is moving across the west rapidly in Europe, isn’t it?

When you have a picture in Ezekiel 38, you have a picture of the Antichrist, Gog and you have the listing of eight nations, that will be a coalition for the Antichrist. All eight of those are Muslim nations, all eight of them. And they ring the Mediterranean to Libya.

In [Revelation 17:9](#) to 11 it says there were six kingdoms and then a seventh and finally an eighth. What is the seventh? Well there’s been a discussion about that, it well could be the Ottoman Turk Empire which lasted five hundred years and didn’t really fall until the modern era. The Turkish Empire was the last Caliphate which ended in 1923 and they’re waiting for the restoration when the Mahdi comes.

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### b. *Daniel 9:26*

- i. *One of the major arguments about the region the antichrist will come from is found in this text. The people who came and destroyed Jerusalem in 70AD are indicated as the people from whom the prince (antichrist) will come. The traditional view has been that this is definitely the Roman Empire. But is it? Is that all that was going on here in this text and is that all that we know about the Roman invasion and destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD.*

ii. ***A bit of history***

*In the early days of the Roman Empire, when it was still called a Republic, the Soldiers/Legionnaires were primarily made up of Italian men, but as the Republic grew, there were not enough Italian soldiers to spread around the whole Roman Empire, It had grown to include Europe, Northern Africa and large swath of the Middle East. So Emperor Augustus made some sweeping reforms to allow the Italian soldiers to make up the elite soldiers and they would recruit “provincials” from the provinces of the outlying areas. So by the time of 70AD, a large majority of the Roman legions were made up of locals where they lived.*

*So to know what peoples were involved in the attack on Jerusalem, we just have to find where the legions came from*

***Of the 6 legions used to attack Jerusalem, all were from the Middle East .***

***3 from Syria, 1 from Asia/minor and Syria, 1 from Egypt and 1 from Judea***

*By the time of 70 AD nearly all the soldiers making up the legions in that area were from the MiddleEast*

*Syrian, Egyptian and Arabs only 1 out of 5 were Italian and by the 1<sup>st</sup> century only 1 percent were Italian*

***So we can say that the people of the prince who is to come are Arabic, Middle Eastern in descent.***

*But someone my argue, But it was still Rome who gave the order, Well not exactly*

*The text says “the people of the prince who is to come”*

*The word people “Am” in Hebrew, means race, tribe, family or kindred. Its not referring to the empire of Rome but rather the kind of people. Also, the people “Arabs” went against the orders of Titus not to destroy the temple. But because of the great hatred of the Arabs for the Jews, they went against Caesar and Burned it anyway.*

c. ***Revelation 17***

i. *First 5 kingdoms, Egypt Assyria, Babylon, Medo-persia Greece*

- ii. *The 6<sup>th</sup> that is Rome*
  - 1. *IN order to determine what would be the 7<sup>th</sup> Empire we need to look for one that like the others in that it was:*
    - a. *Powerful*
    - b. *Pagan*
    - c. *Anti-Yawistic*
    - d. *Anit-Semitic*
    - e. *Anti-Zionist*
    - f. *Controlled the region around Israel.*
- iii. *The Seventh Ottoman Empire*
- iv. *The Eighth of the Seventh, Revived Ottoman Empire, Caliphate*

### III. **His Religion**

Most people think of Islam as an utterly distinct religion from Christianity, with no connection to Christianity. We would think if someone is a Muslim, they have absolutely no connection to Christianity. And there are many religions that have no connection to Christianity, Hinduism has no connection to Christianity, Buddhism has no connection to Christianity, many others have no connection. It's amazing how many do connect because Satan wants to counterfeit and deceive and get as close to the truth as he can.

There are actually confessed evangelical people who think that. Muslims not only believe in God because they are monotheist, believing in one God, but who think that Muslims are okay because they actually believe in Jesus. And by the way, they do. Brian McClaren an Emerging Church heretic writer in his book *The Secret Message of Jesus* says, and I quote, "All Muslims regard Jesus as a great prophet. A shared reappraisal of Jesus' message could provide a common ground for urgently needed religious dialogue. This reappraisal of Jesus may be our own way of saving a number of religions, including Christianity," end quote.

So if we want to save Christianity and save other religions, we need to all get together and that should be easy for us to do because we can start with the Muslims because they already believe in Jesus. A popular speaker and author, Tony Campolo, says, quote: "When we listen to the Muslim mystics as they talk about Jesus and their love for Jesus, I must say it's a lot closer to New Testament Christianity than a lot of Christians." Really! So you think that the Muslim Jesus is the same Jesus?

I can help you with that because they describe Jesus. The Muslim Jesus plays a crucial role in Islamic eschatology. Now you do know that the Muslims have an eschatology. In other words they have a theology of the end. They know where they're going, according to their writings. They know where they're going.

Let me describe the Muslim Jesus to you. This is out of their own writings, the Koran and the Sunnah. The Koran is supposedly the word of Allah, actually the word of Satan, but they think it's the word of Allah. The Sunnah...the Sunnah are the words of and the works of Mohammed. The Koran then constitutes their holy Scripture and the Sunnah, sometimes called the Hadith constitutes their holy tradition. Their theology comes out of the Koran and the Sunnah, just as Roman Catholic theology comes out of the Bible and Tradition, or Judaism comes out of the Old Testament and rabbinic tradition...the Muslims have two sources of authoritative truth.

In their system they have Jesus. Jesus was a man, he was not God. He did not die, he went to heaven like Elijah. He did not die, therefore he did not rise. He did not rise, therefore he did not provide an atonement for anyone because no one can provide an atonement for anyone else. He is a man. He is a prophet. He is nothing more. He went to heaven like Elijah. And he's in heaven right now, standing alongside Allah, waiting for Allah to send him back. In their system, this man, this prophet Jesus who is now in heaven, never having died, plays a key role in the end times because he will return from heaven without dying, he will come back when Allah sends him back.

Now the question to ask, is why would Allah want to send Jesus back? He has a lot of prophets to pick from, why does he send Jesus back?

Answer...so that when he shows up he can correct all the Christians who have misunderstood who he is. The sources for this, again, are the Koran and the Sunnah. The great event of the coming of Christ, or coming of Jesus, is so that this prophet, this man who comes back can straighten out the misdirected, misguided, misconceiving Christians who think He was God who died and rose again and provided atonement...he'll come back and straighten it out. And by the way, after he gets here, he'll get married, have children and die and be buried next to Mohammed. That's the Muslim Jesus.

a. *The Mahdi*

In Islamic eschatology, there are three great signs of the end of history...three great signs. There are some lesser signs, or some minor signs, or some major signs. In their eschatology, again quoting their sources exclusively, there are three great signs of the end of history. And each of them is a man. Let me tell you about those three men.

First of all, the first man that will come in the end of history is the Mahdi...M-a-h-d-i. Sometimes he's called the Twelfth Imam. Every time Ahmajinedad over in Iran gives a speech, he gives glory to the Mahdi, glory to the Twelfth Imam, every time. He's waiting for the coming of the Mahdi.

What is he coming to do? He's coming, listen carefully, to slaughter all who will not worship Allah, convert to Islam. They are identified in their writings as pigs and dogs. And to establish the everlasting world dominating kingdom of Islam. That's what he will do.

The Mahdi, or the Twelfth Imam, that means the guided one, is the long-awaited savior. He is the establisher of the final Caliphate. The world must follow him as he takes over or he will destroy all enemies of Islam. He will come and he will carry on holy war and either you convert or you're killed by the Mahdi. He will have an army. His army will be a massive army and his army will go from nation to nation to punish the unbelievers. The holy writings of Islam say that this army will carry black flags. And on those black flags there will be one word and that one word will be the word Punishment. By the way, the Iranian army today carries black flags. They want to be ready for the coming of the Mahdi.

He will lead the army of black flags first to Israel, slaughter all the Jews, and then he will establish his rule in Jerusalem on the temple mount. That's what their literature says. Slaughter the Jews, establish his rule on the temple mount.

According to their holy writings, the Mahdi will bring rain and wind and crops and wealth and happiness so that all will love him and no one will speak of anyone but him. Their writings say the Mahdi will come and make, at first, a peace agreement with the Jews and the west for seven years. The reign of Mahdi will last seven years in which he establishes Islam on the earth.

Their holy writings say this, the Mahdi will come riding on a white horse, and it even says in their writings, "As it says in [Revelation 6:1](#) and [2](#). Saddam Hussein, by the way, painted murals of this Mahdi on a white horse all over Baghdad. And he comes carrying a sword to kill the infidels.

When the Mahdi arrives, he will discover hidden scriptures, he will discover them, interestingly enough, somewhere near the Sea of Galilee and there will be there hidden scriptures, hidden gospels and a hidden Torah and they will be the true scriptures which will be used by the Mahdi to show the Jews and the Christians they were wrong, that their scriptures were the false scriptures.

Let me summarize. The Mahdi will be a messianic figure. He will be a descendant of Mohammed. He will be an unparalleled, unequaled leader. He will come out of a crisis of turmoil. He will take control of the world. He will establish a new world order. He will destroy all who resist him. He will invade many nations. He will make a seven-year peace treaty with the Jews. He will conquer Israel and massacre the Jews. He will establish Islamic world headquarters at Jerusalem. He will rule for seven years, establish Islam as the only religion. He will come on a white horse with supernatural power. He will be loved by all people on earth.

If that sounds familiar, that is a precise description of the biblical Antichrist...absolutely step-by-step-by-step-by-step. The Bible's Antichrist is their Mahdi. We know that the rider on the white horse in Revelation 6 is the Antichrist. They use that verse to describe their Mahdi.

Why am I giving you all this? Because the description of the Mahdi is exactly the description of the biblical Antichrist, the beast of Revelation 13, and you go into any kind of a study of that and you will find that all the details match up perfectly. The Bible's Antichrist is Islam's Savior and world conqueror who establishes a universal Islamic kingdom.

#### b. *The Prophet*

And there's a second sign, a second person, and it is Jesus. The Mahdi is not Jesus. The Mahdi is greater than Jesus, and that's important to their system because if you have somebody greater than Jesus then the Christians were wrong. So Jesus will return. Yes, Muslims believe that Jesus will come again. They believe in the return of Jesus, not the true Jesus, the Jesus of Islam, not God, didn't die, didn't rise, didn't provide a sacrifice for sin, but he does return. He's a prophet and he comes back and he has one purpose when he comes back and that is to assist and aid the Mahdi. He returns, listen to this, as a radical Muslim. He comes back as a radical Muslim. He will arrive, by the way, at a minaret near Damascus. And he will come back holding the wings of two angels who flew him down to meet the gathering army of the Mahdi in the east, the army of the black flags.

Jesus when he comes back will pray to the Mahdi who is greater than he. He will acknowledge the Mahdi as his lord. He will make a pilgrimage to Mecca. He will worship Allah and thus he will lead all Christians who will follow him to reject their notion of Jesus and accept the real Jesus who is nothing but a prophet and a man. He will establish worldwide Sharia law. He will become the greatest Muslim evangelist and he will be the final witness on the day of judgment against non-Muslims. Christians everywhere will affirm that they were wrong, that the gospel is wrong, the New Testament is wrong, He didn't die, He didn't rise, He isn't God, He isn't the Son of God. He Himself will come back and point out how wrong we've been. He will correct all misinterpretations and all misrepresentations.

Let me quote what their literature says. "He will shatter crosses." That's metaphoric for the destruction of the church, a symbol of Christianity being placed in the church. He will kill pigs. He will abolish the tax on non-Muslims because there won't be any living non-Muslims, can't tax dead people. And then he will do one more thing. He will kill the Islamic Antichrist. He will kill the Islamic Antichrist. Then he will die and be buried by Mohammed, but not until he has destroyed Christianity by revealing who he really is.

Who is this? You compare what he does to the false prophet in the book of Revelation, chapter 13, 16, 19, 20 refer to the beast coming out of the earth, the false prophet, who aids and abets the Antichrist. He is as the Mahdi is the exact replica of the Antichrist, the Jesus prophet in Islam is the exact parallel to the false prophet who aids and abets the Antichrist. One of their writings says he espouses the cause of the Mahdi. He is the Mahdi's executioner. He is the Mahdi's enforcer. He is the Mahdi's prophet. And it is he who kills the Antichrist.

### c. *The Antichrist*

That leads me to the third person. The Antichrist will show up. The Muslims call him Dajjal, he is the great deceiver. He comes to earth on a mule and he's blind in one eye. He is an infidel. He is a false miracle worker, this Antichrist, this Islamic Antichrist. But you know who he claims to be? He claims to be Jesus, the son of God. He claims to be deity. He will attempt to stop the Mahdi and the true Jesus but the true Jesus will slaughter him.

This is their view of the true Christ. Our Jesus is their Antichrist. Our Antichrist is their redeemer. It is a satanic counterfeit that is in complete reverse. The army...this is a quote... "The army of Satan will be led by a person who will claim to be Jesus Christ." There will be a battle. The Muslim Jesus will fight the false Jesus and kill



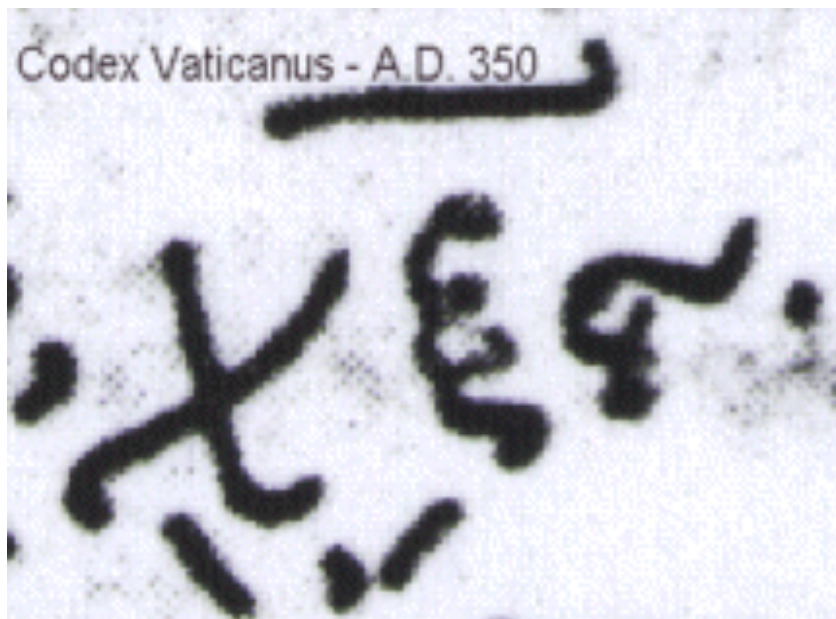
him and establish Islam forever. The truth is, the true Jesus will destroy the Antichrist and the false prophet and establish His Kingdom forever. This is Satan's complete counterfeit, Muslim world domination.

#### IV. **His Requirement**

##### a. ***Its Islamic Persuasion***

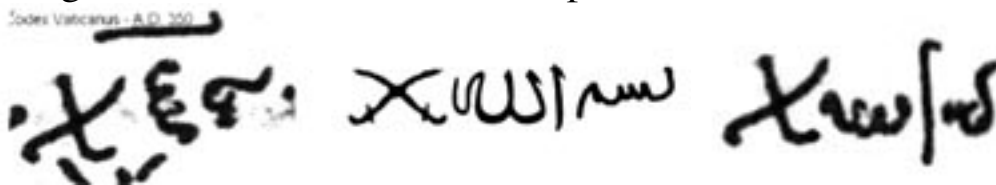
- i. *The Islamic Tradition, the Hadith, (Sunna) speaks of the Beast rising up and placing a mark on the forehead of all the faithful followers of Allah. So this has created a desire in the Muslim world for the mark of the beast. Islam is known for there committed followers to wear badges on forehead and arm to indicate they are followers of Allah*

##### b. ***Its Islamic Parallel***



The image on the far left is from the Codex Vaticanus (Greek) Bible, A.D. 350, (it should be noted that the Codex Vaticanus did not get a copy of Revelation until much later but other old manuscripts such as P-47 contain the same letters) and illustrates exactly what the characters Chi Xi Stigma, or “666,” look like in the original New

Testament text. The center image is Arabic and is commonly seen through- out the Islamic world. It spells out “In the name of Allah,”



followed by two crossed swords (note that Arabic reads from right to left). The image on the far right is, again, taken from the Codex Vaticanus but with the symbols that resemble “in the name of Allah” flipped, as the Arabic would read.



### ***c. Its Islamic Punishment***

- i. *The Islamic religion has a rich history of execution of the infidels by beheading. Even there literature teaching to “strike the neck of the infidel” as a means of punishment*
- ii. *Revelation 20:4*

Conclusion

*In a email that was sent to Joel Richardson, Author of “Islamic Antichrist”*

*From and American Muslim named Tamim*

*After writing a long email about misguided Christians and the supremacy of Islam he concludes*

*“You want us “controlled in America” you say? To bad, We have freedom of religion in this country, and are protected by the Second Amendment and the Title7 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Fire us, we sue, Persecute us, we get sympathy and thus more converts. Burn down our Mosques, we build a new one with the sympathetic donation (often from church groups) and the guilty go to prison. And*

*all the time, we get larger, richer, and become more of an influence in this country. We are your police, your grocers, your secretaries, doctors, lawyers, schoolteachers, and neighbors. Your children go to school with our children. Omar and Muhammad are now almost as common in the school roster as Brendan and Michael. We are here. We are getting larger by the minute. We are taking over this planet. And theres NOTHING you can do about it.. So go ahead and whine; I will enjoy watching your pathetic tantrums as we rule your future. Or join us. Accept Islam for your salvation. Because your children and/or your grandchildren probably will.*

*Peace Be with you, Tamim  
(Islamic Antichrist pg.241 Joel Richardson)  
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