

The Nature of the Beast: 12 Reasons Islam Is the Religion of the Antichrist

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THE BIBLE teaches that in the last days, an evil empire will rise to power.

Referred to as the “beast,” it will be a coalition of 10 like-minded nations who make war against Jesus and His followers (Rev. 17:12–14).

While Scripture does not specify which nations will make up the coalition, its religious disposition is clear.

Here are 12 reasons Islam is the religion of the beast:

1. GEOGRAPHY

According to the Bible, the beast will rise from the lands once ruled under the Babylonian, Persian, and Greek Empires (Dan. 7:3-7; Rev. 13:2).

Today, these same lands are ruled exclusively by Muslim nations.

2. FALSE PROPHET

The beast is associated with a false prophet (Rev. 19:20, 20:10).

Apart from the biblical prophets, the most recognized prophet is the founder of Islam, the self-proclaimed “prophet” Muhammad.

3. BEHEADING

The beast’s preferred method of execution is beheading by the sword (Rev. 20:4; 13:10).

Islam’s preferred method of execution is beheading by the sword: “When you encounter the infidels, strike off their heads” (Surah 47:4).

Moreover, of all the countries that execute criminals today, only one employs the archaic practice of beheading by the sword: Saudi Arabia, the birthplace of Islam and home of its holiest sites, Mecca and Medina.

4. ANTI-CHRIST

The biblical definition of “antichrist” is one who denies that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 2:22, 23).

Islam utterly rejects the notion that God has a Son, and that Jesus is the Son. The antichrist posture of Islam is conveyed in numerous inscriptions that encircle its most famous shrine, the Dome of the Rock, located on the Temple Mount:

“Jesus son of Mary, was *only* a messenger of God.”

“God has no son. It is blasphemy to say he has taken a son.”

“Far be it removed from His transcendent majesty that He should have a son.”

5. GOD’S NAME BLASPHEMED

The beast blasphemes, or dishonors, God’s name (Rev. 13:6).

The defining slogan of Islam, the *Shahada*, states that Allah (not Yahweh or Yeshua) is God: “There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger.”

Another Islamic slogan, “*Allahu Akbar*,” means “God is Greater,” insinuating that Allah is the god above all.

Muslims claim to worship the same God as Jews and Christians (Surah 29:46). To call the God of the Bible “Allah,” a name which, before Islam, was associated with the pagan moon-god of Arabia, is blasphemy indeed.

6. RELIGION OF PEACE

The beast conceals his goal of world domination behind a peaceful, or lamblike, façade (Rev. 13:11).

The word “Islam” is said to originate from the Arabic word *salaam*, meaning “peace.” Thus, the popular slogan, “Islam is a religion of peace.” The unfortunate truth for non-Muslims, however, is that Islam teaches there can only be peace when the whole world is subjugated under Allah (Surah 9:29).

7. GOD OF WAR

The beast honors a “god of fortresses,” or god of war (Dan. 11:38).

The Koran contains at least 109 verses that call Muslims to war against nonbelievers. Those who do not fight the infidels are called “hypocrites” and warned that Allah will send them to Hell if they do not join the slaughter.

From the conquests of Muhammad, to the recent attack by Hamas, the blood-spattered history of Islam shows that Allah is indeed a god of war.

8. DISREGARD FOR WOMEN

The beast has no regard for women (Dan. 11:37).

Nowhere in the world are women held in lower regard than in Muslim countries. In strict Islamic societies, they are given lower status than men; barred from education and employment; undergo genital mutilation, and are subject to “honor killings” for crimes such as “immoral behavior.”

9. RAPE AND KIDNAPPING

The beast’s followers attack Jerusalem, rifle the houses, rape the women, and take captives (Zech. 14:2).

Raping, pillaging and kidnapping have been the M.O. of Islam since the days of Muhammad.

The recent mass rape and hostage-taking by Hamas was but a preview of a larger incursion to take place during the Tribulation.

10. CHANGING TIMES AND LAWS

The beast tries to change the calendar and laws (Dan. 7:25).

A fundamental goal of Islam is to implement the Muslim calendar and Sharia Law worldwide.

11. A REVIVED KINGDOM

The beast kingdom will be a revived version of a former kingdom that appeared dead by a head wound:

“The beast seemed wounded beyond recovery—but the fatal wound was healed! The whole world marveled at this miracle and gave allegiance to the beast” (Rev. 13:3).

The “head” of the Islamic world, which ruled over the Middle East and the land of Israel for around seven centuries, was the Ottoman Caliphate centered in modern-day Turkey.

In World War One, the Ottomans sided with Germany and were defeated by the Allies. The Islamic empire and position of Caliph, or head of Islam, were formally abolished in 1924.

Today, however, a century after the head received its deadly wound, there is a growing call to reunite all Muslims under a single leader, or caliph. A chief proponent is the President of Turkey, the former geographic center of the Caliphate.

A revived Caliphate, made in the “image” of the former one, would affect a new world order and fulfill the prophecy about the beast’s fatal head wound that is healed (Rev. 13:11–17).

12. MARK OF THE BEAST

The beast forces people to take a “mark” (Greek “*charagma*”), as a badge or identifying marker on their forehead or right hand (Rev. 13:16). The mark is said to be “the name of the beast” or the “number of his name,” which is 666 (vv. 17, 18).

In view of the fact that the number of the beast is *also* a name, it is striking that the Greek characters translated “666” in the original New Testament, *Chi Xi Stigma*, look virtually identical to the Arabic phrase “Bismillah,” or “In the Name of Allah,” followed by two crossed swords.

The Bismillah and crossed swords are a universal symbol of Islam. They appear on Muslim flags, emblems, logos, letterheads and, most significantly, on the headbands and armbands (forehead or right arm) of jihadis as a display of allegiance to Allah.

Whatever form the mark ultimately takes, be it a badge, implant, or something else, the important thing to know is that it is a declaration of worship of a false god, and that those who take it will be subject to eternal punishment (Rev. 14:10, 11).

SUMMARY

According to the Bible, the end-times beast:

- Rises in the Middle East.
- Is associated with a false prophet.

- Beheads Christians and Jews.
- Rejects Jesus.
- Blasphemes God's name.
- Claims to want peace but is ever waging war.
- Mistreats women.
- Rapes, pillages and kidnaps.
- Wants to change the calendar and laws.
- Is a revived version of a former kingdom.
- Forces people to wear a mark or badge of allegiance.

Today, one out of four people on earth is Muslim.

After the Rapture, the ratio of Muslims will be closer to one out of three.

It is easy to envision how, in a world where Islam is the majority religion, and there is no restraint against evil, 10 Muslim rulers could agree to form an alliance—a revived version of the Caliphate—to pursue the goal of global subjugation under Allah.

The beast will prevail, for a while, until the Son of God who it opposes slays it with the brightness of His coming (Rev. 13:7; 19:11–19).

Then, the world will know peace.

NOTES:

1. This study is not meant to stir animosity toward Muslims, who Scripture says are spiritually blinded, but to underscore the truth about Islam. Christians should pray for those enslaved by all satanically inspired religions, that God will awaken them and reveal His promise of mercy and freedom in Christ.

2. The term “beast” applies to both the antichrist kingdom and its ruler (Rev. 13).

3. The Dome of the Rock is the oldest surviving example of Islamic architecture. The anti-Christ inscriptions encircling its inner and outer arcade contain the earliest epigraphic proclamations of Islam and of its founder, Muhammad.

4. Mark of the beast videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jfbh2l8usw&t=99s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtquNNEO7Fw>

5. Another indication that Islam is the end-times beast religion is a convergence of prophetic timelines. In Daniel 9, Messiah the Prince appears a set number of Sabbatical “weeks” after Jerusalem is rebuilt:

“From the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall” (Dan. 9:25).

During the peak of the Islamic–Ottoman Empire, in 1536–37 AD, the Caliph Suleiman the Magnificent ordered that Jerusalem’s wall rebuilt. Counting Daniel’s “seven weeks and sixty-two weeks” from Suleiman’s order to rebuild Jerusalem’s wall, we arrive at the Sabbatical year ending in 2023. This is significant because 2023 also marks “seven weeks,” or one Jubilee period, since the Jews began to rebuild Jerusalem, after liberating it from Muslim rule in 1967. Thus, two different “weeks” counts from Daniel, both related to the Muslim occupation of Jerusalem, point to 2023 (see graphic below):

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-35306783/documents/b6dbac9df3ad4840b966ccf9d9f77cab/DANIELS%2069%20WEEKS%20AND%20MESSIAHS%20TWO%20APPEARANCES%20-%20ISLAM%20rev%20c.pdf>

There is more. The Sabbatical year ending at 2023 also marks 1,335 years since the Islamic Dome of the Rock, an “abomination that causes desolation,” was set up on the Temple Mount in 688 AD. Speaking of the timing of “the end,” Jesus says, “blessed are those who wait for and reach the end of the 1,335 days” (Dan. 12:12). Could the end of 1,335 years in 2024 see the “blessed hope,” the resurrection–rapture of believing Jews and Gentiles?

5. Muslim population by country:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/25-countries-highest-muslim-population-212810524.html#:~:text=Islam%20is%20the%20second%20largest,world%20in%20terms%20of%20population.>