THE KORAN: TESTIMONY OF ANTICHRIST

"The worst woes will come to those who heap their grief by blood of sheep."

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Koran, the book of Islam, is not only the testimony of a false prophet, it is the testimony of Antichrist. Yet, so many hearing that testimony today are willing to believe it, to take it to heart, to stand on it, and even to die for it --- as if it were written by the Spirit of Truth.

Have you ever read the Koran? It is a book that has influenced almost as many people as the Bible. It is a book that has contributed to the shaping of world history. And it is a book that will greatly influence the events of these last days. If you haven't, I recommend that you read it, but only after having first read the Bible. Why? Though you may be able to spot the absurdities in the Koran you will not be able to see through the subtle elements of its powerful deception unless you first come to know and understand real scripture. Sure, it may take a while before you finish both, but don't you think you owe it to your own soul to at least look for the truth?

The whole premise is folly, you say? Then, consider this: If what I was writing supposedly unmasked the deceptions and myths of the Bible, how many people would really care? And of those who would care, how many Christian believers would take it upon themselves to physically silence me? Though some might feel wounded and perhaps tempted to do me hurt, I believe

that I would be able to pass through a crowd of them without harm. Could I say the same about Moslem believers if what I wrote defamed the Koran? No, it is dangerous to speak out against them, their society, their prophet, and their so-called holy book. Few adherents of Islam tolerate any ideas other than their own, let alone dissent. Magnanimity is just not a principle by which they operate.

In the spirit of ecumenism and religious tolerance or just not caring, many today have adopted a live-and-let-live attitude about spiritual beliefs. I, too, believe that there should be a freedom of choice concerning the way we define the Creator to ourselves and the way we worship. However, it behooves us to be aware that not everyone shares such democratic ideals. In fact, very few do. There are those who would rob us of that right.

Until recently, Christians were most concerned about the threat that Communism posed to religious freedom. To them I say, you won't know real religious persecution until the Mohammedans have arrived. Mohammedans are opposed to religions other than their own because they feel they are a blasphemy to Allah --- a blasphemy which is to be punishable by them, at that.

2. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ISAAC AND ISHMAEL

In the Koran, the followers of Mohammed are instructed to say:

"We believe in God, and that which has been sent down on us, and sent down on Abraham and Ishmael, Isaac and Jacob, and the Tribes, and in that which was given to Moses and Jesus, and the prophets, of their Lord; we make no division between [distinction among] any of them, and to Him we surrender."

Surah III (1)

Fast students of the Bible will recognize the subtle introduction of Ishmael into the lineage of those who received the covenant of God. They will recall that Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar --- the handmaid, or bondswoman, of Sarah. They will remember that, concerning Ishmael, it was prophesied through the angel of the Lord: "he will be a wild man (or, closer to the Hebrew, "a wild ass of a man"); his hand will be against every man, and every man's against him" (Genesis 6:12). And they will remember that it was through Isaac that God was to establish His Covenant, not through Ishmael (see Genesis 17:18-22). In reality, Ishmael and Hagar were to become outcasts -- banished by Abraham with God's approval (Genesis 21:9-12). That Ishmael was disinherited is reaffirmed

when God later commands Abraham to take his "only son" Isaac (Genesis 22: 2, 12, and 16). After banishment, Ishmael is mentioned little more than in genealogies (Genesis 25:9-17 and 1 Chronicles 1:28-31) and in his alliance with the disinherited son of Isaac, Esau --- which alliance is signified through the marriage of Esau to Mahalath, Ishmael's daughter (Genesis 28:9).

God said plainly: "I WILL ESTABLISH MY
COVENANT WITH HIM (Isaac) FOR AN
EVERLASTING COVENANT, AND WITH HIS SEED
AFTER HIM" (Genesis 17:19); "MY COVENANT
WILL I ESTABLISH WITH ISAAC" (Genesis 17:21);
and, "LET IT NOT BE GRIEVOUS IN THY
[Abraham's] SIGHT BECAUSE OF THE LAD
[Ishmael], AND BECAUSE OF THE BONDWOMAN...
FOR IN ISAAC SHALL THY SEED BE CALLED"
(Genesis 21:12). Yet, in spite of all that is recorded,
Mohammed attempts to vindicate and elevate Ishmael's
status:

"And we [the word 'we' in the Koran is often used to denote Allah speaking] made covenant with Abraham and Ishmael . . ."

Surah II (2)

"And mention in the Book Ishmael; he was true to his promise, and he was a Messenger, a Prophet. He bade his people to pray and give alms, and he was pleasing to his Lord." Today, partly because of such false justifications, all Moslems proudly call upon Abraham as their progenitor through Ishmael. They have accepted the teaching of Mohammed that:

"No; Abraham in truth was not a Jew, neither a Christian; but he was a Muslim and one pure of faith . . ."

Surah III (4)

"O men, bow you down and prostrate yourselves, and serve your Lord, and do good; haply so you shall prosper; and struggle for God as is His due, for He has chosen you, and has laid on you no impediment in your religion, being the creed of your father Abraham; He named you Muslims aforetime and in this, that the Messenger might be a witness against you, and that you might be witnesses against mankind."

Surah XXII (5)

Hear now what the Apostle Paul had to say concerning Isaac and Ishmael:

"For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of

the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar [Hagar]. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above us is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freeman. So then. brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free."

Galatians 4:22-31

I believe that the allegory which Paul cited is a far greater figure of things than most people think. I believe it not only helps us to understand such things as spiritual freedom and bondage and the persecution which the spiritually-minded must suffer at the hand of the carnally-minded, but that the allegory also provides

Christians with the key to a final separation amongst the children of men, --- a separation between those who believe on the one who came in the Father's name and those who believe on the one who came in his own name.

The entirety of Islam is but a parody of the truth --- a parody that both literally and figuratively tries to tear down the structure which God has built and rebuild another in its place. For what reason? So the foundation He laid and the cornerstone He established, that lost souls might be returned to Him, could be obscured from their view. Consider what has happened in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah.

Mount Moriah is the place where Abraham, as a test of faith, was ordered by God to sacrifice his son Isaac instead of a lamb as a burnt offering (see Genesis 22:1-14), --- the same place where King David was instructed by an angel (through the seer Gad) to "set up an altar unto the Lord" (read 1 Chronicles 21:18-30; 22:1-11; and, 2 Samuel 24:18-25), --- the very same place where "Solomon began to build the house of the Lord" (2 Chronicles 3:1).

Islam has tried to pervert and subvert the selection of the site for the establishment of God's Temple in two ways: First, Moslem tradition has it that prior to Abraham's above-mentioned test with Isaac he was similarly tested with Ishmael at Mecca (6) and that after passing the test both he and Ishmael built the Kaaba, which structure Islam claims is the first house ever made for the worship of God (such house now contained within the court of the Great Mosque of Mecca in Saudi Arabia). Second, Moslems claim the site of Solomon's Temple as their own holy place. In fact, the Dome of the Rock (the so-called Mosque of Omar) was built in 691-692 A.D. over the rock that is believed to have been a part of the great altar, used for burnt offering, within the first Jerusalem Temple.

Concerning this matter of the house of the Lord, the Apostle Paul further helps us to identify Islam as a major component in the great "falling away" by stating that in the latter times Satan would be revealed as he "who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4). True, the Temple of God today is His Church and His Church is the Body of Christ, but also true is that in this world darkness tries to hide even the vestiges of Truth; it seeks to confuse us and the issue as much as possible. For that reason is the site of Solomon's Temple important to the Devil.

It is evident to me that the Devil, --- "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4), has attempted to usurp the light within the Old and New Testaments by rewriting history and Scripture through the appearance of Mohammed as a prelude to the appearance of the Antichrist in the end times.

Concerning Islam's claim that Abraham travelled with Ishmael to Mecca, Alfred Guillame (a noted Professor

of Arabic and Islamic studies) states that: "... there is no historical evidence for the assertion that Abraham or Ishmael was ever in Mecca, and if there had been such a tradition it would have to be explained how all memory of the Old Semitic name Ishmael (which was not in its true Arabian form in Arabian inscriptions and written correctly with an initial consonant Y) came to be lost. The form in the Quran is taken either from Greek or Syriac sources." (7)

Dr. Guillame adds that many words in the Koran do not yield a meaning unless they are traced back to their Hebrew or Syriac sources, and that this is especially important in view of the fact that the Koran purports itself to have been written in pure, unadulterated Arabic.

For proof that Mohammed tried to rewrite Scripture, all we need do is compare a few central teachings in the Bible with those in the Koran:

- 1. Christ Jesus said to his followers: "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). Mohammed says: "Those who believe and are godfearing --- for them is good tidings in the present life" (8) and "The present life is naught but a sport and a diversion." (9)
- 2. The Apostle Paul wrote: "By grace are ye saved through faith . . . not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:9). Mohammed writes that God created this world " --- that He might try you, which one of you is fairer in works." (10)

- 3. The Bible teaches that we are responsible for our own failings. Mohammed says: "And my sincere counsel will not profit you, if I desire to counsel you sincerely, if God desires to pervert you." (11)
- 4. Compare the Bible's "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man" (James 1:13) to the Koran's "God leads astray whomsoever He will" (12) and "We try you with evil and good for a testing." (13)
- 5. Christians understand that demons have nothing in common with God and that they are beyond reclamation. According to the Koran, however, God not only created unclean spirits ("the jinn") to serve Him, He also provides for the redemption of such devils.
- 6. Compare these words of Christ Jesus concerning the woman taken in adultery: "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone" (John 8:7) with these words of Mohammed: "The fornicatress and the fornicator --- scourge each one of them a hundred stripes, and in the matter of God's religion let no tenderness seize you if you believe in God and the last Day; and let a party of believers witness their chastisement." (14)
- 7. Christ Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Mohammed, however, testifies of a sensuous heaven wherein are "the houris" --- beautiful nymphs which are among the rewards of faithful Moslems. He says: "Surely for the godfearing awaits a place of security, gardens

- and vineyards and maidens with swelling breasts, like of age, and a cup overflowing." (15)
- 8. Finally, Christ Jesus said that in heaven we "neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels of God in heaven" (Matthew 22:30). Yet Mohammed says that "the inhabitants of Paradise today are busy in their rejoicing; they and their spouses, reclining upon couches in the shade." (16)

3. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JESUS AND MOHAMMED

Jesus' birth as the Messiah was prophesied in Scripture. Mohammed's birth as the so-called Seal of the Prophets was not.

Through many witnesses, the Holy Spirit established the lineage of the Christ from Abraham through Isaac and Jacob to the tribe of Judah and out of the house of David (Genesis 12:3, 18:18, 21:12, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14, 49:10; 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalms 18:50, 89:3-4, 89:20, 132:11; Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:1, 11:10; Jeremiah 23:5-6, 33:14-15). Moreover, it was prophesied through Isaiah that the Messiah would be conceived by a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). It was prophesied through Micah that he would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). And, it was prophesied through the typology in the third and sixth chapters of Zechariah that his name would be 'Joshua' (of which 'Jesus' is the Hellenized form).

Who prophesied the birth of Mohammed as a true prophet of God? No one. No one except Mohammed. Mohammed wrote:

"Jesus son of Mary said, 'Children of Israel, I am indeed the Messenger of God to you, confirming the Torah that is before me, and giving good tidings of a Messenger who shall come after me, whose name shall be Ahmed.""

Surah LXI (17)

There is no record that the Lord Jesus said any such thing!

Throughout the Koran, Mohammed refutes that Jesus was the Son of God:

"The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary was only the Messenger of God, and His Word that He committed to Mary, and a spirit from Him."

Surah IV (18)

"The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a Messenger; Messengers before him passed away; his mother was a just woman; they both ate food. Behold, how We make clear signs to them; then behold, how they perverted are!"

Surah V (19)

"The Creator of the heavens and the earth --how should He have a Son, seeing that He has no consort, and He created all things, and He has knowledge of everything?"

Surah VI (20)

"The Jews say, 'Ezra is the Son of God;' the Christians say, 'The Messiah is the Son of God.' That is the utterance of their mouths, confirming with the unbelievers before them."

Surah IX (21)

"They [the Christians] say, 'God has taken to Him a son.' Glory be to Him! He is Allsufficient; to Him belongs all that is in the heavens and in the earth; you have no authority for this. what, so you say concerning God that you know not? Say: 'Those who forge against God falsehood shall not prosper. Some enjoyment in this world; then unto Us they shall return; then We shall let them taste the terrible chastisement, for that they were unbelievers [in Mohammed and the Koran].""

Surah X (22)

"Praise belongs to God, who has not taken to Him a son."

Surah XVII (23)

"And they say, 'The All-merciful has taken unto Himself a son' You have indeed advanced something hideous! The heavens are well-nigh rent of it and the earth split asunder, and the mountains well-nigh fall down crashing for they have attributed to the All-merciful a son; and it behooves not the All-merciful to take a son."

Surah XIX (24)

"God has not taken to Himself any son."

Surah XXIII (25)

"He has not taken to Him a son."

Surah XXV (26)

"Is it not of their own calumny that they say, 'God has begotten?' They are truly liars."

Surah XXXVII (27)

"And when the son of Mary is cited as an example, behold, thy people turn away from it and say, 'What are our gods better, or he?'
They [the Christians] cite him not to thee, save to dispute; nay, but they are a people contentious. He is only a servant We blessed, and We made him to be an example to the Children of Israel."

Surah VXLIII (28)

It was Mohammed's self-proclaimed mission "... to warn those who say, 'God has taken to Himself a son.'" (29) Yet, many have testified of the Messiah's Sonship. It was prophesied by the Holy Spirit through King David: "I will be his father, and he shall be my son" (2) Samuel 7:14). Through Isaiah: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (Isaiah 9:6). Through Gabriel to Mary: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest" (Luke 1:32) and "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). John the Baptist bore record that Jesus was the Son of God (John 1:32-34). God Himself testified twice of Jesus: "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED" (Matthew 3:17, 17:5; Mark 1:11, 9:7; and, Luke 3:22, 9:35). Saint Mark testified in his gospel: "Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1).

Even the unclean spirits recognized that Jesus was the Son of God: "And, behold, they cried out, saying, 'What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" Matthew 8:29 (30)

To casual observers and lifeless Christians, that Mohammed claimed God had no Son in Jesus does not seem to be so very damaging: after all, they think, he did acknowledge that Jesus was a prophet, --- "a Messenger of God." These fail to see that for Mohammed to have stated that Jesus was not a prophet

would have kept many from his own teachings; it would have precluded their even listening to his message. Further, these fail to see that Mohammed had to include Jesus within his teachings if he was to be more convincing concerning his own authority. It is easier to deceive if you pretend to build on an already-established foundation. It is easier to destroy if you claim a heritage in Truth:

"Surely We sent down the Torah, wherein is guidance and light, thereby the Prophets who had surrendered themselves gave judgment for those of Jewry, as did the masters and the rabbis, following such portion of God's Book as they were given to keep and were witness to. . . . And We sent, following in their footsteps, Jesus son of Mary, confirming the Torah before him; and We gave to him the Gospel, wherein is guidance and light, and confirming the Torah before it, as a guidance and an admonition unto the godfearing."

Surah V (31)

Mohammed tries to persuade us that the Koran is just as scriptural as the Torah and the Gospels. He tries to make it seem as if the Torah and the Gospels and the Koran are equal parts in a threefold plan of divine revelation to humankind. Why? The most effective way to win individuals over to your way of thinking is to, first, tell them what they already believe is true (so you don't alienate them) and, second, slowly persuade them

that what they don't yet know or understand can be provided for, or answered by, your doctrines: the wolfin-shepherd's-clothing approach, so to speak.

Both Moses and Jesus proved their words with works and signs following. The miracles performed through them punctuated the truths they spoke and the lives they lived. Christ Jesus said:

"... for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."

John 5:36

And:

"Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, 'Thou blasphemest;' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that you may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him."

John 10:36-38

Mohammed did not prove his words with works. Oh, he frequently proclaims that the Surahs (the main divisions or chapters) of the Koran are themselves "signs, clear signs." But there are no accounts of

miracles wrought through him, save those unreliable that are attributed to him through the imagination and fancy of his followers. Mohammed tries to explain away the absence of such proofs this way:

"They say, 'Why have signs not been sent down upon him from his Lord?' Say: 'The signs are only with God, and I am only a plain warner.' What, is it not sufficient for them that We have sent down upon thee the Book that is recited to them [meaning the Koran]? Surely, in that is a mercy, and a reminder to a people who believe."

Surah XXIX (32)

"It is He who has sent His Messenger [Mohammed] with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may uplift it above every religion. God suffices as a witness."

Surah XLVIII (33)

Mohammed claimed that it was only for him to deliver "the Message Manifest," --- the final word from God. (34) He tried to delude the people into thinking that he was the Christ returned to earth. In doing so, the Devil sought to establish his authority for overturning the principles of peace, love, and forgiveness taught by the real Savior.

Jesus instructed us to love our enemies, to revile not when reviled, to forgive those who despitefully use us, and to refrain from judgment (the condemnation of our peers). Hear what Mohammed had to say on those topics:

"O believers, prescribed for you is retaliation, touching the slain; freeman for freeman, slave for slave, female for female . . . In retaliation there is life for you, men possessed of minds; haply you will be godfearing."

Surah II (35)

"And fight in the way of God with those who fight with you. . . . And slay them wherever you come upon them, and expel them from where they expelled you; [your own] persecution is more grievous than slaying [others]."

Surah II (36)

"Whoso commits aggression against you, do you commit aggression against him like as he has committed against you . . . "

Surah II (37)

"Prescribed for you is fighting, though it be hateful to you."

Surah II (38)

"... take not to yourselves friends of them [the disbelievers] until they emigrate in the

way of God; then, if they turn their backs, take them, and slay them wherever you find them . . . "

Surah IV (39)

"This is the recompense of those who fight against God and His Messenger, and hasten about the earth, to do corruption there: they shall be slaughtered, or crucified, or their hands and feet shall alternately be struck off, or they shall be banished from the land."

Surah V (40)

"Fight them [the unbelievers], till there is no persecution and the religion is God's entirely."

Surah VIII (41)

"It is not for any Prophet to have prisoners until he make wide slaughter in the land."

Surah III (42)

"Slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them, and confine them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush."

Surah IX (43)

"Fight those who believe not in God and the Last Day."

"And fight the unbelievers totally even as they fight you totally; and know that God is with the godfearing."

Surah IX (45)

"O believers, fight the unbelievers who are near to you, and let them find in you a harshness; and know that God is with the Godfearing."

Surah IX (46)

"The recompense of evil is evil the like of it . . .

Surah XLII (47)

"When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then, when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds; then set them free, either by grace or ransom, till the war lays down its loads."

Surah XLVII (48)

"Mohammed is the Messenger of God, and those who are with him are hard against the unbelievers, merciful one to another."

Surah XLVIII (49)

"Thou shalt not find any people who believe in God and the Last Day who are loving to anyone who opposes God and His Messenger."

Surah LVIII (50)

"O Prophet, struggle with the unbelievers and the hypocrites, and be thou harsh with them."

Surah LXVI (51)

It should be clear that the literature of Mohammed is hateful, encouraging people to live both in fear and by the sword in judgment of one another. Compare the preceding quotations with the following instructions given by the Christ:

"But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to take thy coat also. Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye: for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do the same.

And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged, condemn not, and ye shall not be comdemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into vour bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete, withal it shall be measured to you again."

Luke 6:27-38

Having compared the previous passage with those immediately preceding it, which one of the two --- Jesus or Mohammed --- do you think is the true witness of the loving Father?

Considering what is written in the Koran, there should be little wonder why Bibles are not allowed into countries over which the banner of Islam flies. The people of those nations might be able to read:

"Thus saith the Lord: SUCH AS ARE FOR DEATH, TO DEATH: AND SUCH AS ARE

FOR THE SWORD, TO THE SWORD: AND SUCH AS ARE FOR THE FAMINE, TO THE FAMINE: AND SUCH AS ARE FOR THE CAPTIVITY, TO THE CAPTIVITY."

Jeremiah 15:2

"Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Matthew 26:52

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword."

Revelation 13:10

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather, give place unto wrath: for it is written, VENGEANCE IS MINE; I WILL REPAY, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans 12:19-21

In short, they would find out that the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, --- the one of whom Christ Jesus came to testify, is a god of peace and

love and not a god of war and hate. Moreover, they would learn of the Levitical high priest and his role as intercessor for the children of Israel, offering sacrifice once a year for their sins, and how Christ Jesus was sent to sacrifice himself "once for all" (Hebrews 10:10). They would learn how the Old Testament events, rules, and regulations were but a figure, or typology, of things to come. They would learn to understand the role of the Lamb as Intercessor for all nations under the sun. And, finally, concerning their relationship to Christ Jesus, they would learn that "there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Throughout the Koran, Mohammed attempts to undercut the role of Christ Jesus as Savior. He tries to negate that the Lamb "bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12) and that "he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25):

"Intercessor there is none, save after His leave."

Surah X(52)

"... no intercessors shall they have amongst their associates, and they shall disbelieve in their associates."

Surah XXX (53)

"Intercession will not avail with Him save for him to whom He gives leave."

Surah XXXIV (54)

"To God belongs intercession altogether."

Surah XXXIV (55)

"... the evildoers [those who do not believe in Mohammed and the Koran] have not one loyal friend, no intercessor to be heeded."

Surah XL (56)

"... no soul laden bears the load of another."

Surah LIII (57)

"Come, now, and God's Messenger [meaning Mohammed] will ask forgiveness for you."

Surah LXIII (58)

It is plain that Mohammed tried to set himself up in Jesus' stead. What of the crucifixion? In his own form of gnostic Docetism, Mohammed accounts it crucifiction:

"... they did not slay him, neither crucified him, only a likeness of that was shown to them."

Surah IV (59)

Guilty of the ultimate crime against God are those who say that Jesus is not the Christ and that He did not die for our sins. For that reason alone, Mohammed condemns himself and his followers (so long as they remain his followers). The Lord Jesus said:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:16-18

"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye shall receive."

John 5:43

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father."

Simply stated, without Christ Jesus we have no advocate with the Father. If we reject the one God sent, we reject the mercy He extends to us through that one.

4. HOW IT ALL ADDS UP

Central to Christianity is the doctrine of salvation through the atonement of Christ Jesus for our sins. Certainly the Lamb's sacrifice does not relieve any one of us from our own responsibilities. Nor does it take away from Paul's admonition for us to "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). What Christ Jesus did was reconcile us to the Father that we might receive forgiveness (a restoration to fellowship with Him and His own) and grace (His unmerited favor). By resisting temptation all the way to Calvary, Christ Jesus was victorious over the Tempter. Through the self-sacrificing life that was in him, our King brought gifts for all who would believe on him. He paved the way for us back to our God. To say that Jesus was just a mortal is far from the Truth. To say that he was not the Son of God is a lie. To say that he did not die for our sins is heretical:

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

1 John 2:22-23

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

1 John 4:2-3

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son."

1 John 5:10

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."

2 **John** 7

It should be obvious to the discerning reader that Mohammed has tried to make Christ Jesus' life of null effect for sinners. True, Mohammed, has been just one of many who have tried to discredit the Savior. However, he is not just one antichrist of many antichrists: Bible prophecy reveals his testimony as testimony of *the* Antichrist.

In the thirteenth chapter of Revelation, it is written:

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

Revelation 13:18

The beast referred to here is the confederacy of Islamic states which is to take shape during these last days. The man is Mohammed --- the identification coming from Gematria, the ancient Hebrew science which assigns numerical values to words.

In Gematria, the value of a word is determined by adding the numerical equivalents of the individual letters that form it. Here, then, are the steps necessary for identifying Mohammed as the "name" and "number" of the beast:

The simplest phonetic transcription of the word 'Mohammed' is:

 $(1) \quad \mathbf{M} \quad \mathbf{O} \quad \mathbf{H} \quad \mathbf{A} \quad \mathbf{M} \quad \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{D}$

In ancient Hebrew, the closest counterparts of those sounds are:

(2) Mem Waw Hey Aleph Mem Yod Dalet

The proper character representation for the word Mohammed in John's Vision is:



Note: John thought, understood, and "saw" in Hebrew (written from right to left). However, he transcribed his vision into Greek (written from left to right). Hence the reason for the so-called "final Mem" (the representation of Mem when it ends a word) being used in the beginning place here.

In Gematria, the numerical equivalents of the above characters are, respectively:

- (4) 600 6 5 1 40 10 4
- (5) The sum of the above numbers is 666, or "Six hundred threescore and six."

(Please read Section 8, entitled Answers to Possible Questions, for additional comments concerning this transliteration and its numerical values as well as interpretation.)

When you stop to think about it, everything fits. 1) That "the fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces" (Daniel 7:23): The nation of Islam, with all of its oil-rich countries, will wield more

power than any earthly kingdom heretofore known. 2) That an end-time ruler shall "think to change times" (Daniel 7:25): The Moslem era dates from the Hegira, the forced journey of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina in 622 A.D. 3) That the final end-time ruler shall not regard "the desire of women" (Daniel 11:37): Mohammedans view women as being little better than chattel. And, 4) That men shall have "the name of the beast" (Revelation 13:17): Today, the word 'Mohammed' is the most popularly used name in the world. People have incorporated it into their names more than any other single word.

5. INTERPRETING END-TIME PROPHECY IN VIEW OF ISLAM

Though souls are not able to fully comprehend the mysteries of God while they are on earth, they may learn through the fulfillment of His prophecies that He is. It is a fact that many who have committed their lives to Him first came to believe and trust in Him because they learned that His prophecies had been fulfilled. And it is a fact that many of the already faithful have been helped to continue in their faith because of things so revealed. In short, we are to "despise not prophesyings" (1 Thessalonians 5:20). For what reasons? "The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10) and "he that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true" (John 3:33).

Many situations developing on this earth portend a quick end to this generation --- that is, this age. I am writing of them now not that the end might be averted but that others might be influenced toward good, God, and to accept and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and that children of God might keep their peace as the raging storm surrounding them seeks to engulf them. Things in this world are going to get much worse. It is my hope that people turn more to the Lord God before they do. It is my hope that they not become embittered by them as they do and that they give the Lord the honor and glory that is His due.

Lest we despair when finding ourselves in the midst of darkness and, as a result, come to believe that we have been forsaken by God, it is important for us to understand that the unkindness, disobedience, lawlessness, wickedness, immorality, and selfishness we witness, and will witness to an ever greater degree, is merely the "falling away" (2 Thessalonians 2:3) that so many of the prophets of God and the apostles of His Christ prophesied was to come to pass just prior to Christ's return.

Concerning such incontinence and its relationship to the removal of the current world system, it is important to understand that the earth will come to complete depravity before Jesus returns to establish His Kingdom. It is His Will that sproutlings of righteousness not be uprooted with tares of wickedness. It is His Will that the weak be given time to grow strong

in Him. Hence, as the return of Christ draws nigh, we should expect to see a widening gap, --- a deepening division, --- an increasing distinction, between the people who belong to God and the people who have no part in Him. There will be no shades of grey when the Shekinah-glory of God appears. Only spiritual light and darkness will be evident.

Besides an increasingly sick and sinful mass consciousness, there will be widespread famine and pestilence and great quakes and wars during the latter times, as Christ Jesus prophesied (Matthew 24:6-7; Mark 13:7-8; Luke 21:9-11). The Master told of such events that his followers might be better prepared when those signs of the end came to pass. How so, "better prepared?" While nonbelievers will be surprised and offended and made afraid when such horrible things take place, believers will be strengthened. True believers --- even if they themselves are suffering --- will be able to view the events as prophecy fulfilled, --- as continued proof that there is a God. And in that proof they will rejoice for they will know their also-promised rest will surely follow.

Few people realize how inextricably linked the fulfillment of prophecy has been, and is, to proof that God is. Consider the Bible. Every book and epistle has some prophetic elements in it, from prophecies concerning the children of Israel to prophecies concerning the advent of Christ to prophecies concerning His return.

Prophecies which have to do with end-time events are called "apocalypses," the word *apocalypse* coming from the Greek word *apokalypsis* --- meaning, "disclosure," "unveiling," or "revelation." Apocalyptic writings, then, are reports of divine disclosures or spiritual unveilings concerning those things which will take place before the Day of Judgment.

Apocalyptic writings may be found in many places throughout Scripture. However, the *Revelation* of Christ Jesus to St. John is the culmination of all apocalypses. Why? It is the master-piece of testimony to souls in dust that God was and is and ever shall be. It unveils the final horrors that will beset this world, an understanding of which is necessary for end-time saints to keep their faith in God during the tribulations and sorrows that are to come.

Yes, the die has been cast. For those who may be asking themselves "How can that be?" and "Doesn't that smack of predestination?" I can only say that failure is built into the outcome from the start of whatever is attempted outside of God's Will. No matter whether the attempt is to build a religious or political group, a nation, a career, a life, or a world --- if the intent is not in keeping with the laws of God, the action is doomed. (Failure may not be evidenced for seventy years or for seven thousand years but, make no mistake, it will come.) Further, just because this world and its heaven are destined to pass away does not mean that God has determined which souls are to live and which souls are

to die. Each soul determines that for itself. Though the end, or outcome, of one's intent may be clearly seen in Spirit, every soul chooses for itself the direction in which it travels.

For those who may be inclined --- upon learning of the fate of this world --- to foolishly conclude that the Creator is cruel, I wish to remind them that it is man who sins, not God. Had God not withheld His Judgment we all would have been wiped out long ago. God has been most merciful to transgressors in that He has given us time to repent.

Concerning end-time prophecies, it is important for the spiritually-minded to understand that two major developments are to take shape during the end-time. Both are already in the making. One is the formation of a ten-nationed United States of Europe. And the other is the formation of a ten-nationed Islamic Republic. The development of each confederacy (or, "beast") is described in the last book of the Bible, *Revelation*.

The formation of a ten-nationed European Community --- what many have come to call "the revived Holy Roman Empire" --- is prophesied in Chapter 17. The formation of the ten-nationed Islamic Republic --- what most have failed to identify at all --- is prophesied in Chapter 13. In those two chapters, two entirely different political/economic/religious entities are each depicted as a beast having seven heads and ten horns. Although their similar depictions have prompted many Bible expositors to conclude that the beasts are one and the

same, such a conclusion is incorrect. Though both have seven heads and ten horns, the "scarlet coloured beast" in Revelation 17 is not the same as the beast "like unto a leopard" in Revelation 13. That they both have seven heads and ten horns simply means they are both manifestations of evil --- the Devil himself depicted in Revelation 12 as "a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns."

Here, now, are Revelation 17 and 13 unlocked by Spirit to spiritual sense:

Revelation 17

Verses 1 through 6

"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, 'Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.' So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a mysterious name written, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

"The great whore that sitteth upon many waters" is the Roman Catholic Church. That "the kings of the earth have committed fornication" with her refers to the joint rule she has enjoyed with many governments throughout the world. That "the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication" means that through her teachings many peoples have been lead to apostacy, --- to worship for Christ that which is not Christ. The scarlet and purple colors in which the woman is arrayed symbolize the whorish nature of her royal sovereignty. That she is "decked with gold and precious

stones and pearls" indicates the pomp of her material wealth. The "cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication" points to the golden chalice with which she serves idolatry and false doctrine. The name on her headband signifies her vice and the extent to which that vice has spread. That she is "drunken with the blood of saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" refers both to her delusion that, because many of her members have been of God, she also is of God as well as to her reeling in the names of those elect to lend credibility to her institution.

Verses 7 through 8

"And the angel said unto me, 'Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go to destruction: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the casting down of the world, when they behold the beast that was and is not, and yet is."

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not" refers to the fallen Roman Empire. That the empire "shall ascend" means that it will rise again --- "yet is" also indicating its presence looming on the horizon. "The bottomless pit" is the depths of corruption, hell. That "those whose names were not written in the book of life" shall wonder means that spiritually-gross, enblackened souls will not understand the true significance of the empire's resurgence.

Verses 9 through 11

"'And here is the mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth to destruction."

"Seven heads" here carries a double meaning. First, it refers to the seven hills of Rome (Aventine, Caelian, Capitoline, Esquiline, Palatine, Quirinal, and Viminal), in which the enclave of blasphemy is found ("on which the woman sitteth"), and, second, it refers to the seven political systems ("seven kings") by which Rome has governed and been governed. That "five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come" and the beast is "the eighth" and "of the seven" all point to the political systems being successive rather than contemporary to one another, for example:

1. The Republic of Rome 510 BC - 476 AD

(the last Roman emperor was deposed in 476 AD)

2. The barbarian (foreign) rule of Rome 476 AD - 774 AD

3. The Carolingian Empire and its legacy to Rome: the growth of Rome into a city-state and the development of joint rule by nobility and papacy

774 AD -1420 AD

4. Rome under absolute papal rule 1420 AD -1870 AD

5. Rome included within Italian constitutional monarchy 1870 AD -1922 AD

(such inclusion was heralded by the withdrawal of the French garrison supporting Pope Pius IX, the surrender of Rome to Italian troops, and the subsequent election of Rome as seat of the government)

6. Rome under Italian Fascism 1922 AD -1946 AD

7. Rome as the seat of an Italian "democratic Republic" 1946 AD - present

(1948 was the actual year that the new constitution came into full force)

Verses 12 through 18

"'And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.' And he saith unto me, 'The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall

eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill His Will, and to agree, and give their kingdoms unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.'"

Here, it is clarified that ten nations ("ten kings") will arise as a confederacy. That "these have one mind, and shall give their power and strength to the beast" indicates their great commitment to the union. That these kings will reign from their establishment until the Christ's return is revealed by the angel telling John they "shall make war with the Lamb." That they "shall hate the whore" means there will be no room for the doctrines of Roman Catholicism within the political ideology that unites these nations. Thus, it is because of their incompatibility with the whore that the nations "shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire" --- meaning, they will remove her power and wealth by plundering and destroying her. Thenceforth, Vatican City --- "that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" --- shall be no more.

Revelation 13

Verses 1 through 2

"And I saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

This beast --- the same beast that Daniel saw as the last of "four great beasts" (Daniel 7:3) --- represents the most terrible empire the world will ever know. That the beast is "like unto a leopard" speaks of the cunning practices by which it will disrupt the entire earth; that its feet are "as the feet of a bear" means it will unmercifully trample and crush all who oppose it; that its mouth is "the mouth of a lion" identifies its devouring and scornful nature. Like the beast of Revelation 17, the backbone of this beast will be a league of ten nations ("ten horns"). However, unlike the beast of Revelation 17, full authority will be given it during "the last time." In short, the dragon's final movements will be made through this beast: the so-called nation of Islam, --- a confederacy of Islamic states.

Verses 3 through 8

"And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: And all the world wondered after the beast, and they worshipped the dragon because he gave power unto the beast. And they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?' And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His Name, and His Tabernacle, the ones dwelling in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the slain Lamb's book of life from the casting down of the world.''

That one of the beast's heads was "wounded" and was "healed" refers perhaps to the miraculous deathbed recovery that one of the new empire's rulers will make. (That "by a sword" is used to qualify "wound" in verse 14 suggests the leader will be pierced in an assassination attempt.) That "all the world wondered after the beast" signifies that the entire earth will hold the nation of Islam in awe. That "they worshipped the beast" simple means that all nations will eventually bow before the power it wields and, thus, prostrate themselves before the dragon, the Devil himself. (In other words, by worshipping the earthly manifestation of evil, mortals will be worshipping the source of evil.) Hence, though all people whose names are "not written in the book of life" will wonder at both the "scarlet coloured beast" and the "beast like unto a leopard," worldwide amazement will turn to admiration and adoration during the latter times only in the case of the leopard-like beast (compare Revelation 13:8 with Revelation 17:8).

That the beast will "make war with the saints" refers to the great wave of persecution that will follow those on this earth who are of the one true God. That he will "wear out" (Daniel 7:25) and "overcome" the saints means that many who profess Christ will be assaulted, turned out, starved, imprisoned, and slain by those who have the mark of the beast or his name. That power was given unto the beast "to continue forty and two months" refers to the time remaining for the last earthly empire from the moment that it establishes "the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel" (Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14) --- "the abomination of desolation" translated from the Hebrew as "the transgression of desolation" and "the abomination that maketh desolate" in the King James' Version of that prophet's book (see Daniel 8:13; 11:31; and 12:11), such abomination, I believe, the blood sacrifice of sheep on Rock Moriah.

Verses 9 through 10

"If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Here, John makes a direct reference to the spiritual law regarding Judgment that was expressed by the Holy Spirit to Jeremiah: "Such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for the captivity, to the captivity" (Jeremiah 15:2) --- such law also having been referred to by the Christ: "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matthew 26:52). Those who have spiritual understanding are told they will find the strength necessary to endure any sufferings if they remind themselves of that law. Though the righteous on this earth may be tempted to pay back men and women of violence with violence, they stand forewarned: Such violence is against God and will be judged accordingly. Mortals are not to determine punishment. Vengeance is God's. Hence, though the sword may precede the word of Islam, children of God are to keep their peace during the forthcoming global jihad and know that, at the appointed time, justice shall proceed from the mouth of God by the sword of Truth alone.

Verses 11 through 15

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, but he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwelleth therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and to cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed."

That the second beast of Revelation 13 "had two horns like a lamb, but he spake as a dragon" and that "he maketh fire come down from heaven" (as Elijah did) identifies him as the great impostor, --- the master of deception, --- the grand imitator, --- the man of whom "all men shall speak well" (Luke 6:26), --- the false prophet, --- Islam's long-awaited Mahdi. That he will exercise "all the power of the first beast" and cause "the earth and them which dwelleth therein to worship the first beast" further identifies him as the leading proponent of Islam during the latter days. Through this charismatic and scornful character, the inhabitants of this world will be deceived to pay homage to the Devil instead of to the Lord God Almighty.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

Here, it is indicated that during the latter times only those who wear the Crescent and the five-pointed star --- the emblem of Moslem power ("the mark of the beast") --- or who have *Mohammed* (the name of the beast) as one of their own names will be able to carry out the simplest transactions necessary for daily living.

During the Tribulation (the seven year period that immediately precedes Christ's return to earth), expect the systematic murdering of those who belong to God (i.e., Jews and Christians), particularly through beheading (see Revelation 20:4).

6. ADDENDUM

It is evident to me that the end time ruler referred to in Daniel, that soon-to-be-revealed "man of sin, --- the son of perdition" (2 Thessalonians 2:3), will be a follower of Mohammed: "even him, whose coming is after the workings of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9). He will be one with, and the same as, the second beast whom John described as "having two horns like a lamb, yet speaking as a dragon" (Revelation 13:11). It is he who will be the one to "exercise all the power of the first beast before him, and cause the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast" (Revelation 13:12), such first beast being Islam.

Was Mohammed himself the Antichrist? No. Mohammed produced testimony of the Antichrist (that to which the Antichrist will lay claim in order to authenticate himself). And, Mohammed was the primogenitor of the Antichrist (in that sense, the two are one). Yet to come is a final false prophet who will be the Antichrist. He will stand in Mohammed's stead.

How will we know when the Antichrist has come? When mosques overflow in many lands and when, in cities and towns all over the earth, laws are enacted which forbid buildings to be as high as, or higher than, the minaret of the mosque. To those who will be living at such a time, I repeat two things that have been told to me from heaven: "Beware of the man of whom all men speak well." And, "The worst woes will come to those who heap their grief by blood of sheep." (Read Revelation 8:13 through 11:15, 14:6 through 14:12, and 15:1 through 16:21 for a detailed account of those woes.) Therein lies the trust, protection, and assurance of the children of God ("the patience and faith of the saints").

To be sure, time will show that Islam is Satan's religion of choice.

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8. ANSWERS TO POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

A.In the section entitled "How It All Adds Up," I give the transliterated Hebrew spelling of the name Mohammed. How can I explain this transliteration when the modern Hebrew version of the name has no Yod?

Yes, there is no Yod (Yud) in the modern Hebrew version of the name. However, that is not to say that the name St. John saw in his vision (circa A.D. 95), and recorded as 666 in Revelation 13:18, did not have a Yod in it. Since the grapheme Yod has both consonantal and vowel qualities, it may be, at times, phonetically pronounced somewhat similar to a "long" English e (accent macron) and, at other times, like a "short" English e (accent breve). In addition to Yod having consonantal and/or vowel qualities, it can even be quiescent. To be sure, the subscript vowel points used as vowel cues in modern Hebrew were not used by the ancients. Hence, it is reasonable, and defensible, to include Yod as the sixth grapheme/phoneme in "Mohamed." Since that name did not originate in ancient Hebrew, modern Hebrew cannot claim to accurately represent its purest graphemic form (nor, for that matter, can modern Hebrew accurately reproduce all phonemes associated with the ancient Yud and its various dialectical forms). Moreover, modern transliterators do not always do a good job; just think of how horribly far the modern English "Solomon" is from the ancient Hebrew "Shlomo."

B.Mem usually has a value of 40 associated with it. Why have I assigned a value of 600 to it?

First, what I list as having a value of 600 is a final Mem, not an initial Mem (which always has a value of 40). When I lived in Chicago some years ago, I researched this in the Asher Library at the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies. There, I found a Kabbalistic (Qabbalistic or Cabbalistic) precedence for assigning a numerical value of 600 to a final Mem. This is further substantiated in *Kabbalah* by Charles Ponce (Quest Books, Wheaton, 1978, page 33, ISBN 0-8356-0510-8), which, incidentally, I purchased at Spertus.

C.Why do I have the name Mohammed written backwards?

It is my belief that the name Mohammed was given to St. John in cryptographic form. Writing backwards (which is to say, writing letters in reverse order) has long been a way to mask, or hide, words and messages from casual observers, which I believe was the intent of the Holy Spirit in the identification of the name that is numerically identified as 666 in Scripture.

D.Does it make a difference in Gematria (Hebrew or Jewish kabbalistic numerology) if the Hebrew form is transliterated from the English spellings "Mohammed" or "Muhammed?"

No, although there is a phonemic difference between the "long o" sound (accent macron as in "Mohammed") and the "oo" sound (diphthong "oo" as in "Muhammed"), there would be no numerologic difference between the Hebrew transliterated forms of "Mohammed" and "Muhammed" (provided, of course, that the "vav" or "waw" is still there). To be sure, the modern Hebrew form of the word, regardless of English transliteration, is still written with a "vav" or "waw." That there is a difference in vowel points between the "long o" and "oo" phonemes in Hebrew does not change the numeric value of the grapheme so cued (in this case, "vav"). More specifically, although the vowel point "cholem" would be used in the transliterated form of "Mohammed" and the vowel point "shuwreq" would be used in the transliterated form of "Muhammed," the indicated "vav" or "waw" is present either way and would still have the numeric value of 6 (six).

E. What about the double letter "m" representation in "Mohammed?" Does this require that a double grapheme "mem" be used when that word is transliterated from English to Hebrew?

No, the use of double letters in English or other languages that use the Roman alphabet was instituted more as a convenience for lexicographers, compositors, publishers, and linguists who desired convenience in dividing words by syllables or who wanted to emphasize that a particular sound was sustained as a bridge between two vowel-based syllables (syllables are always vowel-based).

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