Revelation 13:16-18 KJV

16 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: 17 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. 18 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.

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<u>1 John 2:18 KJV</u>

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<u>1 John 2:22-23 KJV</u>

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3 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.

Who is the Antichrist? What is the "spirit" of the antichrist? During this series we have studied the Prophecies from the Never Wrong Prophets in the Old Testament and the writings of Jesus and the New Testament writers regarding the Time of The End, the days we are living. When Jesus said, when "we see all these things coming to pass" (Matt 24) we are commanded to know that the Rapture of the Church is near.

We are now at the point in our series - the 7th and 8th Empire of Bible Prophecy, which occurs during the 7 year Tribulation where we can see the spirit of the antichrist manifesting itself in: news/media, education, art/entertainment, government/politics and religion/church. We have identified by rightly dividing God's Word where the antichrist will come from and now we are going to look at the religion/government system of the antichrist and the false prophet and religion that the angel tells John in Revelation.

Revelation 17 AMPC

1 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls then came and spoke to me, saying, Come with me! I will show you the doom (sentence, judgment) of the great harlot (idolatress) who is seated on many waters,

2 [She] with whom the rulers of the earth have joined in prostitution (idolatry) and with the wine of whose immorality (idolatry) the inhabitants of the earth have become intoxicated.

3 And [the angel] bore me away [rapt] in the Spirit into a desert (wilderness), and I saw a woman seated on a scarlet beast that was all covered with blasphemous titles (names), and he had seven heads and ten horns.

4 The woman was robed in purple and scarlet and bedecked with gold, precious stones, and pearls, [and she was] holding in her hand a golden cup full of the accursed offenses and the filth of her lewdness and vice.

5 And on her forehead there was inscribed a name of mystery [with a secret symbolic meaning]: Babylon the great, the mother of prostitutes (idolatresses) and of the filth and atrocities and abominations of the earth.

6 I also saw that the woman was drunk, [drunk] with the blood of the saints (God's people) and the blood of the martyrs [who witnessed] for Jesus. <u>And when I saw her, I was utterly amazed and wondered greatly.</u> 7 But the angel said to me, <u>Why do you wonder? I will explain to you</u> <u>the [secret symbolic meaning of the] mystery of the woman,</u> as well as of the beast having the seven heads and ten horns that carries her.

8 The beast that you saw [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is going to come up out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) and proceed to go to perdition. And the inhabitants of the earth whose names have not been recorded in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they look at the beast, because he [once] was, but [now] is no more, and he is [yet] to come.

<u>9 This calls for a mind [to consider that is packed] with</u> <u>wisdom and intelligence [it is something for a particular mode of</u> <u>thinking and judging of thoughts, feelings, and purposes]</u>. The seven heads are seven hills upon which the woman is sitting;

10 And they are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one still exists [and is reigning]; the other [the seventh] has not yet appeared, and when he does arrive, he must stay [but] a brief time.

11 And as for the beast that [once] was, but now is no more, he [himself] is an eighth ruler (king, head), but he is of the seven and belongs to them, and he goes to perdition.

12 Also the ten horns that you observed are ten rulers (kings) who have as yet received no royal dominion, but together they are to receive power and authority as rulers for a single hour, along with the beast.

13 These have one common policy (opinion, purpose), and they deliver their power and authority to the beast.

14 They will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will triumph over them; for He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and those with Him and on His side are chosen and called [elected] and loyal and faithful followers.

15 And [the angel further] said to me, The waters that you observed, where the harlot is seated, are races and multitudes and nations and dialects (languages). 16 And the ten horns that you saw, they and the beast will [be the very ones to] hate the harlot (the idolatrous woman); they will make her cheerless (bereaved, desolate), and they will strip her and eat up her flesh and utterly consume her with fire.

17 For God has put it into their hearts to carry out His own purpose by acting in harmony in surrendering their royal power and authority to the beast, until the prophetic words (intentions and promises) of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman that you saw is herself the great city which dominates and controls the rulers and the leaders of the earth.

Remember, Jesus commanded us to know these "things" or signs in Matthew 24 and Luke 21...HE wouldn't command us to know something that we couldn't know.

This passage, written around 90 AD, is very important prophetically for you and I today. During this series we have found out through our studies of the Never Wrong Prophet Daniel (proven correct by time or history) who foretold of the progression of who ruled after Egypt, Syria by naming with great detail the Beasts, Empires or government/religious systems of: Babylon, Mede Persia, Greece then Rome. While describing the 7th and 8th beasts, kingdoms or Empires as well.



The Romans ruled in Jesus' and John's day - those empires have basically passed. But now we have Imperial Rome, an empire that succeeded the Roman times and now encompasses territories stretching from Britain and Germany to North Africa and the Persian Gulf. The Bible told you and I that at the Time of the End or End of Days that these last 2 empires or beasts would have characteristics of the Roman Empire (hating/killing Jews and Christians)

Let's look at the 7th Empire (Beast or Government/Religion) spoken of by the "Never Wrong" Prophet Daniel and John the Revelator or the Revealer of the entirety of scripture regarding the End Times (Time of the End or End of Days).

The 7th empire of Bible Prophecy will form and rule for the first half, 42 months of the 84 month Tribulation. This empire is what people call the global government or the new world order which is being put into motion outwardly as the "Great Reset". This strategic alignment of this Global Empire has been taking place long before former President Barack Hussein Obama spoke of it openly while including the Islamic nations and religion along with Russia and China as a New World Order.

This global government is what I believe to be the 7th Empire (Beast) of Bible prophecy according to God's Word and my studies... (God's Word says it is obvious what will and is taking place). The 8th Empire (Beast) which take place the last 42 months of the 84 month tribulation is often referred to as the antichrist kingdom/empire. He will either rule 10 regions of the world or he will rule 10 individuals kings and he will rule for the entire 42 months. At the end of this 42 month rule (8th Empire or Beast this is the last 42 months of the 84 months tribulation) Jesus comes back (Revelation 19) to set up His kingdom here on earth.

God's Word has made it very clear, especially when you study the book of Revelation, that there will be and currently there are 3 religions that will be forefront at and during the Time of End.

Who are these 3 religions?

1. The first religion will be Islam. How do I know that? One of the reasons is the Bible tells me that the government in the Middle East at the Time of the End that will hate the Jews and become friendly and join forces with the false prophet (who will becoming from the Catholic Church - Rev 17&18 representing a liberal Christianity which is no longer following God's Word). This government will be beheading people who believe differently than they do (Rev 20). Islam does that.

<u>Revelation 20:4 AMPC</u>

4 Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to act as judges and to pass sentence was entrusted. Also I saw the souls of those who had been slain with axes [beheaded] for their witnessing to Jesus and [for preaching and testifying] for the Word of God, and who had refused to pay homage to the beast or his statue and had not accepted his mark or permitted it to be stamped on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived again and ruled with Christ (the Messiah) a thousand years.

The Islamic religion (their end time events) has a man that comes riding in on a white horse, like he is representing peace, that is the Mahdi. Islam says he comes riding in on a white horse. There are other examples in the book of Daniel identifying the antichrist coming from and represent the Islamic religion/government.

Mahdi ("guided one") defined: in Islamic eschatology, a messianic deliverer who will fill the earth with justice and equity, restore true religion, and usher in a short golden age lasting seven, eight, or nine years before the end of the world.

2. Second religion or group in Revelation will be apostate Christianity - not real Christianity but Christianity that has become perverted.

Apostate defined: One who has forsaken the Church, sect or profession to which he before adhered. In its original sense, applied to one who has abandoned his religion.

Many (Biblical scholars and many Catholic scholars) believe that the False Prophet spoken of by John in Revelation 13 will be a defective pope. He will deny the divinity of Jesus and he will work with Islam to unite or syncretize the 2 religions.

Syncretize Defined: to attempt to unite and harmonize especially without critical examination or logical unity; attempt to amalgamate or reconcile (differing things, especially religious beliefs, cultural elements, or schools of thought.

John was told by the angel in Revelation 17 in great detail so it would be obvious who this would be. Remember, the False Prophet will be joined or followed by false christian religions/pastors/preachers/church attendees as well. They will be duped and deceived and/or choose to believe in what is false (Romans 1, 2 Peter 3 and Jude).

God's Word is very clear that there will be Christian leaders (in name only) who embrace the Muslim religion (we already know leaders like that) and form alliances in the name of peace. These leaders have and will continue to reveal their true colors (Matthew 13: tares or darnel turns black and gets darker the closer we get to the return of Jesus Christ). This lamb or false prophet with is the religious apostate christian leader and the 2 horns represent apostate christianity and Islamic faiths. The Bible said he will eventually rule from the city of Jerusalem along with the antichrist (Islamic leader).

What we call apostate christianity will be a very powerful force in the End Times, it is not the Christianity from the Bible, it is not the Christianity that many of us who are alive today grew up with but a religion that has forsaken the Word. The apostate church, which is all around us, no longer teaches and preaches: sin, judgement, righteousness and the "things" to come regarding the signs we are commanded to know by Jesus himself which is judgment. 3. The third group will be the Jews. It is very clear there are 144,000 mentioned in the book of Revelation. The Never Wrong Prophets, Jesus and the New Testament writers tells us that the Jews get control of the Temple Mount back during the first 42 months of the 84 month or 7 year Tribulation (this is also the 7th beast/empire). The 2 witnesses in Revelation chapter 11 are witnessing to the Jews in the land of Israel along with several other passages telling the reader the Jewish religion will be practiced during the 7 year Tribulation.

Below I have listed these three monotheistic religions. Monotheism means you only believe in one God.

The 3 Monotheistic Religions

Judaism: As of late 2021 there were approximately 15.2 million Jews worldwide (and rising). The Jewish population was devastated by the Holocaust of World War II, which saw the global population fall from its peak of 16.7 million in 1939 to fewer than 10 million by the end of the war. 2021: 49% of the Jewish population live in Israel and 39% in the US.

Christianity: The world's largest religion is Christianity, which is practiced by almost 2.4 billion people. Christianity is divided into Eastern and Western theology, and within those divisions, many branches, including Catholicism, Protestantism, and Eastern Orthodoxy. Those branches further divide into the thousands of various denominations known today, including Baptists, Assembly of God, Methodists, Lutherans, Seventh-Day Adventists, Mormons, Amish, and more. The West accounts for more than 80%.

Islam: According to a study in 2020, Islam has 1.9 billion adherents, making up about 24.7% of the world population. Most Muslims are one of these two denominations: Sunni (87–90%, roughly 1.7 billion people) or Shia (10–13%, roughly 180–230 million people).



Note: Former Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu said if the Holocaust would not have occurred there would be over 200 million Jewish people. Regarding Christianity, the numbers that are used include the Catholic, protestant and evangelicals.

When you study these three religions you will find they have several things in common. First of all, they all believe in one God. The Muslims call him Allah, which is the Arabic name for God. The Jews call him Yahweh and the Christians call Him the Lord God. For many Christians, in their minds they are all worshiping the same God.

What These 3 Religions Have In Common

- o All trace their roots to Abraham (Isaac and Ishmael)
- o All believe in the Torah and Psalms (Islam said the Jews and Christians changed it)
- All 3 believe Jerusalem is a sacred city(The Jewish Temples, Christ's death and the 2 mosques)
- All 3 believe in prayer
 (Islam prays 5 times a day, Jews/Christians varies)
- All 3 believe in fasting(All have various religious seasons and times to fast)
- All 3 believe in the Last Days(All have similar signs of the last days)
- All 3 believe in heaven and hell(Different ideas on how you end up there)
- All 3 believe in the resurrection of the dead (At different times and under various circumstances)

When you look at these 3 different religion or beliefs, although there are many similarities, there is one big difference. Islam does not believe that Jesus rose from the dead or that He is the Son of God. Don't get caught in the trap that many Christian leaders are in right now thinking we can work together, we are basically the same... NO, WE ARE NOT THE SAME. Stay away from those who teach and preach lets come together in the name of peace and not think of or talk about our differences.

Among the religious Jewish people, (not including those who are messianic and have accepted Jesus - Note: they believe in healing).... religious Jews and those who are rabbis who are not believers in the messianic truth of Christ, they do not believe that God has a son nor do they believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jewish skeptics don't believe Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah. Some acknowledge that He was a teacher, but maintain that many of his teachings were unorthodox (out of line with Jewish beliefs).

According to the Jews, the future Messiah will be instrumental in returning the Jewish people to their homeland, rebuilding the Temple, and reigning as King during a time of great peace. In contrast, the humble Jesus who predicted the Temple would be destroyed, who was crucified on a Roman cross, and who seemed to cause dissension among Jewish leaders, doesn't fit their description of the Messiah at all. The most staunch skeptics insist that Jesus was a dangerous, false prophet who committed blasphemy (spoke offensively about God).

The Bible has a lot to say about Jewish beliefs, the apostle Paul wrote a heartfelt message in Romans 10:1-4 that says, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

Paul's words weren't written in a hateful or judgmental way, but with a deep desire for his Jewish brothers and sisters to believe in Jesus for salvation. Paul knew that trying to earn salvation through the law wasn't only impossible, it was a distraction from the truth.

In an open conversation with a Samaritan woman, Jesus made it clear that He was indeed the Messiah. The story is recorded in John 4:25-26 and says, "The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Islam does not believe that Allah has a son and that is the biggest difference between Judaism and Islam. All three believe in the time of the end and they believe there will be a person to initiate this time - End Time.

The Jewish people are looking for Messiah ben Joseph and Messiah ben David. Messiah ben Joseph will suffer and die in a war but save Israel from destruction. Messiah ben David will resurrect the dead - they see 2 different men coming at 2 different times.

In reality, Jesus is one Messiah with 2 different identities, the Lamb of God who suffered and the Lion of Judah who is coming back. The Jewish people who are religious are looking for Elijah, who went straight away into heaven and they believe will reappear and announce that the Messiah has come.

During the middle ages there was a tradition developed during Passover that you would send out a child into the street to see if Elijah was there.

The Jewish people who are religious are looking for Elijah - is he coming? Yes! He is one of the two witnesses mentioned in the book of Revelation chapter 11. This is going to happen.

Christians have their prophetic beliefs: Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus is coming back again John 14:1-2 and Acts 1:11.

<u>John 14:1-2 AMPC</u>

14 Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

<u>Acts 1:11 AMPC</u>

11 Who said, Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing into heaven? This same Jesus, Who was caught away and lifted up from among you into heaven, will return in [just] the same way in which you saw Him go into heaven.

Evangelicals believe (in general) according to God's Word that there will be a person called the antichrist. The Greek word Antichrist comes from the word *anti* means to oppose or instead of and *Khristos* which means the anointed one. This can be translated to: Opposed to the anointed one or come replacing the anointed one.

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Below are some "things" about the antichrist:

1. The word antikhristos or antichrist is coined by John, it didn't exist until John wrote it.

2. Below are characteristics of the antichrist.

It is a spirit, a demonic spirit that has been in the earth all the way from John's day until now and it is getting stronger and its purpose it to stop the truth - prohibit the truth from being told and recognized. According to God's Word the antichrist is a spirit that will work through people and will deny that Jesus is the Son of God and will deny the relationship between Jesus and the Father.

According to the Greek text it says "the" antichrist, is a person. John is not just identifying a spirit that will be permeating in general but one day a man will come forward. All throughout scripture (ex: 2 Thessalonians 2) he, the pronoun he is always used, meaning it is a man. Secondly, he is singular so it is one man. And thirdly, that man is connected to the spirit of the antichrist.

There has been a spirit of the antichrist going all the way back to John's day hindering the gospel, trying to deny who Jesus Christ really is. But there is also a man who is coming that will be supernaturally empowered at a certain point in his life that will be able to do things that no one has ever seen at this particular place in time. In the Islamic world, the Muslims are waiting for the Mahdi. He is their anointed one and the Persians believe he will be coming at any time.

The Iraqis believe the Mahdi will come out of Iraq and the wars with the West are one of the biggest signs that the Mahdi will convert the world to Islam by force. He will initiate a new Islamic empire which I believe is the antichrist - that is my opinion and many others that the Mahdi is the antichrist.

They also believe in what is called the "dajjal" and they believe in "Isa" or Jesus the son of Mary. In the Quran Jesus is called Isa. They are looking for three people. You may remember that I showed a clip here when Pastor Rick Warren prayed at the inauguration for President Barak Hussein Obama and thanked Isa in his prayer.

The dajjal comes before the Mahdi and he is the counter messiah, he is the false messiah and is the deceiver that comes into the world and gets everyone to believe in him. After he is removed by force the Mahdi comes and then Isa comes after that.

The picture of the Mahdi is "revelation" to them because it is where in the Bible, Revelation chapter 6 he, the antichrist, is coming in on a white horse. This is what they think that is Mahdi. In Revelation 13 the lamb with 2 horns is the false prophet - right? But who is the dajjal?

When you compare the Islamic belief of the dajjal and compare it to Revelation where there are 2 witnesses - look at how the Muslims get this messed up and twisted...

Comparison of the Dajjal with the Two witnesses Rev 11

Dajjal:	Will be leader of the Jews
2 witnesses:	Appears to the Jews in Israel (Rev 11:1-6)
Dajjal:	Will have 70,000 followers
2 witnesses:	Will have 144,00 followers (Rev 7:1-8)
Dajjal:	Will help restore Israel
2 witnesses:	Will restore all things (Mark 9:12)

Dajjal:	Will take over the Temple Mount
2 witnesses:	Will help rebuild Jewish temple. (Rev 11:1-2)
Dajjal:	He will come from the East
2 witnesses:	They arise from the east (Rev 7:1-3)
Dajjal:	He will work miracles
2 witnesses	They will work miracles (Rev 11:5-6)

Islam is looking for someone (The Dajal) to raise Israel up then the Mahdi will come and defeat that man and then they will take over Israel.

What they have set themselves up for and they don't even know it is the appearance of the 2 witnesses. When the 2 witnesses come the Muslims are going to think that one of them is the dajjal and they will have to go after one of them to fulfill their prophecy and bring in the Mahdi.

Remember according to the Word no one can touch the 2 witnesses for 42 months as they go out and witness....

<u>Revelation 11:1-13 AMPC</u>

A reed [as a measuring rod] was then given to me, [shaped] like a staff, and I was told: Rise up and measure the sanctuary of God and the altar [of incense], and [number] those who worship there.

2 But leave out of your measuring the court outside the sanctuary of God; omit that, for it is given over to the Gentiles (the nations), and they will trample the holy city underfoot for 42 months (three and one-half years).

3 And I will grant the power of prophecy to My two witnesses for 1,260 (42 months; three and one-half years), dressed in sackcloth.

4 These [witnesses] are the two olive trees and the two lampstands which stand before the Lord of the earth.

5 And if anyone attempts to injure them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their enemies; if anyone should attempt to harm them, thus he is doomed to be slain.

6 These [two witnesses] have power to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying (their [a]prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph); and they also have power to turn the waters into blood and to smite and scourge the earth with all manner of plagues as often as they choose.

7 But when they have finished their testimony and their evidence is all in, the beast (monster) that comes up out of the Abyss (bottomless pit) will wage war on them, and conquer them and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies [will lie exposed] in the open street ([b] a public square) of the great city which is in a spiritual sense called [by the mystical and allegorical names of] Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

9 For three and a half days men from the races and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and will not allow them to be put in a tomb.

10 And those who dwell on the earth will gloat and exult over them and rejoice exceedingly, taking their ease and sending presents [in congratulation] to one another, because these two prophets had been such a vexation and trouble and torment to all the dwellers on the earth.

11 But after three and a half days, by God's gift the breath of life again entered into them, and they rose up on their feet, and great dread and terror fell on those who watched them.

12 Then [the two witnesses] heard a strong voice from heaven calling to them, Come up here! And before the very eyes of their enemies they ascended into heaven in a cloud.

13 And at that [very] hour there was a tremendous earthquake and one tenth of the city was destroyed (fell); seven thousand people perished in the earthquake, and those who remained were filled with dread and terror and were awe-struck, and they glorified the God of heaven

Eschatology: the part of theology **concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul** and of humankind...And **the final events in the history of the world** or of humankind.