

# THE ANTICHRIST'S ENFORCER!

## PART 4

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We've been looking at "The Antichrist" for a few weeks. In particular where he might come from. Where should we be looking?

Rome or the Roman Empire is popular — but seems to fail the Bible's tests. **The Kingdom that broke in pieces the Gold ... Silver ... and Bronze of Daniel Chapter 2's statue is THE ISLAMIC REALM.** That's historical fact.

We looked at several passages and — at least provisionally — **it would seem the Antichrist will be Islamic** — coming from a country in the Middle East?

The Antichrist is going to be a very powerful ... charismatic — but destructive — leader. But he will not be on his own! **He has a very powerful associate who supports his world-rule — THE FALSE PROPHET.**

We'll review what scripture says about the associate of the Antichrist. But first — let's look at some descriptions of the personality and character of the Antichrist. See what he's like!

### Daniel 8:23-25

23 "And in the latter time of their kingdom,  
When the transgressors have reached their fullness,

**A king shall arise,**

Having **fierce** features,

Who understands **sinister schemes.**

24 His **power** shall be **mighty**, but not by his own power;

He shall **destroy fearfully,**

And shall prosper and thrive;

**He shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.**

25 "Through **his cunning**

He shall cause **deceit** to prosper under his rule;

And he shall **exalt himself** in his heart.  
He shall **destroy many** in their prosperity.  
He shall even **rise against the Prince of princes**;  
But **he shall be broken without human means**.

#### **Daniel 8:23-25 NLT**

23 “At the end of their rule, when their sin is at its height, **a fierce king, a master of intrigue, will rise to power**.

24 He will become very strong, but not by his own power. **He will cause a shocking amount of destruction and succeed in everything he does. He will destroy powerful leaders and devastate the holy people**.

25 He will be **a master of deception** and will become **arrogant**; he will **destroy many** without warning. **He will even take on the Prince of princes in battle**, but he will be broken, though not by human power.

**FIERCE ... CUNNING ... DECEITFUL ... MIGHTY ... ARROGANT.**

- THIS IS THE “LITTLE HORN” (Dan 8:9–11)
- IN THE END-TIME (Dan 8:17)

#### **Daniel 11:21-24**

21 And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but **he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue**.

22 **With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant**.

23 And after the league is made with him **he shall act deceitfully**, for **he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people**.

24 **He shall enter peaceably**, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: **he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches**; and **he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time**.

### **Daniel 11:21-24 NLT**

21 “The next to come to power will be **a despicable man** who is not in line for royal succession. **He will slip in when least expected and take over the kingdom by flattery and intrigue.**

22 **Before him great armies will be swept away, including a covenant prince.**

23 **With deceitful promises, he will make various alliances. He will become strong despite having only a handful of followers.**

24 Without warning he will enter the richest areas of the land. Then he will distribute among his followers the plunder and wealth of the rich—something his predecessors had never done. He will plot the overthrow of strongholds, but this will last for only a short while.

### **King of The North.**

A vile person — starts off peaceably — but is deceitful! Don't trust him!

### **Daniel 11:36-37**

36 “Then the king shall do according to his own will: **he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods**, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done.

37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for **he shall exalt himself above them all.**

### **Daniel 11:36-37 NLT**

36 “**The king will do as he pleases, exalting himself and claiming to be greater than every god, even blaspheming the God of gods.** He will succeed, but only until the time of wrath is completed. For what has been determined will surely take place.

37 **He will have no respect for the gods of his ancestors, or for the god loved by women, or for any other god, for he will boast that he is greater than them all.**

### **Exalts himself above all gods!**

### **Revelation 13:1-8**

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, **having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns,** and **on his heads a blasphemous name.**

2 Now the beast which I saw was **like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear,** and **his mouth like the mouth of a lion.** **The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.**

3 And **I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.** And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

4 So **they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast,** saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

5 And **he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies,** and **he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.**

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

8 **All who dwell on the earth will worship him,** whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

**The devil wants to destroy the saints — the Commandment keepers (12:17). The Beast of Revelation Chapter 13 (and his associate) are the physical means the Devil uses.**

A COMPOSITE OF THE 4 BEASTS OF DANIEL CHAPTER 7.

10 Horns probably a coalition of 10 nations who give their authority to this charismatic leader?!

**MILITARILY POWERFUL! ARROGANT — BLASPHEMOUS.  
ANTICHRIST (IAN).**

He has authority for 42 months. He makes war with the saints (he is the Devil's proxy)

But — he has a powerful assistant — **A SECOND BEAST!**

**Revelation 13:11-13**

11 **Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.**

12 And **he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence**, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to **worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 **He performs great signs**, so that **he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.**

<p><b>2ND BEAST OF REVELATION 13</b></p>	
<p><b>SPEAKS LIKE A DRAGON</b></p> <p><b>CAUSES PEOPLE TO WORSHIP THE FIRST BEAST</b></p>	<p><b>KILLS ANYBODY WHO REFUSES TO WORSHIP</b></p>
	

He looks innocent (like a lamb). **But his words are those of Satan!**

**He initiates worship of the Antichrist. Shows signs and wonders.**

Often referred to as THE FALSE PROPHET. You typically find The Beast (Antichrist) ... False Prophet ... Devil — all working together.

#### **Revelation 16:12-14, 16**

12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

We see all 3 working together right at the very end — the Great Final Battle at Armageddon. (*Mount of Assembly — Jerusalem*)

#### **Revelation 19:19-20**

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The Beast (Antichrist) and the False Prophet captured at the same time (at Armageddon).

When we see the Antichrist and his associate ... we can expect a great deal of supernatural power to be present!

If the First Beast of Revelation Chapter 13 is an Islamic Empire — then most likely the Second Beast — the False Prophet — is also Islamic?

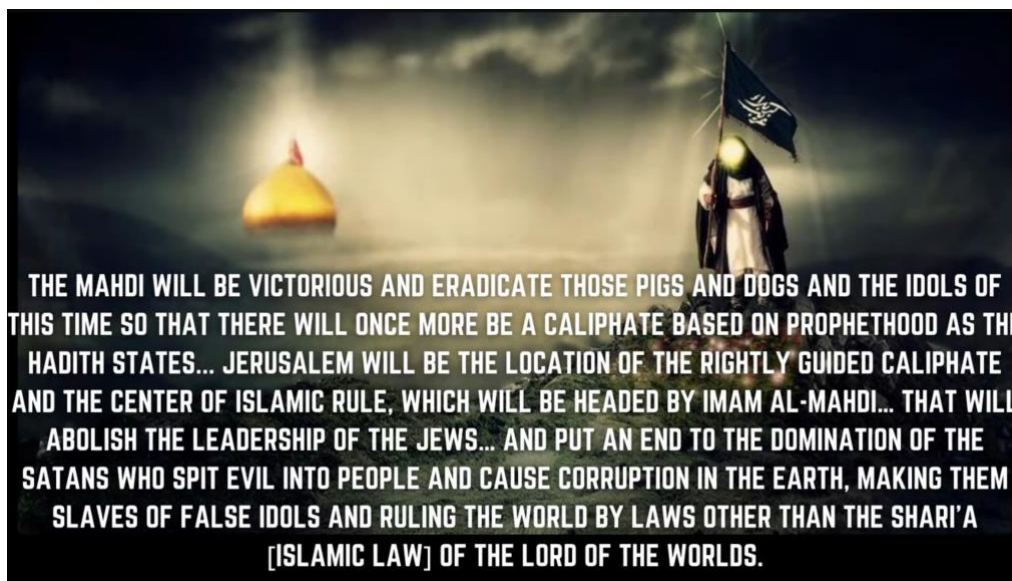
Islam has its own end-time prophecies. Many Muslims believe in — and are expecting — two powerful end-time leaders and servants of Allah.

**The Mahdi — who will be a powerful leader to UNITE ALL MUSLIMS to CONQUER THE WORLD FOR ISLAM!** He will control armies and governments... weaponry.

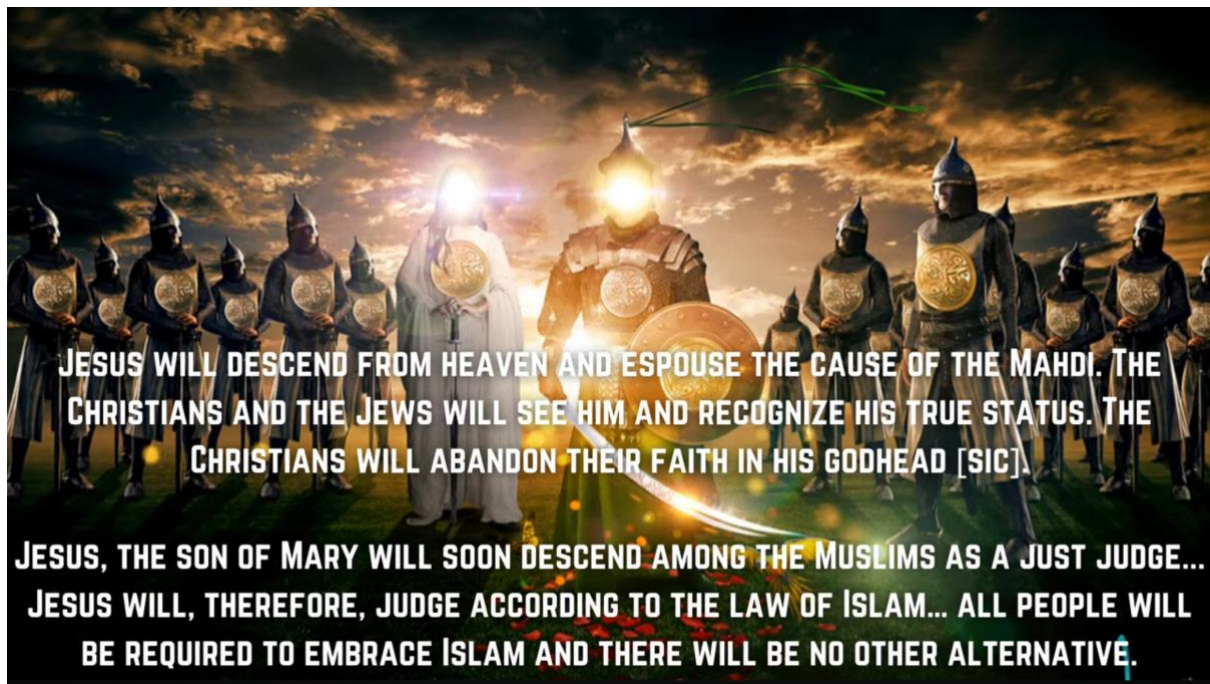
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**ISA AL-MASIH — the Prophet Jesus Christ — who will descend from heaven and assist the Mahdi.**

One key objective — to kill Christians and Jews!



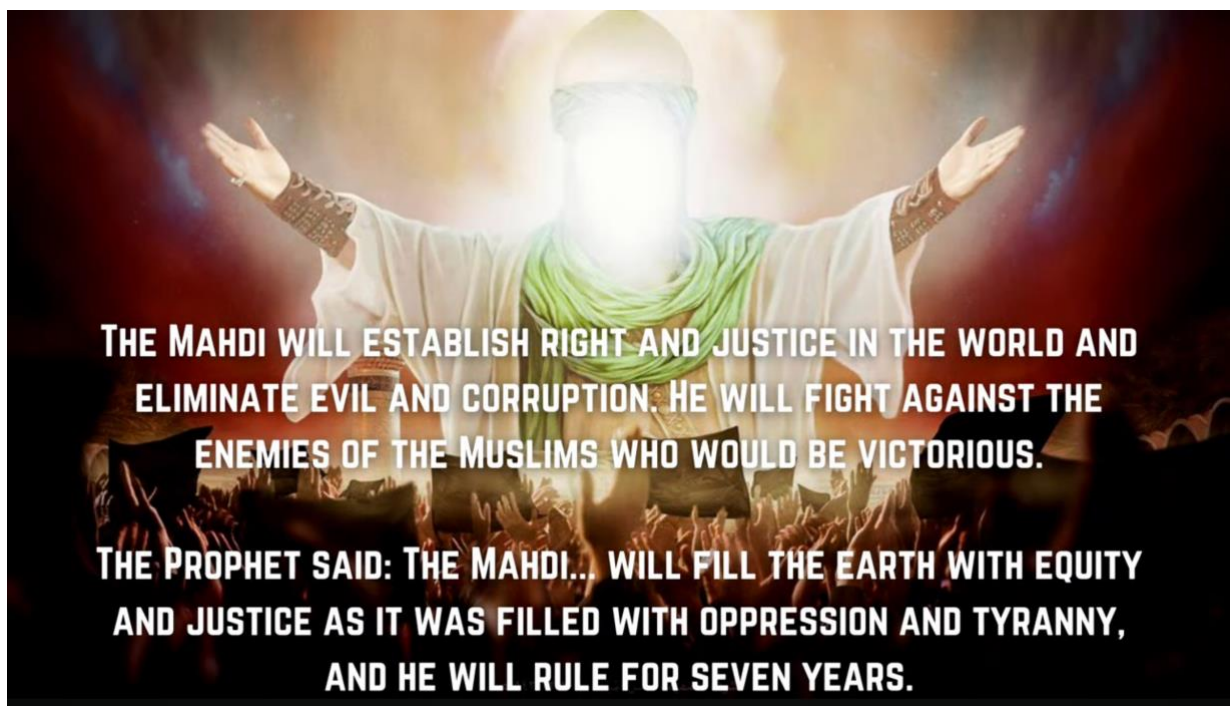




**JESUS WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN AND ESPOUSE THE CAUSE OF THE MAHDI. THE CHRISTIANS AND THE JEWS WILL SEE HIM AND RECOGNIZE HIS TRUE STATUS. THE CHRISTIANS WILL ABANDON THEIR FAITH IN HIS GODHEAD [SIC].**

**JESUS, THE SON OF MARY WILL SOON DESCEND AMONG THE MUSLIMS AS A JUST JUDGE... JESUS WILL, THEREFORE, JUDGE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ISLAM... ALL PEOPLE WILL BE REQUIRED TO EMBRACE ISLAM AND THERE WILL BE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE.**

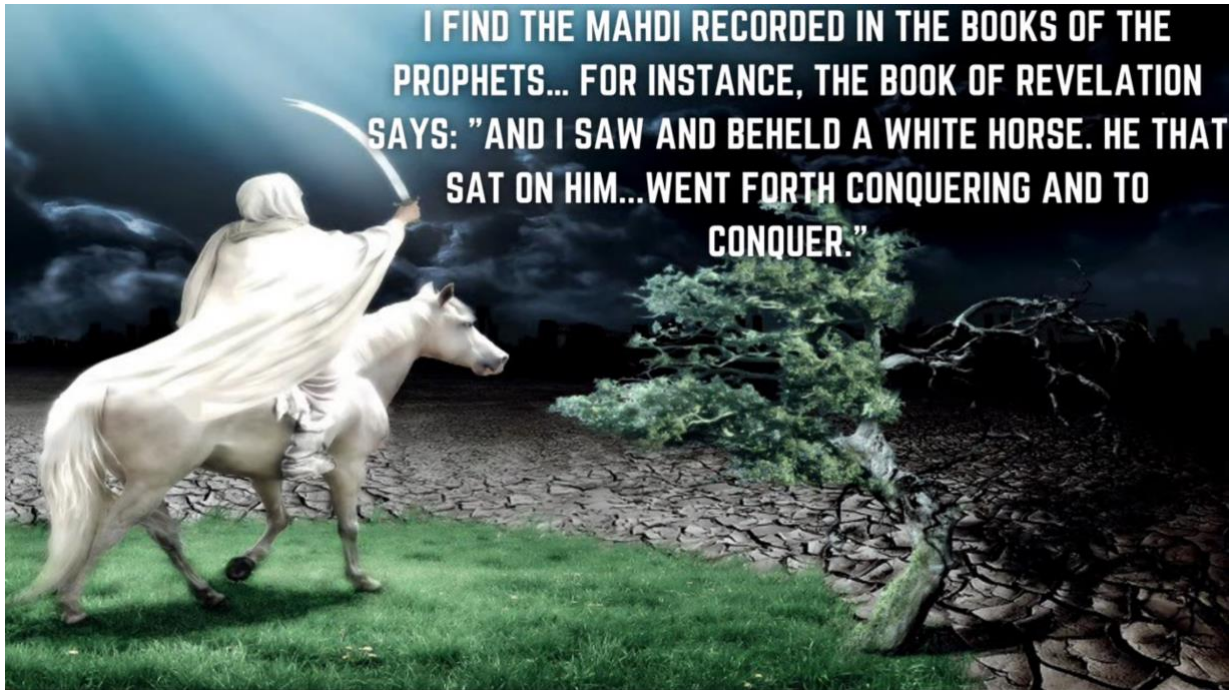
[Since Islam originated in the mind of Satan ... no great surprise that Bible prophecies have been counterfeited ... and “reversed” ? It seems that the Muslims will enthusiastically accept the Antichrist and False Prophet !]



**THE MAHDI WILL ESTABLISH RIGHT AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD AND ELIMINATE EVIL AND CORRUPTION. HE WILL FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF THE MUSLIMS WHO WOULD BE VICTORIOUS.**

**THE PROPHET SAID: THE MAHDI... WILL FILL THE EARTH WITH EQUITY AND JUSTICE AS IT WAS FILLED WITH OPPRESSION AND TYRANNY, AND HE WILL RULE FOR SEVEN YEARS.**





### **Revelation 13:14-18**

14 And **he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.**

15 **He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.**

16 **He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,**

17 and that **no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.**

18 **Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.**

This individual makes a huge impact.

Murderous. Worship the image of the Beast — or be killed. Martyrdom? How many? Millions? Martyred — how?

Sets up the famous “MARK OF THE BEAST”

**If you don't take the Mark — you can't buy or sell. No food ... no transport ... no heating ... no jobs.**

I assume many will take the Mark? Yet God utterly condemns taking it!

**Some are nervous of taking the Mark inadvertently ... by accident.**

**It won't be “accidental”. It will be a deliberate decision. It requires allegiance to the Beast — rather than God. It involves worship.**

Because it involves allegiance to another god — that's why it incurs God's wrath.

**Revelation 14:9-11**

9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “**If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand,**

10 **he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. **He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.**

11 And **the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever;** and **they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.**”

**Note — “worship” — and receive the Mark.** Will be tormented!

**YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO WORSHIP AND RECEIVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST!**

### **Revelation 16:1-2**

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, **“Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”**

2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and **a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.**

Loathsome sore! On those who “worship” — give allegiance to.

### **Revelation 19:19-21**

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, **gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.**

20 **Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.** These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And **the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse.** And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

**They receive the Mark but also “worship” — allegiance.**

### **Revelation 20:4**

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. **Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.** And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

**THE FIRST RESURRECTION for those who had been beheaded for not giving their allegiance to the Beast — or receiving the Mark.**

**So ... nobody will worship the Beast ... or take his Mark ... accidentally.** If they take it ... it was by choice. (Though they maybe under great pressure).

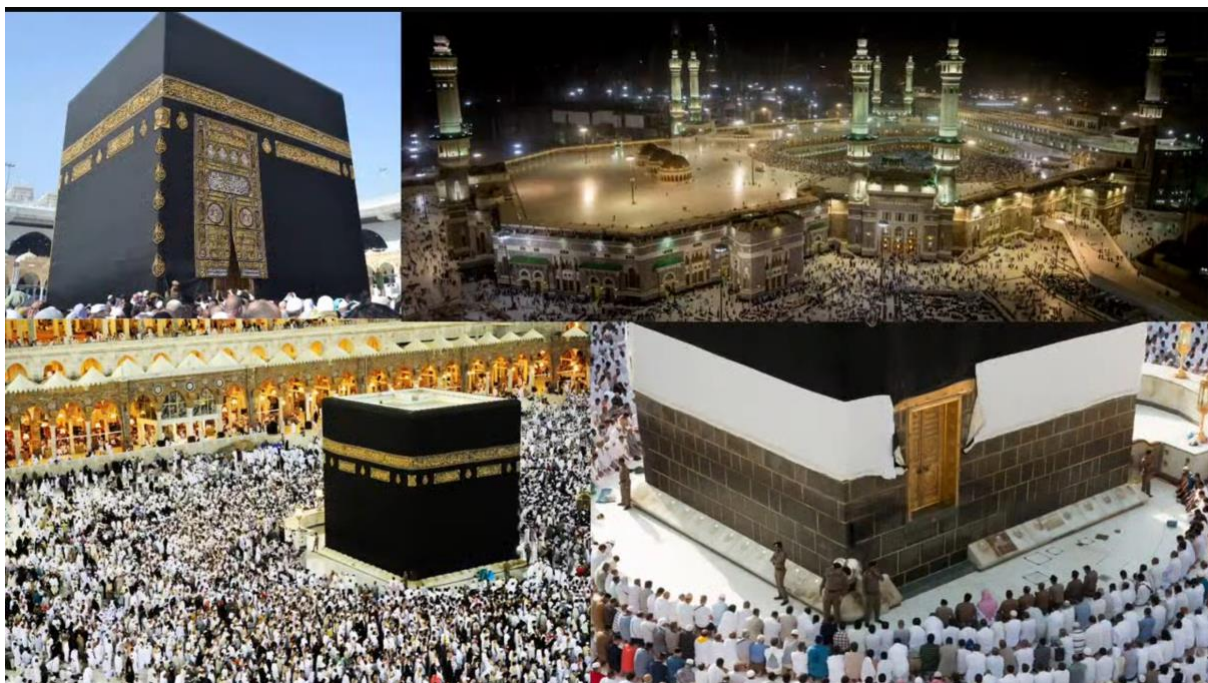
We'll leave what the Mark might be till a future week! (Though speculation!)

**Whilst in Revelation Chapter 13 — what might the IMAGE (GREEK: EIKON) be?**

**The Image is to be worshipped — and will speak to condemn others to death.** The image seems to play an important role.

Speculation for now!

A plausible candidate: **This could be the Kaaba — Islam's holiest icon in Mecca?**





**Muslims worship toward Mecca and the Kaaba 5 times per day.** Their holiest relic is the Black Stone in the Kaaba — which (allegedly!) the Angel Gabriel delivered to Abraham.



**THE BLACK STONE WILL COME FORTH ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION AND WILL TESTIFY IN FAVOUR OF THOSE WHO TOUCHED IT IN TRUTH.**



**IT WAS NARRATED THAT IBN 'ABBAAS SAID: THE MESSENGER OF ALLAAH (PEACE AND BLESSINGS OF ALLAAH BE UPON HIM) SAID CONCERNING THE STONE: "BY ALLAAH, ALLAAH WILL BRING IT FORTH ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION, AND IT WILL HAVE TWO EYES WITH WHICH IT WILL SEE AND A TONGUE WITH WHICH IT WILL SPEAK, AND IT WILL TESTIFY IN FAVOUR OF THOSE WHO TOUCHED IT IN SINCERITY."**

**NARRATED BY AL-TIRMIDHI, 961; IBN MAAJAH, 2944**

**THIS HADEETH WAS CLASSED AS HASAN BY AL-TIRMIDHI, AND AS QAWIY BY AL-HAAFIZ**

**IBN HAJAR IN FATH AL-BAARI, 3/462**

**Islamic prophecies say that the Black Stone will speak on the Day of Judgment.**



**Interesting that this icon in Islam is already worshipped by billions — and is prophesied to speak in the end-time.**

Not conclusive perhaps but ticks some of the boxes of Revelation Chapter 13?

**CONCLUSION: We're not just looking for an Antichrist in the end-time. It seems we're looking for two evil individuals.**

- A powerful military civil leader.
- And a deceitful religious leader.

We have two such individuals in Islam — the Mahdi and Isa Al-Masih.

**Watch Islam — and the Middle East!**