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### ISLAM, DECEPTION & THE ANTICHRIST – PART V

*So far in our series we've looked at the origin and nature of Islam. We've studied the violence inherent in its nature, while contrasting that with the way the majority of its adherents live. Now all three of the great monotheistic religions; - Judaism, Christianity and Islam are awaiting a messianic figure that will come at the End of the Age. Over the next couple of weeks we'll begin to break down the One the Islamists wait for; - The Mahdi; - and compare him to the Antichrist of Judeo-Christian Scripture. The results may stun you.*

#### THE GREAT MAHDI & THE ANTICHRIST

Let's begin by looking at the profile that the Bible gives of the coming "**man of sin**". (2Thessalonians 2:3) The Scriptures also refer to him as a "**king of fierce countenance**" (Daniel 8:23), "**the beast**" (Revelation 11:7), and "**son of perdition**"; (2Thessalonians 2:3) - 33 names in all.<sup>1</sup> Each name given reveals a little more of the character of this 'seed of the Serpent'. (from Genesis 3:15). Zechariah 11:17 even gives some clues as to the physical appearance of the Antichrist, referring to him as a "**foolish shepherd**". "**Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded.**"<sup>2</sup> Revelation 13:3 tells us "**And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed.**" Scholars see this referring to a "fake death and resurrection" staged by the Antichrist to increase his following. (Remember, the Antichrist will in all ways possible, be an imitation of the True Christ, Jesus.) Revelation 13:3 finishes by telling us, "**And all the world marveled and followed the beast**". Below we'll look at some of what the Bible tells us about the career and the character of that future prince.

- **Rise From Rome** – The Antichrist will rise from a revived Roman Empire. (Daniel 9:26) Rome controlled most of Europe as well as the Middle East. (Consult Daniel 2, Daniel 7, Revelation 6, and Revelation 17)
- **Come To Power In Turmoil** - Daniel 12:1 reads: "**there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation**". It will be a time of both physical and spiritual trouble. (Revelation 12:7-10)
- **Seven Year Reign** – His effective career will last seven years beginning with his confirmation of a treaty involving Israel. (Daniel 9:27 & elsewhere)
- **Pose As A Man of Peace** – (Revelation 6:2) However that will just be a front. Daniel 8:25 tells us that "**through his policy...by peace [he] shall destroy many**".
- **Great Orator / Man of Genius** – Daniel 7:20
- **He Will Pass For A Gentile Prince** – (Daniel 9:26-27)
- **He Will Invade Jerusalem** – He will control the Temple Mount (Revelation 13:1-2)
- **Received As The Jewish Messiah** – Jesus told the Jews in John 5:43, that though they rejected Christ, "**if another comes in his own name, him you will receive**".
- **Unify The World's Religions** – The world will follow the False Prophet (The Islamic Jesus, perhaps??), who will lead the world in the worship of the beast. (Revelation 13:11-15) And "**All who dwell on the earth will worship him**". (Revelation 13:8)
- **He Will Make War Against True Believers** – (Revelation 13:7) And he will behead those who have been faithful in their "**witness to Jesus and for the word of God**". (Revelation 20:4)
- **Rule Much Of The World** – "**And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation**". (Revelation 13:7) Many are now openly working for world government. Former Deputy Secretary of State, Strobe Talbott is longing for a time when "nationhood as we know it will be obsolete"...and there will be but one "...single, global authority".<sup>3</sup>
- **He Will Declare Himself God** – 2 Thessalonians 2:4 reveals that he will sit "**as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God**". Revelation 13:3 tells us that the world "**will worship the beast, saying 'Who is like the beast?'**".<sup>4</sup>

In summary, here's what the reign of the Antichrist will look like. He will institute:

- **One World Religion** - Authority Over All Religions
- **Total Economic Control** – The Mark of the Beast will control all financial transactions.
- **One World Government** – Total Political Control

This combination of all-encompassing political and religious authority which the Antichrist will exercise has been attempted before, but never quite pulled off. This office of priest-king was pretended to by a line of kings, beginning with Nimrod, builder of the tower of Babel and founder of false religion. During the Tribulation, the last 7 years before Christ's return, the Antichrist will succeed in pulling it off. Like another would-be priest-king ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes who did it in 167 BC, the Antichrist will desecrate the Temple of God with something called the **"abomination of desolation"**, the ultimate insult against a Holy God. (See Matthew 24:15, Daniel 11:31) Now let's check out what Islamic scripture has to say about their coming Mahdi.

### **Who Dat Mahdi ?**

*Just as the Bible tells us of a coming false Messiah, Islam awaits its own Messiah. The Koran and the Hadith give a clear picture of what they expect in the career and character of their expected one. When we examine the resume of the predicted Islamic Mahdi, and what the Bible has to say about the end times **"man of sin"**, we find the similarities astounding. Now, the prospect of an Arab / Islamic Antichrist presents a most interesting scenario: A descendant of Ishmael, Abraham's son with his wife's servant girl, father of the Arab race, leading the assault on Israel, the offspring of Abraham's rightful heir Isaac, all happening in the last days.<sup>5</sup> The Islamic holy books, the Koran and the Hadith, actually say that this will be so. The only difference is that they portray the Jews and the followers of Jesus as evil. Here are the characteristics and career of the Islamic Messiah, the Mahdi, as outlined in the Islamic scriptures.*

- **Called 'The Guided One'** – Guided by Allah, that is.
- **Physically Attractive** – He will be tall, and fair with a prominent nose and forehead. So says the Hadith.
- **Partnership With Jesus** – The Prophet 'Jesus' will return to earth. Then The Mahdi and 'Jesus' will head to Jerusalem, where 'Jesus' will deny his divinity. This is strangely parallel to the partnership between the Antichrist and the False Prophet described in Scripture. This False Prophet, a religious figure, is called **"another beast"** who **"had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon"**. (Revelation 13:11) This False Prophet leads a counterfeit form of Christianity / Biblical religion. Posing as a lamb, Islam claims that it had its origin with Abraham, just following another line.<sup>6</sup> It speaks like a dragon, when it corrupts the Word of God and denies His message concerning His only Son. Islam expressly denies the Sonship and divinity of Jesus. 1 John 2:22-23 clearly characterizes such beliefs. **"Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also."**
- **He Will Convert The Entire World** - Muslim scriptures proclaim a time, in the last days, when all the world will belong to Islam. The Bible describes a time when the world will follow after and worship the Antichrist.<sup>7</sup> **"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."** (Revelation 13:8)
- **He Is A Co-Ruler With 'Jesus' For Seven Years** – That is exactly the length of the Antichrist's reign given by the prophet Daniel and John writing in Revelation. The False Prophet partners up with the Antichrist for the first half of his reign, establishing a false religious system identified as **"MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT"**. (Revelation 17:5) The False Prophet serves his purpose by causing **"the earth and those that dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed"**. This prophet performs miraculous signs, even making **"fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men"**. (Revelation 13:12-13) After using the 'prophet' and his system to consolidate his power over the world, the Antichrist will have no more use for him *or* the religious system he heads and will destroy both. Revelation 17:16 says he will **"hate the harlot, making her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire"**.<sup>8</sup>
- **Conversion Will Be Mandatory** – Islam teaches that there will be a time, under the Mahdi, when there will only be one religion in the world: Islam. Islam offers conversion or death.<sup>9</sup> In Sura 9:5, the Koran teaches Muslims to "slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them".<sup>10</sup> (Sounds like *'convert or die'* to me!) John The Revelator tells us this end times religious

revival will not be voluntary. He says of the Antichrist, “**and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations**”. (Rev.13:7) That’s total control.

- **He Makes War On Christians & Jews** – Islamic writings freely describe the hunting and killing of Jews in the last days. The Bible says the same of the Antichrist. “**And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them**”. (Revelation 13:7)
- **The Price...Your Head** – The Koran calls for beheading those who do not bow the knee to Allah.<sup>11</sup> “I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them.”<sup>12</sup> (Sura 8:11, Koran) The Bible concurs that this will be the case in the end times. Revelation 13:15 tells us that, “**as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**”. Revelation 20:4 talks of “**the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast**”.
- **The Political & Religious Triumph Of Islam** – Islam’s Sharia Law will be triumphant. The Hadith says of the coming Mahdi, “He will fill the world with justice and fairness at a time when the world will be filled with oppression. He will rule for seven years”.<sup>13</sup> Again, that seven year career is the exact time given to the Antichrist by both Daniel and John.
- **A Final Battle Between Good & Evil** – The Hadith says the Islamic Messiah will lead the “forces of righteousness and do battle with the forces of evil” in a climactic battle.<sup>14</sup> Scripture too, describes such a battle at the end of the Tribulation. It is a time when Jesus returns with His saints to pass judgment “**and make war**” on the nations. (Revelation 19:11) It is the end of the line for both the Beast and the False Prophet. “**Then the beast was captured and with him the false prophet...These two were cast alive into the lake of fire**”. (Revelation 19:20)

Without discounting the possibility of Antichrist coming from Europe, or the Western part of the revived Roman Empire, we must admit that the similarities between the Biblical “**man of sin**” and the Mahdi as described by Islamic writings at the very least leaves open the possibility that they will be one and the same. Hal Lindsey summarized these similarities very well. Both come on the scene during a time of upheaval. Both present themselves as ambassador’s of peace, destroying many in the process. Both have a 7 year career, and “...head a one world religion and one world government, both claim supernatural origins and both reigns end in a battle between good and evil that brings Earth’s final judgment”.<sup>15</sup> Coincidence? *I think not!*

## **THE ECONOMIC HORIZON – Part I**

*Many are the headlines and government pronouncements that are telling us that the worst of the trouble is past. What follows is a two part look at what may lie ahead for us on the economic horizon. It may not be wine & roses.*

### **A Fake Recovery ?**

There are many things they’ve told us. Some of them are true...and some of them... are most definitely not. At the beginning of the year, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown described the furious and massive infusions of government money into the failing world financial system and the economic and social chaos that followed as but “the difficult birth pangs of a new global order” emerging.<sup>16</sup> A year after the crisis surfaced in earnest, analyst Kevin G Hall writing in the McClatchy Newspapers remarked on the establishment of a “new global financial order”. “The financial world as we knew it is over and something new is rising from its ashes.”<sup>17</sup> And much has begun to change in the make up of the global financial order. Another ‘truth’ that is being trumpeted by the administration and its allies in the mainstream media is that, - in the words of the 1930’s Great Depression song, ‘Happy Days Are Here Again’. We are seeing green shoots. We are in recovery! [But in my humble estimation that is very far off the mark. This is rather a purposeful demolition; - a controllable and controlled reconstruction of the World Order.]

Lew Rockwell calls this “The Great Fakeroo Recovery”. To Rockwell any ‘green shoots’ are entirely due entirely to the infusion of stimulus and bailout cash and therefore unsustainable. The temporary slowdown in the bleeding is the product of government intervention with official unemployment sitting at 9.8% and even Federal economists putting the real number at about 16%.<sup>18</sup> That, my friends, is a huge Depression era figure. *The Casey Report* comes to the conclusion that a recovery is not even “remotely possible”. Again it was the hundreds of billions of dollars poured into the markets and Fannie and Freddie, the “massive intervention by an increasingly bankrupt government”, that has

created the temporary illusion of recovery. They point to sustained drops in housing prices, high unemployment, the retail sector going in the tank, exploding foreclosures and the fall in GDP when they conclude that we won't see a recovery any time soon.<sup>19</sup> Looking at the high numbers of distressed home loans and growing foreclosures, *The Market Ticker* sees over \$1 trillion in loan losses over the next few years; - an unsustainable number that will effectively render the banking system insolvent.<sup>20</sup>

So with the pressure mounting on many fronts we now may be facing yet another crisis; - this time in the commercial real estate market. But as their commercial customers are starting to fail to meet their loan obligations, banks are extending the loans, hoping against hope that they will not have to take the loss and show it on their balance sheets.<sup>21</sup> Some properties in downtown Manhattan have lost as much as 65% of their value. And analysts are predicting up to \$1 trillion in commercial mortgage defaults over the next few years.<sup>22</sup> Now the solution to all of this offered by the US Government and the Fed has been to expand the currency, - basically printing the money, - and in the process de-value the worth of the dollar. Of course this doesn't sit well with our biggest creditor; China. In an example of supreme irony, it's the Red Chinese that support the American lifestyle by buying up our debt. At least that is until now.

Peking is becoming increasingly concerned about the way the Federal Reserve is printing money to buy up American government debt. So they've begun a campaign to "redesign [their] foreign reserve policy" investing more now in real goods, - like mines and minerals and real estate, - in the hopes of pressuring the US into "a change in monetary policy".<sup>23</sup> In a very practical strategic move, HSBC was by the end of last month, beginning to set a course that would prepare it to prosper in a world in which a "new global currency order" is emerging. A report by the banking giant anticipates the financial crisis to, - in the words of Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, "return with a vengeance" as the rest of the world begins to pass the US. He tells us that in fact, "an epochal loss in the relative wealth and economic power of the old G10 bloc of rich countries" is already occurring. HSBC is planning for the day in the not too <sup>24</sup>distant future when regional currencies will be created and countries like China, South Africa and Brazil will move to the forefront of the global economy.<sup>25</sup>

Still there are those headlines that tell us that we're coming out of the tunnel; - that everything is going to be OK. Yet some analysts believe that it is the very antidote that the government is prescribing that will make inevitable the next phase of the economic downturn. As far back as the Summer of 2007, the Bank of International Settlements was looking at a \$531 trillion derivatives market - over three times larger than the entire assets of the globe - and talking about a 'coming global depression'.<sup>26</sup> And in recent weeks four of the world's foremost future-trends analysts, - Faber, Rogers, Dent and Celente - who saw in advance the current crisis, - are all saying that another crash is on its way. Marc Faber is predicting "probably a total collapse in the second half of the year when it becomes clear that the economy is a total disaster". Gerald Celente, - with an near-perfect record of anticipating the major economic and social trends in the last couple of decades, - is looking for what he calls the 'Christmas Crash', - to occur anytime between the Fall of this year and February 2010. Besides outlining in advance the current economic downturn, the trends expert has in the past anticipated the fall of the Soviet Union, the onset of global terror, the 'backlash against globalization', the rise in popularity of New Age thought, the stock crash of 1987, and the Asian financial crisis of 1997. Now he says, we are about to face the 'greatest depression'. To Mr Celente the faux recovery is due to "phantom money printed out of thin air backed by nothing". He looks for a further decline in "empire America", and by 2012; "Food riots, tax protests, farmer rebellions, student revolts, squatter diggings, homeless uprisings, tent cities, ghost malls, general strikes, bossnappings, kidnappings, industrial saboteurs, gang warfare, mob rule, terror".<sup>27</sup> [This is right in line with the word that Pastor David Wilkerson believes he had from the Lord; - of cities across the US engulfed in riots and fires, - the result of "AN EARTH SHATTERING CALAMITY", which he believes is not far off.<sup>28</sup>] And whether Celente will prove to be right or wrong, the world is aware of these dangerous trends. The rest of the world sees that the US is in the throes of some serious relative decline in economic and eventually political & military power. That is what is driving the most disturbing and potentially disruptive element of the current crisis; - the growing howls to remake the global currency system. There are whisperings, and secret meetings and open calls for a change to the global financial system. Next time we'll look at just how that is playing out.

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