

WHAT ABOUT ISLAM?

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Have we been looking for a Holy Roman Empire? Is there an alternative? Prophecy can be a bit difficult to understand. It's not too hard reading the scriptures ... the harder part is the understanding of those. But ... we should have a grasp of the text.

Speculation is not the same as Spiritual truth. We don't want to be deceived. But ... Jesus told us to be prepared. He has told us before time.

Daniel is the key to the understanding of the book of Revelation. The book was sealed for the time of the end.

Daniel 2:36-45 (NKJV)

36 **"This is the dream. Now we will tell the interpretation of it before the king.**

37 You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory;

38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—**you are this head of gold.**

39 **But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.**

40 **And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others.**

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile.

43 As you saw iron mixed (Hebrew: Arab) with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay.

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

45 Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

The meaning of the gold, silver and bronze are fairly clear. The fourth iron empire is less so. Traditionally, we have considered it to be Rome ... but I have suggested that another possibility might be The Islamic Realm. Most scholars and some brethren have been looking to The Roman Empire for the last 2,000 years as a fulfilment. It happens to be a very popular view. A lot of people are looking to Europe.

Hippolytus in about 200 AD said that the iron legs represent Rome. Later on ... Jerome in 408 AD said that the iron legs were Rome. You can't blame these guys. If you look around ... Rome is everywhere. This view continued for centuries.

Daniel 2:40 (NKJV)

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Islam isn't just a religion!! It's also an Imperial, colonising, territory acquiring, political force.

Within 25 years of Mohammed's death ... they had conquered the Middle East, Persia, Babylon ... most of North Africa. Within 100 years ... The Mediterranean ... right up to and including Spain and France.

Islam crushed Babylon, Persia ... they changed their religion ... government ... Laws! Islam fits Daniel 2:40.

Almost from day one ... Islam has declared jihad. (Jihad means "struggle". It can be an internal struggle (for example ... trying not to over-indulge in cake) or an external struggle ... against Islam's enemies ... by the sword if necessary. To be politically correct ... people often focus only on the internal struggle or Jihad. They play down external Jihad as very rare. However ... Muslims would be familiar with Hadith ... Mohammed's sayings. Only 3% refer to the internal struggle ... and the other 97% see Jihad as war against their enemies. There have been over 29,000 Jihadist attacks since 9/11.

1. Israel has the biggest percentage of Jihadist attacks
2. Thailand ... against Buddhists
3. Philippines ... against Christians
4. India ... against Hindus

In 1,400 years ... there have been an estimated 60 million Christians killed in Jihad ... plus 10 million Buddhists ... Plus 80 million Hindus ... plus 120 million Africans ... Totalling about 270 million people killed by Jihad in all. And Jihad will continue in 2016 ... and 2017. Jihad is fundamental to Islam.

Today if you are looking for danger and threat in the world ... would you really look towards Rome and Europe? Or ... how about Iran? An

Islamic nation that believes in Jihad and wants nuclear weapons ... and to impose its version of Islam around the world.

Why Rome? Why do the majority of Christians use this as their focus? It's not just because of Daniel 2:40. There is another passage they believe points to Rome. So let's look at that!

Revelation 17:1-9 (NKJV)

1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

3 **So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.**

7 But the angel said to me, "Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 **Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.** (From this ... people deduce this is Rome. Dave Hunt: A Woman Rides The Beast. He declares that only one city that is known as the city on 7 hills ... Rome ... and GTA: Who Is The Anti Christ? ... He says Rome is that city).

But ... there are dozens of cities on 7 hills ... San Francisco ... Seattle, Washington ... Lynchburg, Virginia ... Jerusalem itself ... The Holy City of Mecca ... how about Istanbul ... Budapest?

Let's see if 7 hills are the same as 7 mountains. No ... they are not!!

Luke 3:4-6 (NKJV)

4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;

Make His paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled

And **every mountain and hill brought low**; (there is a mountain and ... separately ... Hill. Greek: Mountain: Oros ... Hill: Bounos. A mountain in prophecy is a symbol of a kingdom ... See Dan 2:34-35; Dan 2:44-45 and Jer 51:24-25)

The crooked places shall be made straight

And the rough ways smooth;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Daniel 2:34-35 (NKJV)

34 You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.

35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. **And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.**

Daniel 2:44-45 (NKJV)

44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be

left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

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Jeremiah 51:24-25 (NKJV)

24 “And I will repay **Babylon**

And all the inhabitants of Chaldea

For all the evil they have done

In Zion in your sight,” says the Lord.

25 “Behold, I am against you, **O destroying mountain,**

Who destroys all the earth,” says the Lord.

“And I will stretch out My hand against you,

Roll you down from the rocks,

And make you **a burnt mountain.**

Revelation 17:9-10 (NKJV)

9 “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.

10 There are also seven kings. (Kings or Kingdoms) Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time.

What does the Bible say about the spirit of Antichrist? Would that better describe Rome ... Or more like Islam? All the references are in the book of John.

1 John 2:18-19 (NKJV)

18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. (NB: Many antichrists)

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

1 John 2:22 (NKJV)

22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.**

1 John 4:2-3 (NKJV)

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

3 and **every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist,** which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

2 John 1:7 (NKJV)

7 **For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.**

Two identifying features ... denying the Father and The Son and that he came in the flesh.

Islam repudiates that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. Islam teaches that Allah is God and there is no Father and Son.

Quran Surah 19 it is not befitting that Allah begot a son. And it's a gross blasphemy to say so. Quran Surah 9 Allah's curse be on those who call Christ the son of Allan.

They accept Jesus (Isa) as a prophet ... but ... He wasn't God made Flesh. They teach that Jesus didn't ever die ... didn't shed His blood ... wasn't a Saviour ... but Allah took him to heaven. (Quran Surah 4).

There are about 1.5 billion Muslims on the earth today. They repudiate The Father and The Son. They deny that Jesus was The Word made flesh. They repudiate Jesus sacrifice. That is the spirit of antichrist. Islam is the biggest religion on the earth today. How about the Roman Catholic Church? Do they actually deny God The Father and Jesus Christ as the Islamic religion do? In The Apostles Creed ... which The Roman Catholic church repeat daily ... they confess God as The Father of The Lord Jesus. They confess that Jesus died, was buried ... rose the third day and ascended into heaven. No. The Roman Catholic Church do not deny The Father or the Son in the way that Islam does. Islam fits the description of antichrist much more than Rome.

Islam is still on the march!!

Daniel 8:1-8 (NKJV)

1 In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me—to me, Daniel—after the one that appeared to me the first time.

2 I saw in the vision, and it so happened while I was looking, that I was in Shushan, the citadel, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai.

3 Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was **a ram which had two horns**, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last.

4 **I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great.** (a violent ram charging off to the west to the north and to the east ... an invincible kingdom)

5 And **as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west**, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

6 Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power.

7 And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand.

8 Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

So. Who are the ram and the male (he) goat?

Daniel 8:20-22 (NKJV)

20 The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia. (Iran)

21 And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. (Hebrew: Javan: Western Asia Minor ... Turkey) The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king.

22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power.

Daniel 8:15-19 (NKJV)

15 Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, who called, and said, "Gabriel, make this man understand the vision."

17 So he came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face; but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end."

18 Now, as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep with my face to the ground; but he touched me, and stood me upright.

19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

Daniel 8:26 (NKJV)

26 "And the vision of the evenings and mornings which was told is true; therefore seal up the vision, for it refers to many days in the future."

What is the prophecy of Daniel 8 likely to be about today? The Ram ... Iran ... is going to go to war ...perhaps fairly soon. West into Iraq ... and Syria ... and Jordan and Turkey? North (Is the south Russian Muslim states like Azerbaijan ... Turkmenistan) and South (Saudi Arabia including Mecca ... Kuwait ... Qatar ... Oman ... the oil-states of the Persian Gulf).

What will happen to the world's economy if Iran dominates all of the oil producing countries? But ... some time later ... there is retaliation from the west ... The He Goat (Turkey) which attacks and obliterates Iran and its proxies.

Consider today that both Turkey and Iran are very powerful nations militarily. They are both Islamic (Iran is Shia and Turkey is Sunni) ... both desire to be masters of Islam.