

# Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 14

## The Beast and His Empire – part 2

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### Revelation 13:11-18

Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a **DRAGON**. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> He performs great signs, so that he even makes **fire come down from heaven** on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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**. <sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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**.

1. **Overview** → The Beast (the person, the demon, etc.) was introduced in Revelation 9 (Abaddon, Apollyon, the King over the Bottomless Pit and the Locust-Scorpion Demons, etc) Revelation 11 he defeats (temporarily) the Two Witnesses, live on Satellite TV / Internet ...

Rev. 13:1-4 → The Beast Empire (the Political Machine, the Political System / Monster)

Rev. 13:5-10 → The Beast, the person, the demon-possessed person who will rule over this Empire – the antichrist.

2. **Quotes about the AntiChrist** (the Beast that will come up from the Bottomless Pit) – matches perfectly the **Islamic Mahdi** who will rule for **7 years**

Abu Saeed Al-Khudri reported that Muhammed said “**The Mahdi is from me (my progeny) and will have a broad, clear (of hair) forehead and a prominent nose and will fill the Earth with fairness and justice as it was filled with oppression and injustice, and will reign for SEVEN YEARS.**” (Abu Dawud).

The Hadiths of Islam also speak of a **seven-year covenant** that the Mahdi makes with Israel: “**The Prophet said: There will be four peace agreements between you and the Romans. The fourth will be mediated through a person who will be from the progeny of Hadrat Aaron [Honorable Aaron, the brother of Moses] and will be upheld for SEVEN YEARS.**” (ref.: Muhammad ibn Izzat and Muhammad Arif, *Al Mahdi and the End of Time*, (London: Dar Al-Taqwa, 1997), 40.)

→ This echoes Daniel 9:27 (compare Rev. 11)

The **AntiChrist** (or the **Islamic Mahdi**) will make a covenant for 7 years, but in the middle of the period, he will break that covenant and defile the rebuilt Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount.

3. **The False Prophet, is introduced in Revelation 13:11-18 ... He parallels the Islamic Isa (or their version of *Jesus*). He will look like Jesus - a lamb with two horns – false Messiah / Christ – read **Matt. 24:15-27** – it is during the Great Tribulation that a “false Christ” will appear in the desert / wilderness → **focus on Matt. 24:23-27.****

The **Islamic Isa** (Islamic version of “Jesus”) will work with and for the Islamic **Mahdi** – to **push and force** Islam on all the world. He will claim to be the “real” Jesus, but will be **False**. He will also be **Demon Possessed**, just like the **AntiChrist** (the Mahdi) will be.

We know he is called the **False Prophet** – because he is named this, later, in **Revelation 16 & 19**

4. **The IMAGE of the BEAST → Implies both a real image of some sort (the Abomination of Desolation – Daniel 7 – 12; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:1-12) and it Implies that the Image is Alive somehow. Symbolic Imagery of something very real. The Image can “enforce” obedience to worship the Beast ... so this is beyond just something like an idol (only). There is an existing “Image” that Muslims bow down to at the Ka’aba in Mecca → the Black Stone (similar to the image of Diana / Artemis - meteorite image that fell from “heaven” – Acts 19:35) → **anti-christ** → doesn’t just mean “against Christ”, it also means “instead of Christ”**

5. **The Mark of the Beast – 666 – The Name of the Beast – cannot buy or sell, etc...**

The **Bismillah**, “Allah” in Arabic, etc. all match the symbolic Greek letters for the **Mark of the Beast** in **Revelation 13:18** – the **Mark** does not necessarily mean a tattoo ... but a badge, headband, arm band, etc. with the **Symbolic Imagery of the Beast’s Name** on it.

**Not Buying or Selling – Restrictions, etc. → Shariah Law** is exactly this

**Islam** is a **Political, Religious, Economic and Social system** – it is **DIFFERENT** than all the other “Kingdoms” before it (remember that phrase in **Daniel 7 & 8**). It seeks to **displace, destroy, and conquer every “kingdom” and/or country** on the face of the earth to bring about its final **Global Caliphate** in which **Imam Mahdi** will rule and **Isa** will be by his side enforcing Islam.

