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Is John MacArthur Right?, on: 2014/8/31 20:38

I was doing some Google research on the rise of Islam and it's connection to end time events. Since the rise of the Islamic State and it's brutality of Christians I have wondered if the Antichrist could be a Moslem.

I was surprised to see messages by John MacArthur that seem to indicate he supports the idea of the Antichrist being a Moslem. If I have listened correctly he indicates the Antichrist will be the Mahdi.

Normally I would probably ignore this. But this is a respected Calvinistic Bible teacher. Not an over the top prophesy nut one sees on the internet.

Can MacArthur be right?

Bearnaster

Re: Is John MacArthur Right?, on: 2014/8/31 21:44

no...the muslims are children.

where is the real Babylon?

Re: Is John MacArthur Right? - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2014/8/31 22:00

If you compare the shiite Islamic prophecy about the mahdi, then compare the bible prophecy about the anti christ...

A summary of it...

He will be a descendant of Muhammad and will bear Muhammad's name

He will be a very devout Muslim.

He will be an unparalleled spiritual, political and military world leader.

He will emerge after a period of great turmoil and suffering upon the earth.

He will establish justice and righteousness throughout the world and eradicate tyranny and oppression.

He will be the Caliph and Imam (vice-regent and leader) of Muslims worldwide

He will lead a world revolution and establish a new world order.

He will lead military action against all those who oppose him.

He will invade many countries.

He will make a seven year peace treaty with a Jew of priestly lineage.

He will conquer Israel for Islam and lead the faithful Muslims in a final slaughter/battle against Jews.

He will establish the new Islamic world headquarters from Jerusalem.

He will rule for seven years.

He will cause Islam to be the only religion practiced on the earth.

He will appear riding a white horse.

He will discover some previously undiscovered biblical manuscripts that he will use to argue with the Jews and cause some Jews to convert to Islam.

He will also re-discover the Ark of the Covenant from the Sea of Galilee, which he will bring to Jerusalem.

He will have supernatural power from Allah over the wind and the rain and crops.

He will possess and distribute enormous amounts of wealth.

He will be loved by all the people of the earth

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/8/31 22:04

Bear was it you that put up a prophecy about Nautilus type machines guillotines.

Take a look at the machine Iran has developed... a machine that chops of people fingers...

Quote: The Iranian regime unveiled a machine last year terrifying device Iran uses to chop off fingers. The device looks like something devised for a grisly horror movie operates as a circular saw that guillotines prisoners fingers.

<http://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/human-rights/17059-iran-human-rights-prisoner-s-four-fingers-amputated-in-public>

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Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/9/1 0:33

Quote: where is the real Babylon?

Babylon the Great

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4hh0Zxn5Xg>

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/9/1 4:53

I too have been looking into this in recent days.

I have started reading the book by Joel Richardson called 'Mideast Beast' where he expounds his view that the anti Christ and the beast empire of the last days will a revised Islamic Caliphate and not the traditionally held view of Rome and Europe. Same view as Walid Soebat.

I am only 25% into the book, but so far he makes some interesting points. Not sure I am totally convinced by all his arguments, but still interesting. You can see his web site here... <http://www.joelstrumpet.com/>

Maybe it could be both a Western/European world order in league with or taken over by an Islamic Caliphate. Maybe they will do the butchering of all that oppose. They could be the religious power behind the political order?? One to watch in all this is Turkey and their President Erdogan. My thoughts.

Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/9/1 5:55

Yea walid shoebat teaching was very interesting . A mid eastern mindset and interpretation ,was more convincing for me ,,if Any one has not watched walid sheobats you tube videos ,it is worth watching ,i only just came across him on you tube about a month ago

Re: Is John MacArthur Right? - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/9/1 11:15

bear,

Did you read Frank's thread on, "A possible scenario for end times?" Here is the link https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=53072&forum=35

There was a lot of good information in that thread, it's worth sitting down for a while while having your coffee or tea and reading through it!!

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/9/1 11:15

Quote:
-----hezwellling wrote:
where is the real Babylon?

America?

Re: , on: 2014/9/1 12:33

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Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/9/1 16:15

Quote: where is the real Babylon --- America?

Oh dear, In the post of Frank's he was stating that the beast empire was America where the antichrist will rule. While the Pope was the head of a world religions. So for Frank that effectively makes Rome - Babylon.

In Revelation the Great Whore rides on the back of the Beast Empire - The beast empire seven heads are seven mountains. At the time 5 had past, 1 was Rome, 1 was to come Islam which defeated the Rome Empire and the 8th was like the 7th..

So the beast empire is an Islamic Empire - not America - The Harlot rides on the back of a Islamic empire..

Where does John see this Harlot - So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness Rev 17:3 Wilderness is the Greek word erēmos and can be translated a desert, wilderness.

Now if he had found the harlot in America - would he describe it's location as a desert wilderness... I doubt it..

No the desert wilderness is where you find the beast in the dessert sands of the middle east.. This is where you find the Harlot riding that beast...

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/9/1 16:26

Now I don't mean this in any derogatory way at all, but why do so many Americans think that all significant things in the bible (good and bad) are centred in America?

Either they consider America as God's covenant people or as the great Babylon! I'm sure we used to suffer from this mindset in GB back in past days. But maybe America is not that significant as we think, or is that blasphemous? :)

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/9/1 20:09

Quote: But maybe America is not that significant as we think, or is that blasphemous?

America the most powerful nation in the world will have a critical role in the last days, along with many other countries including our own...

Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness Ezk 28 6-7

This verse is about the AntiChrist where he says that he has decided that he is God.. So God raises "the terrible of the nations" which is America, UK and Nato allies along with others attack the Anti-Christ and his army.... to prove that he is not a God....

Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/9/2 5:11

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But maybe America is not that significant as we think, or is that blasphemous? :)

All I did was state... "America?" And, boy, you guys take right off!!! :)

I'm not going to argue with anyone about it, I just have my opinions but I enjoyed reading yours as well. I will just say, "We will see where America stands in the mix in the end times."

God bless,
Lisa

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/9/2 5:53

Hi Lysa.

All I did was state... "America?" And, boy, you guys take right off!!! :)

I'm sorry if what I wrote came across that way. :) That's the problem with communication in writing, you can't get the expression in..

It was not meant as a hit against you in particular, just a general observation on what I have observed and to say let's not see everything through the lens of our own world view.

Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2014/9/2 14:02

According to the book of Daniel, the antichrist will come out of the last kingdom.

Quote:

â€œThus he said:

â€œThe fourth beast shall be
A fourth kingdom on earth,
Which shall be different from all other kingdoms,
And shall devour the whole earth,
Trample it and break it in pieces.
The ten horns are ten kings
Who shall arise from this kingdom.
And another shall rise after them;
He shall be different from the first ones,
And shall subdue three kings.
He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,
And shall intend to change times and law.
Then the saints shall be given into his hand
For a time and times and half a time.

â€œBut the court shall be seated,
And they shall take away his dominion,
To consume and destroy it forever.
Then the kingdom and dominion,
And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.â€™

The Roman empire was the last kingdom. I do not assume to know what it will be like in its final form, but he will arise out of that.

If you look at prophecies later, you will see that there is a great army from the south which the antichrist will devastate, I have recently entertained the idea that that particular army will be Muslims. The reason being is that they would never accept anyone other than a muslim declaring himself to be god. And although he will be an enemy of the jchristians (as they themselves are) he will not be muslim and will be perceived by them as a threat.

I am definitely up for alternative ideas about it though.

Re: Is John MacArthur Right? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/9/2 16:16

I have not read all the other replies but will answer your question, "Can MacArthur be right?"

The last time I read through Revelation I got the sense the writer could be talking about Islam. Up to this point I never heard anyone suggest this, so I was surprised to hear later there are others who are saying the same. None of these people are dogmatic about it, just that they have this sense.

In my quest to understand when this era begins and ends I have looked for markers that would give me a clue. Am not sure but think Revelation 20:4 has one. In the meantime I am looking for more but am always aware that things will get worse but Jesus will be victor.

I am not a Calvinist but I tend to agree with MacArthur except I do not know anything about Mahdi.

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/9/2 17:51

Something I have been looking at today is -- chi xi stigma or 666

I would ask you take a look at the short clip on how the chi xi stigma looks like bismallah meaning "in the name of allah"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEHeH4bDKFU>

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2014/9/3 4:54

Colin, I took a look at that clip you posted. Interesting, but lacks credibility to me. I don't think that the theory being presented is sound. Symbols that are similar (but not the same) and need to be turned around to make it fit and changing the meaning of 'number' of the beast to 'multitude' of the beast to make the theory work just seems like he got an idea and now has to make it fit somehow.

Re: , on: 2014/9/3 8:16

I too looked at the clip. I do not know if the "666" is "in the name of Allah". But we can not ignore the rising global tide of Islam. Thus it would stand to reason that it will play a very prominent role in the end times.

Islam is the greatest persecutor of Christians on a global scale. We know Christians are being persecuted by extreme Buddhist, Hindus, communist, personality cults like in North Korea, etc.

But the greatest persecutor of Christians on a global scale is Islam. Though not politically correct to say this. Governmental and non-governmental reports bear this out.

From Indonesia to Saudi Arabia to western Africa Christians are being persecuted by Islamic extremists. There is a connection between the Boko Haram in Nigeria, El Shabab in Somalia, Al Qaeda in Syria, and the Islamic State in Iraq. Plus the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Thus it might be said there is a monolith of rising Islam. All with one goal to destroy Christians. And advance a world wide caliphate.

We would do well to pay attention to this growing threat. And ask God how we should respond to it.

My thoughts.

Bearnaster

Two Interesting Passages of Scripture, on: 2014/9/3 8:30

Gen.16:11-12

The angel of the Lord said to her further,

Behold you are with child,
And you will have a son;
And you will call his name Ishmael,
Because the Lord has given heed to your affliction.
And he will be a wild donkey of a man,
His hand will be against everyone,
And everyone's and will be against him;
And he will live to the east of his brothers.

Thoughts brethren?

Bear

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2014/9/3 10:59

In talking about the rise of Islam and their persecution of Christians...one sees this severity as a phenomenon of recent origins. True, they would kill if one of their own abandoned Islam but to target other Believers for persecution? Not on the scale we are seeing today.

As I was thinking about this, I am wondering if this persecution is not in direct proportion the number of Muslim peoples coming to the LORD. It was not all that long ago where it was considered almost a waste of resources to send missionaries to the Muslims because of their rejection of the Gospel. Today there are many reports of Muslims coming to the LORD - this was totally unheard of as recent as 25(?) years ago. Seems to me like the devil is in a rage and he is growling and pursuing the people that carry the name of his arch-enemy.

Yes, as I look back at how communism frightened people with their atrocities it makes them look like a bunch of some naughty Sunday School boys when compared with radical Islam.

But I cringe when I consider the killing of people via beheading - I helped mom kill lots of chickens by chopping off their heads - an ugly sight if there is one. Makes me shiver when I consider it being done to humans.

God help us all.

Re: , on: 2014/9/3 11:48

Ginnyrose your observation is valid. The intense persecution of Christians by Moslems may be in direct proportion to the many thousands who are turning to Christ.

Bear

Re: , on: 2014/9/3 13:19

And what of Rev.16:12,

The sixth angel poured out his bowl the great river, the Euphrates; and all its water was dried up, so that this way would be prepared for the kings of the east.

There are those who hold that the kings of the east are Red China. But there are certainly Islamic nations that are to the east of the Euphrates River. Again could this be a reference that the kings of the East will be Islamic nations who are bent on slaughtering Jews and Christians.

Given the fact that Muslims are leading the persecution of Christians one must wonder?

Bearmaster

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/9/3 18:32

Quote: I took a look at that clip you posted. Interesting, but lacks credibility to me.

Okay here is some thats speaks Arabic, explaining it..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtquNNEO7Fw>

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2014/9/3 23:34

The significance of the word "antichrist" is that it can mean not only "against Christ," but "instead of Christ."

With that in mind, the antichrist we ought to be more concerned about is not the one who is openly against Christ, but the one who, while presenting himself in the name of Christ, is a deceiver.

"For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:5).