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### Is the Antichrist Poised to Enter World Stage? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2016/4/4 16:20

Some of the most violent Muslims are trying to bring their messiah into the world, popular Pastor Michael Youssef details in a new book.

But in the pages of *The End Times & the Secret of the Mahdi*, Youssef suggests the shocking surprise is that this figure will turn out to be the evil Antichrist described in the Bible.

Over the centuries, people have guessed incorrectly again and again that the Antichristâ€”that ultra-violent world dictatorâ€”was soon to appear.

Unprecedented Time in History

But Youssef, head of the global outreach ministry *Leading the Way* and founder of Atlanta's Church of the Apostles, believes only now are conditions set for the coming of that evil one.

His book details how what's going on in the world right now is leading straight toward those events prophesied in the Book of Revelation and elsewhere in the Bible.

"I came to the conclusion that we are coming into the period of time like we have never seen before in history," Youssef told CBN News in an exclusive interview.

Hailing from Cairo himself, Youssef said he deeply loves the Islamic people, but believes Islam is hurtling the world toward the dark days of the Antichrist, as the promotional video for his new book shows.

In it Youssef says of the Antichrist, "He will lull the world into believing in him, even worshipping him as their messiah. But he will end up abusing humanity like it's never been tormented before."

The Mahdi Is the Antichrist

This biblical scholar has been researching Islam's beliefs in their end times' messiah alongside the Bible's revelations about the Antichrist. What he writes about is described exactly by his new book's subtitle: *"Unlocking the Mystery of Revelation and the Antichrist."*

His conclusion is stated in that same promotional video for the book: "Christians know him as the Antichrist. Sunni Muslims know him as the Muslim Christ. Shiite Muslims know him as the Mahdi."

Youssef quotes Muslim scholars in his book on what Islam preaches about their messiah.

"When their messiah comes, he's going to cover the whole world," Youssef said. "He's going to rule the world. And he's going to declare himself to be a Muslim. And he's going to turn on the Christians and the Jews."

"And we know, of course, the Bible said the Antichrist is going to come and he's going to turn on the Christians and the Jews," he noted.

Youssef laid out for CBN News other parallels he sees between the Mahdi and the Antichrist.

"He will call himself 'the man of peace.' That he's going to come at a time of chaos and confusion and people longing for somebody to guide them and lead them and bring them peace because they will be worn out," Youssef shared.

Both the Bible and Islam talk about this figure's seven-year global reign from Jerusalem and say this figure of peace will turn hyper-violent.

"He's going to begin to persecute people. He's going to demand their worship," Youssef said. "Same thing on the other

sideâ€”that he's going to kill everybody who does not worship him."

Ushering in the Mahdi

Youssef says some Shiites have actually been trying to bring about the prophesied time of the Mahdi, to make it happen themselves.

"He will appear when the world is in chaos and he will bring peace," Youssef explained. "So Ahmadinejad, the former president of Iran, basically wanted to stir up trouble and get the nuclear weapons so they could attack Israel and create an atmosphere of chaos, so to force their Mahdiâ€”or the 12th caliphateâ€”to show up."

And some of the most violent Sunnis are also trying to set off the end times.

"Particularly those who the Middle East people call Daish or ISIS or IS," the pastor stated. "They also have that concept that when chaos and bloodshed reign supremeâ€”and that's why they're shedding so much bloodâ€”that their messiah will come."

So if Pastor Youssef's belief is correct that this Muslim messiah will be the Antichrist, it's the first time in history believers of a major religion have been actively working to bring him into the world and welcome him.

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**Re: Is the Antichrist Poised to Enter World Stage?, on: 2016/4/4 16:30**

Yeah, amen. And Michael Youseff is an ex-Muslim from those lands. I would also highly recommend the book, "The Islamic Antichrist" by Joel Richardson on this subject. It goes line by line through the Quran & Hadiths & shows the astounding anti-parallels of Islam & The beast system of the Word, Mahdi & Antichrist, Isa Al masih (their "Jesus") & the false prophet. Absolutely fits LIKE A GLOVE.

And we all know satan is no creator, only a counterfeitor who wants to be worshipped as a god. Islam makes a lot more sense when you understand that.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/4 17:05**

Quote:

Both the Bible and Islam talk about this figure's seven-year global reign from Jerusalem and say this figure of peace will turn hyper-violent.

Why would he look to Islam for support of anything.

A seven year tribulation is nowhere mentioned in scripture.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/4 17:31**

The time of Jacob's Trouble.

Daniel's 70th week. The "time, times, & half a time" was clear language for the ancient Hebrew for 3.5 years.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2016/4/4 19:09**

I still don't see where it says antichrist will be in power for 7 years or 3.5 years or whatever.

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2016/4/4 20:19**

Hyppolitus of Rome who was a disciple of Irenaus believed that Antichrist would come out of the ruins of the Roman empire, after Rome was partitioned into 10 kingdoms and then Antichrist would appear and persecute the saints.

Antichrist according to Revelation comes out of one of the 10 kingdoms and he rises out of a small kingdom and all the other kings will give him power and authority to him. There will be a confederation of 10 kings under the rule of Antichrist.

Roman empire will be revived at the end time and Antichrist will reveal himself as a world peacemaker and the Emperor

of the revived Roman empire and will usher the world to a short lived period of prosperity and false peace.

He can't be a Muslim in my opinion because the Jews would not accept him as their messiah. He will pretend to be the messiah and deceive the world and the Jews who won't be part of the elect. Before his appearance on the world stage as a savior of mankind there has to happen first of all the great falling away of many professing Christians unprecedented in the history of Church.

It seems like he is going to rise at a time when the world will go thru a religious, economic and political crises and chaos. History has taught us that dictators or evil genius like Hitler rose up to power out of an economic and political crises and recession and it's in times like that that revolutions have happen too.

This is my conviction, Antichrist rises out of Europe (the revived Roman empire). He will amaze the world by his genius and power, he will be very charismatic and the greatest evil genius in the history of mankind. He ushers the world to a short lived golden age of prosperity and peace for 3 & 1/2 years at the end of 3 & 1/2 years he enters the Temple that the Jews have already build in Jerusalem and sits at the Holy of Holies and desecrates it and that's when the abomination of desolation as prophesied in the Bible happens. He makes himself a god and demands worship like the the old roman Ceasars did but even more so because he is the Ceasar of Ceasars and the man who will deify himself as lord and god of the world.

He abolishes the laws and customs in existence and enforces new laws and customs. Also another beast rises out of the earth, which is the false phrophet, who performs false signs and wonders. The false prophet makes the image of the beast to speak and the whole world wonders and he demands they worship the image and the Antichrist too. It is during this time that Antichrist will start wars and go forth to conquer the world. He will persecute the saints who refuse to worship him or his image or take the mark of the beast.

We can't know for sure what will be the mark of the beast or the number of the beast but one thing is for sure whoever takes the mark or the number on the forehead or their right hand will voluntary worship the beast and seal their own damnation.

The second half of the tribulation will witness the greatest revival in the history of the Church. It is in the midsts of the greatest tribulation in the history of the world that the most heroic witness of the saints will take place. Millions will be martyred for the Lord but millions will rise up and take their place as living witnesses of the Lamb who sits on the throne.

It is during this time that in Jerusalem there will appear the prophetic ministries of the two phrophets of God that will come forward in the spirit of Elijah and power of Moses. Whether this men will be Moses and Elijah or two other prophets of God with the anointing of Moses and the spirit of Elijah, maybe we can't tell for sure and we don't have to be dogmatic about it. What matters is that there will be a very powerful and anointing prophetic ministry in Israel at this time and those two phrophets will be the two witnesses before the Lord sent out two pronounce God's judgments on the wicked world and prepare the way of the second coming of the Lord.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/4 20:24**

Elected,

That is certainly the most common traditional view. But I believe it definitely has holes & issues. The Islamic Antichrist & even more so the teachings I have heard from Joel Richardson that I think are in his Mideast Beast book explains all of this in detail. You should check out The Islamic Antichrist. You might question your own traditionally held thoughts concerning a European Antichrist.

God Bless,  
Jeff

**Re: , on: 2016/4/4 21:09**

Hi Reddi,

You write.....

"Roman empire will be revived at the end time and Antichrist will reveal himself as a world peacemaker and will usher the world to a short lived period of prosperity and false peace."

This might be an easier concept for me than for most Americans, but I certainly believe the anti-christ will arise from a revived Roman empire. I would like to put it to any American audience that America is the revived Roman empire. If you look at the old Roman map of Europe, you can see that hundreds of thousands of people, millions, came across from Europe and established a Republic, just like the Romans with a congress and a senate and a capital building that bears a striking resemblance to its Roman counterpart. Rome was the superpower of the day, and of course America is the superpower of our day. Undoubtedly, the anti-christ will be American and inherit the most powerful arsenal the world ever has or ever will know. Think of the truly scary concept if a malignant force took over power in America? What could the world do? Who could truly resist such power? And when you add the supernatural power the anti-christ will have, the world will belong to him, at least for a time times and time and a half. :) The smiley face is because I know the reaction I have had before from my fellow Americans ( I am naturalized now) when I suggest this.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2016/4/4 23:28**

I see the Holy Roman Empire as "an antichrist system", I see America as a form of that too, & I see Islam as one (many antichrists have come), but "the beast" system in the end, seems most plausible as Islam. And don't rule out the intertwined tentacles of America becoming more Islamic than it is now (we basically more or less created & funded ISIS along with Turkey (where satan had his throne) to remove Assad for our own empirical Purposes. All these systems are "antichrist" in that sense.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/5 0:27**

Hi Jeff, the Muslim anti-christ is way too obvious for the father of all lies and deceit. If we want to look back in time and discover the greatest horrors perpetrated on the church during the dark and middle ages, it was the church of Rome, the church in the west. I believe that the anti-christ will, with a level of ruthlessness not seen before and cheered on by the world, crush fundamentalism in all of its forms, and this would include radical Islam. Of course the real target is genuine saints, with his purpose of destroying every saint on the planet.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by elected (), on: 2016/4/5 1:10**

Hi Frank,

I agree with you that having future Antichrist who is going to be a Muslim world ruler it is very impossible because many nations and people around the world would not be deceived by a religion that preaches hate and already has a very bad reputation in the world scene as a religion of hate.

When he appears and comes to power, he will get rid of radical terrorism. He will implement with the false prophet one world religion and one world government. I believe that English will be the international language and he will install a cashless society. He and the false prophet will be the architects of the short lived golden age of deception.

Some early Church Fathers believe that he will come from the tribe of Dan and be a Jew. I believe he has to be of Jewish origin, otherwise the Jews won't be deceived and welcome him as their messiah. The faithful remnant among the Jews that the Father has chosen won't be deceived.

I guess our disagreement is that you see him as rising out of America and me out of Europe. I have a question for you brother, who you think is Babylon the Great?

**Re: Is the Antichrist Poised to Enter World Stage? - posted by billy1980 (), on: 2016/4/5 2:17**

Thanks for posting this brother Greg. I was'nt aware of this book. I'm looking forward to reading through it, and seeing our brother in Christ's thoughts concerning this issue.

"Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship...."

**Re: , on: 2016/4/5 3:15**

I disagree with most what has been said, but I'm not going into detailed discussions and give you my version.

I just briefly want to comment about one point that TMK already picked up:

Quote: "Why would he look to Islam for support of anything?"

We all know that "all scripture is inspired " it is the infallible word of God.

Now where does it say that other books are also inspired by the one and only true God.

We are clearly instructed not to add anything to Scripture.

If we believe that all other religions are false then we can't study their books and mix it with the Holy Scripture to support our doctrine.

I don't want anything to do with a "teacher " who does that.!

**Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2016/4/5 4:04**

It's simple really, there is one person that is out of Europe, he claims to have direct line descendancy -> the house of David, and he also claims to have a direct line to Mohammed. So he will try to be everyone for everybody. Is he for real? Oh yes, real person of immense power and global influence, waiting for his cue to step in to unite the world.

**Re: , on: 2016/4/5 8:47**

Redi writes.....

"I guess our disagreement is that you see him as rising out of America and me out of Europe. I have a question for you brother, who you think is Babylon the Great?"

I do see him rising out of America Redi. It is without a doubt, the revived roman empire, right down to its system of government and its people and its place in the world. As for Babylon the Great, not sure about that, not sure what that phrase may consist of. I think one thing is for sure, no theologian is figuring this out and if there is a consensus of opinion and men writing books about it, then we can be sure it won't be that :) We are talking about something that could, if it were possible, deceive even the elect. Most of my American Christian friends think he will be Muslim, but it is not hard, culturally, to see why they would think their "arch enemy," or present day boogey man would become their anti-christ. I am sure in the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s that many Americans might have believed that a Communist would be the anti-christ.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2016/4/5 9:22**

A literal Babylon no longer exists. The "Great Babylon" or "Babylon the Great", is figurative language for the world system characterized by confusion and rebellion (remember the tower of Babel). It's not one country or a specific false religion.

Babylon is a symbol of rebellion against God and the world system is home to Satan's false religious system, as well as all the other "systems" (political, educational, social, etc) that exalt man over Jesus Christ. The spirit of Babylonian rebellion and licentiousness continues today and will climax in the great confrontation between light and darkness at the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is also referred to as "Mystery Babylon" of Revelation 17, which is pictured as a woman "drunken with the blood of Saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus," Revelation 17.6.

Not just one country or one religion is responsible for the blood of the Saints, but Satan's rebellious world system.

"The course of this world" is wickedness against Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the COURSE OF THIS WORLD, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

1Jn 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD LIETH IN WICKEDNESS.

**Re: antichrist - posted by savannah, on: 2016/4/5 10:00**

For those who may not know;

Here are all the verses in the Bible that the word antichrist is used.

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as you have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; by which we know that it is the last time.

1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denies the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, of which you have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Study and meditate rather than speculate.

**Re: He shall become strong with a small people - posted by docs (), on: 2016/4/5 13:15**

<http://the.mysteryofisrael.org/2014/03/06/he-shall-become-strong-with-a-small-people/>

I'm not trying to be dogmatic or whatever but just throwing a little food for thought into the mix. I'm not seeking to set any one straight but just offering a bit of understanding I believe I have come to. These are possible scenarios in the article and not set in absolute stone.

Meanwhile, many think the career and activities of the AC can be seen in Daniel 11:36-45. Daniel 11:36 is the thought Paul uses in II Thess 2:3-4.

36 - Then the king will do as he pleases, and "he will exalt and MAGNIFY HIMSELF ABOVE EVERY GOD", and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done. (Dan 11:36)

3 - Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness i

s revealed, the son of destruction,

4 - who opposes and "EXALTS HIMSELF ABOVE EVERY SO-CALLED GOD OR OBJECT OF WORSHIP, so that he seats himself in the temple of God, DISPLAYING HIMSELF AS BEING GOD. (II Thess 2:3-4)

So Paul's reference comes straight from Daniel 11:36 and Daniel and Paul both used a personal pronoun (he, him) to describe the coming person.

I also agree with the commentators who think his activities begin to be portrayed in Daniel 11:21 to the end of the chapter.

People say why concentrate on the AC when we're supposed to be focused on Jesus. That's very true and goes without saying but how can we not want to know a bit at least about the coming man of lawlessness spoken of in multiple places in scripture.

Jesus has everything in control.

**Re: - posted by a-servant, on: 2016/4/6 5:55**

"I'm not trying to be dogmatic" haha, yes I think that disclaimer seems to be required these days when you want to quote scripture and violate the spirit that sees any man's opinion as formally equal with truth.

I'm not dogmatic on this one, because it has little scripture that reveals all, and proof cannot be made without a long personal research on terms of looking into the spiritual world of the candidate that simply does not fit on a forum. Yet I agree with starting with Daniel, as he portrays him very accurately. Not just Daniel 11:21 as a person also already in 7:8 as the little horn that comes out of the "ten horns".

Ten horns in eschatological terms most of us grew up with, was thought to be the EU. Which was a tempting concept when they had around 10 members. These days they long passed that number, and research had to find another candidate. This man found one that fits on the dot:

<http://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n2363.cfm>

I forgot about that concept, even though one of my teachers told me its basics in elementary school already. It explains several current things, for example: The Reason for All of the wars that the US & allies were fighting in the last few years. After you read it, suddenly they all make sense (for them) - Or it explains part of the current illegals in the US situation where illegal Mexicans get official driver licenses instead of getting deported. They soon will not be illegal any longer it seems. I never saw that one coming, but compare it with the actual quoted news in that article about their last gov. meetings on that.

The "ten horns" are not the EU any longer, just 1 horn of them. And their leaders are to hand over their power that they not yet officially possess to the little horn. That's in Rev 17:12. So they might hand over their power even before this goes live.

One of 2 direct descriptions to identify who will rule them is also in those verses in Revelation, it's so specific that all guesses must be wrong. Although it fits one candidate perfectly. The other proof is his number, unfortunately that fits more than 1 person, yet just one of them fits in all of the 3 relevant key languages, what must be close to impossible in terms of mathematical possibilities.

It's way easier to get a hunch of his identity when you think about what's going on globally with the 10 kingdoms that currently are in the process of being formed. Who is the force behind it? Correct, you can guess that. They are working with 1000s of interest groups independently in all walks of life - yet in firm accord with one spirit to achieve this one goal. That's important to remember, independently but of the same spirit.

Who are the top power groups involved? Who finances them, and who actually controls them. There is a hierarchy of power, and outsiders are not allowed in. And the top of them also has to report to someone, like in a head of a head organisation. And these people at the top of that have both economical as well as spiritual authority within their hierarchy. And they also have a candidate, that is not currently in power, but has all the necessary 'ingredients' and heritage on his side

I don't think his name is important, he is just another man waiting for his hour of power. But he is not American, neither does he operate on the level of power of heads of state or presidents or bankers or popes. He does however create policies that get adopted by governments. In their spiritual hierarchy he is positioned much higher, more like the uncrowned heir and you can see the respect he gets from presidents when they meet. I noticed that especially at a meeting with an American president in the past, he looked at him like he was a pizza delivery boy that was way too late with a delivery. Then I looked at the president's face expression and I saw fear.