

## Chapter 9 A Revived Caliphate to Dominate the World

**Introduction.** *See if this takes your breath away (Sunni source):*

*“According to the unanimously accepted sayings of the Prophet Muhammad, God (Allah) will bring about a savior before the end of time to establish the global domination of Islam over all religions. In other words, the savior will establish the Kingdom of God on earth. In Islamic traditions, that savior is known by the name of “al-Mahdi.”<sup>1</sup>*

*The Bible says so.*

Do you believe the Qur’an or the Bible? I believe the Bible. Muhammad al-Mahdi is from Islamic prophecies, right? Yes. So how can I believe that Muhammad al-Mahdi will one day emerge to lead Islam to dominate the world?

*The Bible says so.*

In allegorical form. That is, it gives us the prophecies of the Last Days in the form of representative symbols and metaphors, which, taken together and interpreted correctly, write the future story of what will happen in the Last Days. When Islam’s prophecies match the Bible’s, I believe them. Not because Islam says so, but because the Bible does. The Bible tells us how things are going to play out in the Last Days; and, it tells us how things will really be. For example, Islam defines Muhammad al-Mahdi as a savior who will “*establish the kingdom of God on earth.*” To “*establish the kingdom of God on earth*” sounds like a pretty good plan don’t you think? The Bible tells us the truth about this coming one. He will make himself out to be the bearer of good tidings; the bearer of peace and justice to the world; but, in reality, he is Satan’s Antichrist. *He will not bring the kingdom of God on earth but the kingdom of Satan.* When he does appear, God’s plan is that Christians will know him for who he really is, regardless of what he declares and what miracles he is able to perform.

This chapter is about Islamic prophecies of a united Islam and Islam’s coming domination of the world; and, it will show us the Bible’s prophecies of this future dominion.

*The Bible says so. That’s enough for me.*

**The Revived Caliphate.** We have interpreted the scarlet beast (Revelation 17) to be the future individual that Islam refers to as Muhammad al-Mahdi. The Bible tells us that this one will also be the “eighth head” of the scarlet beast. The Bible also tells us that the scarlet beast is “one of the seven”; and, we have interpreted this to mean that the scarlet beast is a coming dynasty, i.e., caliphate, of Islam. We have counted seven so far. The scarlet beast is the last empire, the last caliphate of Islam. It will be the caliphate revived.

This last caliphate is being talked about today. Let me show you.

Dr. Bruce Lawrence, Professor of Religion at Duke University,<sup>2</sup> in his compilation of the statements of Osama bin Laden, makes the following statements:

*"For many radical Islamist movements who identify the root cause of the Muslim world's problems as a decline in spirituality and religious observance, the restoration of the Caliphate is a priority."<sup>3</sup>  
(Emphasis supplied)*

*"Since the abolition of the Ottoman Caliphate, no country has replaced Turkey as the Muslim world's center. According to Sayyid Qutb (the late Egyptian intellectual whose philosophy is thought to be the foundation of Islamic belief of Al Qaeda<sup>4</sup>), in order to bring about a new Caliphate governed by God's law there must be a revival in one Muslim country, enabling it to attain that status. When the Taliban captured Kabul in 1996, Afghanistan became an official Islamic state, or emirate, ruled by shari'a, and in the view of bin Laden and others, the strongest candidate for a new Caliphate."<sup>5</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

Dr. Timothy Furnish, Professor of History, Georgia Perimeter College, provides further,

*In recent years, there has been a growing debate among Islamists about the need to restore the caliphate. One international Islamist movement, Hizb at-Tahrir ("the Liberation Party"), has kept this idea alive intellectually for over fifty years by publishing tracts on the subject. Members of the party, and those Islamists influenced by them, argue that a prerequisite for the empowerment of the Muslims is the restoration of the caliphate in some "liberated" part of the Muslims' world. This pure Islamic state, under a caliph, would then turn into a base for further expansion."<sup>6</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

And finally, by Sunni Islam's Osama bin Laden,

*"So I say that, in general, our concern is that our umma (Islamic community) unites either under the Words of the Book of God or His Prophet, and that this nation should establish the righteous caliphate of our umma, which has been prophesied by our Prophet in his authentic hadith: that the righteous caliph will return with the permission of God. The umma is asked to unite itself in the face of this Crusaders' campaign (the United States) the strongest, most powerful, and most ferocious Crusaders' campaign to fall on the Islamic umma since the dawn of Islamic history. There have been past Crusader wars, but there have never been campaigns like this one before."<sup>7</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

**Do Sunnis and Shiites both Believe in Muhammad al-Mahdi?** Yes, they do, but not in the whole of his missio. Here is an example of Sunni belief.

Ibn Khaldun, the 14<sup>th</sup> century Islamic historian(Sunni) writes the following:

*"It has been (accepted) by all the Muslims in every epoch, that at the end of time a man from the family (of the Prophet) will, without fail, make his appearance, one who will strengthen Islam and make justice*

*triumph. Muslims will follow him, and he will gain domination over the Muslim realm. He will be called the Mahdi.”<sup>8</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

The Sunni belief in al-Mahdi is probably no better summarized than by the General Secretariat of the World Muslim League, Shaykh Muhammad al Muntasi al-Katani (along with four other Sunni Muslim scholars):

*“The memorizers and scholars of hadith have verified that there are reliable and acceptable reports among the hadith on the Mahdi; the majority of them are narrated among numerous authorities. There is no doubt about their status as mutawatir and sahih reports. . . And the belief in the appearance of the Mahdi is obligatory, and that it is one of the beliefs of the people of the sunna and the jama’ah; and none denies it except those who are ignorant of the sunna and the innovators in doctrine.”<sup>9</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

**How Do Sunni and Shiite Beliefs Differ?** We have already established the Shia belief in al-Mahdi. The “Hidden Imam” who emerges as al-Mahdi originates from Twelver Shiism. However, both sects of Islam believe in an eschatological savior, al-Mahdi. A primary difference between the two is that Shias also refer to al-Mahdi as “Al-Qaim,” literally, “redresser of wrongs.” Al-Qaim al-Mahdi avenges wrongs committed against Shias by Sunnis from the earliest days of Islam.

Dr. Said Amir Arjomand, Professor of Sociology, State University of New York at Stony Brook, puts it this way:

*“A Shi’ite tradition quotes al-Baqir as follows: “When the Qa’im from the family of the Prophet will rise, he will distribute equally among the people and will establish justice among his subjects.”<sup>10</sup>*

The reference to “distribute equally among the people” is a reference to Sunni excesses at the expense of Shias throughout Islamic history. Shias believe al-Mahdi will equalize wealth by taking from the Sunni rich and giving to the Shia poor. To Shias (not Sunnis), al-Mahdi will be a “Robin Hood” of sorts.

Dr Abdul Sachedina quotes the most repeated prayer among Shias: “May God hasten release from suffering through his Mahdi’s rise.”<sup>11</sup>

Sachedina quotes from another Shia tradition:

*“The year by year commemoration of the ‘Ashura’ by the Shi’i community indicates not only their sorrow for the afflictions suffered by the family of the Prophet [Shi’ahs], but also their yearning for the descendant of this Imam to rise against unbearable social circumstances and establish the rule of justice and equity.’ This is clearly evident in the condolences that the Shi’ites offer each other on the occasion of ‘Ashura’, saying: “May God grant us great rewards for our bereavement caused by the martyrdom of al-Husayn (peace be on him), and make us among those who will exact vengeance for his blood with His friend (wali) the Imam al-Mahdi, from among the descendants of Muhammad (peace be on him)”. . . . The martyrdom of al-Husayn, thus embodies for the Shi’ites not only their vision of . . .*

*revenge, but also their final hope for justice through the rise of his descendant.*<sup>12</sup>

Shias believe,

*“It is the promise of God, . . . , that he will raise the cry of al-Qa`im for those who killed al-Husayn, and He will take vengeance against those who wronged him.”*<sup>13</sup>

Sachedina states,

*“The main purpose of [Mahdi’s rising] is to humble or destroy the evil forces of this world and establish the fully just Islamic rule. Indeed, the establishment of the rule of the twelfth successor of the Prophet is reckoned as the climax of Imamite history – a history full of struggle and radical social protest; a history of sufferings, afflictions, and the martyrdom of its leaders and loyal adherents, who, in the course of centuries and under unbearable social and political circumstances, persisted in their faith . . . . Hence, al-Mahdi’s rule personifies the chiliastic vision of the Shi`ites who believe that all their dreams will come true “when God will lay his (al-Mahdi’s) hand on the heads of the people.”*<sup>14</sup>

Dr Timothy Furnish adds,

*“All Shi`ah groups do, however, agree that a Hidden Imam will reveal himself before the Last Days as al-Mahdi al-Muntazar, the “Awaited Mahdi,” who will not only create a worldwide socioeconomically just Islamic state (a point on which they agree with the Sunnis) but also rebuke the Sunnis for their stubborn refusal to admit their historical mistake of rejecting the Shi`ah Imams.”*<sup>15</sup>

**He Will Bring “Justice” through His “Sword.”** As Al-Qa`im, Shias believe that the Mahdi will bring about peace and justice through his sword. That is, peace will not come by treaty but by forced subjection to Muhammad al-Mahdi’s version of Islam. The Shia view is seen in another name of al-Mahdi – *Master of the Sword (sahib al-sayf)*.<sup>16</sup> Sachedina explains,

*In addition to the Prophetic light, the Imam is heir to the Prophetic weapons (al-silah),. . . . The Prophet, according to the Twelvers, left his sword, coat of mail, and a short spear (anaza) to Ali. The possession of the Prophet’s sword was considered to be the most crucial factor in deciding the Imamate and the obedience to the Imam. This sword was named dhual-fiqar (endowed with piercing quality) and was believed to have been brought by Gabriel from the heavens.”*<sup>17</sup>

The Mahdi, as Master of the Sword, will use his weapon to bring Islam under one banner and the world under Islam. Shias believe he will do so without mercy.

*“Al-Baqir is reported to have said, “I can see your religion mixed with blood [in the future]. . . . However, al-Qa`im will not follow the Prophet’s example of gentleness and flexibility and winning over the people by uniting them; . . . . He will also not follow the example of ‘Ali, who adopted the path of forgiveness and benevolence in his dealings with the people, . . . His state of affairs will be the sword. . . .”*<sup>18</sup>

It is important to point out that the word “sword” has little bearing on the type of weapon that Muhammad al-Mahdi will use to bring about his “justice.” In a preceding chapter, we looked at Al-Qaeda’s modern day weapon of choice against America’s greatest point of vulnerability – *her economy*. We examined the depth of a wound that could be inflicted upon America if her economy could be seriously impacted, e.g., by the disruption or elimination of Saudi Arabian crude oil from the world markets. Consider again this statement by Osama bin Laden:

*Here we have clear proof that this destructive, usurious global economy that America uses, together with its military force, to impose unbelief and humiliation on poor peoples, can easily collapse. Those blessed strikes in New York and the other places forced it to acknowledge the loss of more than a trillion dollars, by the grace of God Almighty. And they used simple means—the enemy’s aeroplanes and schools—without even the need for training camps. God gave them the chance to teach a harsh lesson to these arrogant people who think that freedom only has meaning for the white race, and that other peoples should be humiliated and subservient, not even rising up when they strike us, as they did previously in Iraq. I say that American military power, as demonstrated recently in Afghanistan, where it poured down all its anger on these poor people, has taught us great and important lessons in how to resist this arrogant force, by the grace of God Almighty. . . So the struggle is both financial and physical. . . . And in another way, it is possible to strike the economic base that is the foundation of the military base, so when their economy is depleted they will be too busy with each other to be able to enslave poor peoples. . . .<sup>19</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

Consider also this text relative to the beast from the earth of Revelation 13, which likewise, describes an economic consequence to those who do not submit to the beast:

<sup>NAS</sup> Revelation 13:17 “*and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.*”

The “mark of the beast” is symbolic of one who has converted to Islam. Unless conversion occurs, one will be unable to buy or sell. That includes oil for America – until Islam is in the White House. That includes groceries for you and me, until Islam has conquered our wills.

**Islam’s Prior History Regarding “People of the Book” and “Dhimmis.”** In prior chapters, we discussed Islam’s treatment of captives taken during jihad. We observed a typical contract between the conquered peoples, referred to as “dhimmis,” and their Islamic captors.<sup>20</sup> So long as annual poll taxes were paid as defined by the dhimmi contract, and dhimmis followed other contractual requirements, including servitude and humiliation before their Muslim lords, dhimmis were allowed to live. They were also allowed to practice their own religion, provided they did not proselyte Muslims in any fashion nor maintain or build their places of worship.

When the Mahdi rises and leads Islam in domination of the world, this former practice of dhimmitude (which has resulted in some historians defining Islam as a “tolerant religion”<sup>21</sup>) will no longer be followed by Islam. The Mahdi will end this practice. He will, in fact, be ever more severe against Arabs. Consider,

*“But the Shi’ites believe that when the Qa’im rises, he will not accept the jizya (poll tax) from the Peoples of the Book. Anyone over twenty years of age who does not know his religious obligations will be put to death. The mosque and other religious edifices will be demolished, and the Mahdi will judge according to the method of David, who did not require witnesses.<sup>22</sup> . . . Al Qa’im will rise with a new authority, a new Book, and a new order, which will be severe on the Arabs (his main supporters, according to some traditions, will be the non-Arabs). His state of affairs will be the sword (he is known as . . . , Master of the Sword), and he will not accept repentance from anyone, nor will the rebuke of his adversaries deter him from carrying out the command of God.”<sup>23</sup> (Emphasis supplied)*

**He Will Succeed in Islam’s Quest of World Domination.** In our opening chapters, we outlined the importance to all Muslims of eventual world conquest of the non-Muslim world. Historian Bernard Lewis summarized this Muslim obligation as follows:

*“God’s word and God’s message are for all mankind; it is the duty of those who have accepted them to strive unceasingly to convert or at least to subjugate those who have not. This obligation is without limit of time or space. It must continue until the whole world has either accepted the Islamic faith or submitted to the power of the Islamic state.”<sup>24</sup>*

Muslims believe that Muhammad al-Mahdi will be that leader who will succeed in establishing a world Islamic state. A Shiite tradition reports the Prophet as having stated,

*“There will be twelve Guides (Imams) after me, the first of whom is you, O’ Ali, and the last one will be the ‘Support’ (Al-Mahdi / Al-Qa’im), who with the grace of Allah, will gain victory over the whole east and west of the world.”<sup>25</sup>*

Sachedina quotes another tradition,

*“The followers of all other religions will embrace Islam and profess faith in one God, just as He has said in the Qur’an . . . . Consequently, there will be no place on earth where testimony, “I bear witness that there is no god but [Allah],” and “I bear witness that Muhammad is the Apostle of [Allah],” will not be heard. The faith that will be presented by the Qa’im will be the pure religion of Muhammad, Islam without any omission or innovation. . . .”<sup>26</sup>*

Perhaps a quote taken from a Youtube video might help make the prophecies of Islam a little more modern and relevant. The individual on the video is a “Abu Hafs Al Misry, Rahimahullah.” He speaks from Khurasan (on the western border of Afghanistan; the eastern border of Iran). As he speaks, an armed gunman can be seen behind him and to his side. Other male Muslim voices can be heard on the tape shouting agreement with his words. The translation of his speech follows (as taken from the translation content included with the video):

*“We gather here from all over the world and we train from here and we prepare ourselves here and we unify all the Islamic groups here. Why? Because Allah, the Glorified, wants something from here. . . . The liberation of Palestine is from here. The liberation of the Arabian Peninsula is from here. And the*

*return of Muslim countries under the Islamic umbrella and the Islamic rule is from here. So be firm oh slaves of Allah. And spread the glad tidings and unite your efforts and join the blessed caravan. Join so that you, Oh Mujahid brother, will be a soldier and perform jihad in the path of Allah, and return again the spread of Islam all over the world. We must once again return as the leadership of humanity. This is our duty. Yes, this is our duty to return as leadership of humanity to the way of Allah, the Glorified. . . We praise Allah the Glorified for these blessed plans.<sup>27</sup>*

**We turn now to what the Bible says.**

**The Violent Nature of the Antichrist.** Islamic prophecies refer to Muhammad al-Mahdi as, (1) “Al-Qaim,” i.e., redresser of wrongs (committed by Sunnis against Shias) and the redistribution of wealth (including the Saudis to other Muslims, and America to other nations!), and (2) Master of the Sword. As Master of the Sword, al-Mahdi uses violence to subject the world to Islam. Here is what the Bible says.

Daniel 7. Daniel 7:23 prophesies that the 4<sup>th</sup> beast of Daniel 7 and the “other horn” will “*devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.*” This 4<sup>th</sup> beast is described as “exceedingly dreadful” (Daniel 7:19).

Revelation 9:11. The angel of the abyss is referred to as “Abaddon.” The literal meaning of the Hebrew name, “Abaddon” is “destroyer.” Bible scholar Robert Thomas states:

“The name *Apollyon* comes from *apollymi* which means, “I destroy.” So the Greek term has the same meaning as the Hebrew, *Abaddon*, “Destroyer.” This is expressive of the effect to be wrought by the demonic locusts whom the angel leads . . .”<sup>28</sup>

2 Thessalonians 2. 2 Thessalonians 2 refers to a “man of lawlessness,” the “son of destruction,” (2 Thessalonians 2:3) who is “already at work” (2 Thessalonians 2:7). This one will come in the Last Days in “*accord with the activity of satan, with all power and signs and false wonders*” (2 Thessalonians 2:9). This “son of destruction” will be “revealed” “in his time” (2 Thessalonians 2:6) by the Lord and will be slain by the “breath of his mouth” (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

The characteristic of “destroyer” found in Islamic prophecy regarding Muhammad al-Mahdi is also the same characteristic the Bible gives for the “man of lawlessness” of 2 Thess 2:3.<sup>29</sup> 2 Thess 2:7 states that the “man of lawlessness” will be revealed for who he really is when “the one who restrains . . . will do so until he is taken out of the way” (2 Thessalonians 2:7). The “one who restrains” is the Holy Spirit. In the Last Days, his restraint will be removed by God, and the “lawlessness” will take its natural course of greater degrees of lawlessness and evil. In the process, the true nature of this one will be revealed – this one is the Antichrist, the alter ego of satan - Abaddon, and Muhammad al-Mahdi of Islam. They all have the same characteristics – they just go by different names.

**The Antichrist will Subdue Three Kings/Kingdoms Who “Align” With Him.** The Mahdi is the “redresser of wrongs” for Shias. Consider the following Bible prophecies of revenge exacted by one against his own.

In the days before the Ancient of Days takes his seat for judgment (7:26-27), i.e., the Last Days, another horn from the beast will come up with the ten horns of the beast. Unlike Daniel 7:8 which states the “little horn” comes up “among” the ten horns, this horn comes up after the ten. That is, the total number of horns in verse 7:8 are ten; in verse 7:20, 24, the total number is eleven! Recall Revelation 17:12, 16, from our prior chapter: *the scripture prophesied a coming alliance of eleven.* The alliance of eleven in Daniel 7:20f and in Revelation 17:12, 16, are the same Alliance. In Daniel 7, it is led by an unidentified “other horn.” In Revelation 17, it is led by an unidentified scarlet beast. We have identified him as Muhammad al-Mahdi. Here is the text from Daniel 7:

<sup>NAS</sup> Daniel 7:24 *“As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.”*

Muhammad al-Mahdi is the “promised one,” the “awaited one” of Shiite and Sunni Islam. Daniel 7:24 tells us the “other horn,” likewise, comes after the other ten. Daniel 7:20 tells us the “other horn” is larger in appearance than the other ten horns. If one interprets this characteristic metaphorically to Al-Mahdi, it has the meaning that Al-Mahdi is of greater significance to Islam since he is Islam’s Messiah, its “promised” and “awaited” one. Muhammad al-Mahdi also meets the test of being “different.” He is “different” because he is a supernatural demonic incarnation that has lived for 1,200 years as the Hidden Imam. He is not fully human, but rather, Satan incarnate. Lastly, he will “subdue” three kings among which he is aligned with. This one “turns” against his own. This characteristic is met by Al-Mahdi in his designation as Al-Qaim, redresser of wrongs, and Master of the Sword.

Daniel 7:24 tells us this one, i.e., Al-Mahdi subdues three of his own. We have already concluded that one of these three is Saudi Arabia, the House of Saud. In Al-Mahdi’s claim for Saudi petroleum, he further subdues two other nations of his Alliance, probably Sunni by virtue of his nature as Al-Qa’im. After the destruction of three major Sunni nations, the rest of Islam will submit to al-Mahdi – either willingly or unwillingly. If history repeats itself, Muslims will see the success of al-Mahdi as the will of Allah. They will count him as favored by Allah because of his success, and worthy of the caliphate. When Muhammad died in 632AD, Islam almost disintegrated. Caliph Umar was faced with how to bring the apostates back into the fold and sought to do so by force through the “Ridda Wars.” His efforts were modestly successful; but what turned the tide was the success of Muslim raiding parties for subsistence purposes (as opposed to Muslim expansion).

Here is how Karen Armstrong describes the unifying effort to Islam of the successful conquest of non-Arabian lands.

*“Under Umar’s leadership, therefore, the Arabs burst into Iraq, Syria, and Egypt, achieving a series of astonishing victories. . . The Muslims were victorious (over the Syrians) at the Battle of Yarmuk (636) . . . , conquering Jerusalem in 638, and controlled the whole of Syria, Palestine and Egypt by 641. . . . This expansion continued. . . . The experience of conquest enhanced their sense that something tremendous had happened to them. . . . Look what had happened once they had surrendered to God’s will. Where Christians discerned God’s hand in apparent failure and defeat when Jesus died on the cross, Muslims experienced political success as sacramental and as a revelation of the divine*

presence in their lives.<sup>30</sup>

### **Then Muhammad al-Mahdi will turn his Islamic army against the non-Muslim world.**

Here is what the Bible prophecies regarding the domination of the world by the Antichrist and his followers:

<sup>NAS</sup> Daniel 7:23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms, and it will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.'" (Emphasis supplied)

<sup>NAS</sup> Daniel 7:25 'And he will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.'" (Emphasis supplied)

<sup>NAS</sup> Revelation 13:7 "And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain." (Emphasis supplied)

<sup>NAS</sup> Revelation 13:15 "And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed."<sup>16</sup> (Emphasis supplied)

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## Chapter 9 Endnotes.

1 Available at <http://www.fas.org/man/sprint/Islamic>, p. 36 at August 20, 2007.

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10 Said Amir Arjomand, *The Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam, Religion, Political Order, and Societal Change in Shi'ite Iran from the Beginning to 1890.*, p. 39.

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14 Sachedina, p. 173-174.

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16 Sachedina, p. 64.

17 Sachedina, p. 21.

18 Sachedina, p. 174.

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20 For a thorough discussion of the relationship between "Dhimmis" and Islam, see Bat Ye'or, *Islam and Dhimmitude*.

21 For a thorough discussion of Islam's tolerance of other faiths throughout history see, Robert Spencer, *The Myth of Islamic Tolerance*.

22 Sachedina, p. 175-176.

23 Sachedina, p. 174.

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24Bernard Lewis, *The Political Language of Islam*, p. 72-73.

25Need footnote.

26Sachedina, p. 174.

27Available at, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BGiOWcXYNc>, at September 3, 2007.

28Robert Thomas, p. 39.

29 In an earlier chapter, we referred to the Dome of the Rock as the blasphemous shrine that exalted Muhammad above God and His Christ. Its location on the Foundation Stone of the Temple Mount commemorated Muhammad's ascension to heaven and in the process blasphemy was committed. 2 Thessalonians 2:7 refers to this prior activity when it states "the mystery of lawlessness is already at work" (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Thus, 2 Thessalonians 2 refers to the prior activity of Muhammad when it speaks of the "mystery of lawlessness" which is "already at work"; but, refers to the Antichrist as an individual when it speaks of one who comes in accord with the activity of satan in verss7 and following.

30Karen Armstrong, p 26-29.