

Myths of a Muslim Antichrist

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: Many prophecy books today claim that the Antichrist will be a Muslim. I disagree with this view, for reasons discussed in this article and previous postings. For example, no Jew would ever see a Muslim as their Messiah (false or not), nor would any Muslim allow the Jewish Temple to be re-built on the Temple Mount, both of which are end-time events. (See [John 5:42-43](#) and [Revelation 11](#)). So where does the powerful force of Islam fit into the end-time scenario? It doesn't. I believe Islam, with much of the Muslim population, will disappear as a result of the wars prophesied in Isaiah 17, Psalm 83, and Ezekiel 38-39, which seem imminent.

Ever since the followers of Mohammad stormed across the Middle East in the 6th century, Christians have feared this aggressive religion. Aside from the three hundred year struggle of the Crusades, Christians and Muslims have clashed time and again. Wherever Islam grows, the established Christian society finds itself besieged by the resilience of Islamic culture, and occasionally by the power of Muslim armies.

Lebanon, Nigeria, Egypt, Syria – all of these countries have seen their Christian minorities oppressed as Islamic birthrates continue to dominate their Christian adversaries. In the 21st century, Americans are rightfully afraid of the terror wrought by radical Islamist groups. From the recent killing of our ambassador in Libya to the terror of 9/11, Americans are on the front line of the War on Terror.

With Muslim birthrates soaring across predominantly Christian strongholds from Europe to Sub-Saharan Africa some sociological experts have Islam replacing Christianity as the world's largest religion soon—real soon. There are simply not enough Dugger families in the Christian world to keep up with the Duggers of “Islamistan”.

What does scripture say about Islam's future? Should Christians be so fearful of the world's second largest religion? Additionally, there has been a growing movement in evangelical circles to pin the ethnic/religious background of the future antichrist as a Muslim.

Arguments for a Muslim Antichrist

No, the antichrist was not Hitler. Neither was the antichrist George Bush or Barack Obama. It's not even Lady Gaga. Some in the evangelical world believe the antichrist will come from the Muslim world, not the Western world.

In his book [The Power to Make War](#), the late great evangelist Zane Hodges believed the antichrist would be a Muslim due to the reference of “the Assyrian” found in Isaiah. Because that particular reference was discussing the antichrist, the Bible must be indicating that the antichrist will be an Assyrian. Since the Assyrian empire was founded in the Middle East, the Assyrian antichrist must also be a Muslim.

Philip Goodman, in his work [The Assyrian Connection](#), also points to the reference of “the Assyrian” in [Micah 5:5](#) as evidence for an Assyrian antichrist. Goodman speculates that there will be a revived Assyrian Empire founded in the Middle East.¹ This Assyrian Empire will spawn the antichrist and will invade the globe from the Middle East.

Joel Richardson, author of [Antichrist: Islam's Awaited Messiah](#), believes the fourth world empire of Daniel's dreams was not Rome and its descendants, but rather, the Ottoman Empire.² This revived Ottoman Empire...

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