

7 SCRIPTURAL REASONS WHY MOHAMMED IS NOT "THE FALSE PROPHET" OF REVELATION 16v13

Exponents of the Continuous Historic interpretation of the book of Revelation have long identified the dragon power as Russia, the beast as Western Europe and the false prophet as the Papacyⁱ. An alternative view is now being advanced, suggesting that the false prophet is Mohammed or the Islamic religionⁱⁱ. This article lists 7 reasons why the former view is correct and more recent "Islam" concept does not harmonise with the prophecies in the Book of Revelation.

First: the time sequence. The first six vials foretell:

The French Revolution (1793).

The British naval blockade of Europe, culminating in the battle of Trafalgar (1805).

Napoleon's campaigns in Europe (up to 1806).

The overthrow of the Holy Roman Empire (1806).

Napoleon's overthrow of the Papacy (1808)

The drying up of the Turkish Empire (beginning about 1820).

The rise of Islam is clearly foretold in Rev.9 beginning in 622AD. There is nothing in the history of Islam which fits the appearance on the scene of Mohammed / Islam as "the false prophet" in the 19th century as is required by the chronology of the outpouring of the vials. However, in 1870 the Pope lost his temporal power and in the same year was declared infallible – i.e. he **became** "the false prophet" at this point in the prophecy. Popes clearly regard themselves as prophets – both John Paul II & Benedict XVI have said: "The end of the world is not nigh, nor anywhere near nigh"ⁱⁱⁱ. Catholicism is futurist in its outlook! Chronologically then, the Papacy fits into its place in Rev.16, Mohammed / Islam does not.

Second: there are three references to "the false prophet" in the Book of Revelation (Rev.16v13, 19v20 & 20v10). In **each** of these he is linked with the Western Beast. There is no such political or religious linkage between Islam and Western Europe. Europe is Catholic & Trinitarian – Joseph Ratzinger chose as his Papal name "Benedict" – the patron saint of Europe – that was his focus. Islam is fiercely monotheistic and opposed to Western ways.

Third: Rev.19v20 says that the false prophet wrought miracles before the beast and deceived them which had the mark of the beast prior to both beast and false prophet being cast into the lake of fire. This verse establishes three links between the Western Beast and the false prophet:

- a) The false prophet does miracles before the beast – "miracles" (false ones of course) are the stock in trade of the Papacy. The supposed miracles of Lourdes keep the Catholic faithful flowing there from all over Europe. Two miracles have to be "proved" for any Catholic who is to be made a saint. By contrast, Islam does not deal in miracles – none are claimed, apart, possibly, from the supposed revelation of the Koran to Mohammed.
- b) The beast and false prophet are both associated with image worship – a key identifier of Western Catholicism. Islam will have nothing to do with images

- witness the demonstrations and protests when anyone publishes a drawing of Mohammed.
- c) The beast and false prophet meet their end together – which is entirely appropriate if the Beast is the Western European 'Empire' and the false prophet is the Papacy. The destiny of Islam is very different as will be shown below.

Fourth: Jesus (Mt.24v24), Paul (Acts 20v30, 2 Tim.2v17-18), Peter (2 Pet.2v1), & John (1 Jn.4v1) all foretold the rise of false prophets from within the true ecclesia. There have indeed been many of them over the centuries, but Rev.16, 19 & 20 focus our attention on a particular singular false prophet. The key issue here is that the Papacy is an apostasy from the true ecclesia (2 Thess.2v3), whereas Islam is not. Islam arose completely outside of "Christianity" and has always been opposed to it. Again, the Papal system fits the "false prophet" description in Revelation, Islam / Mohammed does not.

Fifth: Daniel 7 and Revelation 18 & 19 all clearly show that the entire Western Catholic beast system with its "little horn" will be destroyed by Christ and the saints. Daniel says "the [fourth] beast was slain and his body given to the burning flame" (Dan.7v11) – because of the blasphemies of the little horn. The corresponding language in Revelation is: "the beast was taken and with him the false prophet...these both were cast into a lake of fire..." (19v20). In both cases, the two meet a fiery end together. The beast of Dan.7 with its "little horn" is undoubtedly western – so, I submit, are the two powers in Rev.19v20. The future of the Moslem Arab powers is very different – as Is.60v5-7 show, the Moslem peoples from both north and south (Shi'a & Sunni) will come to Jerusalem with their sacrifices, praising Yahweh and being accepted by him.

Sixth: A further factor is that Eze.38 shows that the Muslim world is divided in its allegiance at the time of the end. Iran (the Persia of Eze.38v5 – which is Shi'a) is with Gog, but Sheba, and Dedan (Eze.38v13 – which are Sunni) oppose the Gogian invasion. This creates a significant difficulty in the interpretation of Rev.16v13-14 if the false prophet is Islam – because most of the Islamic nations are **not** trying to gather all peoples to the great day of God Almighty.

Seventh: when Russia moves to take back Constantinople and restore Saint Sophia as the chief basilica of her Eastern Orthodox religion, she will then really become the dragon power and Islam will be driven from the territory it has occupied since 1453. The fit of Beast and False Prophet in the West and Dragon in the East will be abundantly clear then – but, before this happens, will the saints have been taken to the judgment?

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ⁱ See "Eureka" Vol III (3 Volume Edition) p.552-553 & "The Book of Revelation, Verse by Verse Exposition", H. P. Mansfield, p.199-200.

ⁱⁱ See "the Revelation of Jesus Christ", Geoff & Ray Walker, Chapter 14.

ⁱⁱⁱ See: <http://forums.catholic.com/showthread.php?t=294081>