



It Might Be Today

Iran's Plans

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

We are all somewhat familiar with the man we call the antichrist. He's the future world leader who will dominate the seven year Great Tribulation.

He will be aided in his deception by a false prophet. We read in Revelation 13:11-14,

Revelation 13:11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

Revelation 13:12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Revelation 13:13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

Revelation 13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth - by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Some students of prophecy are wondering if this false prophet might have anything to do with a Muslim figure known as the 12th Mahdi. One author said,

This beast [the false prophet] comes from the earth. The first thing that came to remembrance was the 12th Mahdi. Many Muslims are expecting him to come up out of a well in Iran. A well is a hole in the earth. Therefore, this beast would be coming up from the earth. What's significant with this character is that his return would bring the

allegiance of the Muslim world with him since they believe him to be their messiah. With his supernatural powers, would Muslims dare defy him? ... this man could explain that they misunderstood the prophecies of his coming and instead point to the antichrist, the beast from the sea, for them to worship.

That's obviously speculation. What is not speculation is that the Muslim world is definitely preparing for the arrival of this 12th Mahdi. On March 28th Newsmax.com posted a story titled, *Iran Film: Iran Plans to Conquer Israel, World*.¹

Excerpts:

A feature-length documentary film, produced by a top adviser to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, claims that the cataclysmic events that will usher in an era of Muslim world domination are about to begin, triggered by actions launched by Iran and its Lebanese ally, Hezbollah.

Iran's Ahmadinejad repeatedly talks about the coming of the 12th [Mahdi], a Muslim messianic figure whose "reappearance" will make Islam victorious over the entire world.

Now former Revolutionary Guards officer Reza Kahlili, who defected to the West after spying on behalf of the CIA inside Iran for more than a decade, has obtained a bootlegged copy of a new film made by Ahmadinejad's office that lays out the Iranian president's scenario for how the end times will begin.

[The title of the film is, *The Coming is Upon Us*].

It all begins with the death of King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, revolts in Egypt and Yemen, and ends with Ahmadinejad and Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah leading Muslim armies to conquer Jerusalem.

Early on, the film identifies the trigger that will set off the torch of this Muslim end-times scenario. "Whoever guarantees the death of King Abdullah [of Saudi Arabia], I will guarantee the imminent reappearance of the Mahdi," the film states, purporting to quote Muslim scripture.

It is evident that at some point the biblical false prophet must arise and be received. Could he be the 12th Mahdi? It's one possible scenario.

¹ <http://www.newsmax.com/KenTimmerman/Ahmadinejad-Jerusalem-Iran-Hezbollah/2011/03/28/id/390925>

Regardless how it all occurs, this kind of thing is exactly what you'd be expecting from the literal reading of Bible prophecy. You'd be expecting a false prophet to arise who would then point his followers to the antichrist. You might not be expecting him to be a Muslim, but it certainly fits the current world scene.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.
Ready or not, Jesus is coming!