**Qu'ran** (Koran) – statements considered to be revelation from Allah made by Mohammad between 609-632 while he was having seizures that were written down by scribes (Mohammad was illiterate) shortly before his death.

**Hadith** – second most holy book of Islam. Statements by Mohammad that were not revelation from Allah and stories about Mohammad that were written down 200 years after Mohammad died.

- Several compilations of this material was made
- Most authoritative is by al-Bukhari that is a collection of 600,000 quotes and stories about Mohammad.
- Al-Bukhari verified 7,000 as "genuine"
- Most came from Mohammad's friends, family and 15 wives
- The Hadith was compiled while the Bible and Christian belief were still well known by the writers of the Hadith, which means much of the Hadith is a rewriting of the Christian thought.

## Islamic End Time Teaching

**Qu'ran** contains very little eschatology other than referring to "the Hour" when history ends with the resurrection and judgment.

Hadith is the major source of Islamic eschatology.

- Difficult to piece together Islamic eschatology
- Pieces scattered throughout the Hadith
- Islamic scholars have not created a eschatological system (no charts, no diagrams)
- Dr. Samuel Shahid in "The Last Trumpet" makes the presentation that the major concepts of Islamic eschatology originate from the Old Testament, the New Testament and Zoroastrianism
- (Zoroastrianism an ancient monotheistic religion from Iran that was used by the Persian Empires (Achaemenid, Parthian and Sasanian. The philosopher Zoroaster developed it when he simplified the pantheon of Iranian gods into two forces: Good and Evil. Or, progressive mentality called "Spenta Mainyu" and destructive mentality called "Angra Mainyu". The creator Ahura Mazda is completely good.

## End Time Signs in Islamic Eschatology

Two groups of signs that proceed "the Hour": Minor signs and Major signs.

## <u>The Minor Signs</u>

- 1. Increase in:
  - a. False prophets
  - b. Apostasy
  - c. Alcohol use
  - d. Sexual sins
  - e. Natural disasters
  - f. Political corruption
  - g. War and rebellions (even among Muslims)
- 2. There will be ignorance within Islam concerning their faith
- 3. Muslims will become Christians quickly and easily
- 4. People will follow astrology
- 5. Islamic apostasy
- 6. Muslims will build luxurious mosques, etc.
- 7. Women will outnumber men by 50 to 1 (reason unknown, but may be due to war, jihad martyrs.)
- 8. The seat of Islamic authority known as the caliphate will be established in the "Holy Land."

- a. But, it is not clear what land is the "Holy Land"?
- b. Saudi Arabia?...which was controlled by 632
- c. Israel?...then the return of the Jews has caused a concern.
- 9. The Arabs will be destroyed.
  - a. What does "destroyed" mean? To what extent? Where?
  - b. In the 1500 the Ottoman Empire controlled the Middle East and was NOT Arab.
- 10. Habitations of Medina greatly extended.
- 11. Muslims must fight the Turks and the Tartars.
  - a. This has been done before
- 12. Arabs must conquer Constantinople.
  - a. Muslims did this in the 1400's AD
  - b. Arabs have NOT done this
- 13. Mecca will be ruined
- 14. "A people will emerge who eat with their tongues as cows do."
- 15. Time will contract
  - a. A year will be like a month
  - b. A month will be like a week
- 16. Wild beasts will speak to men
- 17. The Euphrates River will uncover a mountain of gold.

# Major Signs

- 1. Appearance of the Antichrist (Dajjal)
- 2. The return of Jesus
- 3. Invasion of God and Magog
- 4. The reign of Jesus
- 5. Appearance of the beast
- 6. The smoke
- 7. Three land slides
- 8. The sun will rise in the West
- 9. A great fire in Yamen (or, "south of Eden")
- 10. The three trumpets
- 11. "The Hour" or the Day of Resurrection
- 12. The Day of Reckoning
- 13. The Day of judgment
- 14. Crossing the Bridge that spans the gulf of Hell
- 15. The Gathering at the pool
- 16. The Intercession
- 17. Paradise
- 18.Hell

Qur'an states that there are five things every Muslim must believe:

"It is not righteousness that you turn your faces to the East and the West; but righteous is he who believeth in Allah and the "Last Day and the angels and the Scripture and the prophets.." (Sura 2:177)

# The Mahdi is the Messiah of Islam

- prounounced: Ma-dee
- The coming of the Mahdi is the first of the Major Signs.

- According to Ibn Kathir, Muslim scholar from the 1300's: "After the lesser signs of the Hour appear and increase, mankind will have reached a stage of great suffering. Then the awaited Mahdi will appear; He is the first of the greater clear signs of the Hour."
- The Mahdi will come from the family of Muhammad and bear Muhammad's name
- He will be a universal leader for all Muslims
- He will also rule the non-Muslim world
- Mahdi is preceded by an army from the East carrying black flags of war
- Mahdi will join the black flags and conquer Israel where they will slaughter Jews.
- Mahdi will control the wind and the rain and the crops
- Mahdi will ascend to power and according to a hadith, this will take place when the final peace agreement is made between the Arabs and West ("Romans" which refers to Christians).
- This will be a seven-year peace agreement
- The Mahdi will ride on a white horse
- The Mahdi will uncover some previous undiscovered archaeology evidence including ancient Bible scrolls and the Ark of the Covenant.

### The Second Major Sign: The Return of Jesus

(Remember that Islam does not accept the belief that:

- 1. Jesus is the Son of God
- 2. God in the flesh
- 3. Jesus died on the cross
- 4. Paid for sins
- 5. Was resurrected

Islam teaches that Allah rescued Jesus from death and took him into heaven alive.

Jesus has since been waiting in heaven with Allah to return to earth and support the Mahdi.

#### The Islamic Jesus (Isa) will:

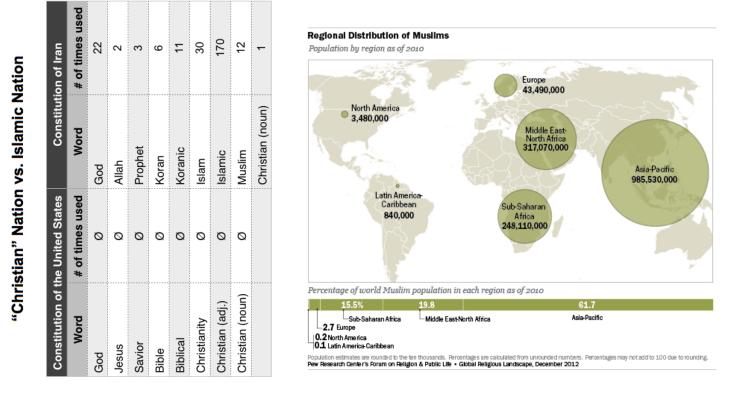
- Return just outside Damascus
- Submit to the Mahdi who is the caliph (vice regent) and imam of all Islam
- Be a faithful Muslim
- Jesus will be a community leader under the Mahdi and will institute Islamic Law
- Jesus will evangelize the Christians to Islam
- Jesus will abolish Christianity by:
  - Breaking crosses
  - $\circ$  Killing all swine
  - Abolishing the *jizyah* (- pronounced: jezee -ya)tax (a Muslim tax on non-Muslims that allows non-Muslims to live)
  - Kill the Antichrist (Dajjal, the "Muslim antichrist") and all his followers
- Jesus will slaughter the Jews

#### The Islamic Antichrist: The Dajjal (Al-Maseeh Dajjal, or "The Messiah, the Deceiver")

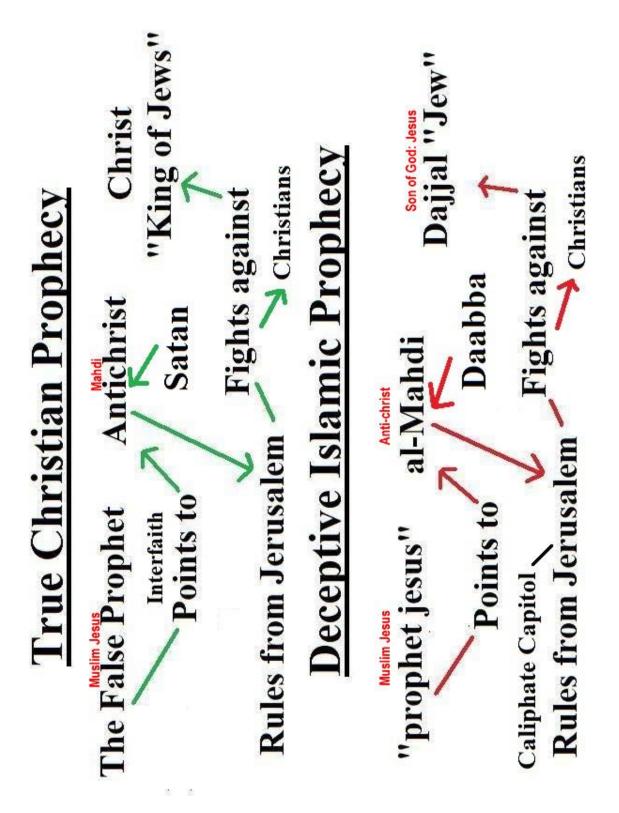
- Pronounced: Dial

- Dajjal is the Great Deceiver
- Miraculous powers that will hold power over the whole earth temporarily
- He will be blind in one eye

- Dajjal is marked with the word "infidel" (kaafir) between his eyes
- Dajjal will claim to be Jesus Christ
- Dajjal will claim to be divine
- Dajjal will travel at great speeds on his giant mule and can cover the whole earth
- Dajjal will not be able to enter Mecca, Medina and Damascus
- Muslims will be protected from the Dajjal if they have memorized the first ten verses of *Surat al Kahf* (Chapter of the Cow).
- Dajjal will be a Jew
- Dajjal will be followed by Jews and women
- Dajjal will be killed by the Muslim Jesus



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\***Daabba** is an animal or creature that will appear in the end times. One of the Major signs. Comes from the earth with the ring of Solomon and the rod of Moses. He will destroy the nose of every unbeliever with the rod and write "kafir" (infidel) on their forehead. From the Koran Allah is quoted as saying: "When the word is fulfilled concerning them. We shall bring forth a Daabba from the Earth to speak unto them because mankind had no faith in our revelation. – Surah An-Naml 27.82