

This link from my friend Tony...

Iran state media is [broadcasting](#) predictions of the soon return of the Mahdi, the 12th Imam or the Islamic Messiah. Some Islamic sources state that the Mahdi may come during a Spring equinox. The Mahdi was believed to have disappeared several centuries ago, but is expected to reappear in the end times to conquer the world for Allah. The reappearance of the Mahdi has been predicted several times by President Ahmadinejad of Iran, who is actively [preparing](#) his people and the nation for his arrival. At the start of this year, sources close to Ahmadinejad stated they believed the coming of the Mahdi was as close as a few years away. Part of Iran's preparation for the Mahdi includes the development of [nuclear weapons](#), enabling Iran to become a powerful force in the Middle East and defeat the enemies of Islam (namely Israel).

Quote: *"The Mahdi's far sightedness and firmness in the face of mischievous elements will strike awe. After his uprising from Mecca all of Arabia will be submit to him and then other parts of the world as he marches upon Iraq and established his seat of global government in the city of Kufa. "Then the Imam will send 10 thousand of his forces to the east and west to uproot the oppressors. At this time Allah will facilitate things for him and lands will come under his control one after the other," the website declared. "After his appearance the Imam would remain in Mecca for some time, and then go to Medina... a descendant of the Prophet's archenemy Abu Sofyan will seize Syria and attack Iraq and the Hejaz with the ferocity of a beast... finally Imam Mahdi sends troops who kill the Sofyani in Beit ol-Moqaddas (Jerusalem), the Islamic holy city in Palestine that is currently under occupation of the Zionists," the IRIB added.*

Muslims believe that the Mahdi will return with the Prophet Jesus as his "Lieutenant", who will kill Dajjal (the Muslim Antichrist) and rule over Jerusalem for a period of seven years. This Prophet Jesus will then [kill the pig and break the cross](#) until Islam is the only religion left. After 40 years the Prophet Jesus will die and be laid to rest beside Mohammed.

Quote: *"Allah's Apostle said, "By Him in Whose Hands my soul is, son of Mary (Jesus) will shortly descend amongst you people (Muslims) as a just ruler and will break the Cross and kill the pig and abolish the Jizya (a tax taken from the non-Muslims, who are in the protection, of the Muslim government). Then there will be abundance of money and no-body*

will accept charitable gifts.

This is of course remarkably [similar](#) to the end time scenario as described in the Old and New Testaments. The Bible states that the Antichrist will effectively rule from Jerusalem for a period of seven years, with his false prophet who will be given power by Satan to work all manner of lying wonders (Revelation 13:13-15, 2nd Thessalonians 2:9). This false prophet will cause all who do not worship the image of the Beast to be killed. In the Scriptures, Satan also persecutes the woman (Israel - the "pigs") who brought forth the manchild (Jesus Christ), and those who keep the testimony of Jesus (the "crosses" - tribulation saints) - Revelation 12:17.

It's important to remember that while the Muslims may have part of the "truth" regarding the end times, they don't have it all. Satan knows the Scriptures better than we do and has deceived Muslims in such a way that the ultimate goal for them is to worship Satan as God. For the "Christian" world - all those who didn't have salvation, had no teaching on the rapture and remain behind after it has taken place, it will be the natural thing to listen to what the false prophet is saying (Revelation 13:11). And for the Jews, a time of trouble (Jeremiah 30:7) that has never been experienced before, nor will be after (Matthew 24:21).

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