

Both Attempt to Change The Law

So, who are the imperialists: Christians or Muslims? Who attempts to rule the world and force everyone to submit or be killed, Islam or Christianity? Who wants to change all laws globally and replace them with Sharia, Islam or Christianity?

According to the Prophet Daniel, "He [Antichrist] will speak against the Most High and oppress the saints and try to change the set times and the laws." (Daniel 7:25)

In this passage, we find an important clue; for by his actions, we can assess his origin. Not knowing how to deal with this piece of the puzzle, many students of Bible prophecy have speculated that the Antichrist will try to change cosmic laws. But the text infers no such thing. It simply says that he will desire to change two things: times (the accepted world calendar) and laws.

If we simply take the text at its face value, we find a simple warning that the Antichrist will attempt to change the times (calendar), legal systems, and constitutions. He will attempt to invoke Islam's evil laws worldwide to replace every other law and constitution.

Only God can change cosmic laws. So why teach that the Antichrist will change cosmic laws? Always be careful never to give attributes that belong to God and apply them to Satan.

The Mahdi fits the bill, for he will attempt to change the law by instituting Islamic Sharia law as far as he is able to do so. Who else other than a Muslim would desire to change the "times and laws"? Every Islamic activist organization is crying it—"Islam to the world!" What does this mean? It means they want Islam to replace *everything*— worship, law, and even the calendar. This activism already exists in every nation of the world. Behind all of the masks, they all desire to replace non-Islamic legal systems with Islamic Sharia law and replace every constitution with the constitution of the caliphate.

Do you think I am exaggerating? Earlier I gave the example of Siraj Wahaj. Again, he was the first "moderate" Muslim to deliver the opening prayer before the U.S. House of Representatives. Yet, when he spoke to a Muslim audience in New Jersey, what did he declare? Muslims should "take over the United States and replace its constitutional government with a caliphate." Believe me; this Islamo-imperialist push for a caliphate is far more widespread than most think. Now let's address the issue of times. Besides the Gregorian calendar used by the West, there is also a Jewish, a Hindu, and a Muslim calendar, among others. But has there ever been a time when Jews or Hindus have tried to impose their religious calendars or laws onto the rest of the world? Islam, however, does have both its own calendar and laws, both of which are the first thing Islam has imposed in every country they've ruled.

Keep in mind that the text says he *attempts* to change set times and laws, yet he only succeeds partially, but never on a global scale, because like Nimrod in the story of the Tower of Babel, God will never allow the Antichrist to rule the entire world. Unlike most Western students of prophecy who think that the Antichrist governs the entire globe, God will stop Antichrist's attempt to create a one-world government system. Jesus is the *only* King who will accomplish a one-world government, and it will be ruled from Jerusalem.

The Islamic calendar is based on the career of Mohammed. It begins at the migration (*Hijra*) of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina.

Why do Muslims not establish this calendar from the time that Islam was founded in Mecca?

The answer to this is crucial. The Islamic dating system began from the time of its *conquests* in Medina: "The Islamic calendar testifies to the paramountcy of the Hijra by setting year one from the date of its occurrence. The year of the Hijra, 622 AD, is considered more significant than the year of Mohammed's date of birth or death, or that of the first Qur'anic revelation, because Islam is first and foremost a *political-military* enterprise. It was only when Mohammed left Mecca with his paramilitary band did Islam achieved its proper political-military articulation. The years of the Islamic calendar (which employs lunar months) are designated in English 'AH' or 'After Hijra.'"⁴⁸

The Muslim calendar is viewed as being mandatory for all to observe: "It is considered a divine command to use a (Hijra) calendar with 12 (purely) lunar months without intercalation, as evident from...the Holy Qur'an."⁴⁹

Not only does Islam view as a divine imperative the use of their unique religious calendar, it also has its own week. Unlike the Western rhythm of a week; Monday through Friday being the body of the work-week followed by Saturday and Sunday as the weekend, Islam holds Friday (the sixth day) as its sacred day of prayer. This is the day that Muslims meet at the mosque to pray and listen to a sermon (khutbat). Wherever Islam rules, it uses not only the Hijra calendar, its week also revolves around every Friday as the holy day.

According to Islamic traditions, Isa, the Muslim Jesus' primary purpose would be to oversee the changing of these times and laws, for it is he who is said to oversee the institution and the enforcement of the Islamic Sharia law all over the world: "According to Shalabi, Jesus will rule the Muslims according to the Divine Law (Sharia)."⁵⁰ "Jesus, the son of Mary, will descend and will lead them, judging amongst them according to the holy Qur'an and the Sunnah (law) of the Prophet Mohammed."⁵¹

So according to the Bible, the Antichrist is said to attempt to "change times and laws." The religion of Islam fulfills this description to an "absolute T."