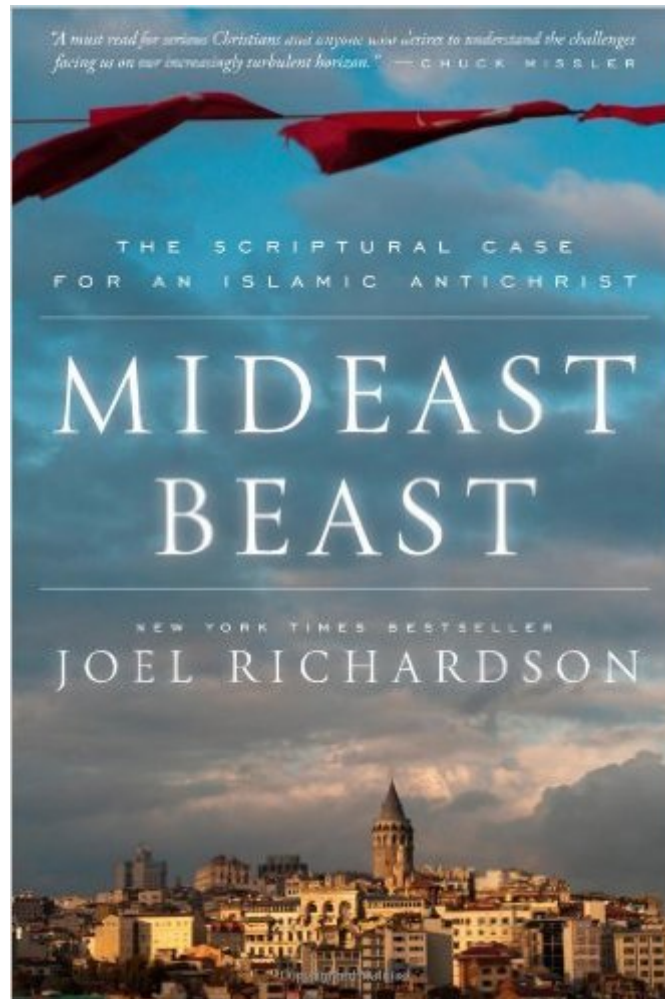


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"I am firmly convinced that Islam is the single greatest challenge the Church will face before the return of Jesus, yet most are still either asleep or in denial." Mideast Beast completes and establishes the revolutionary argument introduced in Joel Richardson's New York Times Bestselling Islamic Antichrist, namely that the Antichrist will be a Muslim, whose empire will arise out of the Middle East. Whereas most students of the Bible have long held that some form of humanism or universalist religion would catapult the Antichrist to world power, Mideast Beast: The Scriptural Case for an Islamic Antichrist systematically proves from that the long awaited system of the Antichrist is even now before us and knocking at our door. Through a highly scholarly, theologically grounded, yet simple presentation, Richardson thoroughly corrects the objections of critics, establishing beyond a doubt, the Biblical case for an Islamic Antichrist. With large segments of the Christian missionary movement embracing a heretical method of outreach to Muslims known as "Chrislam" or "The Insider Movement", Mideast Beast cuts to the core of the matter, revealing the true nature and origins of Islam. After finishing Richardson's work, you too will be convinced concerning the challenge of Islam to the Church. Some topics covered and questions answered: --What about Psalm 83 & Isaiah 17? --Is Gog of Magog from Russia, or somewhere else? --What role does the nation of Turkey play? --Answers to critics. --What other scholars and commentators support this view? --Will Antichrist really claim to be YHVH God Almighty? --Why the Antichrist will not be a humanist. --What's comes next in the Middle East? --What the Church must do now.

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I very much looked forward to reading this latest book by Joel Richardson. He is one of the few Christian writers so far who seems to have eschatological views that are similar to mine. However, I am only able to give this book three or four stars rather than five. In the end, I gave it four because I believe Mr. Richardson has great insight because he sees that the Kingdom of the Antichrist will be Middle Eastern rather than Western. However, as I read this book, I was disappointed that he did not go far enough in departing from some of the traditional views of Daniel's prophecies. One example is that he continues to interpret the metals in the statue of Daniel chapter 2 as identical to the animals of chapter 7. He glossed over some important differences between the two visions. Moreover, he never considered the possibility that the three ribs in the mouth of the bear might be the same as the three horns that are uprooted by the little horn. To his credit, he does mention that Daniel chapter 2 is Babylon-centric rather than Jerusalem-centric (Daniel 2 was written in Aramaic rather than Hebrew) and that Rome never conquered Babylon in the prophetic period (i.e., the period prior to the formation of the Church in Acts 2). That fact is completely ignored by those who take the traditional revived Roman Empire interpretation. Another example of his sticking with traditional views is that he takes the traditional interpretation that Daniel chapter 8 refers to a historical Greek-Syrian ruler rather than a future ruler even though Daniel 8:17 specifically says the vision pertains to the "time of the end." I do not think the time period of the Greek-Syrian king Antiochus IV qualifies as the "time of the end."

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