

From the Global Front in Israel

A Weekly Dispatch from Brian Schrauger (02.06.26)

BRIAN SCHRAUGER

FEB 6 [PREVIEW](#)



January 31 – February 5, 2026

What the West just doesn't get...

One of the most important stories this week did not make headlines anywhere in the world. Except in Iran.

On Wednesday, 4 February, the Iranian regime and its remaining devotees of radical Shia Islam celebrated the birthday of the Imam Mahdi, said to be born in 869. That's the story, anyway.

Who is this Imam Mahdi?

Supposedly named Muhammed, his birth was hidden to the world. According to prophecies that began about one hundred years earlier, a so-called Twelfth Imam would be born who would deliver the world from evil.

As the story goes, the baby Muhammed's father, Hasan al-Askari, was the Eleventh Imam. Daddy Hasan kept Muhammed under wraps until he died six years later.

What to do with Baby Muhammed? According to Shia Islam, he "went into occultation." Basically, that means he moved into a different dimension where he has lived ever since. There he is "the lord of time" and does not age. Periodically, at his discretion, he is in contact with some Shia Muslims.

But he's coming back! And when he does, look out! Shia Islam says he is returning to restore justice and rid the world of evil, ruling for... 7 years.

Several signs are said to portend his appearance. Perhaps the biggest sign is said to be global and unprecedented tyranny, oppression and moral decay. He's going to fix all of it.

And at his side? The Mahdi's second in command will be... Jesus. As the Mahdi's right hand man, he will renounce Christianity and worship the Mahdi, proclaiming Islam as the only true religion.

If all of this sounds oddly familiar, that's because it is. Like the reflection in an evil mirror, what the Mahdi will do is almost an exact duplicate of biblical prophecies about the return of Jesus. To see a side-by-side comparison, take a look at this post on Reddit: https://www.reddit.com/r/TrueChristian/comments/1qem4bs/inversion_theory_islamic_and_christian_end_times/

What the West cannot grasp is Islam's visceral belief in the Mahdi's imminent return, especially by Shia Islam, the exact version of Islam that rules Iran today. Arguably, nothing – nothing – is more dear to their faith, to their very reason for living, than the appearance of the Mahdi...