

## I. Intro & Review

### A. Last week

1. **al-Mahdi** — Began to look at the Islamic notion of the Mahdi, the Guided One, their messiah whom they believe is to come
  - a. Saw what their hadiths have to say about him
    - i. They say the Mahdi is a major sign of the coming day of Judgment, Qiyamah
    - ii. Some say he would come from the region of Khorasan, with an army bearing the Black Flags of Jihad
    - iii. They say what he looks like
    - iv. They tell how he comes to power
    - v. They say he will sign a peace treaty to be upheld for 7 years
    - vi. They say he will govern a world dominating Islamic Caliphate or rule
    - vii. They say the Mahdi will govern under Sharia Law and an Islamic calendar
    - viii. They say the Mahdi will conquer Jews and slaughter them
  - b. This is the Mahdi that Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says he is trying to hasten
2. **Parallels** — We saw some extraordinary parallels that exist between the Islamic Mahdi and the Biblical Antichrist
  - a. We briefly examined the concept of Anti-Parallelism, Exactly the Same Only Completely Different
    - i. The same event being viewed, described, or understood from two different, opposing viewpoints
      - (1). When good looks bad to one... and bad looks good to another...even though it is the same person / event
  - b. We began to examine events described by Biblical Eschatology, events described by Islamic eschatology, and then ponder whether they may actually be a single event or person, viewed from opposing positions.
    - i. We'll continue that in this session
  - c. Distributed a chart comparing the Islamic Mahdi with the Biblical Antichrist
3. **Glossary** — We distributed a glossary of Islamic terms and some Biblical terms pertaining to our study
4. **Scriptures** — List of scriptures that chronicle things we haven't seen yet but expect to see
5. **Strategic Evil** — We began to get a feel for the strategic evil behind the deception that will take place in those days.

6. **True & False** — We grounded ourselves in the observation that in the world of contradicting claims, there is true, and there is false. Scripture, Philosophy, and Logic demand it.
- a. **Psalms 119:160** The sum of Your word is truth,
  - b. Two competing truth claims cannot be opposite and yet both true.
  - c. We base our faith in Jesus, our very lives on the true, objective true truth of the Christian Scriptures

### **B. This Week**

- 1. We'll take a closer look at some of the other main characters & events in Islamic eschatology:
  - a. Isa: the Islamic "Jesus"
  - b. ad-Dajjal: the Islamic Antichrist
  - c. The Islamic "Mark of the Beast"
  - d. The incredible counterfeit and deceit that will come about in those days

### **C. Prayer**

## **II. Isa - The Islamic Jesus**

### **A. Islam teaches:**

#### **1. Jesus was not God in flesh**

#### **2. Jesus was a prophet**

- a. *Like all prophets, Prophet Jesus came with the divine message of surrender to God Almighty, which is Islam. This verse shows that when Jesus returns he will personally correct the misrepresentations and misinterpretations about himself. He will affirm the true message that he brought in his time as a prophet, and that he never claimed to be the Son of God. Furthermore, he will reaffirm in his second coming what he prophesied in his first coming bearing witness to the seal of the Messengers, Prophet Muhammad. In his second coming many non-Muslims will accept Jesus as a servant of Allah Almighty, as a Muslim and a member of the Community of Muhammad.*

(Shaykh Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, "The Approach of Armageddon? An Islamic Perspective", Canada, Supreme Muslim Council of America, 2003, p. 237, as quoted by Joel Richardson, "Antichrist, Islam's Awaited Messiah", 2006)

#### **3. Jesus did not die on the cross, God took him to heaven**

#### **4. Jesus will come back before Yahm-Qiyamah, they call him Isa**

**5. Jesus will come back as a devout Muslim****6. The Descent of Isa (Jesus)**

- a. At the Minaret of Isa in Damascus, or in Jerusalem
  - i. An-Nawwas b. Sam'an reported ... *Allah would send Christ, son of Mary, and he will descend at the white minaret in the eastern side of Damscus [sic] wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two Angels.* (Sahih Muslim 41.7015)

**7. The Subordinate Place of Isa (Jesus) to the Mahdi**

- a. When Isa meets up with the Mahdi and his army, the Mahdi will ask Isa to pray but Isa will defer to the Mahdi, Isa will pray behind the Mahdi

**8. The Primary Purposes of Isa (Jesus) are:****a. Help al-Mahdi kill ad-Dajjal, the Islamic anti-christ.****b. Correct the “mistakes” in Christianity**

- i. Muslims believe that Christianity is a corruption of the true religion, Islam.
- ii. *Prophet Jesus, peace be upon him, will reject and correct the falsities introduced into Christianity and follow the way of Prophet Muhammad, praise and peace be upon him.*

as narrated by Shaykh Abdullah ben Sadek, late Grand Muhaddith of Morocco, “AL MAHDI, JESUS and DAJJAL [Moshaiikh - the ANTI-CHRIST]”, tr. Shaykh Ahmad Darwish)

**c. To institute and enforce Shariah Law in Worldwide Islamic Rule or Caliphate**

- i. The Mahdi is the Islamic political and military leader of the last days
- ii. Isa (Jesus) is the Islamic religious leader of the last days

**Question:** What will people think when they hear the words of Isa? When someone “descended from the heavens” and named “Jesus” says that what they have been believing was wrong. When “Jesus” tells them he was and is a Muslim and who tells them to abandon all else and follow Islam and its Mahdi?

- iii. Islam teaches that Isa (Jesus) will:

(1). Narrated AbuHurayrah:

*The Prophet (peace\_be\_upon\_him) said: There is no prophet between me and him, that is, Jesus (peace\_be\_upon\_him). He will descent [sic]*

*(to the earth). When you see him, recognise him: a man of medium height, reddish fair, wearing two light yellow garments, looking as if drops were falling down from his head though it will not be wet. He will fight the people for the cause of Islam. He will break the cross, kill swine, and abolish jizyah. Allah will perish all religions except Islam. He will destroy the Antichrist and will live on the earth for forty years and then he will die. The Muslims will pray over him.*  
(Sunan Abu Dawud 37.4310)

**(a). Break the cross**

**(b). Kill swine**

**(c). Abolish the jizya tax**

(1). No more dhimmis (“protected”) status, either Islam or death

**(d). Kill the Muslim antichrist (ad-Dajjal)**

**d. Islam teaches that under Isa (Jesus), Allah will abolish Christianity and Judaism and religions except Islam**

i. “Allah will perish all religions except Islam.”

**e. Islam teaches that Isa (Jesus) will:**

i. Get married

ii. Have children

iii. Live on earth for 19 years after marriage

iv. Die and be buried next to the Prophet Muhammad

### **III. Biblical Perspective: The Islamic Isa (Jesus) as the False Prophet**

#### **A. True Words**

- 1. Revelation 13:11-15** Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. 12 He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. 13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an

image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.  
15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

### **B. Observations from what we see**

1. The False Prophet is “like a lamb” — Isa claims to be the returned Jesus, the “Lamb of God”
2. The False Prophet subordinate to the Antichrist — Isa is subordinate to the Mahdi
3. The False Prophet has great authority — Isa has worldwide religious authority
4. The False Prophet “deceives those who dwell on the earth” — Isa will “reject and correct the falsities introduced into Christianity” and convince people to follow Islam
5. The False Prophet directs all people to worship the Antichrist or be killed — Isa presents either Islam or death
6. The False Prophet accepts one, false religion — Under Isa, all religions except Islam will perish

### **C. What does this mean?**

1. Perfect one to one correspondence may not exist but the parallels are extraordinary

## **IV. Al-Masih ad-Dajjal (lit.: the deceiving Messiah) - The Islamic Antichrist**

### **A. His Eyes**

#### **1. Blind in one eye (left or right)**

- a. Narrated Ibn Umar: *Once Allah's Apostle stood amongst the people, glorified and praised Allah as He deserved and then mentioned the Dajjal saying, "I [sic] warn you against him (i.e. the Dajjal) and there was no prophet but warned his nation against him. No doubt, Noah warned his nation against him but I tell you about him something of which no prophet told his nation before me. You should know that he is one-eyed, and Allah is not one-eyed.*

#### **2. His eye looks like a bulging grape**

- a. Narrated Abdullah: *The Prophet mentioned the Massiah Ad-Dajjal in front of the people saying, Allah is not one eyed while Messsiah[sic], Ad-Dajjal is blind in the right eye and his eye looks like a bulging out grape.*
- b. Muslims reject any prophet with physical or moral defects and thus dismiss him

**B. His Forehead**

**1. Unbeliever** — ad-Dajjal will have the word Kafir or KFR (unbeliever) Written on his forehead which every muslim can read

- a. Ibn Shihab said: *'Umar b. Thabit al-Ansari informed me that some of the Companions of Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) informed him that the day when Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) warned people against the Dajjal, he also said: There would be written between his two eyes (the word) Kafir (infidel) and everyone who would resent his deeds would be able to read or every Muslim would be about to read, and he also said: Bear this thing in mind that none amongst you would be able to see Allah, the Exalted and Glorious, until he dies.*

**C. His Miracles**

**1. Raising the dead back to life**

**2. Show actual visions of paradise and hell, but reversed**

**3. Rapid travel around the world**

- a. Some say on a magic mule

**4. Commands rain or drought**

- a. An-Nawwas bin Sam`an (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:  
*He would then give command to the sky and there would be rainfall upon the earth and it would grow crops. Then in the evening, their posturing animals would come to them with their humps very high and their udders full of milk and their flanks stretched. He would then come to another people and invite them. But they would reject him and he would go away from them and there would be drought for them and nothing would be left with them in the form of wealth.*

**5. Turn people away from Islam**

- a. He would come to the people and invite them (to a wrong religion) and they would affirm their faith in him and respond to him.

**6. Cannot enter Mecca, Medina, or (some say) Damascus**

**7. Will be killed by Isa (the false prophet)**

- a. When the enemy of Allah would see him, it would (disappear) just as the salt dissolves itself in water and if he (Jesus) were not to confront them at all, even then it would dissolve completely, but Allah would kill them by his hand and he would show them their blood on his lance (the lance of Jesus Christ).

At the gate of Ludd: (near Tel Aviv)

He [Jesus] would then search for him (Dajjal) until he would catch hold of him at the gate of Ludd and would kill him.

**D. The Parallel Comparison**

1. Not as tight
2. Some relate to the Two Witnesses, Some relate to the Biblical Jesus

**a. The Two Witnesses of Revelation 11**

- i. **Revelation 11:3-6** “And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.” 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way. 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire. 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. 11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them. 13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

## V. The Mark of the Beast

### A. One of the last signs prior to Yahm-Qiyamah (the Day of Judgement)

#### 1. 3 Translations of Qur'an Surah 27:82

- a. *And when the word is fulfilled concerning them, We shall bring forth a beast of the earth to speak unto them because mankind had not faith in Our revelations.*
- b. *And when the sentence is passed against them, WE shall bring forth for them an insect out of the earth which shall wound them because people did not believe in Our Signs.*
- c. *And when the word shall come to pass against them, We shall bring forth for them a creature from the earth that shall wound them, because people did not believe in Our communications.*

What is this?

#### 2. One of the major signs of Qiyamah - The Day of Judgement

- a. Coming of Mahdi
- b. Dajjal
- c. Return of the Prophet Isa
- d. Ya'jooj ma'jooj (Gog and Megog)
- e. The earth beast
- f. Thick smoke
  - i. *Smoke will spread across the sky from which the Muslims will have a cold. The non-believers will faint from this smoke. Smoke will come out from the non-believers ears and noses. Some of the non-believers will come to their senses after two or three days. This smoke will stay in the sky for forty days. This will be close to the time, when the doors of forgiveness are closed and whoever wants forgiveness can not have it.*

#### 3. The locusts/scorpions of Revelation 9? (I'm just asking...)

- a. **Revelation 9:1-5** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth

have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

## **B. Islamic hadiths says this Beast will mark people**

1. According to a Hadeeth recorded in Ibn Katheer and narrated by Hadhrat Talha bin Umar (R.A.) the following is mentioned:

*“As the animal emerges from the ground, it will be dusting the sand off its head. It will proceed towards the area between Hajrul Aswad and Maqaamul Ibraheem. The people on seeing it will flee in all directions, except for one group of people. It will approach this group and illuminate their faces like shining stars. Thereafter it will set out and travel throughout the whole world (at a great speed). It will mark the faces of the Kuffar and none will be able to escape it.”*

It is narrated that this animal will have the staff of Sayyidena Moosa (A.S.) (*i.e.: Moses*) with which it will mark the faces of the Mu'mineen (*i.e.: Muslims*) causing it to glitter while it will mark the necks and noses of the Kuffar (*i.e.: Infidels*) with the ring of Sayyidena Sulaiman (A.S.) causing their faces to be blackened.

- a. Muslims will be marked on the face and their faces will glitter, while non-Muslims will be marked on the neck and noses and their faces will turn black.
  - i. This clearly distinguishes a Muslim from a non-Muslim. All non-muslims are killed.
  - ii. The marking of this beast is a negative to Christians but a positive to Muslims

## **VI. The Deceit of those days - A Convincing Counterfeit**

**A. Malicious, Malevolent Deceit** — There will be an extraordinary level of confusion and deception regarding the Antichrist / Beast / Mahdi / False Prophet. It will be a convincing counterfeit.

1. **Matthew 24:3-5** As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. 5 “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.

- a. What if “in my name” means literally, in my name...using my name, a true imposter

2. **Matthew 24:23-25** “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. 24 “For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. 25 “Behold, I have told you in advance.

## B. The closing of 2 Thessalonians

1. **2 Thessalonians 2:8-16** Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness. 13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us. 16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, 17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

## VII. Conclusion

### A. Next week, we will:

1. Try to assemble and comprehend all we've seen
2. Look at the last two parables Jesus ever told

### B. Assignment:

1. Read Daniel and / or Revelation 11-13
2. Read through the Scripture Reference sheet (We Seem to See)

### C. Resources

1. Best web resource
  - a. <http://al-mahdi.atspace.com/>

### D. Prayer