

I. Intro

- A. Review of where we've been / Questions along the way
- B. Discussion of some items we haven't covered
- C. Conclude with a reminder of who we are to be
- D. Special events coming up
 - 2. Next Week: Showing Epicenter
- E. Prayer

II. Review & Q&A

- A. **Week 1** - The Sovereignty of God
- B. **Week 2** - Ezekiel 37, 38-39 - Iran, Russia, Syria, Gog/Magog
- C. **Week 3** - Primer on Islam - What's Driving Iran?
- D. **Week 4** - al-Mahdi and Islamic Eschatology
- E. **Week 5** - Isa, ad-Dajjal, & the anti-parallels

III. How could it be?

Exactly how could the things we seem to see in Scripture ever come to be?

I could never completely figure it out...major things would have to happen.

A. What Religious - Political - Economic system would be big enough, world-wide enough to fit what we see in Revelation?

- 1. For years, people have tried to fit a Roman system into that role
 - a. You may disagree with Rome's beliefs and practices
 - i. But they don't behead those who don't follow them
 - b. What if that system isn't Roman?
 - i. What if it is Turkish / Ottoman / Islamic?
 - ii. Keep an eye on Turkey.
- 2. Just the economic changes would have to be cataclysmic...
 - a. Have you seen?

i. Call for a new International Currency

(1). China, Russia, Iran, some of the EU (quotes since April 09)

(a). *“A U.N. panel will next week recommend that the world ditch the dollar as its reserve currency in favor of a shared basket of currencies, a member of the panel said on Wednesday, adding to pressure on the dollar,”*

“Currency specialist Avinash Persaud, a member of the panel of experts, told a Reuters Funds Summit in Luxembourg that the proposal was to create something like the old Ecu, or European currency unit, that was a hard-traded, weighted basket. ‘It is a good moment to move to a shared reserve currency,’ he said.”

The leaders of Iran, Libya and Kazakhstan have also begun speaking about creating single currencies within their regions — the Middle East, Africa and Central Asia, respectively. The IMF, Asian Development Bank and other international and regional financial institutions in recent years have been studying how to move to a single currency as well.

B. How could the temple be rebuilt?

1. Muslim leader wants Temple rebuilt Posted: August 06, 2009

a. *In a historically unprecedented development, a famous Turkish Muslim leader and a prominent group of Israeli rabbis have joined together on one of their declared goals, to rebuild the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Adnan Oktar, who uses the pen name of Harun Yahya, is a controversial but highly influential Muslim intellectual and author with over 65 million of his books in circulation worldwide. Oktar recently met with three representatives from the re-established Jewish Sanhedrin, a group of 71 Orthodox rabbis and scholars from Israel, to discuss how religious Muslims, Jews and Christians can work together.*

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=106055>

<http://www.harunyahya.com/>

2. Statement of the Sanhedrin Court

a. An official statement about the has been published on the Sanhedrin’s website. Concluding the statement is the following call:

Out of a sense of collective responsibility for world peace and for all humanity, we have found it timely to call to the world and exclaim that

there is a way out for all peoples. It is etched in a call to all humanity: We are all the sons of one father, the descendants of Adam, and all humanity is but a single family. Peace among nations will be achieved through building the of G-d, where all peoples will serve as foreseen by King Solomon in his prayers at the dedication of the First Holy Temple. Come let us love and respect one another, and love and honor and hold our heavenly Father in awe. Let us establish a house of prayer in His name in order to worship and serve Him together, for the sake of His great compassion. He surely does not want the blood of His creations spilled, but prefers love and peace among all mankind. We pray to the Almighty Creator, that you harken to our Call. Together – each according to his or her ability – we shall towards the building of the House of Prayer for All Nations on the Temple Mount in peace and mutual understanding.



The Re-established
Jewish Sanhedrin

http://www.thesanhedrin.org/en/index.php/Hachrazah_5769_Tamuz_9#Statement_of_Jerusalem_Court

Please read: Replies of Mr. Adnan Oktar (Harun Yahya) to the questions presented by Sanhedrin on 1st of July, 2009 (presented at the end of the Sanhedrin Statement)

Pay special attention to #7 - The Turkish Islamic Union

C. What could take the USA out of commission?

1. What would be the role of the United States in all of this? Surely the US would intervene for Israel. The USA doesn't seem to be a factor in Scripture.

a. What could keep the USA from protecting Israel?

- i. Joel Rosenberg weblog... "Consider just two potential scenarios that could render the U.S. a non-factor in the last days:

Scenario #1: the U.S. could implode economically after the rapture. The rapture is an event described in I Thessalonians 4-5 when true followers of Jesus Christ are snatched away from the earth and meet Jesus Christ in the air at a time when the rest of the world has been saying there is "peace and safety." How many Christ-followers in the U.S. would disappear in the "twinkle of an eye," according to the Scriptures? We

don't know for certain. It could be 10 million. It could be 25 million. It could be 50 million, 75 million, or more. The point is the rapture will have a devastating and irrecoverable impact on the U.S. in many ways. ...imagine the impact the loss of millions of Americans due to the rapture would have on the U.S. economy. Imagine what the U.S. banking and real estate system will look like when millions of Christians disappear and can no longer pay their mortgages, or their credit card bills, or buy other goods and services. Our economy would implode, and suddenly America would no longer be the economic superpower it has been for a century.

Scenario #2: the U.S. economy could melt down in a Great Depression before the rapture. “

or maybe...**Scenario #3:** Something unforeseen, like an EMP attack

b. Rapture: What? When? Where?

- i. **1Corinthians 15:51-52** Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
- ii. **1Thessalonians 4:15-18** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- iii. **Matthew 24:29-31** “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 “And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. 31 “And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

IV. Signs of Jesus' Coming (the real Jesus!)

A. What are some signs?

1. Explosion in Travel and Knowledge

- a. Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

2. Israel back in the Land

- a. Ezek 37-39

3. Rise of Islam in Europe, Our Country, & the World

- a. Strategic Placement & Rise of a False, Counterfeit Religion

i. Counterfeit: defined

- (1). "made in imitation of something else with intent to deceive"
- (2). "to carry on a deception"
- (3). "to make a copy of, usually with the intent to defraud"

ii. Muhammad did not base the Quran on the Hebrew or Christian Scriptures

- (1). Muhammad could not read or write
- (2). The Bible had not been translated into Arabic
- (3). Quran = Counterfeit at a much Higher Level

- (a). **Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

iii. The Father of Lies

- (1). Using twisted truth (as always) to lead people away from the one, true God of Creation.
 - (a). Allah = Counterfeit God
 - (b). Quran = Counterfeit Scriptures
 - (c). Ishmael = Counterfeit Son of the Promise, of Abraham
 - (d). Sons of Ishmael = Counterfeit People of God
 - (e). Muhammad = Counterfeit Prophet

- (f). Islam = Counterfeit Way of Life, Salvation
- (g). Mahdi = Counterfeit Savior, anti...Christ
- (h). Isa = Counterfeit Jesus
- (i). ad-Dajjal = Counterfeit Witnesses?
- (j). Beast who marks, the Smoke, the Locusts of Rev. 9 = Counterfeit Description
- (k). Caliphate = Counterfeit Theocracy - World Rule
- (l). Sharia Law = Counterfeit Law of God
- (m). Qiyamah = Counterfeit Day of Judgment

(2). His End

- (a). **Isaiah 14:12-15** “How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! 13 “But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. 14 ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’ 15 “Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit.
- (b). **Revelation 20:10** And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

4. Peace in the Middle East

a. Could it ever happen?

i. **Israelis, Palestinians to Resume Peace Talks (Sept 2)**

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Israel and the Palestinian Authority, after months of resistance, will sit down next month for direct talks aimed at a "just and lasting peace," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton announced Friday.

Clinton said negotiations are set to begin Sept. 2 in Washington and could be completed within a year. Though peace talks have started and stopped for decades, U.S. officials hailed the announcement as a breakthrough and vowed to surmount the inevitable hurdles ahead.

"It is important that actions by all sides help to advance our effort, not hinder it. There have been difficulties in the past. There will be difficulties

ahead," Clinton said. "The enemies of peace will keep trying to defeat us and derail these talks, but I ask the parties to persevere."

She described the talks as negotiations "to resolve all final-status issues." Among those invited are Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, as well as Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Jordan's King Abdullah II and former British Prime Minister Tony Blair...

b. Scripture seems to indicate it will.

i. **Daniel 9:27** "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

V. Last two parables of Jesus

A. Ten Virgins

1. **Matthew 25:1** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 "Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. 3 "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. 5 "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. 6 "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 "Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 "The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. 11 "Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' 12 "But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.

a. Live Ready - As if His coming is right now

B. Talents

1. **Matthew 25:14-30** "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 "To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. 16 "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. 17 "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. 18 "But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves

came and settled accounts with them. 20 “The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ 21 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 “Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’ 23 “His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 ‘And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 27 ‘Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest. 28 ‘Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’ 29 “For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. 30 “Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- a. Be about your work as a steward of the gifts God has given you

VI. Ending where we began

- A. What kind of people should we be?

1. We are to be holy, set apart

- a. **1Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2. We are to be fervent, diligent

- a. **1Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

3. We are to remember why we're here

- a. **Luke 17:10** So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

4. We are to be humble servants

- a. **1Peter 3:8** To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

5. Live Holy, Godly lives

- a. **2Peter 3:11-13** Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

6. The Sovereignty of God

- a. Our Bottom Line Attitude: Regardless of the timing...God is sovereign and He is in control. We look forward to the day.
 - i. **2Peter 3:8-14** But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. 14 So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

VII. Conclusion

- A. Next Week: Epicenter Showing
- B. Live Ready
- C. Prayer