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## 2 Review

- At our last Celebration Service we discussed how Israel might be on the verge of rebuilding the temple.
- How the Jewish Sanhedrin is working with a moderate muslim in Turkey to make it happen.
- The name of that moderate muslim is Adnan Oktar whom his followers believe is the Mahdi—the Islamic Messiah.

## 3 The Caliphate

- The Caliphate is the office of the Caliph—the successor of Mohammed and guardian of Islam.
- It began at the death of Mohammed and lasted until 1924 when the Turkish parliament abolished it.
- Today many muslims around the world are advocating its return in the hope for a return of Islamic glory.

## 4 The Caliphate

- Is the office of the Caliph (successor of Mohammed) who has the following responsibilities:
  - Spiritual leader of Muslims, the one who guides Muslims in new matters,
  - Religious leader of Muslims, the one who enforces Sharia,
  - Political leader of Muslims, the one who conducts relations with other states and administers the government,
  - Military leader of Muslims, the one who orders and conducts military affairs, in particular those regarding the conflict between dar al-Islam and dar al-Harb.

## 5 Caliphate

- The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. They have one purpose and will give their power and authority to the beast. (Revelation 17:12–13 NIV)
- In the last days, 10 nations of the earth will give up their sovereignty and give it to another (Beast) in which to wage war against their enemies.

## 6 The Caliphate

- The seven heads are seven hills (mountains) on which the woman sits. They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; . . . (Revelation 17:9–10 NIV)
- The Seven Kings or Kingdoms
  - Egypt

- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- The Islamic Empire
- Restored Islamic Empire

## 7 The Caliphate

- Islamic radicals all over the world are promoting the idea that restoring the Caliphate will unify muslims all over the world under one banner and restore Islam's former glory
- Their hope is that under the Caliph's leadership, Islam will conquer the world and institute Sharia law.
- Could the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate be a plausible means though which the Antichrist would make his appearance on the world scene?
- If in the near future, a charismatic leader comes on the scene and becomes the new Caliph, should we take notice?
- If he would come in the name of peace and guarantee Israel's right to existence, ought we rejoice or be on our guard?

## 8 Conclusion

- It seems we are finding more and more evidences that the day of the LORD's return is approaching.
- No matter where we place the rapture, turbulent times might be right around the corner.
- The question is will we be ready?
  - Will we be strong enough to handle all the trials, temptations, and tribulation?
  - Will we be found blameless and sanctified in the truth or will we be ashamed?

## 9 Conclusion

- Who do people say that I am? Mark 8:27
  - Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
  - Messiah must suffer, be rejected, experience death, and then be resurrected.
  - Peter then takes Jesus aside and begins to rebuke him.
  - "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." (Mark 8:33 NIV)
  - Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. (Mark 8:34 NIV)

## 10 Conclusion

- Satan was using Peter's ignorance to stop Jesus from doing the will of God.
- What or who is Satan using in our lives to keep us from doing God's will?
  - Our dreams for personal glory?
  - The need to keep everyone in our family happy?
  - Our inadequacies and/or our low self-esteem?
  - Hurt feelings and/or past failures?
  - Unaddressed spiritual weaknesses?
  - Ungodly friends?