

## 1 BAD MOON RISING?

- Looks like we're in for nasty weather . . .
- Hope you got your things together?

## 2 KEEPING WATCH

- “No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” (Matthew 24:36 NIV)
- But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. (1 Thessalonians 5:4 NIV)
- You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. (1 Th 5:5 NIV)

## 3 KEEPING WATCH

- The Bible says to us that dates are not important. However, we do need to pay attention to events and world affairs.
- “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree:
  - As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.
  - Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.
  - I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. . . .” (Matthew 24:32–35 NIV)

## 4 Current events

- With so many Islamic countries embroiled in turmoil and political chaos, a vacuum might be created where radical Islamic organizations might fill the void.
- Organizations that might promise prosperity and social justice, but also promote such Islamic ideas
  - as restoring the Caliphate (supreme leader),
  - uniting all Islamic countries into a new empire, for the purpose of . . .
  - destroying Israel and annihilating all the Jews.
- QUESTION: Are we about to see something that will fulfill biblical prophecy?

## 5 Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi

- In January 2009, during a Friday sermon broadcast on Al-Jazeera, he prayed that Allah would kill all the Jews:
  - "Oh Allah, take this oppressive, Jewish, Zionist band of people. Oh Allah, do not spare a single one of them. Oh Allah, count their numbers, and kill them, down to the very last one."
  - He also declared: "Throughout history, Allah has imposed upon the [Jews] people who would punish them for their corruption. The last punishment was carried out by [Adolf] Hitler."...

## 6 NEW ARTICLES

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### 8 Middle East Empire to Come

- According to the prophet Daniel, the last empire in the Middle East will be a 10 nation confederation.
- While it will be politically weak, it will be a powerful force to contend with.
- According to the book of Revelation, a “little horn” will arise out of this confederation who will subdue three of the other nations and take control of the empire.
- Breaking a peace treaty with Israel, he will proclaim himself to be god and unleash a war of annihilation against the Jews.

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## 11 TIME-CHART OF REVELATION

### 12 Mahdi – The 12th Imam

### 13 Islamic Eschatology

- The most anticipated and central sign that Muslims are waiting for is the coming of the a man known as “The Mahdi.” (The Guided One)
- It is established doctrine for both Sunni and Shi’a Muslims and is their “awaited one.”
- As Christians wait for Jesus, Jews for their Messiah, Muslims wait for “The Mahdi.”

### 14 Who is the Mahdi

- According to Islam . . .
  - He will be an unparalleled spiritual, political and military world leader.
  - He will emerge after a period of great turmoil and suffering upon the earth.
  - He will be the Caliph and Imam of the Muslims.
  - He will lead military action against all who oppose him.

- He will invade many countries.

## 15 Role of the Mahdi

- According to Islam . . .
  - He will have supernatural power from Allah over the wind and the rain and crops.
  - He will make a seven-year peace treaty with Israel and set up his headquarters in Jerusalem.
  - He will find the Ark of the Covenant and portions of the Old Testament and New Testament and use them to convert Jews and Christians.

## 16 JESUS VS THE MAHDI

### 17 Iran & “The Mahdi”

- The coming of “The Mahdi” is not just a hope in Iran but official state policy.
- They believe if they will show resolve and take aggressive actions against the Jews and all infidels, then The Mahdi will reveal himself to the world.
- In other words, if they will commit themselves to Jihad against the Jews and corrupt west, Allah will be pleased and send The Mahdi to finish the task and so create an Islamic Utopia.
- Many believe Iran is working furiously to produce a nuclear bomb.

### 18 Signs of the Times

- If we are by chance, witnessing the beginning of the creation of the last Middle Eastern Empire that will seek to destroy Israel—known in Revelation as the the Beast, what else should we be looking for?
- At this time Charles Kimball will be sharing about the preparation of the possible rebuilding of the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem.

### 19 The Temple Mount

- Also called Har Habayit and Al Haram Al Sharif.

### 20 What makes the Temple Mount special?


- For about half the human race, it is the holiest place in the world, and the center of God’s activity.
- Abraham offered Isaac here.
- The first and second Jewish Temples were here.
- Moslems believe Mohammed visited here.

### 21 In 1967, Israel captured the Temple Mount.


- But a few days later, Moshe Dayan gave it back to the Moslem religious authority, the Waqf.

### 22 Since the 1990s, the Palestinians have restricted who can go on the Temple Mount.

- I had no trouble visiting the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque in 1979.
- However, when Ariel Sharon went there in 2000, he did not enter either mosque, but it became the excuse to launch the 2nd Intifada.
- In recent years, the Palestinians have dug all the way to the bedrock, built at least two new mosques, and thrown away dirt containing artifacts from the 1st and 2nd Temples.

23  The Bible speaks of an “Abomination of Desolation” happening in the Temple.

- It happened in 167 B.C., when Antiochus Epiphanes put an idol of Zeus in the Temple and sacrificed a pig on the altar.
- Is it happening today, as long as there are mosques on the site?
- Will the Antichrist do it again, in the middle of the Tribulation? If so, does the Temple need to be rebuilt before the Tribulation begins?

24  Rabbi Shlomo Goren (1917–94) wrote that five things must happen before the Messiah comes:

- The restoration of the state of Israel.
- The establishment of a Jewish government.
- A regathering of enough Jews from the Diaspora to create a Jewish majority in the land.
- The restoration of the Sanhedrin.
- The rebuilding of the Temple.

25  Another rabbi, Shlomo Chaim Hacohen Aviner, explained in 1999 why the Temple Mount is so important:

- “It is all a matter of sovereignty. He who controls the Temple Mount, controls Jerusalem. And he who controls Jerusalem, controls the land of Israel.”
- Who wants to rebuild the Temple there?

26  [Godsholymountain.org](http://Godsholymountain.org)

27  Adnan Oktar, also called Harun Yahya.

28  [TheSanhedrin.org](http://TheSanhedrin.org)

- “If the authorities would give permission to build the Temple, we are obligated to build it; as it is explained in the Midrash that during the days of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Chaninah permission was granted, and they began to build it.”

29  [TempleInstitute.org](http://TempleInstitute.org)

30  [Templemountfaithful.org](http://Templemountfaithful.org)

31  What is still needed to build the Temple?

- Cornerstones.

### 32 WHAT IS STILL NEEDED?

- And a red heifer (Numbers 19).

### 33 WHAT IS STILL NEEDED

- Most of all, there needs to be agreement between Jews, Christians and Moslems, in order to build the Temple without starting a war.
- Is there such an ecumenical movement today?
- If so, we are close to seeing it happen?

### 34 Summary

- Continue to Watch & Pray, and be Self-controlled. [See Bulletin Insert]
- Train yourselves to be godly.
  - For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1 Tim 4:7-8 NIV)
  - [Last Days when people will be lovers of themselves] . . . having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. (2 Tim 3:5 NIV)
  - But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, [and] godliness, . . . (1 Tim 6:11 NIV)
- Godliness HAS the power to transform us, so that when trials and temptations come, we can stand with the full armor of God fitted in place.

### 35 Summary

- . . . if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men . . . — if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. (2 Pet 2:7-9 NIV)
- Endure hardship (trials) with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. (2 Tim 2:3 NIV)
- Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. (Rev 3:10 NIV)
- . . . if we endure, we will also reign with him (2 Tim 2:12 NIV)

### 36 Conclusion

- No generation has more reasons to prepare for the Lord's Coming than ours.
- “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” (Rev 22:12-13 NIV)