

## 1 The Real Apocalypse

- Have we discovered the identity of the Beast, and Antichrist and the False Prophet of end-time revelation?

## 2 Amnesia Test

- Mayans believed that the world will come to an end on December 21st, 2012.
- Several New Age adherents, sages, psychics, and astrologers have also come to the same conclusion.
- What was Pastor McCowan's response?
- Was he for it or against it?

## 3 Amnesia Test

- "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)
- Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. (1 Timothy 4:7 NIV)

## 4 Something Awful is Coming

- 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)

## 5 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."

## 6 Role of 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.

## 7 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.

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## 8 Ark of God

## 9 Role of the Mahdi

- According to Islam . . .
  - He will lead a world revolution and establish a new world order.
  - He will possess and distribute enormous amounts of wealth.
  - He will cause Islam to be the only religion practiced on the earth.
  - He will be loved by all the people of the earth.
  - He will have a partner who will help promote his cause. His name will be . . .

## 10 Isa

- Isa is the Arabic name for Jesus.
- Muslims do not believe, Jesus died on the cross, but was translated to heaven.
- He will return to a mosque in Damascus and give allegiance to the Mahdi.
- He will set Christians straight and tell them to convert to Islam.

## 11 Isa

- His primary purpose will be to oversee the institution and the enforcement of the Islamic Shari'ah Law.
- Will insist that all people who don't convert to Islam must be executed and will take revenge on the Jews.
- Will remain on the earth for 40 years, during which he will marry, have children and die.

## 12 Scary Comparisons

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## 14 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.

## 15 United Nations

## 16 Possibility

## 17 End-time Warnings

- “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap.
  - For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth.
  - Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:34–36 NIV–G/K)

## 18 Summary

- No generation has more reasons to prepare for the Lord’s Coming than ours.
- However, the Bible says most will fall away because they won’t be able to handle the trials that are coming upon the earth.
- Jesus said “when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)
- (Luke 18:8 NIV–G/K)

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