Sanhedrin Calls to Abolish Laws That Contradict Torah

Rightist rabbis issue statement following elections calling on religious parties to unite, promote legislation based on Torah law and turn Chief Rabbinate into supreme court of entire Jewish people

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Note from Pastor Kevin Lea follows this article.

The religious and ultra-Orthodox parties <u>won 23 Knesset seats in this week's elections</u>; will they form a united front that will translate their political power into significant influence on the next government?

Self-appointed Supreme Judicial Court of the Jewish People says that by integrating women into army units, IDF is surrendering to 'political and ideological demands'

The Sanhedrin rabbis have issued a letter following the elections, calling on all parties that represent "God fearing voters" – <u>Shas</u>, <u>United Torah Judaism</u>, <u>National Union</u> and <u>Habayit Hayehudi</u> – to be generous and flexible towards one another, "so that they could unite for the sake of their common goals."

The new Sanhedrin is a body founded by rabbis in 2004 that aims to eventually serve as a supreme court and an upper house of the Knesset. However, it is considered controversial and has never been granted legitimacy by the State.

In their letter, the rabbis called on the religious parties to put Jewish education, Jewish law, love of Israel and preserving the sanctity of the camp and the army at the top of their priorities.

The Sanhedrin recommended that the parties demand to get the education, justice and interior portfolios, which they consider most influential, and urged them to create public debate regarding the issue of basic laws.

They then go on to stipulate what should be done in the field of Torah based legislation: "Basic Law: The Torah, which states that any legislation or ruling that goes against the Torah is null and void; making the Chief Rabbinate independent from politics and politicians and turning it into a supreme court for the entire Jewish people; a law of return to the lands – stating that land under Jewish sovereignty within the borders of the Land of Israel is a part of the State of Israel."

The rabbis also suggested amendments to Basic Law: The Judiciary, revising the authorities of the attorney general, the High Court of Justice and the procedures of appointing judges.

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: In 2004, a group of orthodox Jewish Rabbis reestablished the Sanhedrin (elder council of seventy-one religious leaders) for the first time since 358 AD when they were dissolved as a result of continued Roman persecution against the Jews.

It was the ancient Sanhedrin council that voted to deliver Jesus to the Romans for crucifixion (Mark 15:1). Many Christians believe that the renewal of this council is a stepping stone toward the fulfillment of Biblical prophecies pertaining to the last days. This recent news reveals their growing influence and power in Israel – possibly to that end.

Jesus taught that in the last days a world ruler (Antichrist) will cause an abomination in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem.

Matt 24:15-21 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the **holy place** [temple]" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! "And pray that your flight may not be in winter **or on the Sabbath**. "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. (NKJ)

Daniel adds that at the same time the Antichrist will force the Jews to stop animal sacrifice.

Dan 12:11 "And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days. (NKJ)

Today, most Israelis do not want a temple to be built and only a very few would even consider reestablishing animal sacrifice according to Mosaic Law. Also, many in Israel today do not obey the Sabbath, something Jesus predicted will be strictly observed in the last days when He said, "Pray that your flight not be on the Sabbath." Therefore, in order for the prophecies of Jesus (and Daniel) to come true, Jewish observance to the Law of Moses in Israel must increase, and we are seeing the beginning stages of it with the increasing influence of the Sanhedrin council.

Many prophecy students believe the coming wars (Isaiah 17, Psalm 83, and Ezekiel 38-39) will create a quantum change in the attitude of the Jews toward God and His law. The Jewish people will witness God's divine protection and turn back to His law in droves. It is likely the Sanhedrin will be leading the revival and saying, "We told you so!"

Tragically, during this revival toward observing the law, the Jews will still fail to see the need for a savior and will instead be deceived by the world ruler who promises them peace but, as stated above, will break his peace agreement and again bring persecution against the Jews.

But in the end, just before all life is lost, Jesus does return and the Jews will have a final eye-opening repentance as they look on Him who they have pierced and all Israel will be saved!

Zech 12:8-11 "In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. "It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. "In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. (NKJ)

Rom 11:25-27 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." (NKJ)