

Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 18th, 2016

- Before we get to today's prophecy update, I just wanted to mention one thing about the numerous comments concerning 9/11.
- Please know I desire to be teachable, and have had people who care about me, are patient with me, provide information to me.
- As such, I'm revisiting the evidence surrounding 9/11. I've been apprised of evidence suggesting US government involvement.

Proverbs 18:17 (NKJV) — 17 The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

- For today's prophecy update I'd like to draw your attention to seven recent developments of profound prophetic significance.
- The common denominator being that all of them point to increasing wars and threats of war, with Israel as the ultimate target.
- Specifically related to Ezekiel 38 concerning the Russia Iranian led attack against Israel, and Isaiah 17 concerning Damascus.

- It's important to note that while these developments have been in the making for some time, they are moving fast in real time.
- So much so just in the last week, we saw an unprecedented shift as it relates to the geopolitical landscape in the Middle East.
- What follows, in no particular order, I would argue are the top 7 developments we would do well to watch in the days ahead.

1. The shift concerning Russia and Israel

On Friday, Arutz Sheva published an article in which they ask, "Will Putin push Israel to talks with the PA?" In it they say, Russian president Vladimir Putin spoke last night (Friday) with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, regarding the possibility of renewing contact with the "Palestinians," with Russian mediation. This report was received from the Kremlin spokesperson. According to the report, the two agreed to continue to discuss the possibility of gathering a summit of leaders in Moscow, and agreed to continue to work together to overcome the challenges facing the two nations, on a local level. The prime minister's office has not yet published a response or report on the issue. It is worthwhile to note that lately, the Russians have been working on a series of communication exercises, meant to try to pressure Israel and the Palestinians into holding a meeting between Abu Mazen and Netanyahu. This meeting, if negotiated by Russia, would increase Russia's authority in the Middle East.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/217901>

2. The peculiar relationship between Russia and the US

On Friday, The Washington Post published a most interesting report about how Putin wants revenge and respect, and hacking the U.S. is his way of getting it. Quoting the Post, "The recent spate of embarrassing emails and other records stolen by Russian hackers is President Vladimir Putin's splashy response to years of what he sees as U.S. efforts to weaken and shame him on the world stage and with his own people ... Putin is seeking revenge and respect, and trying to reassert Russia's lost superpower status at a time of waning economic clout and an upcoming Russian election ... "He's saying, if you think you have the chops to do this — well, we do, too!" said Fiona Hill, a national intelligence officer for Russia during the George W. Bush and Obama administrations who is now at the Brookings Institution.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/russian-hacking-a-question-of-revenge-and-respect/2016/09/15/8bcc8d7e-7511-11e6-9781-49e591781754_story.html

3. The emboldening of Syria vis-à-vis Russia

On Tuesday, The Jerusalem Post published an analysis in which they ask the question of, "Is an Israeli-Syrian military conflict on the horizon?" According to the Post, The firing of two missiles at Israeli aircraft bears witness to the growing confidence of Assad's army. It is still too soon to determine whether the Syrian Army's firing of missiles at IAF aircraft before dawn on Tuesday signifies a policy shift by the Assad regime regarding Israeli military activity in the area. This determination will better be made if similar fire is carried out the next time the IAF or IDF gunners attack in response to mortar shells or artillery fire that land in Israeli territory. However, one thing is already clear: The firing of two S-200 surface-to-air missiles in the Quneitra region was not a coincidence. The Syrian Army released an official statement on the incident. This is the first known instance of Assad's army retaliating to Israeli military activity in Syrian territory since the country's civil war began some five-and-a-half years ago. ... The incident bears witness to the growing confidence of Assad's army, which is succeeding – for the most part because of Russian help – to expand its control in Syria (which is still only some 30 percent of the territory), and to cement the regime's place as the opposition weakens and ISIS is at the beginning of the end.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=467619>

That was Tuesday, but then on Thursday, The Times of Israel reported that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was threatening a 'downpour' if the rocket fire out of Syria does not subside. Here's some of what the Times had to report, "Israel will not tolerate any missiles or mortars being fired from either Syria or from Gaza and will respond with disproportionate force, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned Thursday, a day after projectiles were fired at Israel from across both frontiers. Speaking in the southern Israeli city of Netivot on Thursday evening, Netanyahu said that the country will not continue to absorb rocket fire "not from the north or from the south." "Anyone who thinks [of firing] a drizzle will receive a downpour," he said during a ceremony in the Gaza border city. "The response of the past weeks speaks for itself." .. The report goes on to say, "The United Nations, Russia and others have called for Israel to show restraint and keep tensions from spiraling out of control. ... It's this statement in the last part of the article that caught my attention; "Israel is currently readying itself in case of all-out war.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-threatens-downpour-if-rocket-fire-does-not-subside/#>

4. The increasing tensions between Saudi Arabia and Iran

On Wednesday, The Jerusalem Post published an interesting report about how a Saudi official is warning, and I'll add, threatening, Iran that if they attack, they do so at their own risk. Quoting the Post, "A senior Saudi official, responding to Iranian criticism of Riyadh's management of the haj pilgrimage, urged Iran to end what he called wrong attitudes towards Arabs and warned it against any use of force in its rivalry with the kingdom." <http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=467795>

5. The increasing tensions between Israel and the US

Sunday, September 11th – Israel Today - Obama Fumes as Netanyahu Schools Him on Real Peace - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the weekend uploaded another YouTube video, this time taking at the assertion (most often made by the Obama Administration) that the presence of Jews in Judea and Samaria (the so-called West Bank) is an obstacle to peace. "I am perplexed by this notion," stated Netanyahu, "because no one would suggest that the two million Arabs living inside Israel are an obstacle to peace. Because they aren't." Netanyahu also turned the tables on the "ethnic cleansing" charge, noting that the only side trying to ethnically cleanse anything is the Palestinian leadership, which demands a state free of Jews. While the prime minister only vaguely referenced "some enlightened nations" who are unfortunately backing this "outrageous" demand, he very clearly had the United States in mind as he asked, "Would you accept ethnic cleansing in your state? A territory without Jews, without Hispanics, without Blacks?" The connection was not lost on the Obama White House. "We obviously strongly disagree with the characterization that those who oppose settlement activity or view it as an obstacle to peace are somehow calling for ethnic cleansing of Jews from the West Bank," US State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau told reporters. Trudeau added that what she called Netanyahu's "inappropriate and unhelpful" remarks are the current topic of (probably heated) discussion with the Israeli government. <http://www.israeltoday.co.il/NewsItem/tabid/178/nid/30034/Default.aspx>

6. The Iranian threat to Israel

On Monday, Arutz Sheva quoted Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman as saying that Iran is Israel's greatest threat. When Liberman was asked what he thinks constitutes the greatest threat to Israel, he responded by stating that "The greatest threat to Israel is Iran. This is Israel's greatest challenge and its greatest threat." <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/217682>

7. The Iranian threat to the United States

You've probably noticed the reoccurring word, threat, or threatened, in all that we've looked at up to this point. Well, on Tuesday, Tuesday, Breaking Israel News, reported on how that Iran had threatened to shoot down US Military Jets in what has been the latest provocation. Here's some of what the report had to say, In the latest in a string of provocations by the Iranian military, Iran threatened to shoot down two US Navy surveillance jets flying near Iranian territory in the Persian Gulf on Saturday, Fox News reported. ...The planes ignored the warning and continued in their flight path. Iran did not pursue. "We wanted to test the Iranian reaction," one US official told Fox News. "It's one thing to tell someone to get off your lawn, but we weren't on their lawn." The US military classified Iran's behavior as "unprofessional", though not "unsafe" as, according to intelligence, Iran did not have missile launchers in the area. "Anytime you threaten to shoot someone down, it's not considered professional," the official said. <http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/75574/iran-threatens-shoot-us-jets-persian-gulf-new-escalation/#D2yT5VzS4dAOj7Jz.99>

- Here's the bottom line in closing all the aforementioned developments point to the fulfilling of significant prophecies in the Bible.
- As I mentioned at the beginning, it's incumbent upon each and every one of us to be watchful in the days and weeks ahead.
- Lastly, let me simply say that if you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior now is the time to call upon him, today!

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10 ...if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."