

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- For today's update, I want to talk about the swiftness with which the unprecedented shift concerning Israel has taken place in recent weeks.
- More specifically, the prophetic significance of this isolation vis-a-vis the demonization of Israel, in concert with the dismantling of America.
- I'm presupposing that you're all aware of the Bible prophecies about the failed annihilation of Israel and successful elimination of America.

- It's not so much that Israel's annihilation fails and America's elimination succeeds, it's how quickly they're simultaneously coming to pass.
- It should come as no surprise to Bible prophecy students given the birth pains analogy, coming in shorter frequency, and greater intensity.
- However, it's still rather astonishing, surreal almost, as we see that which was foretold in the scriptures coming to pass with such swiftness.

- Be that as it may I'd like to draw your attention to a couple of news reports that speak to the break neck speed with which this is happening.

ynews on November 27<sup>th</sup>, published a report with the headline reading, "Rohani: Israel isolated after Geneva deal" Iran's President [says] Israel has become isolated after his country and world powers reached a historical deal on Tehran's nuclear program. In a Tuesday interview with state TV marking his first 100 days in office, Rohani said that some countries had tried to isolate Iran, but instead, "Now, our enemies are isolated." He did not refer to Israel by name, but used language – "an illegitimate, occupier regime" – commonly used to describe Israel, Iran's arch-enemy. "Everyone is happy about this deal" except for "warmongers and that regime, which is an illegitimate one that occupies," Rohani said. <http://www.ynews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4458445,00.html>

Just three days later, ynews posted another article titled, "Iran: Intel ties with Turkey have improved," subtitled "Turkey moves away from Israel and gets closer to Iran." Here's what they had to say, "Despite the Turkish denial regarding claims that Ankara "gave identities of Israeli spies to Iran", voices in Tehran admit that the intelligence ties between the two countries have improved and are continuing to progress. Iran's Ambassador to Turkey Ali Riza Bickdeli said that Tehran keeps close relations with the Turkish intelligence agencies. According to the newspaper Asharq Alawsat, the Iranian ambassador told reporters in Ankara that there has been great improvement in the cooperation between the two countries' intelligence agencies. <http://www.ynews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4459606,00.html>

- The common denominator between both of these articles is, just ten years ago this would have been unthinkable, especially with Turkey.
- This because, it wasn't that long ago Turkey was an ally of Israel and Iran's nuclear ambitions were due to their Shiite Islamic eschatology.
- Let me explain, in Islam's eschatology, they teach that their Muslim Messiah, will come and bring peace by setting up his rule in Jerusalem.

This is documented in the writings of Ibn Khaldun "al-Muqqadima" who says, quote; "... There will come forth a man from my nation who will talk according to my Sunnah. ...He will direct the affairs of this nation for seven years, and he will settle in Jerusalem."

- The religious writings of Islam have prophecies foretelling the coming of this hidden Imam or Mahdi as he's known to Sunni's and Shiite's.

- One such writing comes from a book called the "Hadith," which is a collection of the words and deeds of the Islamic prophet Muhammad.
  1. He will be a descendant of Muhammad and the son of Fatima
  2. He will return just before the end of the world
  3. He will eradicate all tyranny and oppression bringing harmony and total peace
  4. He will lead a prayer in Mekkah with Jesus at his side following him
  5. He will rule over the world for 7 years

- It's for this reason that some believe the antichrist will come out of Islam and not a revived Roman empire, which has problems Biblically.
- While I won't take the time to get into some of those reasons, I will take the remainder of our time to connect the Islamic dots with America.
- Simply put, the rise of Islam in America, is precipitating the fall of America, and as such is creating the perfect prophetic storm for Israel.

In a December 3<sup>rd</sup> Op Ed by Khaled Abu Toameh, titled, "Palestinians: We Want a Geneva Accord against Israel, wrote, "The Geneva accord and Washington's failed policies in Egypt and other Muslim countries have taught the Palestinians that it would be better to wait until the U.S. completely loses its influence so that other players such as Russia, China and the EU will step in and impose a solution on Israel. The way the Palestinian Authority sees it, "If it worked with Iran, why shouldn't it work also with Israel?" He goes on to quote the Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi saying, she was quick to demand that the U.S. and the rest of the international community treat Israel the same way they treated Iran. She called on the international community to "impose sanctions on Israel and hold it accountable with the same will that led to an end to Iran's nuclear plan." <http://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/4070/palestinians-geneva-accord-israel>

It was this Jerusalem Post article on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, titled, Analysis: A tale of two Kerrys, that, in my opinion, summed up why the world is waiting for the US to completely lose its influence. Simply put, America can't be trusted. Quoting from the article, "any possible future agreement with the Palestinians would undoubtedly necessitate ironclad security guarantees from the US. An Israeli willingness to place its security in the hands of American guarantees has decreased – not increased – as a result of Washington's handling of the Iranian file. ...In order for Israel to take the security risks that will be involved in any future accord with the Palestinians, Jerusalem will have to have a great deal of trust in US security pledges and assurances. The Iran issue has chipped away at the trust. <http://www.jpost.com/Diplomacy-and-Politics/Analysis-A-tale-of-two-Kerrys-334180>

- Here's the bottom line the onus is on us as to what we do in light of the hour in which we now find ourselves on the clock of Bible prophecy.

**Romans 13:11-14 NIV** And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (12) The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. (13) Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. (14) Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.