

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- For today's update I will draw your attention to what was arguably one of the craziest and busiest weeks on the Bible prophecy calendar.
- What I'll do is first highlight by way of a geopolitical timeline, the events leading up to the breaking news last night concerning the Iran deal.
- At the conclusion of today's update, I'm hoping to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, why we are on the cusp of the rapture of the church.

I'll start with Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, when the Russia Times published an article with the headline, "Egypt seeks to bring friendship with Russia to 'Soviet level,' suffice it to say, the headline says it all." <http://rt.com/news/russia-egypt-ties-military-706/>

Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, USA Today ran an Associated Press report with the headline, "Palestinians committed to 9 months of peace talks," In it they report, "The Palestinians will stay in peace talks with Israel for the planned nine months despite their fierce opposition to Israel's settlement building, the Palestinian president said Monday." <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2013/11/18/palestinians-committed-to-9-months-of-peace-talks/3625303/>

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, Benjamin Netanyahu who was meeting with Russian President, Vladimir Putin in Russia, said, "I hope that our meeting will help contribute to security and peace, and improve our bilateral relations, as well as the situation in our regions and throughout the world." <http://www.imra.org.il/story.php3?id=62416>

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, The Jerusalem Post ran a story with the headline, Khamenei: 'Israeli regime is doomed to failure, annihilation' Quoting from this article, "Zionist officials cannot be called humans, they are like animals, some of them," said Khamenei. "The Israeli regime is doomed to failure and annihilation," he said. The allegations that Iran poses a threat to the world are the "words of enemies," he said, referring to some countries, such as the "rabid dog of the region, namely the Zionist regime," as quoted by Iran's Tasnim News Agency. <http://www.jpost.com/Iranian-Threat/News/Khamenei-Israeli-regime-is-doomed-to-failure-annihilation-332403>

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, The Balfour Post posted an Op Ed by Daniel Pipes titled, Obama Turns On Israel, saying, "If I might paraphrase the U.S. position: "First, sit by quietly as we reach an accord with Tehran that freezes but does not dismantle its nuclear buildup. Second, stop the illegitimate residential construction on the West Bank or the Palestinian Authority will, with American acquiescence, start a third intifada." Israeli responses to the two demands have been stark, blunt unlike anything in memory. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu blasted the prospective Iran deal as a "monumental mistake..." Pipes goes on to write, "At Obama's second inauguration, I predicted that he, "freed from re-election constraints, can finally express his early anti-Zionist views after a decade of political positioning. Watch for a markedly worse tone from the second Obama administration toward the third Netanyahu government." That moment is now upon us. <http://balfourpost.com/obama-turns-on-israel/>

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, The Times of Israel published a report with the headline reading, Netanyahu vows: No nukes for Iran's 'dark regime,' in which they write, "The Iranian government is reminiscent of "dark regimes of the past" that tried to wipe out the Jews and then conquer the world, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday in Moscow, vowing to deny Iran nuclear weapons. "The Iranians deny our past and repeat their commitment to wipe the State of Israel off the map." <http://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-vows-to-deny-nukes-from-irans-dark-regime/>

Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, The BBC reported on the Iran nuclear talks resuming in Geneva, in they write, "US Secretary of State, John Kerry described the negotiations as the "best chance in a decade to halt progress and roll back Iran's program". <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-25025420>

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Times of Israel posts an analysis which read, "The current Israel-US rift was only a matter of time, Given their wildly different stances on the Mideast, is it any wonder the Obama administration and the Netanyahu government keep clashing? <http://www.timesofisrael.com/the-current-israel-us-rift-was-only-a-matter-of-time/>

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fox News, "Deal reached on Iranian nuclear program." "A deal between six world powers and Iran has been struck, Fox News confirms. ...The goal had been to hammer out an agreement to freeze Iran's nuclear program for six months, while offering the Iranians limited relief from crippling economic sanctions. [www.foxnews.com/world/2013/11/23/deal-reached-on-iranian-nuclear-program/](http://www.foxnews.com/world/2013/11/23/deal-reached-on-iranian-nuclear-program/)

- Perhaps you'll indulge me as I attempt to connect these unprecedented events to the prophetic pages of scripture that predicted them.
- I'll start with the 6-month Iran deal, coinciding with the 9-month two state solution both of which are under the banner of peace and security.
- This was prophesied in Zechariah 12 and was echoed in 1 Thessalonians 5:3, in the context of the rapture coming with sudden destruction.

- I'll take it a step further and suggest that this enforcing, and even forcing of a 7-year peace agreement, may be in concert with Daniel 9:27.
- If you think about it, it really doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out, this has the fingerprints of the Ezekiel 38-39 prophecy all over it.
- Add to that, Russia agreeing to disagree with Netanyahu concerning Iran, and even Syria, also has the fingerprints of Isaiah 17 all over it.

- Then there's Egypt cozying up to Russia, though they're not mentioned in the Ezekiel 38 prophecy, this is Isaiah 19, and with it Psalm 83.
- The Psalm 83 prophecy predicts the country's close, both in proximity, and genetically, forming an alliance so as to wipe Israel off the map.
- Furthermore, the US turning on, and disenfranchising from Israel, may be the final nail in America's coffin, explaining in part her absence.

- In closing allow me to explain why it is, all of these prophecies point to, the rapture of the church being much closer than we may realize.
- Simply put, Jesus catches away His bride as a thief in the night, at an hour no one expects and at a time the world does business as usual.
- Then, while the world is saying, peace and security, the sudden destruction comes down upon them and we're told that they won't escape.
- However, we, in the rapture do escape, which may in fact mean that when the sudden destruction comes down, the church is caught up.
- Lastly, this makes sense, in that the antichrist can't be revealed and the 7-year tribulation cannot begin, until the bride of Christ is removed.