

Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 29th, 2013

- Today's update will be our last one for the year, and as such, I think we'd be grossly remiss if we didn't revisit what's come to pass thus far.
- This because, all that's happened in 2013 makes it arguably one of the busiest years, if not the busiest on the calendar of Bible prophecy.
- The reason I say that is because I sort of did a year in review and looked through the previous prophecy updates throughout the year 2013.

- We began the year with Netanyahu, citing a Biblical precedent, so as to caution against a rushed peace agreement with the Palestinian's.
- We now end the year with Netanyahu being pushed and rushed, even forced into this very peace agreement so as to meet a 9-month goal.
- I suppose it goes without saying but it seems that this past year has been unprecedented in how fast and rushed everything has happened.

- That was January, then, in February, we had the unprecedented news of the Pope's sudden resignation, and the new Pope's nomination.
- We end the year with what's rumored as a quiet US proposal giving control of Jerusalem to the Vatican, and a group of Muslim countries.
- If this is true, and I suspect it is, then the implications of it are very far reaching, especially when you factor in all the other Bible prophecies.

- Be that as it may, time doesn't permit me to go month by month, so we'll just fast-forward to August and September and the crisis in Syria.
- Actually, it was an eleventh hour gaff by Secretary of State John Kerry that served as a catalyst of sorts, for the 9-month goal that ensued.
- Then, three months later, we saw the stunning, and jaw dropping 6-month nuclear deal with Iran, that seemingly ties into the 9-month goal.

- To make matters worse, in concert with the astonishment of these unprecedented geopolitical events, Russia became even more powerful.
- Sadly, Putin's Russia becoming more powerful came vis-à-vis the United States becoming more powerless, which may explain its absence.
- Namely, the conspicuous absence of the once most powerful nation on earth from the pages of Bible prophecy during the 7-year tribulation.

- At the risk of sounding a bit sensational, I would suggest that all of this, and the many other prophecies with it point to an imminent rapture.
- The truth of the matter is, there is no prophecy in the pages of Holy Writ that has to be fulfilled before the bride of Jesus Christ is removed.
- In other words, everything that's now prophetically beginning to come to pass is evidence of how near our redemption as His bride really is.

Luke 21:28 KJV And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

John 14:29 KJV And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

John 13:19 KJV Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am *he*.

- This begs the question of what things was Jesus specifically telling us would begin to come to pass, before they actually did come to pass?
- Moreover why does telling us before of these things beginning to come to pass, rise to the level of us believing that our redemption is nigh?
- Answer, because, when we see what Jesus said would be happening, start happening, we'd understand it's time to wake up, and look up.

Romans 13:11-12 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.

- Perhaps you'll indulge me for the remainder of our time together in God's Word, as we take just a little time to revisit our prophecy puzzle.
- The reason being is, the year 2013 has seemingly revved up and accelerated all the things Jesus told us beforehand would come to pass.
- Let's go through this quickly, it looks like the prophecy concerning Syria in Isaiah 17 could happen at anytime, even along with Psalm 83.

- Add to that the prophecy in Zechariah 12 where we're told that all the surrounding peoples will be intoxicated, obsessing over Jerusalem.
- Then in tandem with all of these prophecies there's Isaiah 19, which describes in great detail Egypt 's cruel rule, subsequent to an uprising.
- I'm of the belief that all of this could then very well lead to the enforcing of the seven year peace agreement which is found in Daniel 9:27.

- I'm placing Daniel 9:27 with Revelation 13 and the anti-Christ's control of a global economy, which leads to global government and religion.
- The reason I place the prophecy puzzle piece of Ezekiel 38 here, is because of the details concerning Israel's wealth and Israel's security.
- It's for this reason that I believe, that we need to be as ready for the rapture if it were today as we would if it weren't for 5 years from today.

- If you're not, or if you're unsure, then allow me in closing to share with you, by way of the Gospel, how it is that you can for sure, be sure.

1. There is none righteous, not even one (Romans 3:10)
2. All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)
3. Through one man, (Adam), sin entered the world separating us from God (Romans 5:12)
4. The judgment and wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23)
5. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)
6. If man will seek God, confess his sins, and believe in his heart, he will be saved (Romans 10:9-10)
7. All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved (Romans 10:13)