

Mid-East Prophecy Update – November 17th, 2013

- For today's update I'd be grossly remiss were I not to take the time to tackle the torrid topic of same sex marriage, the why behind the what.
- Last Tuesday, as I printed thank you cards for our celebration of 25 years of marriage, the senate voted 19-4 passing same sex marriage.
- Then on Wednesday, as I was studying and preparing for today, I watched with horror and dismay as the governor signed the bill into law.

- What made it so horrific was, it resembled a worship service void of God, and as such, void of the reality of heaven above, and hell below.
- Ironically, and parenthetically, whenever anyone says, "hi" or "hello," they are in fact acknowledging how that heaven is high and hell is low.
- I point this out because, after opening their worship service, and a Hawaiian prayer chant, two local musicians performed the song Imagine.

What's even more ironic is, John Lennon, who wrote this song, no longer has to imagine whether or not there's a heaven above or a hell below. Please listen, as I read lyrics from this famous song, "Imagine there's no heaven, It's easy if you try. No hell below us. Above us only sky, imagine all the people, living for today... Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for, and no religion too."

- It's at this location that I'll be docking today's teaching, and in so doing, focus our attention on the aforementioned "why behind the what."
- Let me explain, if you're anything like me, and with the presupposition that you are, what screamed out from this was the question of why.
- Namely, why did they go against well nigh, 90% of the people of Hawaii, and repeatedly cast a no vote, to letting the people of Hawaii vote.

- The only answer I'm able to come up with is, they are void of the fear of God, and they are void of the understanding of the Word of God.
- Forgive them for they know not what they do! For if they knew You, and Your Word, they would understand, Satan hates Your covenants.
- He hates the covenant of marriage, in that he hates the Jews in their covenant with God, as much as the Church's new covenant in Christ.

- At the risk of an oversimplification, Israel has a marriage covenant as the wife of Father God, such that she's the mother of the Son of God.
- More specifically, Jesus was born a Jew to enter into a new marriage covenant with me and you, as the bride betrothed to our bridegroom.
- This answers the "why behind the what," by virtue of how Satan has sought, from the beginning of time, to first destroy the Jews, then us.

- You'll forgive the metaphor but I suppose in a way Satan is seeking to deceive people so they'll separate and file for divorce from their God.
- By doing this, he will succeed in taking them to an unimaginable hell below, where they're divorce is final, an eternal separation from God.
- Conversely, God is seeking the opposite, pun intended, so that people won't be deceived rather, they've believed in His only begotten Son.

- Sadly, some have already hardened their hearts to God's marriage proposal and covenant, and as such have signed the divorce papers.
- Because they have already hardened their hearts, and already made up their minds, so too have they already signed and sealed their fate.
- And, because God will never force His love on anyone, He pulls in His outstretched arms removing His grace, giving them over to their lust.

- As I watched how the political process played out I kept coming back to what the Apostle Paul wrote in chapter one of the Romans Epistle.
- In my attempt at maintaining my sanity I revisited my notes from our study back in April of 2011 titled, 'Why God is Right to Damn Wrong.'
- In it we looked in-depth at how God had given them over to their homosexual and lesbian perversions, by virtue of their made up minds.

- So much so that they've disapproved of God, and in so doing they've approved of unspeakable evil as Paul writes in chapter one verse 32.
- In other words, man has created an environment that will be conducive to his evil in so much as to have it approved of, and accepted in.
- Not only do they continue in it, they manufacture an infrastructure, issuing their own license, approving legislation for those who practice it.

- The truth made known, it was this very thing that made me realize why the five day Special Session, and vote that ensued was so grievous.
- It dawned on me that the legislature put God and the covenant of marriage on trial so as to fancy themselves as judging what is to be pono.
- This explains why Paul, by the Holy Spirit, would write what he writes, the way that he writes it, in Romans 1, concerning homosexuality.

- Simply put, Romans chapter one paints a picture of a courtroom setting, on the canvass of the text, with Paul as the prosecuting attorney.
- In what could be seen as his opening statement, Paul introduces his argument that man is guilty of crimes warranting the death penalty.
- Not only is man the one on trial, man is the one found guilty, and condemned to death by the God, Who is the just judge of the universe.

- Lest you think I'm being unloving, and making God seem unjust, let me hasten to say that if God is not just, then neither can God be loving.

Charles Spurgeon speaking in the context of murder wrote - "God provided no sanctuary for real guilt, murder was not winked at, else had the land become both polluted and unsafe. Mercy to murderers would be cruelty to the innocent." [Dare I add, this marriage equality is cruelty to the innocent Christians who are in a marriage covenant with Jesus Christ.]

- Be that as it may, all of this begs the question of, "what do we do now?" I wish there were easy answers, but it's a very complicated matter.
- By that I mean, dealing with the LGBT community, requires tremendous discernment, and genuine love if we're to win them to Jesus Christ.
- This because homosexuality is not the unforgivable sin, and according to 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and Romans 2:4 there is hope for the LGBT.

In his article titled, Gay Pride Meets Christian Humility, Chad Thompson writes, "...in some cases I believe it is necessary that we take a political stand on issues like gay marriage, but let's get our priorities straight. No one has any business reading a single book about how to oppose homosexuals politically until they've read a book on how to love them personally. If we are successful in passing an amendment to the constitution that bans gay marriage, but in the process we alienate the gay and lesbian community from God's love, then we have won the battle but lost the war. ...some Christian evangelists have taken to the streets with bullhorns and picket signs proclaiming what a horrible sin homosexuality is. These evangelists don't realize that homosexuals don't need to be saved because they are homosexual, they need to be saved because they, like us, have been separated from God and need a savior; everything else is just a symptom."

- In closing, I appreciate your patience as I give all of us, myself included, a challenge to reach the lost in these last days before it's too late.
- Let's reach the LGBT community, and all in our community while there's still time. It's just a matter of time, before we will run out of time.
- When that time comes, sudden destruction comes, and unless they're born again as Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:3 they will not escape.