

## Middle-East Prophecy Update – October 30th, 2011

- Every week, since back in 2006, we have set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings so as to devote some time to studying Bible prophecy.
- The reason that we do this is because the Bible predicts certain specific events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies, and that the rapture could happen at any time.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- For today's update, I'll be talking about the breaking news from last week that I know many of you were as stunned as I was when you heard it.

On Monday, October 24th, The Business Insider published the story with the headline reading; "WHOOOPS! Vatican Lets Slip Plans For One World Government" - In a widely-expected note on the financial crisis and economic justice, Vatican officials accidentally call for the establishment of a One World Global "Authority" to regulate financial markets and national governments. After gently noting that such a project is "a complex and delicate process," the document begins to capitalize the word, "Authority" in the most unsettling, conspiracy-launching way possible: A supranational Authority of this kind should have a realistic structure and be set up gradually.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/whoops-vatican-lets-slip-plans-for-one-word-government-2011-10#ixzz1bpvDbWiM>

Fox News also reported on this with the headline reading; "Vatican Calls for New World Economic Order - The [Vatican](#) called Monday for radical reform of the world's financial systems, including the creation of a global political authority to manage the economy. ... Vatican pronouncements on the economy are meant to guide world leaders as well as the global church. [United States](#) Roman Catholic bishops, for example, have released a voter guide for the 2012 election that highlights social concerns such as ending poverty. ...It highlights that reforms must assure that financial and monetary policies will not damage the weakest economies while also achieving fair distribution of the world's wealth.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2011/10/24/vatican-calls-for-new-world-economic-order/>

**In the Berean Call's October Newsletter, there was this excerpt from an article by Ron Merryman titled; "Crucial Theology for Critical Times" In it he says; "...all such movements are simply preludes to the one world government of the Antichrist predicted in God's Word. But there is also a final World Order prophesied in God's Word. It is that which triumphs over the pseudo-kingdom promises of the Antichrist: indeed, it is the triumphant Mediatorial-Millennial Kingdom of our Lord**

<http://www.thebereancall.org/node/9433>

[Revelation 13:11-18 NIV](#) (11) Then I saw another beast, coming out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, but he spoke like a dragon. (12) He exercised all the authority of the first beast on his behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. (13) And he performed great and miraculous signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to earth in full view of men. (14) Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. (15) He was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. (16) He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, (17) so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. (18) This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666.

- As we near Thanksgiving and Christmas, I'm reminded of the illustration about all the decorations that are put up it seems, earlier every year.
- I see all of the prophetic decorations being put up even now for Christmas, but Thanksgiving needs to happen before Christmas can happen.
- So too does the rapture need to happen before the second coming can happen. If the signs and decorations are already up, how close are we?

[Revelation 22:7 NKJV](#) "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

- The word "Quickly" in the original language of the Greek New Testament is the word "tachy (takh-oo)," it's where we get our word "tachometer."
- It's translated as shortly i.e. without delay, and soon, or (by surprise) suddenly, and carries with it the idea of things revving up before He comes.

[Revelation 22:12 NKJV](#) "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

[Revelation 22:20 NKJV](#) He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

[2 Peter 3:9-11 NIV](#) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. (11) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

[2 Peter 3:3-5 NIV](#) First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. (4) They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." (5) But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

[Matthew 24:44](#) Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV