

Bible Prophecy Update – October 6th, 2019

- For today's Prophecy Update, I want to do something a little bit different than what we usually do looking at the current events.
- This for a number of reasons not the least of which is by virtue of the sheer volume of developments of prophetic significance.
- So much is happening so fast, which is why I sense the Lord would have us look at what I see as a global state of emergency.

Miriam Webster's dictionary defines emergency as 1: an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action and 2: an urgent need for assistance or relief. Some of the synonyms they list are, boiling point, breaking point, crisis, crossroad(s), and flash point, just to name a few. Microsoft Word offers these additional synonyms, disaster, tragedy and danger.

- Dare I say, that every single one of these definitions and synonyms, are a very apt description of the state of the world today.
- Particularly here in the United States, but perhaps more importantly and certainly prophetically, Israel as God's prophetic clock.
- I would submit that we are at the aforementioned state of emergency, as everything seems to be coming to that boiling point.

To me, Israel's President Reuven Rivlin's speech at the inaugural meeting of the 22nd Knesset on Thursday, says it all. Arutz Sheva published the text of that address in which Rivlin stated that, 'We're facing an emergency of Israel's democracy.' Here is some of what he said, "My power, ...is limited. I have nothing but words. I can only suggest, and perhaps try to build bridges. I also do not know whether I am the most appropriate mediator. But I know this – we are facing a time of crisis for the House of Jacob, an emergency for Israel's security and for Israeli society, an emergency for Israeli democracy: all that is dear to us." "Forming a government is not only the wish of the people. More than ever, in times like these, it is an economic and security need the likes of which we have not known for many years." "As we read in the Book of Ecclesiastes, 'there is a time to keep and a time to cast away, a time to tear apart and a time to sew together, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.'"

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/269709?fbclid=IwAR2t1Cw0oD68sBxLa2wEKIbfOORyuJkKq8Xmww5SSZUI98tygeb-3To6ef0>

- What is very striking to me is that Rivlin was quoting from a well-known passage in the Book of Ecclesiastes the third chapter.
- The reason this struck me is because the context of the passage he quotes is a powerful contrast between time and eternity.
- Solomon is wisely saying, there's a time and season for every purpose under heaven, which should in turn point us to heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 - He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

- While I realize this may sound a bit morbid, in chapter seven of Ecclesiastes Solomon says the day of death is better than birth.
- He goes on to say that it's better to go to a funeral than a dinner party because it brings us face to face with the reality of death.
- As such, we are more likely to take the brevity of this life and the reality of death to heart because God put eternity in our heart.

It was Martin Luther who said, "Even in the best of health we should have death always before our eyes [so that] we will not expect to remain on this earth forever, but will have one foot in the air, so to speak."

- Actually, this is what the Savior had in mind at the last supper in that the time had come for His death to pay for our eternal life.
- This is why we do these weekly prophecy updates and end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the simple ABC's of Salvation.
- The Gospel, or good news is that Jesus was crucified, buried, rose again on the third day, and is coming back for us one day.

The ABC's of Salvation - The A is for Admit you're a sinner and your need for the Savior, (Romans 3:10, 23 – 6:23).

- The B is for Believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead, (Romans 10:9-10).

- The C is for Call upon the name of the Lord and confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, (Romans 10:9-10, 13).