

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- Well, you'll be happy to know that after two Sunday's over the last three weeks of not having a prophecy update, today we'll resume them.
- However there's something I need to do concerning a previous prophecy update on November 11<sup>th</sup>, such that I need to make right a wrong.
- Let me explain, I was wrong to say at 12:54 into that video, that I hoped none of you attend the annual HIM conference held here on Oahu.

- Pastor Dan Chun, to his credit, reached out to me back in November, and brought to my attention how that I had stated this in my update.
- At first, I wasn't sure I said that by virtue of how at last years HIM conference, I actually skipped out of our Thursday night Bible study to go.
- Actually, I surprised my two sons by taking them to Lecrae's session, which happened to be at the very same time as our Midweek service.

- After sharing this with Pastor Dan, and asking him to forgive me, I went back to that You Tube video and listened to exactly what I had said.
- To my regret, I did indeed say what I wished I hadn't said, and it's for this reason, among others, that I need to make this right, right now.
- What follows is a quote from that November 11<sup>th</sup>, update in which I spoke of Tony Campolo, Bono of U2, and Emergent Church Movement.

"I hope none of you attend this conference because out of the mouth of Tony Campolo, even in the writing of his books, he hails Bono, (who has held an upside down cross), as the one who's going to usher in this new movement."

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - Prophecy Update @ 12:54 minutes

- Let me go on record and say, while I can't recommend one attend Tony Campolo's sessions, I can recommend one attend this conference.
- As for Dan Chun and I, we have both chosen to agree to disagree, agreeably, concerning Tony Campolo, and even Bono of U2 with him.
- In all fairness to Pastor Chun, he did assure me, he's never heard Tony Campolo promote the Emergent Church at the HIM conferences.

- That said, I think I'd be grossly remiss were I not to share with you what the Lord had both showed to me and ministered to me in all of this.
- First, I need to stay on message, in that my focus should be supremely on eschatology as it relates to what's happening in the Middle East.
- I believe God has called me, as an Arab, who was born in the Middle East, to preach and teach a prophetic perspective on the Middle East.

- Secondly, the Lord has shown me, I need to turn on the light more, and curse the darkness less, in that I need to simply preach the Word.
- That's not to say, should a false doctrine threaten the bride of Christ, within the church of Christ, that I'm not going to warn God's people.
- Please know, I in no way am cowering or compromising, rather, I am needing my words to be seasoned with grace in how I say, what I say.

- Thirdly and finally, the Lord has ministered to me concerning my fellow pastors, and their fellowships with them, here in our beloved Hawaii.
- More specifically, while we have differences and distinctives, we make up the body of Christ. Ironically, this is my sermon today in Romans.
- I fear that in some respects, the Calvary Chapel Movement, though innocently, has created a sort of exclusivity related to who we are.

- With that explanation and clarification, let's round a corner, with the remaining time we have for our prophecy update, and do an overview.
- What I mean by that is I think it would be incumbent upon us to identify the prophecies to watch as we begin a New Year, in the year 2013.
- I don't think one has to be a rocket scientist to figure out that any 2013 prophecy watch list would increasingly grow, seemingly by the day.

- With that understanding, I'd like to begin by spring boarding off of the prophecy puzzle that we put together throughout the previous year.
- By way of a summary, it looks like the prophecy concerning Syria in Isaiah 17 could happen at anytime, even in concert 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, you have what is arguably one of the most intense prophecies of them all found in Isaiah 19.
- This particular prophecy describes with incredible detail, how Egypt is given over to a fierce king and cruel rule, subsequent to an uprising.
- I'm of the belief that all of this could very well lead to the confirmation of a 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 Ezekiel 38, also known as the battle of Gog is because of the details concerning Israel thinking she dwells in safety.
- Also, the nations mentioned in preceding prophecies are conspicuously absent from the list of nations in Ezekiel 38, i.e. Syria and Egypt.

- So, what's the take away from all this? Simply put, we would do well to watch the watch list if you will, because our redemption draws nigh.

**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.

- Incidentally, Luke 21:28 presupposes that you have been born again of the Spirit of God, and your redemption sealed by the Spirit of God.
- Luke 21:28 only applies to those trusting the Savior calling upon the name of the Lord confessing with ones mouth, believing in ones heart.
- I'll take it one step further and suggest that Bible prophecy was recorded in the pages of Holy Writ for this very purpose, we would believe.

**John 14:29 NIV** I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.