

Mid-East Prophecy Update - November 25th, 2012

- For today's prophecy update, I'll address the prophetic significance of the ceasefire on Wednesday, between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.
- This wasn't really between Israel and Hamas, it was between Israel and Iran, vis-à-vis Hamas to the South, and Hezbollah to the North.
- We'll need to tackle that topic in a subsequent prophecy update, so suffice it to say for now anyway, there is a ceasefire, for now anyway.

- Be that as it may, there have been some interesting dynamics that have come out of this recent war with Israel, and attack against Israel.
- It's for this reason, among others, that I sense this time around, things are very different, and the likes of which we've never seen before.
- What I mean by that is this may seemingly have been a prelude to a much bigger war, on a much larger scale in the Middle East yet future.

- Consider these headlines, most of which were from Thanksgiving, on Thursday, which was the first official day after the tentative ceasefire.
 - Gaza Violence Raises Specter Of Wider War In Middle East
 - For Israel, Gaza Conflict Is Test for an Iran Confrontation
 - Analysis: With eye on Iran, Gaza conflict reassures Netanyahu
 - After eight days of fighting, ceasefire is put to the test
 - Israel dealt Hamas 'a heavy blow' and is prepared to resume offensive if need be, Netanyahu says
 - Israelis baffled by unilateral Gaza ceasefire
 - HAMAS: THANKS FOR MAKING ISRAEL 'SCREAM WITH PAIN'
 - Egypt Brotherhood leader blasts peace with Israel
 - PM: We're ready to take a harsher stance if truce fails
 - Dershowitz: Why a Cease-Fire Will Not Last
 - Hamas says 'Israel failed in its goals', thanks Iran
 - Member of Iran's Parliament: We Are 'Proud' to Supply Hamas With Rockets to Use Against Israel

- This begs the question of how long last weeks ceasefire will last, and when, not if it falls apart, will the next prophecy fulfilled be Psalm 83.
- The reason I say this is because of what nations are named and listed in this prophecy and what these enemies of Israel are now doing.
- Actually, I see Psalm 83 as a lynchpin of sorts, by virtue of how it connects other prophecies concerning Egypt Jordan Syria Lebanon, et al.

- Perhaps a revisiting of Psalm 83 at some point in the not too distant future is in order, however, for today there's a more pressing matter.
- I must confess that while I wasn't that surprised when word of a ceasefire came, I was a little surprised by how word of a ceasefire came.
- For reasons that would arguably be inexplicable, it came by way of the newly elected Muslim Brotherhood Egyptian president, of all people.

- Then, astonishingly, no less than 24 hours after the ceasefire announcement, Mursi makes a self-proclaimed power grab announcement.
- In effect, he exploits assumed capital wrought from the Gaza ceasefire to wield absolute control over Egypt posturing himself as a Pharaoh.
- What makes this so stunning, is that it can almost give us a time-line in terms of how fast things are moving concerning Egypt in Isaiah 19.

- Please turn to Isaiah 19 at this time and in the interest of time we'll do an overview of Egypt's role in Bible prophecy found in this chapter.
- The reason being is that it's become quite clear that this prophecy is being fulfilled in real-time, especially since the last time we studied it.
- It was just January of last year when Egypt's uprising began, which propelled us to sort of blow the dust of this Old Testament prophecy.

- What I'd like to do is go through six specifics found here in Isaiah 19 concerning Egypt, and in so doing, reveal how that it's happening now.
- Let me hasten to say, that while I am keenly aware I may be wrong, there is an overwhelming preponderance of evidence to the contrary.
- Here's how I get there, everything that's happened and is now happening in Egypt fits perfectly with the first four verses in Isaiah nineteen.

1. Egypt will experience an uprising in the form of a civil war (Isaiah 19:1-2)

- I would suggest that this began to come to pass in January of last year, and because it's not static, it continues to find its fulfillment today.

2. Egypt will be ruled over by a powerful and cruel master (Isaiah 19:3-4)

- I'm of the belief this began to come to pass on last week on the heels of the Gaza ceasefire, which still has experts scratching their heads.
- Notice how that verse four says that God Himself will hand the Egyptians over to the power of a cruel master. Is Mursi this cruel master?
- Also, there does seem to be a distinction drawn between the cruel master, and a fierce king. Could the fierce king be what's next for Egypt?

- That said; I truly believe that everything that happens from verse five on through to the end of the chapter is yet future for the Egyptians.

3. Egypt will become even more oppressed and impoverished (Isaiah 19:5-10)

4. Egypt will be led astray by corruption and deception (Isaiah 19:11-15)

5. Egypt will be in fear of Israel because of the God of Israel (Isaiah 19:16-17)

6. Egypt will be delivered and come to salvation in the God of Israel (Isaiah 19:18-25) (It's thought that this is fulfilled in the Millennium.)

Luke 21:28 NKJV Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

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

- I'll bring today's prophecy update to a close by simply asking a simple question, do you believe that the rapture of the church is at the door?
- If so, are you ready for the Lord's return? If not, could the reason you are not ready for the Lord, be that you are not right with the Lord?
- If that's the reason, then I would like to share with you the gospel of Jesus Christ, and how you can be sure that you are ready for the Lord.