

Bible Prophecy Update – September 15th, 2019

- Before we get to today's update I wanted to mention that I'm not here next week, as I am speaking at Jan Markell's conference.
- I have the privilege of being one of the speakers along with Pastor Robert Jeffress, Jack Hibbs, Amir Tsarfati and Jan Markell.
- The conference will be live streamed this Saturday, September 21st, from 8:45am to 5pm CDT by going to olivetreeviews.org.

- For today's update I want to address a matter the Lord impressed upon my heart as of late concerning this growing uncertainty.
- As I survey the current geopolitical landscape I'm struck by just how unsettled everything is governmentally and economically.
- Specifically as it relates to the United States and Israel, who will go to the polls in less than 48-hours to elect a Prime Minister.

On Thursday, The Jerusalem Post reported that Netanyahu revealed that his own internal polls indicate that he will not win the September 17th election. ...He blamed Attorney-General Avichai Mandelblit for preventing him from annexing the Jordan Valley, which he said he wanted to do before the election. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=601465>

As you might imagine, there was no shortage of condemnation from the international community were Netanyahu re-elected and followed through on his plan to apply sovereignty to the Jordan Valley. According to Arutz Sheva, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres warned that such a move would not only be a serious violation of international law, he was also quoted as saying that it "would be devastating to the potential of reviving negotiations and regional peace, while severely undermining the viability of the two-state solution." ...Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas was furious following Netanyahu's announcement and threatened to end all agreements with Israel should Netanyahu go through with the plan.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/268765?fbclid=IwAR0w0CK5m7e4TUDmk7FKOPUGIjWvZ9f0vyxy4k36pA8-KZAPlljo7heaac>

On Wednesday, The Times of Israel reported that Russia warned that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pledge to extend Israeli sovereignty to the Jordan Valley could escalate tensions... The pushback from Moscow came at a particularly awkward time for the Israeli leader, who is slated to travel Thursday to the Russian resort of Sochi for talks with Putin.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/ahead-of-sochi-trip-russia-scolds-netanyahu-over-jordan-valley-annexation-vow/>

- Here's where I'm going with all this, everything, everywhere, seemingly with every one is in a state of upheaval to say the least.
- While I am keenly aware that saying this may seem somewhat bold said state of upheaval is actually a good thing; a God thing.
- This for a number of reasons not the least of which is that in the final analysis, it doesn't really matter how everything turns out.

- Doubtless you've heard that saying about how we may not know what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future.
- I would suggest that the unsettled uncertainty concerning what the future holds has the intended affect of looking to the Lord.
- I'll take it a step further and also suggest that uncertainty can serve as a much-needed reminder to trust God instead of man.

Psalm 118:8-9 - 8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.

Jeremiah 17:5-9 - 5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. 6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. 7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. 9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

- Before we bring it to an end, I hope you'll kindly indulge me as I ask for forgiveness concerning a comment I made last week.
- I had brashly stated that one of the main reasons Christians aren't excited about the rapture is because they love this world.
- I was greatly convicted and humbled by the many comments from those with adult children and loved ones who aren't saved.

- It's not that I don't long to go home. I'm weary. But my children and grandchildren are not where they should be.
- Maybe we are just so concern about our family (who are not ready) then our heart is earthbound.
- Some of us Believers have adult CHILDREN that are lost! That is why I am asking God to wait, to draw her to Himself. This is my child! I desire to be with my Savior. I also desire the lost to be redeemed.
- The only reason why I would want the Rapture to be delayed is so that unsaved family members would have time to make their hearts right with the Lord.

- In closing, I want to offer a word of encouragement in this regard and say that God wants them right with Him more than we do.
- 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).