## Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 27th, 2015

<ul> <li>Today's prophecy update is the last one of the year, and what a year it has been on the calendar of Bible prophecy, as it were.</li> <li>The prophetic significance of all that happened in the last year is arguably the likes of which we haven't seen in recent memory.</li> <li>So much so students and teachers of Bible prophecy would do well to consider what might be in store in the New Year of 2016.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>If 2016 is going to be anything like 2015 we might want to fasten our seatbelts, because we're in for a very, very, bumpy ride.</li> <li>Moreover, if things continue to increase in their intensity in 2016, which I suspect they will, then my, what a year it's going to be.</li> <li>Kindly allow me to quickly do a prophetic year in review of sorts, so as to provide a New Year preview of what may be coming.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>January began with horrific Islamic terrorists attack in France, when 12 people were butchered at Charlie Hebdo's Paris office.</li> <li>This because the satirical weekly newspaper had apparently insulted the Islamic prophet Mohammed in a humorous cartoon.</li> <li>Sadly, several related attacks followed in the Île-de-France region, where there were five more people killed and 11 wounded.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>That was January, then, in February, we watched the political drama unfold from Netanyahu's invitation to speak to Congress.</li> <li>Not only was Netanyahu snubbed yet again, but there was also a movement afoot to defeat him in Israel's upcoming elections.</li> <li>If this weren't bad enough it was taken to the next level with a threat that the Prime Minister would "pay a price," for accepting.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>February and March brought the ISIS burning alive of a captured Jordanian pilot, as well as the beheading of 21 Christians.</li> <li>I would venture to say that none of us will ever forget the images of those Egyptian Christians on the shores of southern Libya.</li> <li>Nor will we ever forget the anti-Christian narrative that ensued and today continues chiefly from the current U.S. administration.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>March brought us what I believe was the miraculous victory of Benjamin Netanyahu's reelection as the Prime Minister of Israel.</li> <li>Netanyahu's reelection in March would thankfully precede the Nuclear Framework Deal with Iran, which took place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.</li> <li>It didn't come as a surprise when on April 13<sup>th</sup>; Russia lifted its ban on delivery of S-300 surface-to-air missile systems to Iran.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>This brought us to the beginning of May with the eerie similarities between what happened in Ferguson happening in Baltimore.</li> <li>May also started the Supreme Court hearing of the same-sex marriage case, which would ultimately become law in June 2015.</li> <li>May was also the month that 69 people from all over the world made the historic and prophetic trip with a study tour to Israel.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Actually, June was historic and prophetic, when on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage.</li> <li>This was on the heels of something else that was both historic and prophetic, namely, the signing of the Iranian Nuclear Deal.</li> <li>After extending one deadline after another, a deal was finally reached on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, which was and is a game changer.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>That brought us to August, which was a very interesting month for a number of reasons not the least of which was September.</li> <li>More specifically, all of the events converging around an already high watch time, as it's referred to, with the Feasts of Israel.</li> <li>August ended with world's currencies, chief of which was the US Dollar, beginning what many believe will be a global collapse.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Be that as it may, September, by all accounts was an ominous month with everything that happened on the geopolitical stage.</li> <li>I'm keenly aware that those who made September predictions led to disappointment; it was still a significantly prophetic month.</li> <li>While I personally did not get caught up in the September madness, I'm of the belief that there was many things set in motion.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Enter October, and the Islamic Terrorist attack at Umpqua Community College in which a total of 9 Christians were martyred.</li> <li>That was on October 1<sup>st</sup>, which sort of ushered in a very interesting month especially as things started to really heat up in Syria.</li> <li>Not only did it heat up in Syria, unprecedented terrorist attacks, in what some dubbed the Third Intifada, ramped up in Israel.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>November began with Netanyahu exposing the Palestinian Hitler connection with the continued days of rage against Israel.</li> <li>November was also the month that the Islamic movement afoot gained traction to both rename and control the Temple Mount.</li> <li>November also brought us a stunning and devastating defeat of Canada's pro-Israel Prime Minister by a Muslim Prime Minister.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>That brings us to the current month; December, and with it the unthinkable Islamic terrorist attack in San Bernardino California.</li> <li>This after the Islamic State terrorist attacks in France, which took place only two weeks prior, much to the world's astonishment.</li> <li>It's important to note that the Islamic terrorism took place in concert with significant prophetic developments concerning Israel.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Suffice it to say, if this just some of what happened in 2015, I think you would agree that 2016 could be a very interesting year.</li> <li>Please know that while I won't make any predictions for 2016, I would like to share two of my observations concerning 2016.</li> <li>The first observation has to do with Syria related to the prophecy in Isaiah 17, which I believe is on the cusp of being fulfilled.</li> </ul>
I would encourage you to read Joel Rosenberg's blog titled, "Eerie front-page NYT story examines ISIS prophecies about an apocalyptic showdown in Syrian town of Dabiq. (Story looks ripped from THE FIRST HOSTAGE, my forthcoming novel about a showdown over Dabiq.)" Not only does this explain a lot, it also explains why Syria, more specifically, Dabiq is so prophetic.
- The second observation concerning 2016 has to do with an article that an online viewer from Washington State had sent me.
It's a Time Magazine article titled, "The Absence of Global Leadership Will Shape a Tumultuous 2016." "Only a global emergency on a scale greater than anything we've yet seen can accomplish [bringing the world together] – the sort of crisis that forces a new level of global cooperation based on the world's true balance of power When it finally comes, it will be the biggest

story of our time." (Could this be describing the rapture, and the revelation of the antichrist?)