

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- For today's prophecy update, I'll kindly ask that you allow me to address what I believe is fast becoming the most serious prophecies today.
- In order to do that, I'll go back to the beginning of the month, October 1<sup>st</sup>, just twelve days ago to demonstrate just how fast moving it all is.
- Once we do this, I hope to tackle the core issue as it relates to the heart of the matter for both us as Christians and non-Christians as well.

I'll begin with this Haaretz article on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, titled, "Palestinians ask UN: Set 2016 as deadline for ending Israeli occupation." Here are a couple of excerpts, "The Palestinians are asking the UN Security Council to set a deadline of November 2016 for an Israeli withdrawal from all Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, in a new push to achieve independence. ...The draft resolution, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, would affirm the Security Council's determination to contribute to attaining a peaceful solution that ends the occupation "without delay" and fulfill the vision of two states - "an independent, sovereign, democratic, contiguous and viable state of Palestine" living side by side with Israel in peace and security in borders based on those before the 1967 Mideast war. ...Israel's UN Ambassador Ron Prosor said that by pursuing this draft resolution, "once again, the Palestinians are shooting in all directions, missing the real target." "Their habit of bypassing negotiations by taking unilateral action and blaming everyone but themselves will only move the region further away from stability," Prosor said in a statement to AP.

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/1.618701>

By the way, this was on the heels of The Jerusalem Post's publication of the full text of Prime Minister Netanyahu's UN speech two days earlier. In it the Prime Minister said the following, "...anti-Semitism ...is now spreading in polite society, where it masquerades as legitimate criticism of Israel. For centuries the Jewish people have been demonized with blood libels and charges of deicide. Today, the Jewish state is demonized with the apartheid libel and charges of genocide. Genocide? In what moral universe does genocide include warning the enemy's civilian population to get out of harm's way? Or ensuring that they receive tons, tons of humanitarian aid each day, even as thousands of rockets are being fired at us? Or setting up a field hospital to aid for their wounded? Well, I suppose it's the same moral universe where a man who wrote a dissertation of lies about the Holocaust, and who insists on a Palestine free of Jews, ... can stand at this podium and shamelessly accuse Israel of genocide and ethnic cleansing. In the past, outrageous lies against the Jews were the precursors to the wholesale slaughter of our people. But no more. Today we, the Jewish people, have the power to defend ourselves. We will defend ourselves against our enemies on the battlefield. We will expose their lies against us in the court of public opinion. Israel will continue to stand proud and unbowed."

<http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Full-text-of-Prime-Minister-Netanyahus-UN-speech-376626>

This brings us to another Jerusalem Post publication; this one was on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The headline, "Iran's Khamenei vows 'Zionist regime and its supporters will go extinct.'" Here are a couple of quotes, On the eve of the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, the Iranian leader urged the Islamic world to unite in waging war against the "the enemies of Islam, chief among them Israel." Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, vowed on Friday that "the Zionist regime and its supporters will one day go into extinction."

<http://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/Irans-Khamenei-vows-Zionist-regime-and-its-supporters-will-go-extinct-378012>

- Let's turn a corner and look at some serious concerns that dominated the news this last week, one of which is the fast moving Ebola virus.
- While we don't lack experts seeking to avoid a global panic, Ebola doesn't seem to be going anywhere; instead it's spreading everywhere.
- If some of the reports I'm reading on this matter are accurate, the Ebola virus has the propensity to become a full-blown global pandemic.

- If this weren't bad enough, the fast moving Ebola virus is seemingly matched by the fast moving Islamic State, killing everyone in their path.

- Consider these ominous headlines concerning both Ebola and the Islamic State from just the last couple of days:
- 'We're screwed!': Hot mic catches reporters after WH Ebola presser
- Fears of global Ebola outbreak spread across continents
- UN Report on ISIS: 24,000 Killed, Injured by Islamic State; Children Used as Soldiers, Women Sold as Sex Slaves
- Islamic State group flier claims responsibility for Gaza attack

- Add to this the unprecedented weather and the continued increase of major earthquakes, and you'll see form the perfect prophetic storm.
- If this weren't bad enough, Tuesday brought same sex marriage to Nevada, and Thursday brought a gender inclusive school to Nebraska.
- Time doesn't permit me to discuss the fears over the economy, namely the stock market and those who suggest a crash is now imminent.

- Enter, the core issue as it relates to the heart of the matter for both us as Christians and non-Christians that I mentioned at the beginning.
- In a word, it's "fear," and that may not be a bad thing in the sense that fear can become a catalyst of sorts in bringing the lost to salvation.
- Perhaps better said, all the perilous bad news propels people in their fear, to the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ as their only hope.

- In the end, the only hope Israel has will be salvation in their true Messiah, Jesus Christ. Moreover, that's the only hope for the Middle East.
- Though Abbas seeks a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state, and Khamenei seeks the annihilation of Israel, Jesus is the only hope.
- Ebola spreads and the Islamic State beheads as the death toll goes up and the economy crashes down, but Jesus Christ is the only hope.

- If you really think about it, we're all just one earthquake away in a world where it's okay to be gay but Jesus Christ's return is the only hope.
- Please know I'm not trying to be clever in my quips rather I want to focus on the only hope for a world that's on the cusp of God's judgment.
- If you've never come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, I would humbly submit that you should be very afraid of what's coming soon.

- I'll bring today's prophecy update in for a landing with a take away of sorts, as it relates to the hope that we have in Jesus Christ's return.
- Simply put, it should have such an impact on us, that it would create a great hope within us, and in so doing have a purifying affect on us.
- I'll close with a passage of scripture in first John chapter three, and verses two and three which sum it up ever so beautifully and powerfully.

**1 John 3:2-3 NIV** Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **(3)** Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.