

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- For today's prophecy update, I'll do a recap of what took place last week then provide an analysis of the prophetic implications.
- In so doing, I hope to provide a clear Biblical understanding in what is arguably a very confusing geopolitical landscape globally.
- Sadly, most of the news media reports are laced with demonic dishonesty, which is why Christians must know the Word of God.

- If there was ever a time for Christians to know and understand what the Bible says will happen in the last days, the time is now!
- This because, absent knowing Bible prophecy, Christians will be deceived by all the lies from the father of lies the devil himself.
- As such, they will fall all because they lacked wisdom, understanding and knowledge, which is what builds, establishes and fills.

Proverbs 24:3-5 (NKJV) — 3 Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. 5 A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of knowledge increases strength;

- At our midweek Bible study last Thursday, we were in 1 Kings 7-8, which at first read can seem to be very long and very boring.
- However, in the midst of all the boring details about the construction of Solomon's temple, we uncovered a valuable treasure.
- We were introduced to a man filled with wisdom and understanding, who built two bronze pillars, with two interesting names.

1 Kings 7:13-14,21 Now King Solomon sent and brought Hiram from Tyre. He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to King Solomon and did all his work. ...21 Then he set up the pillars by the vestibule of the temple; he set up the pillar on the right and called its name Jachin, and he set up the pillar on the left and called its name Boaz.

- It's the names of these two pillars that I would like to draw your attention to because this is what the Israelites would see daily.
- Every time the Israelites would enter the temple they would see Jachin meaning "He shall establish" and Boaz "In it is strength."
- Here's the take away; we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is built up, established, and strengthened by the Word of God.

- I would venture to say that as Christians, this is our only hope of standing strong and not faltering or falling in the days ahead.
- I'll take it a step further and suggest Biblical wisdom; understanding and knowledge will provide us peace in the midst of turmoil.
- Knowing what God's Word says about what's happening in the world today will steady us and ready us until He comes for us.

- With that introduction of sorts, I'll begin the aforementioned recap of what happened last week starting with several headlines.

- Khamenei: Iran will support anyone who strikes at Israel - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-will-support-anyone-who-hits-zionist-regime-khamenei/>

- Khamenei bans Iran from negotiations with US - <http://www.jpost.com/landedpages/printarticle.aspx?id=421151>

- EXCLUSIVE: U.S. officials conclude Iran deal violates federal law

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/10/08/exclusive-us-officials-conclude-iran-deal-violates-federal-law/>

- Hamas leader declares 'intifada' in the West Bank - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/hamas-declares-intifada-in-the-west-bank/>

- Netanyahu: 'We're in the midst of a wave of terror' - <http://www.jpost.com/landedpages/printarticle.aspx?id=421183>

- Why is the world ignoring a wave of terror in Israel?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/israel/11921994/Why-is-the-world-ignoring-a-wave-of-terror-in-Israel.html>

- UN chief condemns recent killings of Palestinians, without mention of Israeli terror victims

<http://www.jpost.com/landedpages/printarticle.aspx?id=421104>

- Jordan slams Israel for Palestinian deaths, urges world intervention

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/jordan-slams-palestinian-deaths-urges-international-intervention/>

- Israel raps BBC for 'unethical' terror attack headline - <http://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-raps-bbc-for-unethical-terror-attack-headline/>

- Analysis: Israel is one major terror attack away from Operation Defensive Shield 2 - <http://www.jpost.com/landedpages/printarticle.aspx?id=421322>

- Potentially game-changing oil reserves discovered in Israel (The problem is, it's in the Golan Heights, which Syria lays claim to)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/10/08/potentially-game-changing-oil-reserves-discovered-in-israel/>

- Islamic State advances near Syria's Aleppo despite Russian strikes

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2015/10/09/islamic-state-syria-aleppo-advance-russia-airstrikes/73671254/>

- Hassidic Rabbi: War of Gog and Magog Already Began in Syria

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/50649/hassidic-rabbi-reveals-god-sweetened-judgement-on-israel-by-moving-war-gog-magog-syria-jewish-world/#0KDDRMfk2YdR2B30.99>

- I saved this headline for last for what I think would be deemed obvious reasons because this is the question that's now asked.
- Namely, are we witnessing the fulfillment of the Ezekiel 38-39 prophecy vis-à-vis Russia and Iran in Syria with the oil in Israel?
- I suppose another question should be are we also witnessing the fulfillment of Isaiah 17, Psalm 83, and with it Zechariah 12?

- While I realize and appreciate those who are reluctantly cautious to say that it is, I'm personally finding it difficult to say it's not.
- By that I mean, all we see taking place in the Middle East today, virtually fits perfectly, forming the perfect storm prophetically.
- It's for this reason that I stressed the paramount importance of knowing and understanding God's Word, so we are not shaken.

Psalm 62:6 Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

- I'll bring today's update to a close by simply saying that we would all do well to know both what we believe and why we believe.
- More specifically, we need to not only believe that the rapture is prior to the 7-year tribulation, we also need to know why it is.
- If we're uncertain, then like Paul said in 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:2, we too could become easily unsettled or alarmed by everything.