

Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 28th, 2014

- For today's prophecy update, I think I would be grossly remiss were I not to address three very significant events from just this last week.
- What I'm speaking of is the US launched air strikes Tuesday, the UN General Assembly Wednesday, and the Oklahoma beheading Friday.
- I submit that these three events over the span of just four days, point to the beginning fulfillment of prophecy written over 2,500 years ago.

- Namely, Isaiah 17 concerning Syria, Psalm 83, and Zechariah 12 concerning Israel and more importantly Jerusalem, as well as Ezekiel 38.
- While all of the aforementioned prophecies are in the Old Testament there's one prophecy in the New Testament that may tie it all together.
- It's found in the Apostle Paul's First Epistle to the Thessalonians where he describes in detail what people will be saying before the rapture.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 ESV While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

- Perhaps you'll indulge me as I argue why I believe last week's air strikes, UN General Assembly, and brutal beheading are so significant.
- I'll begin with the demonic beheading on American soil by a Muslim who had been unsuccessfully forcing his coworkers to convert to Islam.
- I'm of the belief that Muslims here in the United States and abroad have been emboldened vis-à-vis the propaganda concerning true Islam.

- Sadly, it's under this very umbrella of Islamic extremists who have hijacked a peace loving religion, this will be dubbed workplace violence.
- This brings us to the air strikes in Syria and the potential to bring about the fulfillment of Isaiah 17, concerning the destruction of Damascus.
- This because Bashar Al Assad may be eliminated like the others before him, which in turn may bring Iran, Russia, and Turkey into the fray.

In order to better understand how possible this is, and how quickly this may happen, we need look no further than to last Sunday, September 21st, when The Jerusalem Post published an article titled, "The Syrian war is not our conflict, but we are preparing for day this changes." In it they quote a Senior IDF source as saying, "if necessary, 'air force and artillery can be mobilized in minutes,' adds Islamic State is dozens of kilometers away, but this 'could change tomorrow.'"

<http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/The-Syrian-war-is-not-our-conflict-but-we-are-preparing-for-day-this-changes-375963>

- Be that as it may, this is where the US President's speech at the UN General Assembly on Wednesday, September 24th comes in to play.
- In the interest of time, I'll offer an abbreviated commentary on what I believe was one of the most disturbing speeches in recent memory.
- Bear with me as I sort through this speech, and as I do, I am hoping to point out those parts that have the greatest prophetic significance.

I'll begin by quoting from the speech, "we have reaffirmed that the United States is not and never will be at war with Islam. Islam teaches peace. Muslims the world over aspire to live with dignity and a sense of justice. And when it comes to America and Islam, there is no 'us and them' – there is only us, because millions of Muslim Americans are part of the fabric of our country." --- The problem with this is that it's diametrically opposed to both what Islam teaches, and what Islam declares, which is not only that they are at war with us, but they have waged a holy war (Jihad) with us called.

Quoting the President in which he quotes a controversial Muslim cleric, "Look at the new Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies – Sheikh bin Bayyah described its purpose: "We must declare war on war, so the outcome will be peace upon peace." -- The problem here is that this very Sheikh bin Bayyah backed a fatwa [meaning death sentence] when he called for the deaths of American soldiers in 2004.

Here's the last quote, "...the violence engulfing the region today has made too many Israelis ready to abandon the hard work of peace. But let's be clear: the status quo in the West Bank and Gaza is not sustainable. We cannot afford to turn away from this effort – not when rockets are fired at innocent Israelis, or the lives of so many Palestinian children are taken from us in Gaza. So long as I am President, we will stand up for the principle that Israelis, Palestinians, the region, and the world will be more just with two states living side by side, in peace and security." -- The problem with this is not so easily seen at first read, however, I would submit that this wording is a very crafty and subtle way of summarily blaming Israel for the the conflicts in the Middle East.

- Dare I say, that this speech could be seen as amongst the most brilliant speeches ever given for venerating Islam, while denigrating Israel.
- Moreover, it promotes this moral equivalence between Muslims and Jews, while at the same time, shaming a racist and unexceptional U.S.
- In so doing, it pushes the fast forward button of Bible prophecy in their satanic quest for two states living side by side in peace and security.

It should probably come as no surprise that on the very same day of the UN General Assembly, the President, who chaired the UN Security Council summit on foreign terrorist fighters in order to adopt what they've stated is an historic resolution, would say the following, and I quote, "In the nearly 70 years of the United Nations, this is only the sixth time that the Security Council has met at a level like this. We convene such sessions to address the most urgent threats to peace and security. ... We must redouble our work to address the conditions - the repression, the lack of opportunity, too often the hopelessness that can make some individuals more susceptible to appeals to extremism and violence. And this includes continuing to pursue a political solution in Syria that allows all Syrians to live in security, dignity, and peace." --- First, let me say, it's not the conditions, repression, lack of opportunity or hopelessness that's the cause; it's the religion of Islam and the commands in the Qur'an and other Islamic writings such as the Hadith, that's the cause. Secondly, it's not about pursuing a political solution in Syria that allows all Syrians to live in peace and security, it's about Syria being the catalyst for Jihad's "Only Solution," vis-à-vis an Islamic Caliphate erasing Israel off the map, which is actually Hitler's "Final Solution," reinvented and repackaged.

- At the risk of an oversimplification, it's this satanic strategy of Israel's destruction that's at the core of all that's happening in the world today.
- Here's how I get there, if Satan could have somehow destroyed God's people in the beginning he would have thwarted Christ's 1st coming.
- Because he failed, he's now shifted his strategy to destroying God's people before the end so as to thwart Jesus Christ's second coming.

- Thankfully the Word of God makes it very clear in no uncertain terms that He has an everlasting covenant with Israel as His chosen people.
- In other words, God is not through with the Jew, and that fact has profound ramifications for you and me too, this under the New Covenant.
- This is why we partake together of the communion table, which is a celebration and commemoration of the New Covenant cup in His blood.