

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- After today's prophecy update, I'll be providing some information about our upcoming Israel trip, mainly for the benefit of our online church.
- Now, for today's update, I'll kindly ask that you bear with me as I plow through everything that has happened in the span of just one week.
- I want for us to get to what I believe is the core issue that seems to have been buried under a plethora of significant prophetic happenings.

- Because everyone was glued to the TV for the mid-term election results on Tuesday, this breaking news was under reported on Thursday.
- What I'm speaking of is the shocking and stunning revelation that the US President has sent no less than four letters to Iran's Khamenei.
- I don't know if it's possible to overstate the seriousness of this, especially on the heels of a Senior White House Official cursing Netanyahu.

Allow me to quote The Times of Israel on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, which is when they published their report, with the headline, "Obama sent secret letter to Iran supreme leader to join up against IS" -- US President Barack Obama reportedly sent a secret letter to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei last month offering to work together against the Islamic State terror group in exchange for a deal on Tehran's nuclear program. The letter, reported on Thursday by the Wall Street Journal, was sent without informing Israel or other Middle Eastern allies, according to unnamed sources familiar with the correspondence cited by the paper. ...Refusing to deny or confirm the report, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said: "I'm not in a position to discuss private correspondence between the president and any world leader." ...There was no immediate reaction from Jerusalem. In September, Khamenei claimed he had rejected a private approach from the United States suggesting cooperation on the battlefield. US officials have not confirmed or denied making a request in private, but US Secretary of State John Kerry said at the time that there was a role for Iran in the battle against the Islamic State. The talks are set to expire on November 24. Israel has raised fears that a possible deal could leave Iran with the ability to create a nuclear weapon. ...The letter to Khamenei was the fourth from Obama since he took office in 2009, according to the Wall Street Journal. ... Khamenei, a religious leader who has control over all Iran's functions, has been openly critical of the US and Israel, calling for their destruction on several occasions. "They stop at nothing. This is the reality of the Zionist regime. The only solution is to destroy this regime," Khamenei said at a rally in July.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/obama-sent-secret-letter-to-iran-supreme-leader-to-join-up-against-is/>

Just yesterday, on Saturday morning, I happened to catch a Fox News interview with Dan Gillerman who is the former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, and I was so taken by what he said that I had to watch it several more times online. Listen to his response concerning this letter: "Israel is very upset and very surprised because that letter is really a letter of appeasement. It's sleeping with the enemy the morning after sending him a love letter, and, as we know it's not the first time. It's probably the fourth communication between the president and the Iranian leadership. It totally disregards the fact that the recipient of that letter is a terror state which perpetrates, harbors, finances terror all over the world... To do this is a sign of weakness. The message it sends out to its allies, to America's allies, especially to Israel is a message of weakness, of a weak America. And, the worse thing is the message it sends out to the Iranians is how eager the United States is to do that deal. How eager the United States is to this evil, fundamentalist, cruel, extreme, cynical regime in Tehran... And what it says to America's allies is they cannot rely on the United States and what it says to America's enemies is that they can get away with murder... This is very dangerous... I think it's a sign of desperation..."

It's what the former Ambassador said next that really got my attention, Gillerman then added, "Everybody was talking ...many years ago about Neville Chamberlain, who was Prime Minister of England standing with an umbrella saying I have a piece of paper here, attesting to his agreement with Hitler, and we know what happened the day after. This is a paper umbrella from a paper tiger with a message of weakness to the rest of the world..."

- Might I add that this message of weakness to the world is also a message to Iran, "if you like your nukes you can keep your nukes, period!"
- The message to sends to Israel is, you're on your own and you stand alone against a nuclear hungry Iran and an oil hungry Russia as well.
- Actually, I'm of the belief that this will serve as the catalyst for Israel to turn to their God, and as such their true Messiah, for their salvation.

- I suppose you could say that the dots of Ezekiel 38's prophecy are being connected now more than ever, by virtue of these letters to Iran.
- Time doesn't permit me to get into the reasons I believe we're witnessing first hand that which would've been inconceivable 10-years ago.
- Namely, that of an Ezekiel 38 scenario where a Russian and Iranian led nuclear attack on Israel becomes plausible vis-à-vis a weak U.S.

- I'll take it a step further and suggest that whether it's a weak U.S., or perhaps more likely, an absent U.S., Ezekiel 38 is about to be fulfilled.
- However, because of specific details in Ezekiel's prophecy, chief of which is Israel dwelling in peace and security, Daniel 9:27 may be first.
- And, if Daniel 9:27 needs to be fulfilled first, which would explain why Israel would dismantle her walls, then Psalm 83 needs to be in play.

- Here's why, countries like Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Iraq, all of which are mentioned in Psalm 83 are conspicuously absent from Ezekiel 38.
- And, if Daniel 9:27 is the start of the 7-year tribulation, then the timing of Ezekiel 38 subsequent to Psalm 83 must be early in the tribulation.
- If all these aforementioned prophecies need to be fulfilled in this order, and the rapture is prior to the 7-year Tribulation, we must be close.

- So much so, that if you are in any way unsure about where you stand with Jesus Christ, I would implore you to settle it now. Don't put it off!
- If you've never called upon the name of the Lord, believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth, then you need to do that today!
- If you've been distant from the Lord or worse yet running from the Lord then you need to come back to the Lord. He's waiting for you today.