

Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 25th, 2016

- Before we get to today's prophecy update, I'm going to do a very brief building update with the hopes that it will be our last one.
 - This because, if we get our permit, we are only about \$250,000, and one week away, from our first service in our new building.
 - As I mentioned in our last building update, which was about two months ago now we were only 60-days away from October 2nd.
 - While next Sunday is still possible, Lord willing, we are trusting God, by faith, to provide the needed monies to finish the project.
 - As many of you know, we have, by the grace of God and the giving of God's people paid cash for the renovation of the building.
 - For those of you who have given financially, and continue to give, we cannot begin to thank you enough for your generosity.
 - I'm hoping you'll kindly indulge me for just a bit as I show you some of the photos so you can see how close we are to finishing.
 - I do so with the hopes that those whom God has given the gift of giving, would pray about helping us get across the finish line.
 - For those of you who may be offended by this, I would simply suggest that you fast-forward the video to the prophecy update.
 - Lastly, if the Lord is leading you to give, there are two ways to do so, the first of which is online at calvarychapelkaneohe.com.
 - If you prefer not to use your credit card via PayPal, you can mail a check made out to Calvary Chapel Kaneohe at this address:
- 39 Maluniu Avenue, STE #201, Kailua, Hawaii 96734. Please pray both for us and with us, as we believe God for this miracle.
 - For today's prophecy update I'd like to share the three main reasons I believe Isaiah 17 and Ezekiel 38 are about to be fulfilled.
 - For those who are unfamiliar with these prophecies, or why they're important in their significance, I'll provide a quick overview.
 - First, Isaiah 17 is a prophecy about Damascus Syria becoming a ruinous heap of rubble, so much so, that it's uninhabitable.
 - Second, Ezekiel 38 is a prophecy about an alliance of nations with both Russia and Iran at the helm of an attack against Israel.
 - The purpose of this attack is to take a spoil, which many believe will be the natural gas and oil both of which Israel discovered.
 - The significance of both prophecies is that Syria is believed to be the catalyst for this imminent attack described in Ezekiel 38.
 - What's so interesting about the Ezekiel 38 prophecy are those nations conspicuously absent from the alliance of nations listed.
 - Namely, Iraq and Syria, both of who today are under the control of the Islamic State, and who also control chemical weapons.
 - Also, Jordan and Egypt are not mentioned in Ezekiel 38, and many believe it's due to their peace agreement with Israel today.
 - Even more interesting is the reference to Saudi Arabia in Ezekiel 38:13, who only questions and protests the attack on Israel.
 - The significance of this is it would indicate that there's a rift of sorts between Saudi Arabia and Iran, not to mention the others.
 - Also in verse 13 is a vague reference to Tarshish, and the young lions thereof, who some believe may be both the US and UK.
 - Be that as it may, let me simply say, that every nation to a nation is seemingly aligned exactly as we were told they would be.
 - I would argue that in the last 10-years, and I'll add in the next 10-years, these nations were not and are likely not to be aligned.
 - By that I mean these prophecies have a shelf life, as it were, such that, there is an "expiration date" in terms of their fulfillment.
 - What follows are reasons I believe the expiration date is sooner than any of us think, especially with last week's developments.
 - As such let's begin with the first reason. It's the unprecedented and stunning rhetoric from last week's UN General Assembly.
 - It was Unprecedented in the sense that it was the first UN General Assembly since the implementation of the Iran Nuclear Deal.
- It all started when Iran's president Hassan Rohani who, among other things, basically accused both Israel and the United States of violating the nuclear deal.
- On Thursday, The Times of Israel published a report about how Rouhani blamed the 'Zionists' for US 'violations' of the nuclear deal. Quoting the Times, Rouhani ...accused Israel of afflicting the Palestinians with a "web of apartheid policies and atrocities" and accused "Zionist pressure groups" of manipulating the American government into violating the nuclear deal with Tehran. ...He accused the US and ...of creating the "borderless violent extremism and terrorism" afflicting the Middle East. He assigned particular blame to the Saudi government and United States. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/rouhani-blames-zionists-for-us-violations-of-nuclear-deal/#>
- One would think that there would be an outcry at least on the part of the United States for being on the receiving end of this accusation. Sadly, Obama's UN address seemed to further accuse Israel when he stated and I quote, "...Israel recognizes that it cannot permanently occupy and settle Palestinian land."
- To add insult to injury, Jordan's King Abdulla's chimed in with a solemn warning and threat to Israel saying, "No injustice has spread more bitter fruit than the denial of a Palestinian state. I say: Peace is a conscious decision," ..."Israel has to embrace peace or eventually be engulfed in a sea of hatred in a region of turmoil."
- Then there's the Abbas address in which he called for a return to the borders originally proposed in the UN's 1947 Partition Plan. According to YNet News, the Palestinian leader also called on the UK to apologize for issuing the Balfour Declaration in 1917, which expressed Britain's support for the establishment of a Jewish homeland in the land of Israel. ...Abbas added that it led to "the perpetration of the most heinous crimes against a peaceful people in their own land that never attacked anyone or partook in a war against anyone." At the outset of his speech, the Palestinian leader accused Israel of putting stumbling blocks to peace, while maintaining a clear conscious himself. ...Abbas said, "I call on you to declare 2017 as the international year to end the Israeli occupation of our land and our people. In June 2017, half a century of this abhorrent Israeli occupation will have passed... this is the longest and last occupation in contemporary history."
<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4858425,00.html>

I suppose it should come as no surprise that Benjamin Netanyahu in his UN address would say, "Ladies and Gentlemen, The UN, begun as a moral force, has become a moral farce."

Actually, I would say a farce is an understatement for a number of reasons not the least of which is the Syrian Foreign Minister's UN address, in which he stated that Israel's terrorism is threatening the entire region. Yesterday, The Times of Israel quoted Walid Muallem as saying that the Syrian state was dealing not only with "mercenary terrorists on its territory" in its five-year civil war, but also "has long confronted a different kind of terrorism; the terrorism of Israel that has occupied a precious part of our land in the Syrian Golan since 4 June 1967." ...Muallem also claimed the US-led coalition airstrike on Syrian soldiers a week ago was intentional, rejecting US claims that it was a mistake. "The Syrian government holds the United States fully responsible for this aggression, because facts show that it was an intentional attack, and not an error, even if the United States claims otherwise," Muallem said. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/syria-says-israeli-terrorism-threatens-entire-region/>

The second reason I believe these two prophecies are about to be fulfilled is because of the emboldened enemies of Israel and the US, which I see as a game changer evidenced by Islamic State's use of chemical weapons on the United States. ISIS is believed to have attacked a US base in Iraq with a chemical agent. According to Fox News, The U.S base outside Qayyarah, 25 miles south of Mosul, was struck by a rocket and traces of a "mustard agent" were believed to be present...

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/09/21/isis-may-have-attacked-us-base-in-iraq-with-chemical-agent.html>

Add to this an increasingly emboldened Iran who according to the Jerusalem Post has threatened to turn Tel Aviv and Haifa to dust' if Israel missteps. Quoting the Post, "If the leaders of the Zionist regime make a mistake then the Islamic Republic will turn Tel Aviv and Haifa to dust," reads banner on military truck in missile parade. In an attempt to tout its military prowess on Wednesday, Iran threatened to "turn Tel Aviv and Haifa to dust" during a parade of the Islamic Republic's armed forces in Tehran. Iran marked the anniversary of its 1980 invasion by Iraq by parading its latest ships and missiles and telling the United States not to meddle in the Gulf. At a parade in Tehran, shown on state TV, the military displayed a wide array of long-range missiles, tanks, and the Russian-supplied S-300 surface-to-air missile defense system. <http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=468303>

The third reason I believe Isaiah 17 and Ezekiel 38 are about to be fulfilled is because the United States of America seems to quickly be fading into the backdrop of obscurity. It could be argued that America today is as toothless, as it is spineless, in its influence on the world stage. Instead of leading through strength, Obama has apologized for America's strength, which is why we shouldn't be surprised by Obama's final speech to the United Nations General Assembly, where according to one website, he found 11 separate opportunities to talk down his own country. The most stunning of them was his suggestion that the only way the world will become more secure is for powerful nations like America to "accept constraints." He also called for greater respect and tolerance, likening racial discrimination in the U.S. to ethnic discrimination in Burundi and religious discrimination in Burma.

By racial discrimination, I believe the president is referring to Muslims in America, which would explain, according to this Fox News Op Ed piece, why the mainstream media is desperate to hide the Muslim faith of the attackers on Americans. Here's some of what this interesting article had to say, "When you have a "48-hour reign of terror" journalists usually tell you about the suspect – except when he's Muslim. Reporters have been going out of their way since Monday to hide that New York bombing suspect Ahmad Khan Rahami is Muslim. Monday, all three broadcast networks buried that fact deep in their series of stories about the attacks. All three used the same backhanded way of mentioning the Islamic connection by discussing his family's lawsuit over alleged discrimination. Then there was the Minnesota stabbing spree over the weekend, committed by Muslim Dahir Ahmed Adan, who was killed after stabbing 10 people in a mall. Both attacks were reportedly committed by Muslims not born in the United States. But viewers were left to read between the lines of the reports to figure all that out. Broadcast news is too politically correct for honesty. Monday night, all three broadcast networks hid the Muslim connection until their second story on the attacks. NBC was typical. It went through one entire report on the arrest before it even mentioned Rahami's faith. NBC anchor Lester Holt set the stage just as the other networks did, calling Rahami, "a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan." They said nothing about his faith. <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/09/20/mainstream-media-desperate-to-hide-muslim-faith-attackers.print.html>

I want to share with you one more interesting article I happened upon last week. It's from Breaking Israel News, and it's about a Palestinian cleric's address at Jerusalem's al Aqsa mosque last week, in which he assured his audience that Allah has promised us the White House and the Kremlin. Quoting the article, Referring to the long-standing Islamic dream of conquering the entire globe, Abdallah Ayed reminded worshippers, "Allah promised the Prophet Mohammed that Islam would rule the entire land." Ayed prayed for more international terror against Americans. "Oh Allah, blow up their capital cities and their planes," he begged. "Pulverize their ships, and kill their soldiers." The preacher continued, "Oh Allah, we ask you to subjugate them and burn them... Burn all that they have with your fire." <http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/75924/shall-shout-allahu-akbar-atop-white-house/#gllMUJF2QvH4HBC5.99>

- Here's the good news in closing, only the true and living God can make promises like no weapon forged against us will prevail.
- However this promise is only for those who've called upon the name of the Lord Jesus, and are born again of the Spirit of God.
- Lastly, let me simply say that if you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior now is the time to call upon him, today!

Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."