

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- For today's prophecy update I'll do something I haven't done in a long time and address something that hasn't happened yet.
- By that I mean, as of late, I've zeroed in on the prophetic significance of developments on a weekly basis after they took place.
- However, I made the decision to address this particular development after a number of people had brought it to my attention.

What I'm speaking of is an Interfaith Worship Center that's set to open up this month in Jerusalem. According to this Breaking Israel News report, from back on July 1<sup>st</sup>, Muslim, Christian, and Jewish leaders are planning to open an interfaith place of worship in Jerusalem for one week in September... From Sept. 5-11, a Jerusalem structure currently known as the Alpert Youth Music Center will become "AMEN," a place of worship for the three Abrahamic faiths sharing "a passion for Jerusalem in which they will co-exist temporarily under the wings of the Almighty." The worship center is being created as part of the annual Mekudeshet ("Blessed") festival, which is part of Jerusalem's Season of Culture initiative. ...Sheikh Ihab Balha of the Islamic College in Baqa al-Gharbiyye, who represents the Sufi Muslim community in Jaffa, said that "our reality is that in the State of Israel and with the Palestinians we live in a reality of war and with media that harm people left and right and maximize cleavages and estrangement, and we have leaders that maintain this attitude—it's clear as light. So we intend creating something religious and true against the lie that everything is a lie and only war exists." "We people of faith believe that the distance of politicians and leaders from the world of religious life and we have come to see that it is specifically religion that can bring peace, not contentious negotiations," he added.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/70931/muslim-christian-jewish-leaders-plan-interfaith-worship-center-jerusalem/#GwccQpk7UmjXpwVv.99>

- If you're anything like me, and I suspect you are, this place of worship in Jerusalem begs the question of, where is it heading?
- While speculation abounds on the part of those who are talking about this, there is one thing that's becoming abundantly clear.
- Namely, that of Bible prophecy, beginning to come to pass concerning the one world religion under the banner of the "NWO."

In Revelation 13:12, we're told that the false prophet will cause the whole world to worship the first beast, speaking of the antichrist. "And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

Ultimately, the antichrist will destroy this false religious system, referred to in Revelation 17:5 as "Mystery Babylon," the "Mother of Harlots" and the "Abominations of the Earth." The thought is, the Antichrist will want to receive the worship of the entire world all himself, which is believed to be the time that he establishes himself as God.

It's for this reason that many suggest the Pope is the False Prophet described in Revelation. Back on August 1<sup>st</sup>, Charisma News published an article titled, "12 Times Pope Francis Has Openly Promoted a One World Religion or a New World Order" -- On Sunday, Pope Francis told hundreds of thousands of young people gathered for World Youth Day in Poland that they need to "believe in a new humanity" and that they should refuse "to see borders as barriers." Every two or three years, Catholics from all over the planet converge for one of these giant conferences, and ...the Pope has not been shy about using historic occasions to promote his agenda. Unfortunately, it has become exceedingly clear that his agenda includes moving humanity toward a one-world religion and a new world order. The article goes on to specifically document all the times Pope Francis has openly promoted a One World Religion or a New World Order. From his embracing of Islam to his declaring that Christian fundamentalism, is a "sickness," and everything in between, this Pope has made it clear in no uncertain terms that all of the major world religions are "seeking God or meeting God in different ways" and that ultimately "we are all children of God." It was a year ago this month back in September of 2015, that Pope Francis made the historic trip to the US, where in New York City he delivered a speech that kicked off a conference during which the United Nations unveiled a "new universal agenda" for humanity. It should be noted that the word "Catholic" is derived via Late Latin catholicus, from the Greek adjective (katholikos), meaning "universal" and comes from the Greek phrase (katholou), meaning "on the whole", or "according to the whole." Quoting Charisma again, "An increasing number of 'fundamentalist' Christians are concerned that Pope Francis is setting the stage for a one world religion and a new world order."

<http://www.charismanews.com/opinion/58963-12-times-pope-francis-has-openly-promoted-a-one-world-religion-or-a-new-world-order>

It's believed that this recent development concerning the Pope's push for one world religion vis-à-vis the aforementioned interfaith worship center, is not really that new, such that, it actually dates back to May 31<sup>st</sup>, of 1992, which is over 24-years ago now. Back on May 27<sup>th</sup>, of 2014, Breaking Israel News published an article about a document called, "The Jerusalem Covenant. Kindly allow me to share some of what the article had to say. "...during a rather busy visit by Pope Francis to Jerusalem, a group of Jews and Christians from around the world gathered together to honor the city of Jerusalem and express their unending connection with the holy city. ...thousands of signatures were gathered in support of Jerusalem in a document called "The Jerusalem Covenant." The Jerusalem Covenant is a promise of faith made by the state of Israel to the city of Jerusalem, originally created on May 31, 1992 ...

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/15705/23554-people-world-sign-jerusalem-covenant/#EHRkYRAYzOh1e1kw.99>

- You'll forgive the abrupt close, but before we partake together of the Lord's Table I'd like to end with a word of encouragement.
- Specifically, those of us who are born again of the Spirit of God can be encouraged because our redemption is drawing nigh.
- More specifically, those who haven't can call upon the name of the Lord and be saved, in this the last hour of human history.