

Mid-East Prophecy Update – October 19th, 2014

- For today's prophecy update, I want to bring to the forefront that which has in large measure been eclipsed by what I'll call the Ebola scare.
- Please know that I in no way wish to understate the potential for Ebola to become a global pandemic as some fear, as it is very plausible.
- Personally, I'm somewhat conflicted as it relates to Ebola and this for a number of reasons, chief of which is what the experts are all saying.

- More specifically, some are saying it is an outbreak, others are saying we're creating an unnecessary panic, and yet others say it's the end.
- Perhaps the jury is still out, but in the mean time, the Ebola news has kicked out important news that has more far reaching ramifications.
- To me, the greater fear, even potentially greater than the fear surrounding Ebola, is what's now happening both to Israel and against Israel.

- What I'm speaking of is the global push for a Palestinian State under the banner of ending so-called Israeli occupation of Palestinian land.
- For those of us Christians who know our Bible's, the very mention of Israel occupying Palestinian land is as laughable as it is preposterous.
- However, the world is being systematically deceived and as such has believed that the land does not belong to God's chosen people Israel.

Consider this Jerusalem Post article from last Tuesday, October 14th, with the headline, "Netanyahu to Ban: Gaza is not 'occupied'". Here are a couple of quotes from this most telling report, "Gaza is not occupied Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday, rebutting accusations from visiting UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that Israel was to blame for this summer's conflict with Hamas in Gaza. ...The Palestinians have asked the United Nations to take charge of ensuring that Israel withdraws to the pre-1967 lines rather than proceed with US-brokered negotiations to set a permanent border between them and Israel. Netanyahu warned Ban against supporting Palestinian unilateral moves for statehood recognition at the UN. <http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Netanyahu-to-Ban-Gaza-is-not-occupied-378807>

It should probably come as no surprise that a day earlier, last Monday, October 13th, another Jerusalem Post article would be published with the headline reading, "PA: We have 7 of 9 Security Council votes needed to force ballot on resolution to end 'occupation'". Here's a bit of what it had to say, "the Palestinian Authority has mustered the support of seven of nine UN Security Council members needed to bring to a vote its resolution that would force an Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines by November 2016. ...The resolution calls for "the full withdrawal of Israel ... from all of the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, as rapidly as possible and to be fully completed within a specified timeframe, not to exceed November 2016." ...The PA has said that should the resolution fail to pass in the Security Council, they would seek to join the International Criminal Court at the Hague and pursue war crimes charges against Israel. <http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/PA-We-have-7-of-9-Security-Council-votes-needed-to-force-ballot-on-resolution-to-end-occupation-378715>

- The reason this demonization of Israel is so significant is because it will lead prophetically to the world's attempt of the elimination of Israel.
- This, as you know, is the prophecy found in Psalm 83, which foretells of an alliance of Israel's enemy's seeking to wipe Israel off the map.
- Moreover, this "forcing" of Israel to end their so-called occupation, and the declaration of a Palestinian state sounds a lot like Daniel 9:27.

- What I find interesting is the targeting of November 2016 as the specified timeframe for the "full withdrawal" of Israel from East Jerusalem.
- While I realize this coincides with our U.S. presidential election, which is now just two years away, one has to wonder why November 2016.
- Also, one has to wonder why it is that the Islamic State continues to succeed in their satanic quest of establishing a Caliphate in Jerusalem.

Let's you think that there's no link between the Islamic State and a Palestinian State, you may wish to here some excerpts from this YNET News report titled, "Kerry: Unresolved Israel-Palestinian conflict fuels IS recruitment." Here's what it had to say, "Secretary of State says resumption of peace talks 'imperative' because the conflict is 'a cause of recruitment and of street anger and agitation.' US Secretary of State John Kerry on Thursday called for a resumption of the Israel-Palestinian peace process, saying the talks were vital in the fight against extremism. "It is imperative that we find a way to get back to the negotiations," Kerry said at a State Department ceremony marking the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha. ...We need "to find a way to create two states that can live together side by side, two peoples, with both of their aspirations being respected," Kerry added. "I still believe that's possible, and I still believe we need to work towards it." He said the unresolved Israel-Palestinian conflict was fueling recruitment for the Islamic State jihadist group. "There wasn't a leader I met with in the region who didn't raise with me spontaneously the need to try to get peace between Israel and the Palestinians, because it was a cause of recruitment and of street anger and agitation," Kerry said. "People need to understand the connection of that. And it has something to do with humiliation and denial and absence of dignity," he added. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4581150,00.html>

- Be that as it may, I'll take it a step further and suggest Ebola in the United States may also be connected to pushing for a Palestinian State.
- Here's how I get there, whenever we pressure or force Israel to give up their land, especially Jerusalem, something bad happens to the US.
- The scriptures are clear in no less than two places, the first of which is found in Genesis 12:1-3 and the second of which is in Zechariah 12.

Genesis 12:1-4 (NKJV) — 1 Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Zechariah 12:1-3 (NKJV) — 1 The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

- Am I suggesting that all of the perils we are facing here in the US are related to how we treat Israel, especially concerning Jerusalem? Yes!
- It's for this reason that the only hope for this nation and for this world is salvation in Jesus Christ, and His imminent return for us His bride.
- If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior I implore you; call upon Him confessing with your mouth and believing in your heart.