

Mid-East Prophecy Update – October 4th, 2015

- For today's prophecy update, I'll give a summary of sorts for a couple of reasons the first of which is we did a midweek update.
- The second reason for the summary is there's just so much that's happening so fast, it's virtually impossible to go into detail.
- Also, today is communion Sunday, and I don't want to rush through everything, as I believe the Lord has a Word for us today.

- I'll begin with this demon-possessed man who some believe was a Muslim, singling out Christian's to shoot them in the head.
- In all, a total of 9 were martyred for their faith as Christian's, and as many as 20 others were injured and some are very critical.
- This Umpqua Community College shooting was an Islamic terrorist attack on American soil, which is according to the Qur'an.

In Revelation 2:8-11, we have a letter Jesus had John write to the persecuted church in Smyrna, in which He encourages them to remain faithful in suffering persecution, even to the point of death, because He will give them the crown of life." Suffice it to say, these Christian martyrs even now join with the multitudes like them and before them in receiving this crown of life.

- Let's turn a quick corner and look at what's happening in Israel, and to Israel, specifically as it relates to the events of last week.
- First, if you haven't yet watched Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to the UN General Assembly you need to do so.
- I'm of the belief that this speech was the most powerful ever delivered in the history of the United Nations General Assembly.

Quoting the Prime Minister, "...Seventy years after the murder of six million Jews, Iran's rulers promise to destroy my country. Murder my people. And the response from this body, the response from nearly every one of the governments represented here has been -- absolutely nothing! Utter silence! Deafening silence."

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2015/10/01/full-transcript-prime-minister-netanyahus-speech-at-the-united-nations-general-assembly-2015-video/>

What's interesting is that on Friday, Greta Van Susteren interviewed the Prime Minister, and when she mentioned that he was silent for 45 seconds, Netanyahu quickly and firmly corrected her saying that it was 44 seconds, not 45. As you might imagine, speculation abounds as to why he was so adamant in stating that it was 44 seconds. Some are suggesting it's because the silence was directed at Obama as the 44th president.

<http://www.foxnews.com/on-air/on-the-record/index.html#v/4527679663001>

What's even more interesting is prior to his speech; Netanyahu put on his glasses and looked intently to see who was there and who wasn't there. Conspicuously absent from the US Delegation was none other than Secretary of State John Kerry and UN Ambassador, Samantha Power.

<http://www.c-span.org/video/?328487-2/israeli-prime-minister-benjamin-netanyahu-address-un-general-assembly>

I suppose it should come as no surprise that the reports would come out that in fact, Obama had ordered John Kerry and Samantha Power to snub Netanyahu at the UN by not attending his address. This from The Jewish Press News on Friday, October 2nd, "Obama Ordered Kerry and Samantha Power to Snub Netanyahu at UN."

<http://www.jewishpress.com/news/obama-ordered-kerry-and-samantha-powers-to-snub-netanyahu-at-un/2015/10/02/>

What I find utterly shameful is that the US Delegates who were present, refused to applaud Netanyahu's speech.

<http://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2015/10/us-delegation-refuses-to-applaud-netanyahu-at-un-video/>

I'll point out two more things about the UN General Assembly; the first has to do with Mahmoud Abbas' address shortly after raising the Palestinian flag at the UN for the first time in history. While we don't know when they did this, we do know that they did this, but the sign for the Palestinian delegates had been changed from simply "Palestine," to "State of Palestine."

The second thing I'd like to point out about is that the Russian President Vladimir Putin for the first time in 10-years attended and addressed the UN General Assembly. To say that his speech was astonishing would be a gross understatement for a number of reasons not the least of which is that he basically said the U.S. is destroying the world and Russia is the only country that can do anything about it. Then, he actually backed it up with his immediate action, namely, launching airstrikes in Syria.

The Telegraph, 9/30/2015, "Russian general tells US diplomats: 'We launch Syria air strikes in one hour. Stay out of the way'".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/middleeast/syria/11902275/Russian-general-tells-US-diplomats-We-launch-Syria-air-strikes-in-one-hour-Stay-out-of-the-way.html>

- I would suggest everything we've witnessed in real time this last week is a game changer on the world's geopolitical landscape.
- More specifically, this changes everything concerning the Isaiah 17, Psalm 83, Zechariah 12, Zechariah 14, and Ezekiel 38-39.
- However, sadly, many people, and even many professing Christians, simply don't see how that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled.

Last week I watched the 2012 Smithsonian Channel documentary, "Titanic's Final Mystery." In it, historian Tim Maltin presents his theory that the Titanic's fate was not due to human error, rather, refractive mirages, which created an optical illusion. This unusual phenomenon explains why the Titanic struck an iceberg and received no assistance from a nearby ship. Atmospheric conditions in the area that night were ripe for super refraction, which prevented the Titanic's lookouts from seeing the iceberg in time and the freighter Californian from identifying the ocean liner and communicating with it. Maltin presented his findings in his new book, "A Very Deceiving Night."

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/did-the-titanic-sink-because-of-an-optical-illusion-102040309/?no-ist>

- I'm of the belief that we're in that very deceiving night and metaphorically people can't see the iceberg due to an optical illusion.
- Add to this that like those on the Titanic, many believe it's unsinkable, so much so, they're not convinced to get in the lifeboats.
- As such, only a few will be saved and many will perish because like with the Titanic, they believed that staying would be safer.

Matthew 7:13-14 - 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.