

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 24th, 2016

- For today's prophecy update I'd like to begin by stepping back from the proverbial tree to better see the big picture of the forest.
- I've been doing these prophecy updates every week since 2006, which means in 2016, we are now in the tenth year doing this.
- 10-years ago the Lord ministered to me that we entered a time in human history that was the likes of which we've never seen.

- All one need do is fast forward the prophetic clock, from 2006 to 2016, to see that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in real time.
- Just this year's Presidential election alone is arguably unlike anything we have ever witnessed before and it's still only January.
- Then there's the Islamic invasion of Europe, which has created an unthinkable crisis so much so, the handwriting is on the wall.

On Wednesday, January 20th, Newsmax published an article in which they quote Billionaire financier George Soros warning that the European Union is on the "verge of collapse" over the migrant crisis and is in "danger of kicking the ball further up the hill" in its management of the issue which has seen more than a million migrants and refugees arrive in the region in 2015.

<http://www.newsmax.com/Finance/StreetTalk/george-soros-europe-collapse-immigrants/2016/01/20/id/710186/>

On the very same day, Wednesday, January 20th, Breaking Israel News, published an article titled, "Delusional EU Releases Peace Process Guidelines." This brief quote from the article says it all, "...the EU emphasized its opposition to Jewish-Israeli construction in "East Jerusalem" specifically, which refers to such construction in all parts of Jerusalem captured by Israel during the Six-Day-War in 1967 including all of Jerusalem's Old City."

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/59362/delusional-eu-releases-peace-process-guidelines/#WfK6Yxq3WxpA8KSB.99>

- Add to this the global markets, China in particular, which has seen unprecedented losses never before seen in recorded history.

I suppose we shouldn't be surprised by this Reuters headline last Wednesday, January 20th, that China's central bank is planning to launch its own digital currencies.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/01/20/chinas-central-bank-plans-to-launch-its-own-digital-currencies.html>

I found it rather interesting that two days later, on Friday, January 22nd, YNET news would report that the Chinese president had declared China's support for a Palestinian state.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4756386,00.html>

I have to confess that I was a little taken back by this stunning report also from Reuters, just yesterday, that the Chinese President met his Iranian counterpart on Saturday in Tehran, where they were to discuss how to improve economic and political ties after international sanctions on Iran were lifted. After meeting President Hassan Rouhani, he would also meet Iran's most powerful figure, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, later in the day. <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-iran-china-president-idUSKCN0V02L5>

This was made possible of course by Obama's nuclear deal with Iran, which Todd Starnes of Fox News suggests in his OpEd piece on Monday, January 18th, that it could unleash Iran's Apocalyptic Muslims. In this must read post, Starnes quotes Joel Rosenberg whom he interviewed concerning Apocalyptic Islam saying, "... [They don't] want to simply attack us, [they want] to annihilate us..."

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/01/18/could-obamas-nuke-deal-unleash-irans-apocalyptic-muslims.html?intcmp=hpb3>

- Here's where I'm going with this, when I first started doing these prophecy updates I never thought it would happen this quickly.
- More specifically, I didn't think that prophecy's like Ezekiel 38, Zechariah 12, and Isaiah 17, would be on the cusp of fulfillment.
- That's not to say they weren't beginning to come to pass in recent years, it is to say, that they're now coming to pass, this year.

- While we've seen the unprecedented changes in the geopolitical landscape prophetically the message has remained the same.
- Namely, that the only hope for mankind is salvation in Jesus Christ, because of the finished work on the cross, by Jesus Christ.
- Subsequent to the Savior's death, burial and resurrection, we were given the promise that Jesus would return again at the end.

Revelation 3:11, "Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown."

The Apostle Paul writing to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:7-8 talks specifically about this crown saying, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

- Notice the crown that's awarded comes after the fight that's fought, the race that's finished, and the faith that in the end is kept.
- In other words we're in this to win this to the very end, which means that it will require both endurance as well as perseverance.
- However, this also implies that there's the possibility to become weary, and lose heart, as we long and even ache for His return.

It doesn't help when the world increasingly ridicules and mocks those of us who long for the rapture, which the Apostle Peter addresses in 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-10 - 3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ...8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief...

- In closing I'll simply say that Jesus is coming, and it's sooner than anyone may think, as evidenced by all of the prophetic signs.
- For those who long for His return, "hold fast," and remain strong. For those who don't know the Lord, come to repentance now.
- On the authority of the Word of God, and the promise from God, He will come as a thief in the night, you will see, soon enough.