

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 28th, 2016

- For today's prophecy update I would like to talk about what I see as three key indicators that Bible prophecy is being fulfilled.
- The first indicator is where the world is headed economically, the second is religiously, and the third indicator is governmentally.
- It's important to understand all three are going in the same direction with the backdrop of what's happening in the Middle East.

It seems that every week the prophecy in Isaiah 17 concerning Syria inches closer to fulfillment as evidenced by this Jewish Press article on Wednesday, in which they reported that Secretary of State, John Kerry warned the world community that it may not be able to save Syria, -- what once was Syria anyway -- if the current fighting continues much longer, and that it may get much uglier. Quoting from the report, "Kerry had a grim outlook for the future of Syria. ...Even if the regime's Russian-backed forces re-take the northern city of Aleppo -- the largest commercial hub in the country -- Kerry said it is hard to hold territory in Syria at this point. For starters, the Secretary told the committee that he cannot guarantee that Russia will stick to the new cease-fire signed this week between the regime of President Bashar al-Assad and moderate opposition forces. Moscow and Washington also signed on to that truce, which excluded the Islamic State, Al Qaeda and Jabhat al-Nusra (Al Nusra Front) terrorist groups." ...The article goes on to say that, "Gulf nation governments and that of Saudi Arabia have already warned their citizens to leave Lebanon if they haven't already. As early as last week, rumors were flying that Turkey and Saudi Arabia were preparing their troops for a ground invasion of Syria to deal with the Islamic State terrorist threat on their own."

<http://www.jewishpress.com/news/breaking-news/kerry-on-syria-may-be-too-late-to-keep-whole-may-get-much-uglier/2016/02/24/>

- Not only is Isaiah 17 on the cusp of fulfillment, so too is Ezekiel 38, which is another prophecy we talk about on a weekly basis.
- Actually, I see Russia and Iran's involvement, along with now Saudi Arabia's threat of war in Syria as an intersecting prophecy.
- By that I mean both prophecies seem to cross paths as it were, one with another in the sense that Syria is the catalyst to Israel.

- It's with this super busy geopolitical backdrop that I would like to now turn our attention to what I like to call "The Big Three."
- Namely, that of the world now being ripe and ready for the antichrist to control a one world government, economy and religion.
- Let's start with the one world government, which I believe is now on the brink of the world's acceptance of a charismatic leader.

- Both Daniel 7:16-24 and Revelation 13:1 describe a world system that will be unveiled by the beast as the most powerful horn.
- This powerful figure will in effect, defeat the other nine horns and then commence with an all out war with all of God's people.
- We also have a description of the ten-nations in Daniel 2:41-42, which is a prophetic picture of the final one world government.

- I would suggest once the antichrist has gained this power, he will use it to also control the world economically and religiously.
- As for a one-world economy, Revelation 13:16-17 tells us that he will implement a mark without which nobody can buy or sell.
- It's believed this will all come about by way of a collapse of world's currencies, which will in turn usher in this cashless system.

- This brings us to Revelation 17:1-18, which is a description of the one-world religion, using the metaphor of the great harlot.
- Speculation abounds as to what this one-world religion will be, but one thing is certain, it will be under the control of antichrist.
- Thankfully, born again Christians will not be here when all of this comes about, by virtue of the fact that we will be raptured first.

- While nothing has to happen before the rapture happens, there are things that need to happen before everything else happens.
- More specifically, before the one-world economy is implemented by the antichrist, the global economies have to collapse first.
- Also, before the one-world government is brought under the control of the antichrist, the global governments need to collapse.

- Then there's the one-world religion, which cannot happen until the true church of Jesus Christ is taken out of this world first.
- As such, the question becomes, one of whether or not the world is now poised for all of these things to happen anytime soon.
- I truly believe that the answer to this question is a resounding, "Yes!" One need look no further than to where it's all headed.

Just one example of this is the global economy. Back on February 8th, Forbes published an article titled, "Cheap Oil Edging Us Toward Global Economic Collapse." <http://www.forbes.com/sites/bryanrich/2016/02/08/cheap-oil-edging-us-toward-global-economic-collapse/#479dbdf6f5c>

Interestingly, on the same day, February 8th, CNN ran an article titled, "Global currency collapse: Winners and losers," in which they state, and I quote, "Global currencies are crashing left and right."

<http://money.cnn.com/2016/02/08/news/economy/dollar-global-currency-winners-losers/>

- If you were to ask me what one of the main reasons that I was so convinced we are so close to the rapture, this would be one.
- Here's why, what we are witnessing in real time, right before our eyes, is just the beginning of what happens in the tribulation.
- It becomes evidence of how close we are to the 7-year tribulation, such that, it means we're closer to the rapture, which is first.

Romans 13:11-12 11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. NIV

Matthew 16:1-3 NKJV Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. (2) He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; (3) and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.