

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- For today's prophecy update I'm going to stay on message by directing our attention to numerous developments last week.
- Specifically related to the prophetic significance of the movement afoot globally, to eliminate Israel from the map, geopolitically.
- I'll begin by focusing on three prophecies in scripture that describe the satanic plans to destroy Israel as a nation, at the end.

Psalm 83 - Zechariah 12 - Ezekiel 38:10-13

What follows, in no particular order, are a number of developments from just the last week, all of which point to the aforementioned prophecies, among the many others, beginning with this Arutz Sheva report from last Saturday, in which they quote the Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as saying that the UN had reached new lows by denying the Jewish Temple Mount ties. [www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/210970#.VxNiCE3MtaQ](http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/210970#.VxNiCE3MtaQ)

In addition to this attempt to erase any Jewish reference to the temple mount, there were renewed fears of terrorist attacks in Jerusalem when, as The Times of Israel reported on Monday, a bomb exploded on a Jerusalem bus, injuring at least 21.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/several-injured-in-bus-blaze-in-jerusalem/>

To add insult to injury, On Tuesday, Fox News published a report quoting U.S. Vice President Joe Biden, who apparently slammed Netanyahu just hours after this terrorist attack in Jerusalem. "Vice President Joe Biden said Monday night that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government was leading the country "in the wrong direction" hours after a bus bombing in Jerusalem wounded at least 21 people. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/04/19/biden-slams-netanyahu-hours-after-jerusalem-attack.html>

Sadly, Biden didn't stop there. On the same day, The Guardian also quoted Biden as saying that the US feels 'overwhelming frustration' with the Israeli government. Biden described the Obama administration's "overwhelming frustration" with Israel, adding that "profound questions" existed about how the country could remain both Jewish and democratic.

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/apr/19/joe-biden-us-overwhelming-frustration-israeli-government>

If the developments surrounding the Temple Mount and the terrorist attack in Jerusalem weren't enough, also on the same day, Israel came under attack coming the Golan Heights, as evidenced by two YNet News reports, the first of which was the US position that the Golan Heights are not part of Israel. "US State Department spokesman, 'territories are not part of Israel,' Vice President Joe Biden says settlements leading Israel towards a 'one-state reality.'" <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4793527,00.html>

The second YNet News report on Tuesday was that in addition to the US, the EU also doesn't recognize Israeli occupation of the Golan. "The European Union's foreign policy chief ... reiterated on Tuesday that the EU does not recognize Israel's claim to the Golan Heights, echoing a similar statement from the US the day before. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4793821,00.html>

It's interesting that two days earlier, which was Sunday, Syria poured gasoline on the fire by vowing they would use "any means necessary" to take back the Golan. Here are a couple of quotes from The Times of Israel report, "Syria hit back at Israel Sunday hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that the Golan Heights will remain in Israeli hands.

[www.timesofisrael.com/syria-vows-to-use-any-means-necessary-to-take-back-golan/](http://www.timesofisrael.com/syria-vows-to-use-any-means-necessary-to-take-back-golan/)

Even more interesting was this Arutz Sheva article in which they reported that this had come "amid reports that Netanyahu had called US Secretary of State John Kerry to complain about text declaring the Golan as part of Syria to be included as part of a peace deal being drafted to end the Syrian civil war." <http://www.timesofisrael.com/us-rejects-netanyahus-pledge-to-hold-on-to-golan-forever/>

That was just by Tuesday, which brings us to Netanyahu's trip to Russia where in Moscow he stated to Vladimir Putin that the Golan Heights is a 'Red Line' for Israel. According to Haaretz, Netanyahu was quoted as saying, "These are [our] red lines, and we will continue to ensure" that they are not crossed, Netanyahu said. "With an agreement or without an agreement, the Golan Heights will remain under Israeli sovereignty." <http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.715737>

While Netanyahu was in Russia for talks about the fears over the Golan and Syria, Obama was in Saudi Arabia for talks about fears over Iran and the nuclear deal. On Thursday, The Jerusalem Post that "Obama and the Gulf Arab leaders started talks in Riyadh ...at a summit aimed at forging joint action on perceived security threats from Iran and Islamic State, and at ironing out strains in their alliance." To say that he was met with a cold reception would be a gross understatement.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=451936>

- The common denominator with all of these developments is without exception; they speak to specific prophecies in the Bible.
- Namely that Damascus, Syria' will become a ruinous heap, this according to Isaiah 17 so much so, it will become uninhabitable.
- In addition to this specific prophecy, we also have a detailed prophecy in Ezekiel 38, as it relates to modern day Saudi Arabia.

- Here's the bottom line, everything we're told in scripture that begins to come to pass at the end of human history, is happening.
- It's for this reason that well nigh one third of the Bible is prophecy, such that, God wants us to know what is going to happen.
- I'll take it a step further and suggest that Jesus Himself was very specific about the purpose of Bible prophecy for all mankind.

John 14:29 NIV I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

John 13:19 NIV "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He.

Luke 21:28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."