

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 29th, 2016

- Before we get to our prophecy update today, I just want to take a moment to thank everyone for your overwhelming response.
- After bringing our financial needs related to the renovation of our new building before God's people last week, gifts poured in.
- Because it was a good start, we're going to continue moving forward by faith, trusting God to provide for the project completion.

- For today's prophecy update I would like for us to focus our attention on the developments last week, concerning Jerusalem.
- More specifically, the uniting against Israel, and the pressure on Israel, to acquiesce to that which would lead to her destruction.
- Namely, the "Two State Solution," in which Israel relinquishes control to the antichrist, under the banner of "peace and security,"

I'll begin with the stunning news that broke last week, that the Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu appointed Avigdor Lieberman as Israel's defense minister. According to the Jerusalem Post on Friday the majority of Israelis don't trust Netanyahu and his government to pursue peace and security. ...The poll found that 26 percent of Israelis believe the government that was enlarged to include Yisrael Beytenu leader Avigdor Lieberman will advance a diplomatic process, while 61% believe it will not.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=455123>

The day before, on Thursday, Ynet News reported that the US had expressed concern about the Lieberman appointment, suggesting that it raises 'legitimate questions' about Israel's policy. Quoting the report, US State Department spokesman Mark Toner said the opposition of some Israeli cabinet ministers to a Palestinian state alongside Israel raised "legitimate questions" about the direction of Israeli policy but he said the United States would judge the new government based on its actions. The article went on to quote Netanyahu as saying, ... "My government remains committed to pursuing peace with the Palestinians, pursuing peace with all our neighbors," ... "My policy has not changed. We will continue to pursue every avenue for peace, while ensuring the safety and security of our citizens." He said a broader and more stable government would make it easier to "seize new opportunities" in the region, a reference to potential peace moves with Arab states that share Israel's concern about Islamist militancy and Iran.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4808119,00.html>

It seems that Netanyahu's argument for Lieberman's appointment is not convincing enough as evidenced by this Jerusalem Post report from yesterday, in which they go as far as saying that Netanyahu's government may be near a collapse according to one report. Here's what they had to say, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government may be on the verge of collapse according to Israel's Channel 10. In a report Friday night, the TV station quoted unnamed "party leaders" saying that Netanyahu's surprise move to bring the right-wing Yisrael Beiteinu party into the coalition may be backfiring on him.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=455232>

In addition to Lieberman's Defense Minister appointment, there was also a new addition to the Knesset. On Wednesday, Breaking Israel News connected some prophetic dots in an article in which they ask, "Can Newest Knesset Member Yehudah Glick Lead the Nation to the Temple Mount? Kindly allow me to read a couple of very interesting excerpts from this article, An unlikely series of events has brought Temple Mount rights activist Rabbi Yehuda Glick to the position of Likud's newest member of Knesset. Glick will bring a powerful voice to the Israeli government that may help move Israel towards a new era of serving God and bringing the Temple Mount to its proper place as a house of prayer for all nations. Indeed, his role may even have been foreseen by the Bible. ... When Breaking Israel News asked Glick how these bans affect him, he answered by reverently quoting his favorite verse of Psalms, indicating that he has no intention of giving up on his fight for freedom at the Temple Mount even though he cannot visit himself. "I believe in the Temple Mount as a house of prayer for all nations, a world center for peace," he explained to Breaking Israel News, ... Yehudah Glick's devotion to Jerusalem and his unlikely Knesset appointment carry all the signs of fulfilled prophecy. It is not every day that a headline can so closely resemble a Biblical verse. In this case, the new Likud appointment comes straight from the book of Zechariah.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/68439/temple-mount-rights-activist-yehudah-glick-ascends-for-last-time-before-knesset-swearing-in-05-16/#F5ossMdcoCo901cS.99>

Here's where I'm going with all of this, Jerusalem, specifically the Temple Mount, will be the place where all nations will worship together as one during the Tribulation. I found this Arutz Sheva article from Thursday, May 19th, rather fascinating such that they reported about how An interfaith group is laying the groundwork for what will likely be the world's first ever joint house of prayer, calling it a synagogue, church, and mosque all in one. The center of worship, which will be called the "House of One," will combine simultaneous Jewish, Muslim, and Christian prayer services. ... Construction of the building is slated to begin next year.

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For those who may find it hard to imagine the three major world religions coming together in this way, you may wish to consider this Breaking Israel News report from Wednesday, in which Pope Francis met with the grand imam of Cairo's Al-Azhar Mosque at the Vatican ... embracing his Sunni Muslim visitor in a sign of improved ties between the two religions. According to The Times of Israel, this historic meeting is the first between the leader of the Catholic world and Sunni Islam's highest authority to take place at the Vatican. Relations between the church and Islam have been growing steadily warmer since Pope Francis rose to the position in 2013. ... Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb's surprise meeting with Pope Francis, announced only last week, began with hugs and kisses between the two leaders. "Our meeting is the message," Vatican officials reported Pope Francis as saying.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/68398/pope-francis-embraces-top-imam-vatican-pow-wow-05-16/#4JgPpyckl8brdv0R.99>

Even more stunning than all of this, was the recent news about Obama deliberately deceiving the world concerning the satanic Iranian nuclear deal. Perhaps you'll indulge as I briefly quote from an OpEd piece in The Federalist, on Monday. It was written by Tom Nichols, a professor of national security affairs at the U.S. Naval War College and an adjunct professor in the Harvard Extension School. This must read article is titled, "The Iran Deal Wasn't About Nukes At All." Here is some of what he writes, Remember the Iran deal? Of course you do. [It] was one of the greatest diplomatic agreements of our time, a last-ditch effort to stop Iran from acquiring a nuclear bomb and thus avert inevitable military action by the United States and its allies. ... Anyone who doubted this narrative or raised almost any objections to the deal was just a hater, maybe even a racist with a personal grudge against Barack Obama. ... The smug admissions by Rhodes and others that the "echo chamber" was real and did its job are grating. But to focus on Rhodes ... spiking the football is to miss a more important question: Why did everyone go to such lengths over a deal that was supposed to be so good? ... Rhodes, of course, says it's because everyone but the White House and its friends were too stupid to understand how smart the deal was. The real answer, however, is as unsettling as it is simple: selling the deal required subterfuge and misdirection because the Iran deal was never about nuclear weapons. The White House and its supporters were set on two goals, one of them trivial, the other terrifying. The trivial objective was to give a failed presidency at least one foreign policy legacy item. That was to be expected, since the Obama administration, in permanent campaign mode since the day the president took office, has presided over the worst American foreign policy in the modern era. The more stomach-churning objective is that the administration, as it turned out, really believed in its pledges to get America out of the Middle East, and decided early on that the only way to do this was to replace the United States in the region with ... Russia and Iran.

<http://thefederalist.com/2016/05/23/the-iran-deal-wasnt-about-nukes-at-all/>

- I truly believe that what we're today witnessing are key Bible prophecies, such as Zechariah 12, and Ezekiel 38 coming to pass.
- When you peel back the geopolitical layers concerning Israel, Russia, Iran, et al, what you'll find is specific prophetic fulfillment.
- In other words, this is exactly what the Bible says will happen prior to the rapture of the church, which is prior to the tribulation.

- If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Savior I implore you to call upon Him today, and not put it off any longer. Here's how:

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned-

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10 ...if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."