

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- Before we get to our prophecy update today, I want to once again, very quickly say thank you to everyone who has given to us.
- We're moving forward by faith trusting God to provide the funds to complete the project, this because of all your financial giving.
- Kindly allow me to show you some of the additional progress we've made since announcing our financial need on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- For today's prophecy update I'd like to talk about the terrorist attack in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, in which 4 Israeli's were killed.
- While this terrorist attack in and of itself is not really that surprising, the prophetic implications of the world's reaction certainly is.
- That's not to say that the world's reaction is surprising, but it is to say that what it points to has profound prophetic implications.

I'll begin with this headline from Ynet News on Thursday, which read, "Hezbollah praises 'heroic' attack in Tel Aviv. Again, certainly not surprising in and of itself, however, a statement from the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group, issued on Thursday, gives more traction to the prophetic prayer in Psalm 83 concerning the wiping of Israel off the map so she is remembered as a nation no more. Quoting Ynet News, ...the Palestinian people have reconfirmed through the operation their commitment to "resistance" as a way to liberate all Palestinian land from Israeli occupation. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4814226,00.html>

The Jerusalem Post, also on Thursday, reported on the Palestinians response, which true to form was to be expected, however, in a surprising and even stunning turn of events, Saudi Arabia's response was that of a "strong condemnation," not of Israel, but of the Palestinians. Here are a couple of very telling excerpts from the Post, Palestinians in the West Bank and east Jerusalem took to the streets to celebrate the deadly terrorist shooting in Tel Aviv on Wednesday night that left four people dead and several others wounded. ...Following the shooting, Salma al-Jamal, a Palestinian news anchor working at Al-Jazeera TV, wrote on her Twitter page: "The Ramadan operation that took place today is the best answer to stories we have been hearing about the 'peace process' that some people are trying in vain to revive." In a striking contrast to the Palestinian reaction, the official Saudi media strongly denounced the Tel Aviv terror attack. As for the prophetic implications of both reactions, first, the Palestinian's are in effect showing their true colors, like that of Hezbollah, namely, the destruction of Israel, under the banner of the satanic lie of peace with Israel. Second, as it relates to the reaction of Saudi Arabia, one would be hard pressed to not connect the dots with Ezekiel 38:13, which provides the detail of Saudi Arabia merely protesting and questioning the allied attack against Israel. <http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=456344>

This brings us to the US response as reported by Ynet News on Friday. Here again, nothing new such that the US is calling on Israel, not the Palestinians, saying they must avoid increasing tensions following the terror attack. <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4814389,00.html>

If this weren't bad enough, the news coverage here in the US didn't dissappoint in their satanic hatred of Israel, as evidenced by CNN's coverage in which they refer to the Tel Aviv "terrorists" using quotations marks, while their anti-Israel counterpart, the BBC referred to them as shooters. Only Fox News referred to the attack as terrorism. [www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4813964,00.html](http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4813964,00.html)

To make matters worse, the UN went even further than the US actually having the audacity to accuse Israel of "collective punishment" against the Palestinians. While this again is nothing new, especially coming from the UN, what is a bit different this time is that they're brazenly, with impunity, placing the blame squarely on Israel, for the terrorist attack against Israel. The reason I say that is because of the following quote from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al-Hussein. "We are ... deeply concerned at the response of the Israeli authorities, which includes measures that may amount to prohibited collective punishment," ...Such actions, he warned, could fuel further Palestinian violence against Israel. This "will only increase the sense of injustice and frustration felt by Palestinians in this very tense time..." Please forgive me for making this comparison, but I liken this to not only blaming the woman for being attacked and raped, but threatening her with further attacks if she dare to take legal and punitive action in response to her being attacked. <http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=456497>

I suppose it could be argued that the blaming of Israel has been the status quo for many years now, however, according to the Aurtz Sheva report concerning the UN, Israel's responded by accusing them of "break(ing) a new record of cynicism and double standards." In other words, the vitriol towards Israel is the likes of which we've never seen before. <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/213541#.V1xMVmQrlsn>

As for the world's reaction pointing to profound prophetic implications, I would suggest that it's chiefly concerning the dividing of Jerusalem, as prophesied in Zechariah 12, specifically as it relates to the Temple Mount and the prophecy in Daniel 9:27 as well. On Thursday, The Times of Israel published a revealing report titled, " Hamas blames Tel Aviv attack on 'Al-Aqsa violations,' threatens more." Quoting the Times, " The Hamas terror group on Thursday praised a deadly terror attack in Tel Aviv the previous evening and said it came in response to unspecified Israeli "violations" at the flashpoint Al-Aqsa Mosque at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said Israeli "violations" at the Mosque were responsible for the shooting attack at the Sarona Market in central Tel Aviv that left four Israelis dead and another 16 injured. "The Tel Aviv operation is a natural response to Israeli desecration of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the crimes against the Palestinian people," he said in a statement, without specifying what the so-called violations and crimes were. The attack came during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, typically a time of increased religious tensions. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/hamas-blames-tel-aviv-attack-on-al-aqsa-violations-threatens-more/>

The reason I mention the developments surrounding the Temple Mount is because scripture foretells the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple during the 7-year Tribulation, and I believe we are on the cusp of that specific prophecy being fulfilled. Consider this Times of Israel article, in which they report on Israel's Chief Rabbi urging the rebuilding of the Jerusalem Temple. I find it rather interesting that he would be quoted as saying, "...he would like to see the Jewish temple rebuilt on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. To build it, there was no need to remove any of the Muslim shrines on the Temple Mount, where there was plenty of room for "Jews, Christians, Muslims, everyone," he told the Knesset Channel on Tuesday.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-chief-rabbi-urges-rebuilding-jerusalem-temple/>

One would think that Evangelicals in America would have the loudest voice of opposition towards Islam in defense of Israel. However, it's sadly, just the opposite. Instead of joining hands with Israel, some are joining hands with Islam, and even demonizing Christians who don't do the same. On Wednesday, The Christian Post published an article that I would like to briefly quote before I offer a commentary on it. ...Dr. Bob Roberts, the senior pastor of Northwood Church in Texas, told The Christian Post in an interview that he is "very concerned" about Christian-Muslim relations in America. ...Roberts points to LifeWay Research surveys that show that in America, the people with the most negative view of Muslims are Evangelicals, which he says is a contradiction with what it means to be an Evangelical. -- In all fairness, it is important to read the article in its entirety for context, however, I would contend that the following quotes are problematic in terms of being Biblical, in his approach. ..."I think Muslim leaders are very concerned that such people [speaking of the Islamic State] have more of a voice in Islam than they want them to have. They are concerned about it. They would say they do not represent Islam, but people don't know that, especially in the West and non-Muslim majority nations. So their goal is to stand up and say they are not true Muslims," he added. ...Roberts shared that when it comes to Christians and Muslims living together, Christians should be showing the love of Christ to people, without necessarily trying to convert them. "I don't like the word 'conversion,' because it has many different kinds of connotations. ... He argued that the time for trying to convert people by dictating to them has passed, and it is time for Christians to "go back to the early church and really love people."

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/american-pastor-involved-in-high-level-muslim-meeting-to-protect-christians-says-some-us-evangelicals-hurting-cause-164737/#XsmSbOEMsqHJ3Hkf.99>

Add to this an article that appeared in Baptist News Global on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, about how Baptists are joining diverse faith groups to support a mosque building effort. Quoting the article, "...a legal dispute between a Muslim community and a New Jersey township is showing a different side of inter-Christian relationships. Baptist and other Christian organizations accustomed to cultural and legal sparring have joined the fight for the construction of a new mosque. "It's good when we can join hands with ... folks we are sometimes on the other side of," said Brent Walker, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. ...Close to 20 faith-based organizations filed an amicus brief arguing that the mosque project be approved. They including Hare Krishna, Sikh, Jewish, Muslim and Christian groups. Walker said it is encouraging to see Christian organizations standing up for the religious rights of the New Jersey Muslim community. ..."We really felt it was important to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our Muslim brothers and sisters," Walker said.

<https://baptistnews.com/article/baptists-join-diverse-faith-groups-to-support-mosque-building-effort/>

- The common denominator with everything we've looked at today is this, the world is now ripe and ready for a New World Order.  
- More specifically, a one-world religion, one-world government, and a one-world economy, all under the control of the antichrist.  
- I'll close by simply saying that the Lord's return draws nigh by virtue of how Bible prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes.

- 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."