

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- For today's prophecy update, I want to expound on why a Trump presidency may in fact speed up the fulfillment of prophecy.
- This because, there's been a lot of talk about a much needed reprieve of sorts, now that we have a pro-Christian president.
- Please know that while I am very relieved that Trump won because God's people prayed, I can't and won't let my guard down.

- I'm hoping you'll kindly indulge me in our time together today, as I share with you the reasons that we need to remain vigilant.
- What follows are the two main reasons for this, the common denominator of which is as it relates to both Christians and Jews.

### #1. Trumps pro-Christian, pro-life positions and appointments are escalating the vicious satanic attacks from the spiritual realm.

One need look no further than to the March for Life on Friday, which the media dubbed as the "anti-abortion rally." According to Fox News, Vice President Mike Pence became the first sitting vice president and highest-ranking U.S. official ever to speak at the annual March for Life. <http://insider.foxnews.com/2017/01/27/mike-pence-march-life-speech>

Sadly, there was another March in Washington D.C. in which the Muslim Co-Chair, promoted Sharia Law under the banner of the annual Women's March. According to CNS News, Linda Sarsour, a national co-chair of the Women's March on Washington – whose stated mission is "to send a bold message...that women's rights are human rights" – is also an outspoken advocate of Islamic Sharia Law that restricts the rights of women, claiming Sharia is "reasonable" and has simply been "misunderstood." ...Sarsour, a Palestinian Muslim American, who has said she believes that America is a nation built on the values of genocide and slavery and that "nothing is creepier than Zionism," spoke at the Women's March last Saturday. "I will respect the presidency," she said. "But I will not respect this President of the United States of America. I will not respect an administration that won an election on the backs of Muslims and black people and undocumented people and Mexicans, and people with disabilities, and on the backs of women." Sarsour has openly supported Sharia law, a legal system that treats women much differently than men and punishes lawbreakers with flogging, amputation, and stoning. In 2011, Sarsour referred to Sharia as "reasonable," tweeting: "once u read into the details it makes a lot of sense." Last April, Sarsour again took to Twitter to defend Sharia as being "misunderstood," and "pushed as some evil Muslim agenda." She has even promoted Sharia as a means of financial benefit, tweeting: "If you are still paying interest than Sharia Law hasn't taken over America. #justsaying.

<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/andrew-eicher/womens-march-national-co-chair-says-sharia-law-reasonable-and>

I suppose it should come as no surprise that Trump's new CIA Director, Mike Pompeo, who was quoted as saying that "Jesus Christ Our Savior Is Truly the Only Solution For Our World," would be reported as "Senate Confirms Dangerous Christian Extremist as CIA Director." To me, this speaks to what Isaiah prophesied about the curse of calling evil good and good evil.

Isaiah 5:20–21 (NKJV) — 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

By the way, as a side note, let me parenthetically say that I'm of the belief that the Dow reaching the 20,000 mark on Wednesday is yet further evidence of this notion of letting ones guard down. According to Business Insider, one can count President Donald Trump among those excited by the Dow Jones Industrial Average's newest milestone. ...Trump adviser and spokeswoman Kellyanne Conway, a professing Christian herself, tweeted that the move was due to "The Trump Effect." It's this Trump Effect that concerns me, such that, the peace, prosperity and even reprieve has had the effect of lullabying Christians back to sleep.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-calls-dow-20000-great-2017-1>

Romans 13:11–14 - 11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

One more thought before we move on to the second reason a Trump presidency may speed up the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, and it has to do with the spiritual warfare being covert as well as overt. What I'm speaking of is the Trump's Inaugural Prayer Service in the National Cathedral, which was ecumenical at best and blasphemous at worst by virtue of the fact that it included Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, and other religions false religions. It reminds of the saying that if Satan can't beat the church, he will join the church. The fact of the matter is, either Jesus is Who He claimed to be, or He was the greatest liar to walk on the earth.

John 14:6 (NKJV) — 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Matthew 24:15–26 (NKJV) 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

### #2. Trumps pro-Israel, and specifically, pro-Jerusalem positions have, and even now are, reshaping the geopolitical landscape.

- And, this for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that the global alliances are now clearly defined in the Middle East.
- That's not to say that this is due solely to the aforementioned Trump Effect, however, it is to say that now there's no ambiguity.

Doubtless you heard about UK Prime Minister Theresa May's meeting with President Donald Trump on Thursday. According to The Jerusalem Post, the UK has unambiguously allied with the US Israel and Iran. Quoting the Post, While acknowledging the political upheaval that rocked both of their nations last year— Britain's vote to leave the European Union, and America's election of Donald Trump— as a "period of change" for the West, May cast that change as an opportunity to renew a special relationship that, in her words, first forged the modern world.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=479745>

In addition to this alliance, there's the Russia, Turkey and Iran alliance, or if you prefer, axis, which The Jerusalem Post refers to as "strange bedfellows." Listen very carefully to this particular paragraph from the article; "Russia assumed the mantle of brokering peace in Syria. It has achieved a certain lull in the fighting, it is convening the peace process in Astana, and it is maneuvering the Assad regime for its own purposes, interestingly without having him included in the new found alliance. As for the US it is playing a minor role in the peace process but anyway the fate of Syria will be decided in the battle for liberating Al-Bab and Raqqa from ISIS. There, the US will have to take part while facing a dilemma which of its allies it will support: Turkey or the Kurds."

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=479495>

I'm certain many of you know where I'm going with this so I'll get right to the point. This alliance is exactly what is described in the Ezekiel 38 prophecy concerning Russia, Iran, Turkey and other nations who are allied together in their attack against Israel to "take a spoil." I find it rather interesting that the Post would comment on Syria's conspicuous absence from said alliance, because not only is Syria not mentioned, but neither are Iraq, Egypt or Jordan mentioned either. Moreover, there are those who would argue that the reference in verse 13 of Ezekiel 38 might be referring to both the UK and the US who are allied with Saudi Arabia in their questioning of and protesting against this allied attack. If that's the case, then it would seem they're all in place.

There's one last article I want to share with you before we close, and I do so because it's germane to our understanding of the details in Ezekiel's prophecy. On Tuesday, YNet News, published an article about how the Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said that the IDF's orders are to "go in full force." "If the other side doesn't yield and raise a white flag, we don't stop." Lieberman also addressed the decision to approve the construction of about 2,500 housing units in Judea and Samaria and connected it to Donald Trump's taking office as the president of the United States: ...Lieberman was asked what he would advise President Donald Trump. "It isn't right to advise Americans. Let's not exaggerate. We are a small country and they are a world power," said Lieberman and verbally attacked the European countries: "I advise the Europeans, Americans and Russians to first of all steer clear of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Whoever wants to help solve the conflict should first forget the excessive involvement of the rest of the world powers, mainly that of Europe. It is mostly disruptive."

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4912293,00.html>

This clearly speaks to Ezekiel 38 and Zechariah 12, both of which end with a white flag of surrender, however, it's not because of the IDF, rather, it's because of the hand of almighty God. -- Zechariah 12:1-3 (NKJV) — 1 The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

- Lastly, let me say that if you've never called upon the name of the Lord Jesus to be saved, I would implore you to do so today.
- I'll explain how, by sharing with you what one has called the ABC's of Salvation. The A is for Admit. Admit that you're a sinner.
- The B is for Believe. Believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord. The C is for Call. Call upon the name of the Lord; you'll be saved.