

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 26th, 2017

- For today's prophecy update I want to address what I see as a very interesting development concerning the future of America.
- More specifically, as it relates to the "turning tide" of US policy towards Israel in these early first days of a Trump's presidency.
- I do so with the hopes of answering this question, how does a great again America reconcile with her absence from prophecy?

I'll begin with this Breaking Israel News article about how Nikki Haley, the new US Ambassador to the UN, "scorched" the "shameful" UN Anti-Israel Bias, after her first Security Council meeting, in which she vowed that things were going to change. Quoting the Times, "The first thing I want to do is talk about what we just saw in there," she began before saying that she had found the regular meeting on Middle East issues "a bit strange." "The Security Council is supposed to discuss how to maintain international peace and security," Haley noted, yet the meeting had not touched on even one of the most pressing issues in the region. "The discussion was not about Hezbollah's illegal build-up of rockets in Lebanon. It was not about the money and weapons Iran provides to terrorists. It was not about how we defeat ISIS. It was not about how we hold Bashar al-Assad accountable for the slaughter of hundreds and thousands of civilians. "No, instead, the meeting focused on criticizing Israel, the one true democracy in the Middle East. "I am new around here, but I understand that's how the Council has operated, month after month, for decades," she added. ... "The double standards are breathtaking," she continued, highlighting the recent refusal of the UN to condemn a terror attack in Israel. "The Security Council would not hesitate to condemn an attack like that in any other country. But not for Israel. The statement was blocked. And that's downright shameful." ... "The United States will not hesitate to speak out against these biases in defense of our friend and ally, Israel," she concluded firmly.

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/83900/haley-confronts-un-security-councils-israel-bias-first-meeting-watch/#9wwW8b3PFyPmUKFt.99>

I found this New York Sun editorial titled, simply, "Haley's Comet," interesting. In it the writer says, "A star is born is our reaction to the first press briefing by President Trump's new ambassador at the United Nations. The ex-governor of South Carolina was ridiculed by the Left when the president first sent her nomination up to the Hill, owing to her alleged lack of foreign policy chops. She certainly rang the wake up gong for that crowd ... after emerging from her first Security Council monthly meeting devoted to the Middle East. Tough as nails but with a smile and a layer of Southern charm.

<http://www.nysun.com/editorials/haleys-comet/89905/>

- It's important to note how that Haley's Comet hit on the heels of Trump and Netanyahu's stunning meeting at the White House.
- The reason this is important to note is because it's further evidence that there's a new pro-Israel, pro-Christian sheriff in town.
- As such, it has brought out an all out satanic attack to somehow destroy this new sheriff and with him the Jews and Christians.

Yesterday, Arutz Sheva published a report about 'Witches' casting a 'spell' on Trump to remove him from office. Here's some of that report, Self-proclaimed "witches" together with singer Lana Del Rey, stood together at midnight on Friday night outside Trump Tower in New York to "cast a spell" on US President Donald Trump under a crescent moon. Witches from around the country joined the ritual from afar. The "spell" is intended to remove Trump from office and to "bind the hands" of both Trump and those who support and aid him. ... Christian conservatives have accused the "witches" of "declaring spiritual war."

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/225635>

I would have to concur with this declaration of spiritual war, and this for a number of reasons, not the least of which is, it's not only witches casting spells on Trump, it's the all out media war against Trump. On Thursday, The Jerusalem Post, published a most interesting Op Ed about how American society is headed toward a breaking point. Quoting the Post, A little over a week ago, Bill O'Reilly ... on Fox News slammed the twisted reporting of the deportation of illegal immigrants who were convicted felons, showing how the media portrayed them as innocent "maids, moms, and shopkeepers." He said that this exemplifies how the media coverage of President Trump is beyond biased; it is "blatant dishonesty." Mr. O'Reilly, ... concluded the item declaring, "There is a radical element [the radical left] in this country that wants to destroy it. If this continues, there will be a breaking point." As harsh as this threat sounds, judging by the relentless attempts of the Democrats to sabotage Trump's efforts to man key positions, the media's slew of warped and made up stories purporting to prove the president's incompetence, through the army of on-the-ground agitators that Obama's Organizing for Action has dispatched in order to disrupt every town-hall meeting in the country and create the pretense that the nation is with the Democrats, it seems that there is indeed a war against the president on multiple fronts. ... At the moment, Trump cannot end the war with the media and the Democrats because he is not the one waging it. ... If this war does not stop, then either the media will be severely restricted going forward and American democracy will be hampered, or the next leader America's political right sends forward will likely be one who will truly galvanize the conservatives in America, and "there will be a breaking point," as O'Reilly put it. For America's sake and for the sake of the world, I pray that this great nation wakes up...

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=482372>

- To me, this begs the question, and it is twofold, the first of which is, will America wake up, or second, will America break up?
- If America wakes up, and becomes "great again," then does that mean that the Lord's return isn't as close as we had hoped?
- Conversely, if America breaks up then does that mean that the Lord's return is even closer than we had actually thought it was?
- Both questions have at their core the presupposition the United States of America is absent from the pages of Bible prophecy.
- I would suggest that whether America breaks up or wakes up, an absent America from prophecy can be reconciled very easily.
- Here's how, if America breaks up, she's inconsequential, if America wakes up, then we're caught up, and this nation collapses.

Mark Hitchcock said it best in his book, "The Late Great United States," ...When the trumpet sounds and all the believers in the United States vanish, America's final days will be like so many pages dangling from a December calendar. Like the great powers before it, the United States will collapse under the weight of its own sin, self-indulgence, and excess. In this light, here are [some] conclusions: ... 1. It appears that America must remain strong until the end times to continue its defense of Israel as the Jewish state tries to stay afloat in a sea of enemies. 2. The scriptural silence concerning America in the end times (after the Rapture) indicates that America will fall from its position of world prominence. 3. World power in the end times is centered in the reunited Roman Empire (Europe). 4. European prominence can only be explained in light of U.S. decline. 5. The United States will suffer its decline and its fall at the Rapture of the church, probably in combination with a series of other harsh setbacks."

- While the jury is still be out on the fate of America, it's very plausible that the rapture of the church would decimate this nation.
- However, it's also plausible that America's absence comes vis-à-vis an economic collapse and an ensuing US terroristic attack.
- This presupposes that America doesn't just collapse as a nation under the weight of this recent "declaration of a spiritual war."

- Here's the bottom line, because we don't know what happens to America, or when it happens to America, we must be ready!

Matthew 24:44 - **So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.**

- This should have such an impact on us, that it would create great hope within us, and in so doing have a purifying affect on us.

1 John 3:2-3 -- 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

- In closing, let me say, 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.