

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 14th, 2017

- Before we get to our prophecy update, I need to follow up on a number of requests we've had to download last weeks PDF file.
- Specifically, the typology of the pre-tribulation rapture in ancient Jewish bridal customs, which is now available on our website.
- Simply go to calvarychapelkaneoh.com and select "Prophecy Updates," and download the notes from the May 7th update.

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about how pieces of the prophecy puzzle are being put in place at break-neck speed.
- Over the last 11 years since we've been doing these weekly updates, we have witnessed prophecy beginning to come to pass.
- For those who are students of Bible prophecy, you've watched the prophetic developments for many years and even decades.

- While we don't know the day or the hour of the Lord's return in the rapture of the church, what we do know is that we are close.
- As such, we ready and steady ourselves as the bride of Christ waiting for our Bridegroom to take us away as a thief in the night.
- However, there are those who are prone to become weary and discouraged because they long even ache for the Lord to return.

2 Timothy 4:6–8 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

1 Thes. 4:13-18 - 13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- The reason I share that is to say this, be encouraged, for our redemption draws ever so nigh in this last hour of human history.
- Don't lose heart; instead, take heart, because the sufferings of this world are not to be compared with the glory that awaits us.
- Yes, we can become so discouraged even to the point that it gives way to despair, but our longing for Him is soon to be fulfilled.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.

- What follows is the main reason as to why I believe our longing for the Lord to return is soon to be fulfilled as that tree of life.
- I'm of the belief that though there are numerous reasons to be encouraged, there is one chief reason that I see as the trigger.
- Namely, that of the geopolitical climate for a two-state solution with Jews and Palestinians living together in peace and security.

I'll begin with this Jerusalem Post article and as I share some excerpts from it, consider the new tone, as it were, starting with the stunning headline of, "Abbas has decided to sign peace deal with Israel." Quoting the Post, "Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has crossed the Rubicon and voiced 'unprecedented' readiness to reach a peace deal with Israel, sources close to the efforts to renew talks between Israel and the Palestinians have told The Jerusalem Post. ... Since his meeting with Trump last week, Abbas has changed his rhetoric, issuing a number of statements meant to reflect flexibility on previous demands. He has, for example, said that he would renew the talks under Trump's auspices without preconditions. In the past, he had said he would not negotiate with Netanyahu without a freeze to settlement construction. He has also sent his advisers to the press to declare that the Palestinians are prepared to negotiate land swaps with Israel, a recognition that some West Bank settlements will remain part of Israel in the framework of a future deal. <http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=490530>

That was on Friday, but on Thursday, The Times of Israel published a most interesting report about Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, after a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin said that solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will be "impossible" without the participation of Moscow in the peace process. "It is impossible to solve the Palestinian issue without Russia's meaningful participation in the peace process. That is what we have been emphasizing at all international meetings," Abbas said in his meeting with Putin, according to the official Russian State news agency Tass. Putin said Russia "will continue to give its full support to the resumption of direct dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis." "The peaceful coexistence of the two states — Palestine and Israel — is an indispensable condition to ensure genuine security and stability in this region," Putin said. Abbas, according to a report in the official PA news site Wafa, also reiterated that he is still willing to participate in a three-way summit with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Moscow. "We are ready to accept this invitation at anytime," Abbas said. <http://www.timesofisrael.com/abbas-in-meeting-with-putin-says-moscow-must-be-part-of-peace-process/>

This begs the question of what's Netanyahu's response to all of this now that the onus has once again been put on him. To answer that question, we need look no further than to this Ynet News report in which they state that Netanyahu is wary of Trump's interest in solving Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying that, Netanyahu is concerned about President Trump's growing interest in the Israeli Palestinian conflict and his desire to reach the "ultimate peace deal" at any cost. ... Senior Israeli officials have said that during Trump's visit to Israel, the president will announce the start of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Trump insists on delivering his keynote speech in Israel during a visit to Masada in front of hundreds of guests. He is also expected to visit the Western Wall along with his daughter Ivanka and his son-in-law Jared Kushner.

What's really interesting to me about this is the report goes on to say that 17 Arab and Muslim rulers affiliated with the Sunni camp received invitations Wednesday from Saudi King Salman to participate in a series of summit conferences to be held in Riyadh on June 21 during Trump's visit to the country. ...The first conference will be a meeting between Trump and the Saudi king, after which an "Islamic-Arab-American Summit" will convene, followed by the last event which will bring Trump together with the rulers of the Persian Gulf oil kingdoms. Officials in Riyadh are reiterating the stance that Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia "is a historic event which we must make the most of." Iran responded to the perceived front against it, claiming that, "the lame Saudi regime proves once again that it is undermining the agreement between Iran and Washington and is acting on behalf of the Zionists to establish a front against Iran and present it on a golden platter to President Trump."

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4960625,00.html>

I'd like to share two more articles which are going to be germane to our understanding of the prophecy puzzle, and the first one is from Fox News concerning the potential for an electromagnetic pulse attack devastate the state of Hawaii. Ironically enough, it was on the day I was born, July 9th, 1962, that Hawaii was hit by a massive electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack, which within minutes took down the state's communications systems and traffic lights virtually everything that ran on electricity. The EMP wasn't an attack by a foreign government; rather the U.S. government had set off a 1.4-megaton nuclear warhead at a height of 248 miles above Johnston Atoll in an operation the military named "Starfish Prime." The article goes on to say that with North Korea developing its nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile capabilities, Hawaii defense experts are concerned North Korea could target the 50th state with an EMP attack. According to Toby Clairmont, deputy administrator for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, "This is not theoretical. It has already happened."

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2017/05/12/electromagnetic-pulse-attack-on-hawaii-would-devaste-state.html>

This dovetails into our last article from The Times of Israel who reported on what's being dubbed the largest cyber attack in history, with over 70 countries hit. According to the Times, "A huge extortion cyberattack hit dozens of nations Friday, holding computer data for ransom at hospitals, telecommunications firms and other companies. The attack appeared to exploit a vulnerability purportedly identified for use by the US National Security Agency and later leaked to the internet."

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/over-70-countries-hit-in-global-extortion-cyberattack/>

- I'm hoping that you'll kindly indulge me for the remainder of our time together today, as we revisit an updated prophecy puzzle.
- Please know that I in now way wish to present myself as having all of this figured out, in that, this is just one plausible scenario.
- By one plausible scenario I mean that this is one possibility as to how and even when all of this will play out and come to pass.

- In the interest of time, I'll need to proceed with the presupposition you are aware of these prophecies, and what they're about.
- First, I believe we're on the cusp of sudden destruction Paul said would take place while they are saying "peace and security."
- It's for this reason that the next puzzle piece is that of the prophecy in Isaiah 17 concerning the destruction of Damascus, Syria.

- Along with Isaiah 17 I'm putting the Zechariah 12 prophecy puzzle piece by virtue of Damascus being a catalyst for Jerusalem.
- In addition to the Zechariah 12 piece, I'm also putting the Ezekiel 38 prophecy puzzle piece in place vis-à-vis Russia Iran et al.
- The reason I've put Daniel 9:27 and Revelation 13 next is because I believe the antichrist will commence the 7-year tribulation.

- I'll bring it to a close with the question that's before every one of us today, which is where does the rapture fit into this scenario.
- It's very possible it could happen in concert with the sudden destruction that comes upon them as a women travailing in labor.
- If it is, and I'm becoming increasingly convinced that it is, then truly, we need to look up because our redemption draws nigh.

- By the way, I would be grossly remiss were I not to say that this only applies to those who are born again of the Spirit of God.
- This is why I would like to give those who haven't an opportunity to call upon the name of the Lord, so you too can be saved.
- However, before we do that, I would like to briefly share with you an email I received last week about the A, B, C's, of salvation.

Dear Pastor JD, I watch your prophesy updates, faithfully, every Sunday evening in Latonia, Kentucky. ...I was compelled to email you about the A,B,C's of salvation. I'm in recovery and I sponsor women in recovery. We're the hub of heroin trafficking in Northern Kentucky and the Cincinnati area. Our jails are full of addicts and traffickers. We go in and are part of a team that shares the gospel. However, it's frustrating to hear how some have complicated the message of salvation. They don't have much time in the jail and the inmates are bored and inattentive. I didn't want a theological treatise when I hit bottom. I just wanted to know if I was beyond redemption and if not, what could I do. I was telling them how simple the message is and showed them your update with the A,B,C's of salvation. Talk about inspired! I'm an artist. I'm making up cards with your A,B,C's...including the blocks and scripture. They're going to have them printed so they can give them to the women. That will be something concrete, simple with the message of salvation. I'm simply thrilled to have a tool to reach addicts. We have to keep it simple because most aren't able to function in early recovery. An alcoholic and addict's brain doesn't start functioning like a normal brain until 18 months after their last drink or drug. Quite a few find reading difficult and most don't make it.

- Please know that I didn't actually come up with what's known as the ABC's of Salvation, I only put together the graphic for it.
- I appreciate your patience with me as I quickly share the childlike simple Gospel. 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.