

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 21st, 2017

- For today's prophecy update I want to address Trump's trip abroad, which commenced with his visit to Saudi Arabia yesterday.
- From Saudi Arabia, Trump goes to Israel, then to the Vatican, and then to Brussels in Belgium, where he will meet with NATO.
- To say this Presidential itinerary is as strategic as it is prophetic would be a gross understatement because of what's at stake.

- Yesterday, Special Report on Fox News dubbed Trump's trip, the "Trump Religious Pilgrimage," which is what I believe this is.
- The three major world religions are represented by way of Saudi Arabia-Islam, Israel-Judaism, and the Vatican-Catholicism.
- As such, mixed messages abound and it's led to the consternation of many who are now uneasy with Trump concerning Israel.

According to The Times of Israel, the pro-Israel right here in the U.S. is starting to feel unease with Trump. Quoting the Times, "The Zionist Organization of America launched two broadsides against a Trump administration it has ardently defended, signaling a growing unease on the pro-Israel right with the president's Israel policies. The ZOA, the flagship for the conservative pro-Israel community, slammed President Donald Trump for retreating from a campaign pledge to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. ...Also troubling for the pro-Israel right has been Trump's warmth toward the Palestinian Authority leadership, particularly P.A. President Mahmoud Abbas, whom Trump welcomed at the White House earlier this month and with whom he will meet in Bethlehem next week. "I'm disappointed he brought a guy who rewards terrorists who murder Jews to the White House," Klein said, referring to PA subsidies for families of jailed and killed terrorists.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/pro-israel-us-right-starting-to-feel-unease-with-trump/>

Perhaps this aforementioned unease with Trump concerning Israel is well founded by virtue of this Jerusalem Post report in which the White House map of Israel actually nixed the post-67 lines. According to the Post, the White House on Friday published a map of Israel at the pre-1967 lines in the latest in a series of mishaps that has marred US President Donald Trump's first visit to Israel. The 54 second video called "Photos Abroad" promotes Trump's five stop trip in eight days. A red line set to upbeat music shows how Trump will travel from Washington to Saudi Arabia and on to Israel. But the white map, set against a blue background excludes east Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, which are part of sovereign Israel. It also does not include the West Bank, including Area C, where all the Israeli settlements are. ...Right-wing Israelis welcomed Trump's election, hopeful that he would support their vision of broader Israel. This includes a united Jerusalem as Israel's capital, retaining the Golan Heights and understanding that Area C of the West Bank would be within Israel's final borders. But a number of small incidents in the run up to the trip, have clarified that Trump's White House is hesitant to make those policy statements. This includes the White House's inability to state that the Western Wall is part of Israel when quizzed by reporters at a press briefing in the White House. To underscore the point the White House will not allow any Israeli officials to accompany Trump when he visited the Western Wall. Last, administration officials have clarified that while Israel Trump won't announce that he is moving the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. That issue they have said will only be decided upon once the President returns to Washington.

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For further evidence that said unease is well founded, we need look no further than to this Times of Israel report about how Trump told Abbas that he'll be able to reach a deal within a year. Quoting the Times, "The Palestinians are taking seriously Donald Trump's efforts to help resolve the Israel-Palestinian conflict, a minister said Thursday, ahead of the US president's visit to the region next week." ..."Abu Mazen stressed Trump's seriousness in settling the Palestinian issue" after they met in Washington this month, said the minister, referring to Abbas by his Arabic nickname. "The US president assured him he will be able to find a settlement within one year," he added. Trump hosted Abbas at the White House on May 3, pledging to help end the decades-old conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians. "It is something that I think is, frankly, maybe not as difficult as people have thought over the years," the US president said at the time. Trump's visit to Bethlehem in the West Bank on Tuesday is expected to last a few hours. It will be part of his first trip abroad since his inauguration in January.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/palestinians-taking-trump-peace-efforts-seriously-minister/>

Then there's this Jerusalem Post article in which the question is asked, "What has changed that Israel went from ecstasy over Trump to near-mourning?" On November 9, the day after the presidential election in the United States, Education Minister Naftali Bennett released a statement congratulating Donald Trump on his victory. "The era of a Palestinian state is over," Bennett glowed at the time. "Trump's victory is an opportunity for Israel to immediately retract the notion of a Palestinian state... This is the position of the president-elect, as written in his platform, and it should be our policy, plain and simple." Other members of the cabinet joined the celebrations. ...Looking back at what Bennett and other ministers said in November, it seems a lifetime ago, or more accurately as misplaced wishful thinking. Their comments in November came before Trump decided that he wanted to reach the "ultimate deal" between Israel and the Palestinians, before he decided not to move the embassy and before his administration decided that it couldn't even refer to Jerusalem as part of Israel. So what happened? Why the change? What happened to the Trump of the campaign? The article goes to present possibility's as to what happened, saying, The more likely possibility is what has happened to countless politicians before Trump – it is one thing to make a campaign promise; it is another to be president.

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- Subsequent to Trump winning the Presidential election I had mentioned that it may in fact speed up the fulfillment of prophecy.
- This for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that Trump touted pro-Israel and with it pro-Christian campaign promises.
- While the jury may still be out concerning Trump, there's no question about what the verdict will be when finally been reached.

- Suffice it to say, it's not a matter of if, but when and perhaps more importantly how soon and by whose hand it finally comes.
- By that I mean we don't yet know whether or not it will come by Trump's, or his son-in-law Kushner's, hand, but it's coming.
- The reason we know is because of prophecies like Daniel 9:27, Zechariah 12:1-3, and Joel 3:2, which I'd like you to turn to.

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.

Daniel 9:27 (NKJV) — 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

Joel 3:2 - I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

- Here's the bottom line in closing, everything we're told in Bible prophecy will happen, is already beginning to happen even now.
- So much so that the time has now come to wake up and look up as we see very specific prophecies beginning to come to pass.

John 14:29 (NKJV) — 29 “And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

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.

- 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.