

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 28th, 2017

- Before we get to our update, I need to address a matter related to online fighting taking place since Sunday's prophecy update.
- Amir Tsarfati my differing perspectives on President Trump's speech in Saudi Arabia has caused some confusion and division.
- Thursday, when Amir returned home to Israel after speaking in Europe, he immediately called and we talked for over an hour.

What came from that was the following joint statement from the both of us: We are deeply saddened to see the confusion and conflict on Social Media concerning the differing perspectives related to President Trump's speech in Saudi Arabia. We are most disturbed by the accusations causing division online. Please know, that the both of us have an unbreakable bond, and will never allow the enemy, who is attacking in the spiritual realm, to sever that love for, and relationship we have with each other. (2 Timothy 2:24a "A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all...")

- For today's prophecy update I want to pick up where we left off last week regarding President Trump's, "religious pilgrimage."
- While there was much I like about the president's speech in Saudi Arabia, I am concerned about the implications of his speech.
- As such, I would kindly and humbly ask that you allow me the opportunity to expound on the specifics of the concerns I have.

- However, please permit me to preface this by answering some questions that I think will be germane to a better understanding.
- First, I voted for Trump and not for Clinton, and I support the President in as much as he is both pro-Christian and pro-Israel.
- As for whether or not we're to pray for our President, absolutely yes, as we're exhorted to do by the Apostle Paul in 1st Timothy.

1 Timothy 2:1–2 (NKJV) - 1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

- To the question of if God has raised up Trump, in Daniel 2:21, we're told that it's God Who removes kings and raises up kings.

Romans 13:1 tells us that there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Proverbs 21:1, The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes.

- It's with this preface and introduction that I'd like to draw your attention to the actual quotes from the President in Saudi Arabia.

- Here's the first quote from the President, "Saudi Arabia is home to the holiest sites in **one of the world's great faiths.**"
- The difficulty I'm personally having with this is that Islam is not a great faith; rather, it is a false satanic religion.

- It's this second quote that's particularly disturbing to me by virtue of its implications... Quoting the President, "I will travel to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, and then to the Vatican—visiting many of the holiest places in the three Abrahamic Faiths. **If these three faiths can join together in cooperation,** then peace in this world is possible – including peace between Israelis and Palestinians. I will be meeting with both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas."

- As you might imagine, the problem here is that these three "Abrahamic Faiths" cannot join together in cooperation for peace.
- This for three reasons reason the first of which is that cooperation means to co-operate or co-exist, if you prefer, which can't be.
- To suggest that the three Abrahamic Faiths can co-operate together, is to imply that all three are compatible, which is profane.

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.

- This brings me to the second reason I'm concerned with this joining and cooperating together of the three Abrahamic Faiths.
- Suggesting three Abrahamic Faiths join together essentially legitimizes Islam's illegitimate claim to the true Holy Land of Israel.
- Kindly allow me to explain; when I was a child, I was led to believe that I was a descendant of both Ishmael and Esau as well.

- The problem here should be quite clear by virtue of the Islamic holiday of Eid Al-Adha celebrating the "great feast of sacrifice."
- According to Islam, Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son by Hagar, Ishmael, and not his son Isaac, which was from Sarah.
- If you talk to any knowledgeable Muslim today, they will hang their Islamic hat on Ishmael, vis-à-vis this Abrahamic connection.

- The third reason is cooperating together of the three Abrahamic Faiths is it's dangerously close to a blasphemous implication.
- In all fairness to the President, though he didn't state this, he did perhaps unknowingly imply that we all worship the same God.
- When I was a child, my mother used to pronounce an Arabic blessing on me, "Ism Allah Alake," The name of Allah upon you.

- It's my belief that when someone sees Allah as synonymous with God, it's an easy do to say that we all worship the same God.
- Again, President Trump, to his credit did not state this in his speech; however, it didn't stop others from saying it instead of him.
- Actually, it wasn't the U.S. President that stated we all worship the same God rather, it was the Israeli President, Reuven Rivlin.

On Monday, The Times of Israel published reported on how Rivlin thanked Trump for recognizing the 'significance of Jerusalem to the Jewish people.' – Here are a couple of quotes from the Israeli President, "It makes us very happy to know that Israel's most important ally recognizes the significance of Jerusalem to the Jewish people all around the world," ... "Jerusalem is the beating heart of the Jewish people, as it has been for 3,000 years." Finally, Rivlin mentions the fact that Trump, during his first visit overseas as US president, will visit the holy sites of all three Abrahamic religions. "We each have different beliefs — but we all worship the same God," the Israeli president says. "We can work together towards a better future. We shall continue to do so, together. Welcome to Israel. God bless you, Mr. President. God bless you, First Lady. God bless America. God bless Israel."

http://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/rivlin-thanks-trump-for-recognizing-significance-of-jerusalem-to-the-jewish-people/

- In addition to Israel's President, I was somewhat disturbed last week by the so-called Palestinian President, Mahmoud Abbas.
- Pictured here is one of the many banners throughout Bethlehem for President Trump's visit, with his and Abbas' pictures on it.
- On all of these banners the words that were written on it read, and I quote, "The City of Peace, Welcomes the Man of Peace."

I suppose I could be accused of being too quick to toss in the Trump Towel, as it were, but it may be that I'm hypersensitive when it comes to yet another U.S. President pressuring Israel to compromise. On Thursday, Ynet News quoted US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson saying that US President Donald Trump has "pressured" Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to renew the peace negotiations during his visit to Israel and the West Bank this week. "The president was very forceful in his encouragement to both of them to be serious about approaching these discussions in the future and recognize they have to compromise," ... "Everyone has to compromise," said Tillerson, stressing the negotiations' importance by suggesting that Israeli-Palestinian peace could be a catalyst to greater regional peace.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4967206,00.html>

Last week I mentioned that there are many mixed messages coming from the President, and it seems that I'm in some pretty good company with the likes of Caroline Glick who has some interesting insight into this. Here are a few excerpts, "The same inconsistency and lack of clarity about Trump's intentions and his level of willingness to reject the establishment narrative on foreign policy is even more blatant in everything related to Israel and the Palestinian war against it. During his speech in Riyadh, Trump repeated the obnoxious practice of his predecessors and left Israel off the long list of countries that are afflicted by terrorism. ... During his brief visit to Israel, Trump will also go to Bethlehem to meet with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. ... By insisting on meeting with Abbas during his lightning visit to Israel, Trump signals that he agrees with the narrative view that the US cannot support Israel without also legitimizing and supporting the PLO and its terror funding kleptocracy, the Palestinian Authority. Finally, even when Trump has adopted a position that repudiates the establishment's line, the fact is that the establishment's members dominate his foreign policy team. And as a consequence, they do everything they can to dilute the significance of his moves. This was clearly in evidence in relation to Trump's decision to visit the Western Wall on Monday. ... embassy officers angrily rejected Israel's request that Netanyahu join Trump during his visit to the Jewish holy site, insisting that the Western Wall isn't in Israel. In so acting, these Obama holdovers were backed by McMaster, who refuses to admit that the Western Wall is in Jerusalem ... In other words, even when Trump tries to embrace fact over narrative, his failure to populate his foreign policy team with iconoclasts like himself has made it all but impossible for him to abandon the anti-Israel narrative guiding US policy. None of this means that Israelis have lost hope in Trump. To the contrary. They have enormous hope in him. But they recognize that so long as the same hostile false narrative about Israel, and the establishment that clings to it dominate Trump's thinking and policies, the promise of his presidency will not be met.

<http://carolineglick.com/iconoclast-in-the-promised-land/>

- Here's the bottom line; regardless of whether or not the hope and promise of Trump's presidency is met, Bible prophecy is met.
- Specifically, prophecies such as Ezekiel 38:13 concerning Saudi Arabia merely protesting the Russia Iran led attack on Israel.
- Furthermore, this is also starting to look a lot like it could all lead to the fulfillment of Daniel 9:27, Zechariah 12, & 1 Thess. 5:3.

- Now, I am keenly aware how that which I share will be met with many a critic who will be quick to both complain and criticize.
- As such, I would like to share with you the story of the father, the son, and the donkey so as to illustrate a principle in closing.
- Perhaps you've heard one of the many versions of how this goes but I will tailor this parable of sorts for purposes of application.

One day, a father and his son took their donkey to town to get some supplies, and the father rode the donkey while the son walked along side. Once they reached town, the townspeople began to criticize the father for being such a slave driver making his son walk while he rode the donkey. Because of this, the next time they went to town, the father walked and let the son ride the donkey only to have the townspeople criticize the son for making his father walk when he is young and strong. The next time they went to town they both rode the donkey thinking it would certainly silence the criticisms. However, upon their arrival the townspeople again were critical of them, this time because they were wrong to both ride that poor donkey placing such a burden on it. On the next trip to town, the father was sure he had the final answer to please all the town people; neither he nor his son would ride the donkey. Then, as they reached town, both walking alongside the donkey, they were shocked to the townspeople calling them "stupid idiots," for walking instead of riding their donkey. The point of this parable is you cannot be a man pleaser.

Galatians 1:10 - For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

- This is the question before every single one of us this morning, am I a bondservant of Christ, or am I a slave to pleasing man?
- If you'll give me just a couple more minutes I'd like to share with you the ABC's of Salvation along with the scripture references.

A is for Admit you're a sinner – Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The B is for Believe. Romans 10:9-10 says if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. The C is for Call. Romans 10:9-10 also says 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 says that all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.