

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- For today's prophecy update, I'm hoping you'll kindly indulge me as I attempt to peel back all the layers so as to get to the core.
- Over the last several months, I've noticed a trend, as it relates to a renewed hope for a great America and a Middle East peace.
- Please know that while I'd absolutely love to see this happen, and I applaud the efforts to make this happen, I just don't see it.

- I'm keenly aware I may be wrong and I'm open to correction if I am, but I see sudden destruction and not greatness and peace.
- You'll forgive me for raining on the parade, but everything points to perilous times prophesied in scripture, in the days ahead.
- Even if there were peace in the Middle East, and greatness in America, it would lead some to think Jesus delays His coming.

Matthew 24:45–51 (NKJV) — 45 “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- The truth of the matter is if things are good; it has the affect of cannibalizing urgency by lullabying people to sleep spiritually.
- The problem with this is that when we get to comfortable here in this world, we're then more prone to lose interest in the next.
- Conversely, when things are not good, it has the opposite affect of creating urgency by way of a spiritual awakening instead.

- I'm personally of the belief that many today are buying into this notion that everything is going to get better in the days ahead.
- I would submit; one need look no further than to the many geopolitical developments of prophetic significance to see otherwise.
- Developments like that which is now happening in America, and the alignment of Qatar with Iran, and everything in between.

I don't know if it's possible to overstate the significance of what took place with Qatar last week specifically as it relates to the prophecy in Ezekiel 38, as it further aligns the nations even more so than they were here-to-fore. On Tuesday, Ynet News, published an article about how Sudan is expressing concern over what they're calling the Arab-Qatar rift, and as such are offering to mediate. Quoting a statement from Sudan's foreign ministry on Monday, “The foreign ministry wishes to express its deep concern over this unfortunate development between brotherly Arab states close to the hearts of the Sudanese people,” ...It was the first official response from Sudan after Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain severed diplomatic relations with Qatar in a coordinated move. Yemen, Libya's eastern-based government, and the Maldives joined later.

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4971977,00.html>

On Monday, The Jerusalem Post published a report about how, following what they call the Qatar affair, “Israel is willing to cooperate with Arab countries to fight terror.” Quoting the Post, “Defense Minister Liberman and other Israeli officials said that the decision to sever ties with Qatar, a strong backbone of Mideast terror, opened a world of opportunities for collaboration. ... Liberman reacted on Monday afternoon to several Middle Eastern countries' shocking decision to sever ties with Qatar, saying that it served as a great opportunity for Israel to join forces with its neighbors in the battle against Islamic terror. ...Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Yemen severed their ties with the wealthy Gulf nation, accusing Doha of supporting terrorism. ...Zionist Union MK Eyal Ben-Reuven, who is a former IDF major-general, said the Qatar decision indicated Israel's shared interests with the moderate Arab world that also opposes Iran. “Israel should take advantage of this unity for its struggle against Iran, the world's central exporter of terror,” Ben-Reuven said. “This circle enables different relations with Arab countries, but its price is real steps to solve the Palestinian problem.”

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=494905>

Speaking of the “Palestinian problem and Defense Minister Liberman, I would like to draw your attention to this Times of Israel article on Thursday, in which they quote Liberman as saying that “We are ‘closer than ever’ to deal with Palestinians. Here's some of what the article had to say, Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said Thursday that Israel was “closer than ever” to an agreement with the Palestinians and that the opportunity for full relations with Arab states would sway the Netanyahu government to accept a deal. “We are far closer to an agreement than ever before,” Liberman told Channel 2 on Thursday. “I hope we will be able to realize this option.” Liberman did not offer any details about the agreement on the table, referring to it only as an “arrangement,” but indicated US President Donald Trump's administration had played a role in cobbling the pact together and that it would include other regional players. When asked how the deal would come together, Liberman responded: “Because Trump has arrived on the scene and because, as I keep saying, the Arab countries have internalized that their problem is not Israel. Israel can be a solution to the problem.” ...Liberman, who is scheduled to be interviewed next week at a Times of Israel Presents event, said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was committed to working toward an elusive agreement. “If you're asking me whether Netanyahu is making every effort,” he added, “yes, he is. I can testify that he is making a great many efforts.” Trump has been pushing Israel and the Palestinians to resume peace talks and has indicated that he would like help both sides reach “the ultimate deal.”

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/liberman-we-are-closer-than-ever-to-deal-with-palestinians/>

- I'll end the way that I began by reiterating the premise that when you peel back all the layers, what you'll find is the core issue.
- Namely, that of how everything is coming together exactly as we're told it would within the pages of our Bibles, eschatologically.
- It's for this reason that I would once again implore you to be like the men of Issachar who understood the times they were in.

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NKJV) — 32 of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command;

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.

- In closing, I would like to share with you the ABC's of Salvation and in so doing provide you with several 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.