

Mid-East Prophecy Update – November 5th, 2017

- For today's prophecy update, I would like to talk about the Islamic State terrorist attack that took place in New York on Tuesday.
- In so doing, I'll argue the case; this attack is a game changer in that it indicates Islam may be winning the battle for the mind.
- Please know that I am in no way suggesting that evil will prevail in the end, this because we know that Satan is a defeated foe.

- However, until the end, the devil is allowed to seemingly prevail in so much as God allows him to in order to fulfill His purpose.
- It's important to understand that Satan is not God's opposite; rather he's a created being subject to the will of the only true God.
- As such, Satan cannot do anything unless God allows him to and God will never allow him to do anything outside of God's plan.

- The problem is that the battle rages on in the spiritual realm, and the casualties of this war are mounting seemingly by the day.
- Sadly, we're witnessing this in real time, especially on the heels of what's now the worst Islamic attack in New York since 9/11.
- The difference is 16 years have passed and resulted in furthering the narrative that these attacks have nothing to do with Islam.

In his outstanding book, "The Strategy of Satan," Warren Wiersbe answers the question of why Satan wants to attack our minds. Here's his answer, [Satan attacks] your mind [because it] is the part of the image of God where God communicates with you and reveals His will to you. It is unfortunate that some Christians have minimized the significance of the mind, because the Bible emphasizes its importance. ...If Satan can get you to believe a lie, then he can begin to work in your life to lead you into sin. This is why he attacks the mind, and this is why we must protect our minds from the attacks of the wicked one. ...Your thinking affects your feeling and your willing, (Proverbs 23:7)."

- One of the main reasons for doing these weekly prophecy updates is to inform you concerning the truth of the Word of God.
- Specifically as it relates to current events taking place in the world today as indicators of the soon return of Christ in the rapture.
- Suffice it to say, that what we're addressing today, is yet another said indicator of just how close we are to that "Blessed Hope."

- The Islamic attack on Tuesday, and more specifically, what ensued subsequent to Tuesday, moves us closer than we realize.
- If you'll kindly permit me to, I'll explain how I get there, and to do so I'll begin with the events that transpired Tuesday morning.

- Before it even broke on Fox News, I received a text from an online member and friend Lt. Mark Torre of the NYPD bomb squad.
- Lt. Mark Torre is pictured here with the mayor and governor, briefing them on the situation, which was developing very rapidly.
- What we would learn later is that he had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State and shouted Allah u Akbar killing eight people.

- Lt. Torre had also sent me a photo that I thought was most apropos about how this is the only knee a real hero will ever take.
- Thank God for first responders as New York's finest, who doubtless saved the lives of countless in acting swiftly and heroically.
- This is what I call a "sanctified shaming" of those paid millions enjoying the freedom the very ones they protest make possible.

- To me, this was short lived when two hours after the attack, we had the first press conference, which was as usual, the usual.
- Mayor de Blasio again said that which the politically correct expect him to say with regards to the religion of Islam as a whole.

Here is some of what he said; "the last thing we should do is start casting dispersions on whole races of people or whole religions or whole nations. That only makes the situation worse." He went on to warn against stereotyping all Muslims as extremists, saying "...the minute you start generalizing it, especially to a whole religion, then unfortunately we're sending the exact negative message that a lot of our enemies want and the terrorist wants to affirm — that this nation is somehow anti-Muslim." - I quote the mayor for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the aforementioned furthering of the lie that these attacks have nothing to do with Islam.

Enter this article published in Jews News on Friday titled, "SURPRISE! New Study Shows Islamic Terrorism is ACTUALLY Islamic." Here are a few excerpts from the article; Western leaders insist that Islamic terrorism has nothing to do with Islam. ... As early as 2001, immediately after 9/11, then-President George W. Bush gave a speech in which he claimed that in the United States, the terrorist acts in which over 3,000 people were killed "violate the fundamental tenets of the Islamic faith" and that "Islam is peace". ... In the face of hundreds of Muslim terrorists yelling "Allahu Akbar" while bombing, shooting, stabbing, and car-ramming thousands of innocent civilians to death and wounding thousands of others, it would be reasonable to assume that elected representatives might feel obliged to put their denial of reality on hold long enough to read at least bits of the Quran. They might start by reading the commands in 9:5, "Fight and kill the disbelievers wherever you find them...", or, 8:39 "So fight them until there is no more fitna [strife] and all submit to the religion of Allah. If that is asking too much, perhaps they might be willing to consider a recent study by Islamic theologian and professor of Islamic religious education at the University of Vienna, Ednan Aslan, which was commissioned by the Austrian ministry of Foreign Affairs. ...The study showed that jihadists are not, as Western leaders claim, ignorant of Islam and therefore "perverting" it. On the contrary, the jihadists apparently have a deep understanding of Islamic theology. Aslan explicitly warns against reducing the issue of Islamic terrorism to questions of "frustrated individuals, who have no perspective, are illiterate and have misunderstood Islam".

<https://www.jewsnews.co.il/2017/11/03/surprise-new-study-shows-islamic-terrorism-is-actually-islamic.html>

- All this begs the question of are people going to except the truth about Islam or continue on in the demonic deception of Islam?
- I'm of the belief that it's the latter, which is why I also believe this deception is an indicator of just how close we are to the end.
- Simply put, Satan, who is not omniscient, omnipresent, nor omnipotent, knows very well he does not have very much time left.

Revelation 12:12b "...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

- As I mentioned prior, one of the main reasons for the prophecy updates is to inform people concerning the truth of God's Word.
- My hope and prayer is that people would listen before it's too late, lest they seal their fate for all eternity having believed the lie.

Job 36:12 - But if they do not listen, they perish by the sword and die without knowledge.

Hosea 4:6a - ...My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge,

A couple of weeks ago, a pastor on a group email that I'm a part of shared one of the best illustrations of rejecting the truth. It goes as follows: A Pastor decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a jar of alcohol. The second worm was put into a jar of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a jar of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a jar of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the Sermon, the Pastor reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol - Dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead. Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive. So the Pastor asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration? A little lady in the back quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!" No matter how clear you make your message, somebody's bound to miss the point.

- Before we close partaking together of the Lord 's Table, I would like to share with you the simple and clear salvation message.
- I have to say I was so blessed by all the comments concerning the false teaching known as Lordship Salvation, from last week.
- There were numerous people who suggested the thief on the cross, as he's often called, in effect, did the ABC's of salvation.

- He acknowledged that he was a sinner in need of a Savior saying, "we are condemned justly, ...receiving our due reward."
- He believed in his heart that Jesus was the Messiah, saying of Jesus, that He is without sin having done nothing wrong.
- He called upon the Lord saying, "remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
- To which Jesus responded in Luke 23:43, ""Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

- If you've never called upon the name of the Lord Jesus, I would implore you to do so today as we partake of the communion.

Luke 22:14-20 - 14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.