

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 14th, 2018

- For today's prophecy update, I'm going to address yesterday morning's false alarm of a North Korean Ballistic Missile threat.
- I was actually planning to talk about the developments concerning the Iran nuclear deal as well as in the UN when the alert hit.
- Thankfully, Artie & Paula informed me shortly after that it was a false alarm, and that the alert had somehow been sent in error.

- Sadly, it would be over a half an hour before the Emergency Alert was sent out that the missile threat was in fact a false alarm.
- This after the people of Hawaii were running and trying to take shelter in an absolute state of understandable panic and fear.
- The problem is that it's believed it would only take about 20 minutes for an inbound missile from North Korea to hit us in Hawaii.

- Even if we did have enough time where exactly are we going to take shelter here on the Islands were this God forbid to be real?
- Here's another question that comes up, what if we wake up one morning to another threat, that's "not a drill," and it really isn't?
- Will the response be that of the proverbial, "boy who cried wolf?" Truly, this could be said of the Tsunami warnings we've had.

- On my Twitter feed, I found this Guardian article, titled, "Hawaii ballistic missile false alarm prompts panic and whisky drinking."

For some, the prospect of the end of the world was an opportunity to indulge. Joshua Keoki Versola was home alone in Mililani when he received the alert. As he waited for his fiancée to drive home from her place of work, the 35-year-old network engineer opened a bottle of Hibiki 21, an award-winning and expensive Japanese whisky. "I was about to start pouring drinks and go out in style," Versola said "What are we going to do in this situation? We really can't do anything but just try and make the best of it."

- Lest we become judgmental in our piety as Christians, let me hasten to say that we need to pray for Joshua and those like him.
- I think we do err greatly when we look down our noses at people who respond this way because we did this when we were lost.
- Truth be known, the onus is on us to reach the lost, especially in Hawaii, on the heels of what's being dubbed a "wake up call."

- While I am keenly aware that what I'm about to say may be met with criticism, I in many ways am thankful that this took place.
- Let me explain why I say this, I believe God will use this to get peoples attention not just here in Hawaii, but in the entire world.
- I would suggest that as this breaking news hit, there were many who found themselves face-to-face with the reality of eternity.

On Monday, The Jerusalem Post published an article in which they quote Bill Koenig on Jan Markell's "Understanding the Times" radio broadcast, as saying, "The Bible is coming to life and no one is noticing. ... "We are living in the most significant and important time in Bible-prophecy history – with the least amount of interest in the Church..." "There are so many distractions today, people are being pulled in so many directions, there is an information overload, and it amazes me that there is so little interest." On Jan Markell's "Understanding the Times" radio show, Koenig told the founder of Olive Tree Ministries over the weekend that still only a small percentage of church-goers understand the biblical significance behind the events that the Trump administration has ushered in, such as recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and possibly approaching the peace deal as described in Daniel 9:27. ...The article goes on to quote, Jan Markell, who talked about how, Despite the claim that the evangelical churches have rid themselves of replacement theology, amillennialism and preterism (which interprets prophecies of the Bible as events that have already happened), ...these theories still make their ways between the pews, and as a result, most people don't see the Bible coming to life. Laurie Cardoza-Moore, who represents the World Council of Independent Christian Churches at the UN and is president of the Evangelical organization Proclaiming Justice to the Nations, also told Markell that this is because Christians – even pastors – don't always hear or pay attention to what the message about Israel and what their biblical responsibility is, she said. ...Recently, Cardoza-Moore spoke with a French paper about an interview with a pastor of a mega-church in Houston. The journalist said that the pastor condemned President Donald Trump's decision on Jerusalem. "[The pastor] stated, 'for Christians to take an ancient book and apply their own interpretation is a stretch.' I said to the reporter, 'Excuse me, sir, did that ancient book to which that pastor was referring happen to be the Bible?' And the reporter laughed. I said, 'that pastor needs to get his Bible off the shelf, dust it off and start reading from the beginning again.'" There is only one way to come to the right decision, Cardoza-Moore said. "Our position as Bible-believing Christians should be to stand on the word of God..."

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=533119>

I would encourage you to listen to this broadcast in its entirety, as it is as outstanding as it is encouraging. - Jerusalem: God's Time Clock – Bill Koenig and Laurie Cardoza-Moore.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1HCdMBXLK8>

I want to bring it to a close with a fascinating account in the book of Acts 16:25-31, -- 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.

The ABC's of Salvation – The A is for Admit you're a sinner, (Romans 3:23).

The B is for Believe, (Romans 10:9-10). The C is for Call, (Romans 10:9-10 13).