

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- For today's prophecy update, I'll provide an answer to the question of why it seems that everything is speeding up with urgency.
- As I was preparing for today, I was struck with this sense of there being a global expediting of sorts, taking place geopolitically.
- It's almost as if all the world leaders are motivated by some force to move quickly and to strike while the proverbial iron is hot.

I'll begin with this Jerusalem Post article in which they ask the question of why is the U.S. **speeding up** its Jerusalem embassy move? In it they say, "The State Department's announcement ...that it will essentially move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in phases, with the first stage to begin as early as May to coincide with Israel's 70th Independence Day, is a **significant shortening of the timeline**. ...So what happened? Why now has the US decided to at least call the current consulate in Jerusalem an embassy and move Ambassador David Friedman and some of his staff to the location by mid May?" The writer goes on to assert that one reason could be that Netanyahu needs a political boost amidst numerous investigations being conducted against him, and because Trump wants Netanyahu to remain in office he will do anything to help him out politically.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=543529>

On Thursday, Arutz Sheva published a report that the Czech President wants the move of their embassy to Jerusalem **expedited**. This after the US announcement that their Jerusalem consulate would become an embassy on May 14 for Israel's 70th anniversary, Israel's Ambassador to Prague Daniel Meron tweeted that according to the Czech paper, Zeman would like his country to follow US President Donald Trump's lead.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/242912>

Speaking of the expediting prior to this May, I'm sure that you, like me, were quite stunned by the sudden breaking news that the North Korean dictator Kim Jung Un and the U.S. President Donald Trump have agreed to meet prior to May. According to Al Arabiya, the meeting is to secure a deal to remove nuclear weapons from the Korean peninsula; US and South Korean officials said Thursday. While the announcement was sudden, Trump did not appear alongside Chung, but earlier had made a surprise appearance in the White House press briefing room to promise that South Korea would soon make a "major announcement". ...Trump welcomed this ...as "very positive," implying that he believes he is **on the verge of a swift and unexpected breakthrough** for his so-called "maximum pressure campaign" to force Kim to accept disarmament talks. ...Earlier Thursday, China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi had also cautiously welcomed the apparent breakthrough, and called for Washington and the North "to engage in dialogue **sooner rather than later**."

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/world/2018/03/09/North-Korea-s-Kim-will-offer-to-meet-with-Trump.html>

According to Reuters, it seems that Russia, Iran and Turkey aren't going to wait for May, and instead, will meet next month in April. It's rumored that Putin, Rouhani and Erdogan who "cooperate closely on Syria", will likely have as one of the many topics of any talks, the situation in Syria.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-russia-turkey-iran/putin-rouhani-and-erdogan-to-meet-for-talks-in-april-tass-cites-kremlin-idUSKCN1GJ0ZG>

On Friday, Arutz Sheva published an article about how, in the era of Trump, **time is no longer on the side** of the Palestinians. In it they quote Education Minister Naftali Bennett as saying that President Donald Trump has fundamentally changed the equation in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. According to the Jewish Home chief, President Trump's historic December 2017 declaration recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and announcing plans for the relocation of the US embassy removed any incentive for the Palestinian Authority leadership to delay final status talks, potentially making negotiations with Israel more likely. The declaration, argued Bennett, has the potential to "allow, or **accelerate peace**, or enable peace." "The Palestinians," said Bennett, "over the past 50 years, had a very simple strategy. Time was on their side, so they'll just wait. And every time they wait, they get a better deal. If you look through '93, through 2000, in 2007 the deal just got better. So why not wait? What he's actually done is reverse that vector, that trend, and suddenly, the Palestinians realize that time is not necessarily on their side, and maybe they should **start moving**."

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/242937>

- It's important to note specific phrases like, speeding up, significant shortening of, expedited, and accelerated in these reports.
- This because they all speak to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, revving up, if you will, as the Lord's return is fast approaching.
- Actually, this is the answer to the aforementioned question of why it seems that everything is speeding up with such urgency.

Revelation 22:7 - "Behold, I am coming **quickly!** Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

- If you've never called upon the name of the Lord to be saved, I would like to share the good news of Salvation in Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 -- 1 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

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).