

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

- For today's prophecy update, I want to focus in on what I would argue is currently the most significant prophetic development.
- What I'm speaking of is the propensity for a war to break out "suddenly," and in so doing, set in motion fulfillment of prophecy.
- Namely, three key prophecies that I truly believe are in play today, and as such, are beginning to come to pass, in real time.

- At the conclusion of today's update, I also want to talk about the affect that understanding Bible prophecy can have on our lives.
- The reason being is God has really been ministering to me personally about how knowing Bible prophecy has impacted my life.
- Actually it's for this reason that we've been doing these weekly prophecy updates since back in 2006 for over twelve years now.

- In the interest of time I'll provide a summary of the three prophecies, the first of which is Isaiah 17 concerning Damascus, Syria.
- The second is Zechariah 12, concerning Jerusalem, which is that God will make the intoxicating obsession of the entire world.
- The third is Ezekiel 38, concerning a Russian/Iranian led alliance of nations that launches an attack against a confident Israel.

I'll start with this report from Arutz Sheva on Thursday, about how that the IDF is preparing for all out war. Quoting the report, "The IDF concluded a series of massive exercises on Thursday that mimicked all-out war on multiple fronts. The exercise, which was named "Headstone 2018", began on Sunday and trained the IDF's General Staff to **quickly** communicate with their subordinates in the event of **sudden** war, with a special emphasis placed on the continuous functioning of different command centers and 'War Rooms', even while under a missile barrage. <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/243206>

Haaretz also reported on this adding that the exercise simulated a multi-front war in which Russia intervened to prevent Israel from attacking Syria. "Throughout the exercise, we examined various implications of the Russian presence" in Syria, a senior Israel Defense Forces officer said. "We practiced everything that could be coordinated with the Russians and also what couldn't be, how we would operate without harming their interests in the region, and on the flip side, scenarios in which the Russians made trouble" – for instance, by sending a message that Israel was undermining their regional interests. <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/idf-simulates-multi-front-war-in-which-russia-intervenes-over-syria-1.5910678>

Make no mistake about it; Israel is keenly aware of the threats they face from the northern border with Syria. On Tuesday, Reuters published a stunning report about how Russia is saying that the U.S. is planning to strike Damascus, and that they are pledging a military response. According to the report, "Russia said on Tuesday it had information that the United States planned to bomb the government quarter in Damascus on an invented pretext, and said it would respond militarily if it felt Russian lives were threatened by such an attack. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-russia-usa/russia-says-u-s-plans-to-strike-damascus-pledges-military-response-idUSKCN1GP0TY>

What makes this so stunning is it comes on the heels of a very revealing interview of Vladimir Putin by Megyn Kelly on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, which we talked about last week. The reason I mention it again this week is because Putin stated that "There are two reasons why we would respond with our nuclear deterrence forces: a nuclear attack on the Russian Federation or a conventional attack on the Russian Federation ...or it's allies." <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/57027>

Clearly, this stunning threat from Putin is directed supremely against the United States, which comports with this analysis published by Arutz Sheva, in which they quote Turkish president Erdogan who in "Reacting to the news that the US armed forces in Syria are building new bases east of the Euphrates River, said the establishment of these bases could lead to World War III. "The question arises, why the US military bases in Syria are needed, and it seems that these bases are directed against Russia and Iran," the Turkish dictator charged. ...Observers think that ...the pro-Assad coalition will set its sights on southern Syria and will try to finalize the last stretch of the Iranian land corridor to the Israeli border. Iran has reportedly a "huge number" of forces deployed near the Israeli border. The article goes on to state that "...The now seven-year-old Syrian war has cost more than 500,000 people their lives, left 1.5 million people disabled and has displaced more than half of the population (11 million) in the country. Is a World War the next result of this seemingly endless conflict? <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/243223>

- It's this last question, which is presumably asked rhetorically that I think we would do well to consider in light of Bible prophecy.
- This because, we're told that this is exactly what will happen, specifically during the seven-year tribulation; Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- It's my belief that we today are witnessing prophecies that will be fulfilled during that time, beginning to come to pass even now.

- This brings me to the aforementioned reason for doing these prophecy updates for the last 12 years and the impact it can have.
- For me, it actually began back in 2002, when my wife of 30-years spoke a "word of knowledge" to me concerning the end times.
- She had a prophetic word that God was going to use my ethnicity, as an Arab, to reach the multitudes to the ends of the earth.

- The reason I share all this is because, God cannot do a work through us, unless and until He is able to do that work in us first.
- Over the years, God has certainly done that work in me and I cannot even begin to tell you the impact prophecy has had on me.
- It is my hope and my prayer that these prophecy updates will have a powerful affect on your life as well as the day approaches.

- 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.

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).