

Mid-East Prophecy Update – July 22nd, 2018

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about the significance of the meeting between President Trump and President Putin.
- While the narrative here in the US was all about everything but what this is really all about, I believe even that has significance.
- This because, the jury is still out on whether or not America will be taken out of the geopolitical landscape coming from within.

- Sadly, this comports with what we know to be true in scripture concerning America's conspicuous absence in Bible prophecy.
- The truth of the matter is the United States of America is all that stands in the way of the New World Order under the antichrist.
- I think the question needs to be asked as to if this current movement afoot to destroy this country will succeed sometime soon.

- I'll take it a step further and suggest that another question that needs to be asked is related to Syria, Russia, Iran and Turkey.
- Specifically related to the conflicting reports about Russia's relationship with Iran, and their willingness to get them out of Syria.
- For me personally, when I don't know, I fall back on what I do know, and what I do know is what God's Word says will happen.

Ezekiel 38:1–6 - 1 The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, **the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal; prophesy against him** 3 and say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Tubal. 4 **I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army**—your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. 5 Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, 6 also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops—the many nations with you.

- The reason I wanted to get into the specificity of this prophecy is because it's clearly about God Himself turning Gog around.
- He does this by putting a hook in his jaw and leading him out with his great army to attack Israel for the purpose of taking spoil.
- We know this because of the detail in verse 13 of Ezekiel 38, which tells us that Saudi Arabia will protest this taking of the spoil.

- It's for this and many other reasons that I believe everything and everyone is at the ready and now beginning to come to pass.
- Let me hasten to say we don't know "when" it will happen but what we can know is "that" it will happen because God says it will.
- It's important to understand that Jesus didn't say our redemption draws nigh when it happens, rather, when it begins to happen.

- I would argue beyond any reasonable doubt, that we are seeing these things beginning to come to pass at break neck speed.
- One need look no further than to what's really happening in Israel and more specifically on the border of Israel to understand it.
- I would submit that everything taking place is exactly what God said would take place at the time of the end concerning Israel.

- Scripture is replete with prophecies about a 7-year peace agreement with Israel, an attack on Israel, and the salvation of Israel.
- In the interest of time, I'll only offer a summary judgment of sorts such that it begins and is the purpose of the 7-year tribulation.
- As such when you see things that are fulfilled in the tribulation beginning to happen now you can safely conclude it's very close.

After combing through a plethora of reports on the Trump Putin meeting, I came across this Times of Israel article that to me, really says it all. It's about the differences that abound in spite of Putin and Trump presenting a united front on Syria. Here's some of what they had to say, "The Russian leader implies that Iran won't be barred from the entire country, and is placing Moscow and Washington on equal footing in the region. ...Trump in his remarks said Israel's security was preeminent both in American and Russian considerations of Syria. ...Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in turn, welcomed the attention. In a statement, he commended "the abiding commitment of the US and President Donald Trump to the security of Israel." Netanyahu also "very much" appreciated "the clear position expressed by President Putin regarding the need to uphold the 1974 Separation of Forces Agreement between Israel and Syria." [However]...Beneath the comity [meaning courtesy] there lurked several significant differences of how each side sees the outcomes. The Times then goes on to ask the question of, "Does Iran stay?" To this question they write, "Implicit in Putin's emphasis on ensuring Israel's security in the "south" is that Iran, Russia's de facto ally in assisting the Assad regime's bid for survival, will be absent from that region, as will its proxy, the Lebanese militia Hezbollah. But Netanyahu wants Iran out of Syria, period. Prior to meeting with Putin last week in Russia, the Israeli leader met with top Russian officials and said in a statement that he "made it clear that Israel will not tolerate a military presence by Iran or its proxies anywhere in Syria." Netanyahu met with Putin and has spoken with him since; it's not clear yet whether Putin is willing to commit to an Iran-free Syria. <https://www.timesofisrael.com/putin-and-trump-presented-unified-front-on-syria-but-differences-abound/>

- It's this last statement about it not yet being clear whether Putin is willing to commit to an "Iran-free Syria," that I will end with.
- The reason being is because of what we're told in Isaiah 17:1, which is a prophecy about Damascus Syria's total destruction.
- There will never be an "Iran-free Syria." Ezekiel 38 says they attack Israel from Syria, after the destruction of Damascus Syria.

- I'll bring it to a close by simply saying that it should be very clear that these things are indeed beginning to come to pass now.
- It's for this reason we end our prophecy updates with the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, also known as the gospel.
- The gospel of Jesus Christ is that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, rose again on the third day, and is coming again one day.

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).