

Mid-East Prophecy Update – August 12th, 2018

- For today's prophecy update I want to peel back the layers and get to what I would argue is at the core of prophetic importance.
- By layers I mean, all the seemingly inconsequential matters of little to no significance that we are bombarded with in America.
- I would suggest that all of the bluster that we're inundated with is nothing more than a distraction from that which really matters.

- The truth of the matter is, what really matters is, Israel and developments concerning Israel's enemies of which there are many.
- Namely, Iran, whose literally hell bent on destroying Israel who they still see as the little Satan, and America as the big Satan.
- What I find rather interesting is that Iran, Russia and especially Turkey are on the verge of collapse if they don't do something.

- For those of us who know God's Word, that something is none other than the prophesied attack on Israel in the book of Ezekiel.
- For those unaware of what this prophecy in Ezekiel 38 entails, it details an alliance of several nations who will attack Israel.
- Interestingly, the main countries that are aligned in this failed attack are Russia, Iran, and Turkey, all of which are at the ready.

I'll begin with the analysis in Arutz Sheva about how Iran is trying to tighten the noose around Israel. In it they ask the question of whether or not Iran is preventing an Israel-Hamas agreement and is behind current escalation? Quoting the article, On Tuesday Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman said Syria was building an even larger army it had before the civil war started in 2011. "We see the Syrian army, which is not satisfied with taking control of all the Syrian territory, but is clearly building a new, large-scale land army that will return to its previous dimensions and beyond," according to Liberman who spoke to reporters during a massive drill by the Israeli army on the Golan Heights. ...Liberman didn't address the growing Iranian threat from Syria, but he no doubt knows what's happening on the other side of the border with Syria where the Iranian-Russian backed pro-Assad coalition seized the last pockets of Islamist resistance at the end of July. <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/250314>

Yesterday, The Jerusalem Post published a report about how Iran test-fired a short-range anti-ship missile in the Strait of Hormuz during naval drills last week that Washington believes were aimed at sending a message as the United States reimposes sanctions on Tehran... US Army General Joseph Votel, head of the US military's Central Command, said earlier this week the scope and scale of the exercises were similar to ones Iran had carried out in the past. But the timing of this particular set of exercises was designed to get Washington's attention. "It's pretty clear to us that they were trying to use that exercise to send a message to us that as we approach this period of the sanctions here, that they had some capabilities," Votel told reporters at the Pentagon. Iran has been furious over US President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of an international agreement on Iran's nuclear program and re-impose sanctions on Tehran. Senior Iranian officials have warned the country would not easily yield to a renewed US campaign to strangle Iran's vital oil exports. Last month, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei backed President Hassan Rouhani's suggestion that Iran may block Gulf oil exports if its own exports are stopped. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=564609>

To me this is textbook when it comes to the actions of one who is backed into a corner, and Iran is certainly feeling the pressure from their own people who instead of chanting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" are now chanting "Death to the Dictator!" This according to Fox News, who published an article about the US sanctions increasing economic unrest in Iran. Days of unprecedented protests aimed at Iran's sluggish economy along with "biting" sanctions imposed by President Trump are ramping up pressure ...on the Islamic Republic's ruling class and causing many analysts to wonder if regime change could be on the horizon. Videos circulating on social media purportedly taken from inside Iran show thousands of protesters marching through the streets. In one video, crowds leaving a soccer match are heard yelling "death to the dictator! Death to Khamenei! Death to Rouhani!" and "Islamic regime must get lost!" according to a translation tweeted by a Middle East analyst. <http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/08/07/iran-crowds-reportedly-chant-death-to-dictator-as-us-sanctions-increase-economic-unrest.html>

Speaking of being backed into a corner, this is certainly true not only with Iran, but Russia and Turkey as well, and it's evidenced by this Yahoo Finance report about the US sanctions slamming the Russian ruble, and tumbling Turkey's lira. Quoting the report, "New U.S. sanctions against Moscow drove down Russia's ruble, while worries that Turkey was sliding into a full-blown economic crisis battered the lira on Thursday, but global equity markets largely shrugged off the turmoil to edge higher. <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/trade-tensions-torpedo-oil-u-003459409.html>

Make no mistake about it, Russia will not sit idly by and according to Ynet News, would consider it an economic war if the United States imposed a ban on banks or a particular currency, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said on Friday, the TASS state news agency said. "I would not like to comment on talks about future sanctions, but I can say one thing: If some ban on banks' operations or on the use of one or another currency follows, it would be possible to clearly call it a declaration of economic war," Medvedev said. "And it would be necessary, it would be needed to react to this war economically, politically, or, if needed, by other means. And our American friends need to understand this," he added. <https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5326225,00.html>

- Here's the bottom line, at some point some-thing has to give, and soon, this because, the current situation is not sustainable.
- It's my belief that the some-thing that has to give is the aforementioned nations making their move in order for them to survive.
- Suffice it to say, the time is at hand, and if you've never called upon the Lord Jesus to be saved, I would implore you to do so!