

Mid-East Prophecy Update – July 23rd, 2017

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about events surrounding the Temple Mount and what may ensue in the days ahead.
- In so doing, I would like to revisit two specific prophecies that point to precisely what we see taking place in Jerusalem today.
- I would submit the Temple Mount terrorist attack on Friday July 14th may be the spark setting off the perfect prophetic firestorm.

I'll begin with this Jerusalem Post report in which it's being suggested that the third Intifada has already begun. In it they quote an Arab Joint List Member of Parliament, Taleb Abu Arar as saying, "The government's brutal actions at the Al-aksa Mosque, changing the status quo by placing metal detectors, will necessarily lead to a third Intifada, that already began today..."

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=500337>

It seems that this declaration of a third Intifada didn't fall on deaf ears as evidenced by the Ynet News article about a Palestinian terrorist who murdered three family members during Shabbat dinner. Before he left for the attack, the terrorist wrote on Facebook a post linking his attack to the riots around the Temple Mount and the tensions over the new security measures introduced at its entrances. "I have many dreams and I believe they will come true, I love life and I love to make others happy, but what is my life is when they (Israel) murder women and children and defile our al-Aqsa." Hamas issued a statement this evening welcoming the attack, which they called "heroic." According to Hamas, the attack followed "Israel's violation of the rights of our people in Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque."

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4992609,00.html>

If this weren't bad enough, The Times of Israel ran a report about how some Muslims in Jerusalem are warning that a religious war is imminent, while others say it's already begun. In it they quote 72-year old Jerusalemite, Abid Alfkhwawi, who didn't think the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians had slipped into a battle between religions. But Israel's installation of metal detectors at the Temple Mount compound — a change to the status quo, say Muslim leaders; a self-evidently necessary security measure, says Israel — has changed that, he said. Now he believes the conflict is entering a new chapter. "From today onward, this is a religious war," he said. "Al-Aqsa is not a red line, it's a line of war," he added. Alfkhwawi's friend, Salim Klfawee, 69, said it was "worse than when [former Israeli Prime Minister] Ariel Sharon went to Al-Aqsa," referring to the 2000 visit to the contested site by the then Israeli opposition leader that was utilized as the pretext for what became the second intifada's strategic onslaught of Palestinian suicide bombings against Israel. Alfkhwawi said he had no problem with a two-state solution or living with the Jews, but he did think that the "Zionists" were working toward building a third Jewish Temple where the first two once stood, and where the Al-Aqsa Mosque stands today. ...The article concludes by quoting, Ahmad, another worshiper who didn't want to give his full name, saying, "It's easy for all the Muslims to die here, but we won't leave this home," he said, referring to the Al-Aqsa Mosque. "Our lives are cheap compared to Al-Aqsa," he added.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/in-jerusalem-some-muslims-warn-religious-war-is-imminent-other-say-its-begun/#>

The continuing protests are not only leading some to believe that war is imminent, and or already beginning, but according to this analysis published in Haaretz, it could happen in the "Blink of an Eye." After describing in great detail the violent protests taking place, the writer says, "The speed and intensity of the flare-up are worrying omens of what could happen..."

<http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.802649>

It seems that speed and intensity of the flare-up rises to the level of a full-blown crisis, so much so, that Mahmoud Abbas, of all people, is reaching out to Jared Kushner, of all people. According to Ynet News, "Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has reached out to US President Donald Trump's top Middle East advisor and son-in-law Jared Kushner, asking him to exert pressure on Israel to remove metal detectors installed at the entrance of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem in response to a deadly terror attack the area last Friday. During their conversation, Abbas attempted to solicit a US commitment to ordering Israel to back away from the area by explaining to Kushner the severity of the crisis, warning that it could spiral out of control if Israel doesn't withdraw its beefed-up presence and immediately take the detectors down."

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4992433,00.html>

- As I mentioned earlier, I'm personally of the belief that we may be witnessing specific prophecies beginning to come to pass.
- Namely, prophecy in the Bible concerning the Temple Mount, and as such, the rebuilding of the third temple in the tribulation.
- I hope you'll kindly indulge me for the remainder of our time as we take a closer look at two prophecies, first in Revelation 11.

Revelation 11:1–2 (NKJV) — 1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

- I've long held to the belief that the specificity of this speaks to the temple being rebuilt without disturbing the Dome of the Rock.
- Several years ago, I happened upon a graphic of the rebuilt temple superimposed next to the Dome of the Rock/outer courts.
- To me, this fits perfectly with the vision John describes, such that, in measuring, he "leaves out" the outer courts of the Gentiles.

- This is where I believe the third temple will be rebuilt, but the question remains, when, and by whom, will the temple be rebuilt.
- Thankfully, we have the answer to both questions in what some have referred to as the most amazing prophecy in the Bible.
- What I'm speaking of is the prophecy in the ninth chapter of the Book of Daniel, and I'll read verses twenty-four to twenty seven.

Daniel 9:24–27 (NKJV) — 24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. 25 “Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

- It's important to understand the first sixty-nine weeks of this prophecy have already been fulfilled leaving the seventieth week.
- This seventieth week, will be fulfilled vis-à-vis the seven-year tribulation, which begins when the covenant is confirmed by force.
- I would suggest what seals this peace deal for Israel, is the rebuilding of the third temple at the beginning of the seven-years.

- If that's when it happens, then it would stand to reason the by whom it happens would have to be the He in verse twenty-seven.
- In order to know who the “He” is, we need look no further than to the detail provided in verse 26 concerning the prince's people.
- More specifically the people who destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD, which we know were the people of the ancient Roman Empire.

- Here's the bottom line in closing, if this Temple Mount crisis escalates then we may be on the cusp of Daniel's seventieth week.
- However the rapture of the church must happen before the seventieth week of Daniel, which means that it must be even closer.
- Personally, I do not see a scenario in which the pause button can be pushed at this juncture, rather, it's the fast-forward button.

- It's for this reason that I would implore anyone who has never called upon the name of the Lord to be saved, to do this today.
- If you'll hear me out for just a few more minutes before we partake together of communion, I would like to explain how to you.
- I do so by way of the ABC's of salvation, which is a childlike simple presentation of the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

A is for Admit you're a sinner – Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The B is for Believe. Romans 10:9-10 says if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. The C is for Call. Romans 10:9-10 also says if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:13 says that all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.