

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about the seriousness of what's happening in the world today, especially in the US.
- It seems to me that something has to give in the sense that things cannot continue in their present state for very much longer.
- By way of an illustration, you can only stretch and stress a rubber band so far before it snaps, and that's what I see happening.

I'll begin with this Jerusalem Post article about Jared Kushner's meeting with Benjamin Netanyahu. According to the Post, President Trump's son-in-law and top advisor said Thursday in Tel Aviv at the top of a meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu that the US-Israel relationship is "stronger than ever." ...Netanyahu said that he has "a lot of things to talk about" with the delegation, including how to advance peace, stability, security and prosperity in the region.

<http://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=503317>

That was on Thursday, however, the day before Breitbart published a report about how The Palestinian Authority reportedly planned to give Jared Kushner an ultimatum when he visits Ramallah on Thursday: deliver Israeli concessions in 45 days, or we blow up the peace process and go to the UN. Quoting the report, "The ultimatum marks a stunning reversal in negotiating postures since Kushner officially took up the task of negotiating a deal between Israelis and Palestinians on behalf of his father-in-law, President Donald Trump. Breitbart goes on to cite the reasons for this, chief of which was Trump, setting aside the two-state solution, accepting existing settlements in Judea and Samaria, and making a regional alliance with Arab states a higher priority than satisfying the Palestinians. However, it was with regards to relocating the U.S. embassy that really aroused the ire of the so-called Palestinians. Again, quoting Breitbart, "Had the U.S. embassy in Israel been moved to Jerusalem right away, that would have cemented Israel's sovereignty in its historic capital, and forced the Palestinians to offer concessions to avoid losing any foothold in the city altogether. An embassy move may still happen. But in the interim, it was delayed to appease the Palestinians, who offered nothing in return for Trump's delay except vows to continue using U.S. taxpayer money to pay terrorists and their families. Trump prioritized the goal of a peace agreement, as every administration before him had done, signaling to the Palestinians that they could once again make demands in exchange for their mere participation in peace talks. The new tone was signaled by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who attacked the Trump administration earlier this week, ahead of Kushner's visit. He is also clearly emboldened by the American media's treatment of the president, and the pervasive belief among Democrats and some Republicans that Trump will not be in office long.

<http://www.breitbart.com/jerusalem/2017/08/23/palestinians-jared-kushner-45-days-blow-peace-process/amp/>

The last article I want to look at today was from The Times of Israel having to do with Netanyahu's meeting with Putin, in which he told the Russian President that Israel was willing to act to prevent a continued Iranian military presence in Syria. This was during a three-hour meeting between the two leaders in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. ...Speaking to Israeli journalists in a conference call after the meeting, Netanyahu said he told Putin that Israel would take action if its "red lines" were crossed. "We will act when necessary according to our red lines," Netanyahu said. "In the past, we have done this without asking permission, but we have provided an update on what our policy is."

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-to-putin-israel-willing-to-act-against-iran-in-syria/>

- The common denominator with just these three reports is that they all seem to point to the inevitable as just a matter of time.
- So the question becomes one of why we can be so sure that something has to give, and the answer is that the Bible tells us so.
- Specifically, three prophecies, one of which is in the New Testament and two that are in the Old Testament concerning Israel.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For while they are saying, "Peace and security!" sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

Isaiah 17:1 - A prophecy against Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins.

Ezekiel 38:1-6 (NKJV) — 1 Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.

- Here's the bottom line in closing, if the aforementioned rubber band is about to snap, will it catch you off guard as a surprise?
- Here's another question, we're the Lord to return as a thief in the night are you absolutely certain that you will be ready for Him?
- If you are not, then I would implore you today, to make the most important decision you will ever make in life for eternal life.

The ABC's of Salvation - 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.