

Special Prophecy Update – October 1st, 2017

- I'm going to be doing a special prophecy update today for a number of reasons, one of which is that I'll be gone for two weeks.
 - This because, next Sunday, October 7th, I have the privilege of speaking at Jan Markel's Understanding the Times conference.
 - It will be from 9am-5pm at Grace Church in Eden Prairie Minnesota, and there will be CD's and DVD's available after the event.
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- The speakers include Michele Bachmann who served in Congress as a Representative and was a 2012 Presidential candidate.
 - Dr. Mark Hitchcock, who we've had the privilege of speaking here at CCK. Mark pastors Faith Bible Church in Edmond, OK.
 - Amir Tsarfati, who we've also had speak here, and if the Lord tarries, we're planning to go to Israel with in November of 2018.
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- After the conference, I'll depart Minnesota for Virginia, where I'll have the privilege of going to Liberty University for two days.
 - While there, I'll be meeting with several Christian Arab students with Keith Jennings, the President of the Stand with Israel Club.
 - I appreciate your prayers specifically for these Arab brothers and sisters in Christ, related to their upbringing concerning Israel.
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- After Liberty University in Virginia I depart for Oklahoma where I'm privileged to speak at the Blessed Hope Prophecy Forum.
 - Gary Stearman of Prophecy Watchers is hosting this three-day conference, which will feature 33 speakers of which I am one.
 - You may wish to go online to prophecywatchers.com, as I believe this conference will be available by way of a live stream.
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- Another reason I am doing a special prophecy update today is because it happens to be a very special Communion Sunday.
 - Today is also the one-year anniversary of God miraculously enabling us to complete and occupy this beautiful church building.
 - Our very first service in our new church was one year ago on Sunday, October 2nd, and I want us to celebrate all God has done!
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- I want to give a shout out to everyone for all the kind words and comments on Sabia's YouTube video singing at the US Open.
 - It was such a blessing especially in light of the unbelievable controversy surrounding the singing of our National Anthem today.
 - Actually, this is what I sense the Lord would have me talk about today, namely, that of what's really behind the recent protests.
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- I would submit that this is not political, racial, or even moral, rather, everything that we see happening with this is truly spiritual.
 - I'll take it a step further and suggest that not only is this spiritual, I would argue that it's scriptural as it relates to Bible Prophecy.
 - Let me explain how I get there, first, this is not a battle between flesh and blood, republican or democrat, it's a spiritual battle.
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- Ephesians 6:10–12 (NKJV) — 10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
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- It's interesting to note that there are four levels of demonic entities in the sense that they have different rankings and rulings.
 - The reason I point that out is because it is similar to the rankings of authorities when it comes to law enforcement and military.
 - In other words, these satanic entities have demonic power to rule over specific areas based on their spiritual ranks and order.
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- I am personally of the belief that there are powerful rulers in the spiritual realm that are specifically assigned to those domains.
 - As such, they carry out the wiles of the devil, as it were, in order to further the kingdom of darkness against the kingdom of light.
 - It's for this reason that both the United States of America and Israel are in the bulls-eye, if you will, and are under such attack.
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- Enter specific prophecies in the Bible that speak to the existence of Israel and the conspicuous absence of the United States.
 - One such prophecy is none other than the well-known prophecy in Ezekiel 38-39, where we're told that Israel will stand-alone.
 - While there is, as some believe, a vague reference to the US and UK in verse 13, at best, they with Saudi Arabia only protest.
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- Another prophecy that speaks to Israel standing alone absent an America who stands with her is the prophecy in Zechariah 12.
 - This prophecy is more specific in its details concerning Jerusalem and all the surrounding people and nations coming against it.
 - What makes this prophecy so interesting is that it provides us with the details of those seeking to divide Jerusalem's borders.
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- Zechariah 12:1–3 (NKJV) — 1 The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.
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- Here's where I'm going with all of this, the common denominator is that the United States of America is not standing with Israel.
 - This would seem to indicate that something has to happen to the once most powerful nation on earth in order for this to be so.
 - The question becomes, what happens to America? You may not like this answer, but I believe it's already happening to the US.
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- Not only is America being systematically dismantled and destroyed from within America is the target of destruction from without.
 - I've often shared how that the America I immigrated to from the Middle East at a young age, is not the America I live in today.
 - Lest you think I'm not being patriotic, let me hasten to say were it not for my parents coming here, I don't know if I'd be alive.
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- Sadly, this movement afoot, which is gaining traction and momentum, to destroy our Judeo Christian heritage, is succeeding.
 - I suppose we shouldn't be surprised, when it comes to Israel, Satan has sought to remove all the evidence of Jewish existence.
 - This alone should validate and authenticate both the Jews and Christians or as the Quran refers to us, "the people of the book."

- I'm hoping you'll kindly indulge me for just a bit as I attempt to address the aforementioned question of what happens to the US.
- While speculation abounds concerning America's absence there are some indicators that may help in better understanding this.
- However first I think we would do well to consider the "why" behind the "what." Why would America be the target of destruction?

- You'll forgive the oversimplification with which I answer this but in a word "Israel," such that we need to be taken out of the way.
- In other words, if and when something happens to America, then we can't come to the defense of Israel, only God can and will.
- This is why I believe that Iran is working hand in hand with North Korea, who could in fact; launch a nuclear attack against us.

- While this may be a plausible scenario, I'd like to suggest that it's also very likely that the rapture would explain our absence.
- The thought here is that the sudden disappearance of Christians, some of which would hold key positions, guts out America.
- There's another plausible scenario, which is it's all of the above by way of the sudden destruction going down when we go up.

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.

Luke 21:32-36 -- 32 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Hebrews 2:2-4 (NKJV) — 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18 (NKJV) — 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- The question that's before every single one of us today is, am I the "they" or am I the "we"? Or, maybe it's I am the "not sure."
- If that's the case, then before we partake together of the communion table, I would like to share with you how to be the "we."
- I do so by way of what's known as the ABC's of Salvation, which is a simple childlike explanation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.