

Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 2nd, 2018

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about what I would argue is the perfect prophetic storm, that's beginning to form.
- I also want to talk about what ended up as a tropical storm instead of a hurricane that headed directly for our Island of Oahu.
- The reason being is that both storms point to what I believe has great significance prophetically concerning the Lord's return.

- I'll begin with what some are calling one of the most significant prophetic weeks as it relates to Russia, Iran, Turkey and Syria.
- There is a massive troop build up and with it, Russia's largest military drills since the cold war, amidst the many threats of war.
- This comes with the backdrop of the Turkish President Erdogan vowing that he will bring "peace and security" to Syria and Iraq.

On Friday, Al Arabiya reported that Erdogan vowed to bring peace and safety to Iraq and areas in Syria not under Turkish control and said terrorist organizations in those areas would be eliminated. Turkey, which has backed some rebel groups in Syria, has been working with Russia, which supports Syrian President Bashar al Assad, and Iran for a political resolution to the crisis.

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2018/08/26/Turkey-s-Erdogan-says-will-bring-safety-and-peace-to-Syria-Iraq.html>

Speaking of Iran, according to The Jerusalem Post – "Days after US National Security Advisor John Bolton wrapped up several days of meetings in Jerusalem, Iran's Defense Minister Amir Hatami led a large delegation to Damascus. The visit is meant to show that Tehran is a key ally of Damascus, and any thoughts that Iran can be removed from Syria are mistaken."

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=565803>

Suffice it to say, that Russia, Iran, and Turkey vis-à-vis Syria are all part of this perfect prophetic storm that's headed directly for Jerusalem and it's evidenced by the insatiable quest for a so-called peace. On Thursday, Arutz Sheva published a report about how Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas is reviving the diplomatic plan he presented in February to the United Nations Security Council, which calls for an international peace conference and for establishing an international mechanism to sponsor the peace process with Israel. According to Abbas' plan, the international conference should bring about the implementation of the two-state solution within the pre-1967 borders and realize the Palestinians' right to freedom and independence in a state whose capital is eastern Jerusalem. ...The PA chairman introduced the plan as an alternative to the peace plan being promoted by the Trump administration. Abbas has refused to consider the Trump administration an honest broker for negotiations since President Donald Trump's declaration this past December recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Recent reports have said Trump will unveil the plan during his speech to the UN General Assembly on September 25, though that has not yet been confirmed. Last week, Abbas' Fatah movement made clear that there will be no solution to the conflict or peace if Jerusalem is not recognized as the capital of the state of "Palestine", even if that means the conflict continues forever.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/251313>

Perhaps it goes without saying, but there are problems with this on every level, and what's interesting is it's rumored that Abbas' days are numbered as his health continues to deteriorate. So much so, that according to The Times of Israel, the PA is denying a report that Abbas is suffering memory loss and limiting his workday to 2 hours. The Times went on to report that Abbas, who has been involved for decades in negotiations with Israel is increasingly poorly regarded by Israelis, and that he is also unpopular among Palestinians, with the majority wanting him to step down.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/amid-health-woes-abbas-said-to-suffer-memory-loss-cut-work-day-to-2-hours/>

- For the benefit of those for whom Bible prophecy is somewhat new, let me briefly connect the geopolitical dots with scripture.
- First, the alliance of Russia, Iran and Turkey along with other nations, by way of Syria, are prophecies in Ezekiel and Isaiah.
- Second, the worlds intoxicating obsession with the dividing of Jerusalem under the banner of peace is a prophecy in Zechariah.

This brings me to another storm, which turned out to be a Twitter storm caused by my Tweets about hurricane Lane turning into a tropical storm and turning away from a direct hit on Oahu. This is what I tweeted last Tuesday, August 22nd, "Please pray that God, as only He can, redirects Hurricane Lane away from the Islands by His mighty and merciful hand. This is a very big storm, but God is infinitely BIGGER!!! #HurricaneLane"

Little did I know that, according to the Twitter stats, there would be almost 150,000 impressions and over 10,000 engagements, many of which were too vile and blasphemous to read, let alone repeat. So, I tweeted again, the next day: "We canceled tonight's midweek Bible study and the Operation Christmas Child packing parties tomorrow and Saturday. Will update you concerning Sunday morning services as soon as possible. Please continue to pray that #HurricaneLane weakens and goes West away from the Islands!!!" -- The mockers continued to mock even becoming more and more blasphemous.

But God, as only He can, started not only redirecting the storm, but weakening the storm from a category five hurricane, to a mere tropical storm that only brought rain to Oahu. So, on Saturday, I Tweeted this: "So thankful to all who prayed that God would weaken and redirect #HurricaneLane, as it's now barely even a tropical storm and is turning west away from the Islands. Our church parking lot is already starting to dry up. Please continue to pray for the Big Island and Maui!" -- Then, there was a conspicuous silence on the part of the mockers that came packaged with a sanctified satisfaction on the part of the tweeter.

- The reason I share this is that the Lord ministered to me that this is exactly how it will be when He has the final word in the end.
- It was interesting to hear the reports of Hurricane Lane encountering what's known as a "wind shear," which is what broke it up.
- So too will the coming prophetic storm encounter the power of a wind shear, from the mighty hand of God, which will destroy it.

Saturday, August 25th – Popular Science – “Hurricane Lane fell apart in spectacular fashion as it meandered south of the Hawaiian Islands on Friday. The storm rapidly weakened in the face of wind shear to become a disorganized tropical storm mainly producing heavy rain. ...Lane is quickly weakening as it encounters less-favorable environmental conditions just south of Hawaii. Wind shear ate away at the storm on Friday, decoupling its thunderstorms from the center of circulation. This caused the storm to rapidly collapse in just a couple of hours, leaving it ragged and disorganized—a far cry from the monstrous category five hurricane it was just a couple of days ago... Hurricane Lane is a rare event in Hawaii. The state experiences fewer hurricanes than you’d think for its location in the tropical Pacific Ocean. The most common tropical threat Hawaii faces is storms passing the island chain to the north and south or weak tropical waves bringing flooding rains as they pass through the region. No hurricanes on record since 1950 have approached all seven populated islands along Lane’s path—previous storms only struck one or two islands, like Hurricane Iniki in 1992, which devastated Kauai while leaving the other islands relatively untouched.

<https://www.popsci.com/hawaii-hurricane-lane-flooding-fire>

- One last thing and I’ll bring it in for a close before we partake together of the Lord’s Table, and it has to do with two funerals.
- Namely, for two people considered American icons, John McCain and Aretha Franklin, both of which had a common theme.
- By common theme I mean, we all go to a “better place” in the end, and we’ll be reunited with them in heaven, which is false.

- Here’s the truth, in John 3:3, Jesus said that only those people who have been born again, will be the ones that go to heaven.
- This is why we present the gospel of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ at the end of our prophecy updates every week.
- The Gospel of Jesus Christ is that Jesus was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day, and is coming again one day.

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.

Luke 22:14-20 - 14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” 17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.