

Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 9th, 2018

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about the prophetic significance concerning the seriousness of the situation in Syria.
- I also want to talk about what I would argue is of more prophetic significance concerning the prospects of a peace agreement.
- Namely, that of the Jews and Palestinians living side by side in "peace and security," under the banner of the peace agreement.

- While I realize referring to specific scriptures is unnecessary for those who know Bible prophecy, I do so for those who do not.
- Isaiah 17 is a prophecy about Damascus, Syria, and second, Ezekiel is about, Russia, Iran, Turkey and others, invading Israel.
- Then, third, Zechariah 12 is a prophecy concerning the worlds intoxicating obsession with the dividing of Jerusalem's borders.

- Suffice it to say all three of these specific prophecies along with others are in play today, and I believe are about to be fulfilled.
- As I was preparing for today's update I was struck by how quickly everything is developing and that it is not going to slow down.
- This is what I like to refer to as an "unstoppable momentum," in the sense that it wouldn't stand to reason that it just goes away.

For a case in point, I'll begin with this Newsweek article about how Israel publicly revealed for the first time the extent of its war against Iran in Syria and says it may soon get even bigger. This should come as no surprise by virtue of the stakes in Idlib, Syria, which is why Russia, Iran and Turkey had a meeting in Tehran on Friday, seen by many as a final chance to prevent a large-scale battle and "bloodbath." The significance of Idlib is that it's the last major stronghold of the rebel and jihadist groups that have been trying to overthrow Bashar Al Assad. Also, Idlib has major highways across Syria, which if retaken by Syria's government, would essentially render the rebels inconsequential with only a few isolated pockets of territory across Syria. In other words, Russia and Iran, along with Turkey, would effectively control the whole of Syria perfectly positioning them for the aforementioned allied invasion of Israel vis-à-vis Syria prophesied in Ezekiel 38.

<https://www.newsweek.com/israel-reveals-size-war-against-iran-syria-says-may-get-bigger-1108242>

According to Fox News, The US will not sit idly by as, more than 100 U.S. Marines launched an air assault in the southern Syrian desert backed by artillery fire to send a "strong message" to Russia ...The show of forces comes as the leaders of Iran, Russia and Turkey are meeting Friday in Tehran to hammer out their next steps in the seven-year Syrian civil war ahead of an expected offensive led by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces into the country's northwest Idlib Province.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2018/09/07/us-marines-launch-live-fire-air-assault-into-syria-desert-in-strong-message-to-russia.html>

That was on Friday, then, yesterday on Saturday, The Jerusalem Post reported that the presidents of Turkey, Iran and Russia ...had failed to agree on a ceasefire that would have forestalled a Syrian government offensive in the rebel-held Idlib province...

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=566803>

This brings us to what all of this is all about, which is Israel, specifically Jerusalem because that's where the goal posts and end zone are. Make no mistake about it; Israel knows this, which is why, according to The Jerusalem Post, Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, is quoted as saying that Israel is taking strong action to prevent Iran in Syria. ...Amid continued foreign reports of Israeli strikes deep inside Syria, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opened the weekly cabinet meeting on Wednesday saying Israel is acting "near and far" to prevent Iranian entrenchment in Syria. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=566636>

I would suggest that President Trump relocating the US Embassy to Jerusalem, and withdrawing from the demonic Iran nuclear deal changed the whole complexion of the geopolitical landscape and in so doing, made the here-to-fore unreachable deal more reachable as evidenced by this Times of Israel article. -- US President Donald Trump told Jewish leaders Thursday that the US would not give aid to the Palestinians until they reach an agreement with Israel. He also said the Iranian regime had "lost their mojo" since he withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, and was now fighting for its survival. In quitting the deal, he said, he had done "a great thing for Israel." In a conference call with several dozen American Jewish leaders ahead of Rosh Hashanah, Trump noted that he had recently slashed immense amounts of US aid to the Palestinians...

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/trump-to-us-jews-i-wont-give-palestinians-more-aid-until-theres-a-deal/>

- I suppose all of this begs the question of what does all of this mean and the answer to this all-important question is two-fold.
- First, to Christians, what this means is that we would do well to be watchful, hold fast and perhaps more importantly, repent.
- Actually, this was what Jesus, had John write to the church of Sardis because, if they didn't repent, He would come as a thief.

Revelation 3:2-3 - 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

- Secondly, for those who have never called upon the name of Jesus Christ to be saved, all of this means, there's not much time.
- 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 – The A is for Admit you're a sinner, (Romans 3:23).

The B is for Believe, (Romans 10:9-10). The C is for Call, (Romans 10:9-10 13).