

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about what I would argue is a collective geopolitical game-changer, in the last week.
- By way of an illustration of this collective game-changer I'll borrow a sports metaphor of a team's fumble on their own 1-yardline.
- In so doing, the opposing team now takes possession of the ball and in one play or a series of plays can reach the end zone.

- I would suggest that the recent events could collectively be likened to the aforementioned fumble and ensuing game changer.
- By collective I mean: a number of developments all coming together close in proximity one to the other within a span of days.
- What follows, though not in any particular order are what I see as collective game-changing events that may depend on 1-play.

I'll start with this Jerusalem Post report about Housing Minister and former IDF Southern Commander Yoav Gallant hinting that Israel will carry out a stronger response against Hamas in the Gaza strip. Gallant was quoted as saying, "...I can say one thing very explicitly - The game is about to change. We will no longer accept the fire terror..." By "fire terror" Gallant is referring to the launching of explosive devices, incendiary balloons and rockets, which are bringing the situation in Gaza to a boiling point.

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=569728>

The second part of the collective game-changer has to do with outgoing UN Ambassador Nikki Haley, who recently and surprisingly tenured her resignation. However, she will remain in position until the end of the year, and it seems she will not back down as evidenced by her statements after the UNGA placed the Palestinian Authority at the head of a group of 134 nations, known as the Group of 77. In order for the UN to do this, they had to temporarily confer additional rights on the Palestinians, who have a non-member state status at the United Nations. Of this, Haley is quoted as saying, "The Palestinians are not a UN Member State or any state at all. ...She went on to say, "Today's UN mistake undermines the prospects for peace by encouraging the illusion held by some Palestinian leaders that they can advance their goals without direct peace negotiations.

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This brings us to the third collective development, which is fast becoming a major game changer, and it's that of the global outrage over the death of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. However, said outrage is not shared by most, present company included, and perhaps more importantly, the likes of Fox News' Tucker Carlson, who I have to say I'm a huge fan of. On Friday, Tucker Carlson stated that the claimed outrage over the Saudi journalist's death was simply "a stunt," arguing that the "wave of false posturing on display from our own mindless ruling class" had turned Khashoggi's death into "the most important story in the world." In classic Tucker form, he went on to say, "...spare us the theatrics," ...It's an international incident hyped and manufactured for domestic political goals."

<https://video.foxnews.com/v/5851198363001/?#sp=show-clips>

The fourth development has to do with the upcoming Mid-Term elections, now only sixteen days away from today. The reason I bring this into the equation is because of the situation in the US today. While the jury is still out on how it will all turn out, I'm of the belief that the verdict is already in for our beloved United States of America. Please don't misunderstand me when I say this, but regardless of what happens with the elections in America, God is still on the throne when it comes to America. Certainly, there is much in the way of fear and trepidation concerning the polarization, and with it the propensity to be the game changer of all game changers, however, God is still on the throne.

There's a real steadying and settling verse in Isaiah 6:1 when the nation of Israel is unsteady and unsettled in the year that King Uzziah died. Listen to what the prophet Isaiah did and said to settle his heart in the midst of the uncertainty. "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple."

- Here's a question, isn't it good if the unsettling game-changing developments cause us to look to the Lord sitting on the throne?
- In other words, when things down here in this world, not our home, don't look good, isn't it good if it means we look up instead?
- I would submit this is exactly what God intends for us to do, which is why He tells us in His Word what will happen in this world.

Luke 21:28 - Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

- It's for this reason we point up to Jesus in these weekly prophecy updates and end with the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.
- More specifically, the ABC's of salvation, which is a childlike explanation of what the gospel is and how you and I can be saved.
- Before I share the gospel and the ABC's of salvation, I want to share with you an email that I received from a pastor last week.

His name is Chris Black and here's what he emailed me, "Hi Pastor JD. I just took over as pastor at a very small church here in Evansville Wisconsin. I decided to wake everyone up and shake things up. I changed the name to Oasis Bible Church, and am trying to change everyone's attitude regarding prophecy and witnessing. And the Holy Spirit gave me a brilliant idea regarding your ABCs. It occurred to me that each week after church most people threw the bulletin in the trash. What a waste of resources and money. So I designed a nice looking bulletin with the ABCs on the entire back. On the inside back cover I put important relevant scriptures. Then I announced to everyone that after church, instead of discarding the bulletin as before, tear the back page from the front. It now becomes a gospel tract. And I gave everyone the goal of handing it out to someone during the week. To my surprise I got a HUGE ovation! People told me it was a brilliant idea!

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).