

Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 9th, 2018

- After seeking the Lord concerning today's prophecy update, I sensed He would have me share what He did on this Israel trip.
- This because, as your pastor, which I'm so privileged to be, I was deeply impacted and moved personally, like never before.
- In so doing, I hope you will be encouraged and blessed in our time together today, as we end by celebrating the Lord's Supper.

- I knew this trip was off to a great and blessed start with Mary Ann Toyama who was on my Hawaiian Airlines flight to New York.
- The only thing better than a booked flight on Hawaiian Airlines is flying on Hawaiian Airlines with Mary Ann as a flight attendant.
- Especially when the flight is over 11-hours, and over night, as a direct and non-stop flight, from Honolulu to JFK in New York.

- Upon my arrival, Pastor Claude Stauffer of Calvary Chapel Hope on Long Island, in New York, met me and drove me from JFK.
- Then, that evening was a taste of heaven, when Pastor Claude, his wife, pictured on the left, and his elders took me to dinner.
- Pictured on the right are NYPD Lt. Mark Torre and his wife Lisa, who were also a part of the best Italian food I've ever tasted of.

- The next day I was so blessed to speak at Calvary Chapel of Hope and then again that night for the Sunday evening service.
- I hope you all know you are so loved by so many from the East Coast as part of our online church, many of whom were there.
- The picture on the right is Pastor Claude's daughter who led worship on Sunday night, which brought tears of joy to my eyes.

- That was Sunday, then, on Monday, I was able to have lunch at Fox News with a good friend and online member Kelly Maguire
- This is a photo from last year when Kellie and Sabia were with me, and I share this because she's in Bible studies with others.
- Namely, Ainsley Earhardt, Shannon Bream, and others all of whom are Christians at the Fox News New York Headquarters.

- After spending five fabulous days in New York, I was off to Israel, when Mark Torre drove me to the airport for my Israel flight.
- What I didn't know is that he had his NYPD friends and Homeland Security guys waiting for me at the airport when we arrived.
- Its things like this that remind me of God's sense of humor, having NYPD and Homeland Security escort an Arab through TSA.

- To say that the Lord had his hand of blessing on every aspect of this trip from front to finish would be a gross understatement.
- It became clear when I arrived in Israel and was met by my brother from another mother but the same Father, Amir Tsarfati.
- We had planed this Israel tour for two years and I don't think it could have been any better, especially with such a large group.

- Pictured here is the group photo of over 230 people over looking Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives on a beautiful sunny day.

Here's what I posted on Social Media with this photo: "Without question, this has been the most blessed and best Israel tour of my life personally. Every aspect and every step clearly had the Lord's hand-print and blessing "upon" it, from the weather, to the guides, sites, hotels, meals, new friendships, testimonies and everything in between!!! All the glory goes to the Lord, as man could have never done this!!! The Lord, as only He can, did this!!!"

- Now, this is it gets interesting in terms of Bible prophecy, starting with an address from Israel's UN Ambassador Ron Prosor.
- He went out of his way to come all the way to Tiberius to speak to our group, and afterwards took the time to answer questions.
- As the Lord would have it, he shared about some stunning developments, particularly as it relates to Israel and the Arab world.

The Ambassador talked about how Israel is no longer the secret mistress to the Arab nations, as they are now going public with their good foreign relations with Israel. It came as no surprise that on Wednesday, December 5th, The Times of Israel would publish an article about how for the first time Dubai's Jewish community is stepping hesitantly out of the shadows. In it they write about what the Ambassador talked about, which to me is significant concerning the Sunni Arab world toward Israel and the specificity of the prophecy in Ezekiel 38:13.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/for-the-first-time-dubais-jewish-community-steps-hesitantly-out-of-the-shadows/?fbclid=IwAR1CV8jRcPosQumdJnx5ZdaN1r24xrGpMLWQ-enpvMj9FVSNgmMFqgVuoc>

- This brings me to the Golan Heights where we did a Facebook Live prophecy update of sorts on the border of Israel and Syria.
- While there, I asked Amir to share a little bit about the much debated Psalm 83 prophecy, as he explains it better than anyone.
- Also, we talked about Syria as it relates to the Isaiah 17 prophecy, as well as Russia Iran and Turkey as it relates to Ezekiel 38.

What's interesting is hours after we were there, Israel targeted sites belonging to Iranian-backed militias ...south of the capital of Damascus and some 50 km. from the border with Israel. According to The Jerusalem Post, "The IDF confirmed ...that fragments of a Syrian anti-aircraft missile were found in an open area in Israel's Golan Heights several hours after the Syrian regime said it had downed "hostile targets" over the southern part of the country the previous night. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=573194>

- This brings me to Jerusalem and what was to me the absolute highlight of the entire trip when interviewed by Sammy Smadja.
- Sammy Smadja is the owner of Sar-El Tours and Conferences as well as Sar-El Media, and interviewed us for a TV broadcast.
- Pictured here is the outdoor studio overlooking the city of Jerusalem, with the tour group as the TV audience in the background.

- The reason this was the highlight of for me is because of the centrality of Jerusalem in Bible prophecy especially in recent days.

Last Sunday, The Jerusalem Post published a report about how The UN General Assembly in New York on Friday approved six anti-Israel resolutions including two that ignored Jewish ties to the Temple Mount. The primary resolution on Jerusalem, that passed 148-11 with 14 abstentions, also disavowed Israeli sovereignty in Jerusalem. Both that text and a second more global one on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which passed 156-8, with 12 abstentions, spoke of Judaism's most holy site – The Temple Mount – solely by its Muslim name of al-Haram al-Sharif. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=573295>

- I'll bring this to an end the way this life-changing experience came to an end, which is that of partaking together of communion.
- Pictured here is the group in the Garden Tomb getting ready to partake together, which for many is a very powerful experience.
- Before we partake together today, I'd like to take just a moment and share with you a testimony about the ABC's of Salvation.

It's from an online member by the name of Amy Hughes who lives in the UK. Here's some of what she had to say: After listening to a sermon, you went through the ABC of Salvation and it became so clear how easy it is to witness to a lost person how to be saved without making it sound complicated. Once hearing this, I felt a strong guidance from the Holy Spirit to witness this to lost souls, across my nation, through letters! My mum also had this guidance so we both write the ABC of Salvation letters weekly. This makes it encouraging to know that being a single mum to two young babies (Isaac is 2 and Judah is 7 months), still being on maternity leave and not having anyone, other than my mum and brothers, who wants to talk about the Lord and His soon coming return, that I can still find time to witness! Wow, what a Loving Father we have who will guide us to ways in which we wouldn't think of ourselves!

- If you'll kindly indulge me for just a couple more minutes, I would like to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with it the ABC's.
- The Gospel, or good news is that Jesus was crucified, buried, rose again on the third day, and is coming back for us one day.
- That's the Gospel, and the ABC's of Salvation is a simple childlike explanation of how to respond to the Gospel and be saved.

The ABC's of Salvation

- The A is for Admit you're a sinner and your need for the Savior, (Romans 3:10, 23 – 6:23).
- The B is for Believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead, (Romans 10:9-10).
- The C is for Call upon the name of the Lord and confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, (Romans 10:9-10, 13).