

Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 16th, 2018

- For today's prophecy update, I want for us to peel back all the geopolitical layers, as it were; to get to what I see is at the core.
- By that I mean there are so much political noise, so-to-speak, especially here in the US, that it's hard to discern the core issue.
- Specifically, that of where everything seems to be headed as it relates to Israel, this in the face of threats from Russia and Iran.

- While I realize that most are keenly aware of two key prophecies in the Bible, I think it would be good to mention them briefly.
- Namely, that of Isaiah 17:1 concerning Damascus Syria and Ezekiel 38 concerning a Russia, Iran, Turkey led invasion of Israel.
- This because the nations listed in Ezekiel 38 are today at the ready in Syria, and Syria is conspicuously absent from Ezekiel 38.

- Having returned from Israel and seeing the increasing tension on Israel's border with Syria, I believe it's just a matter of time.
- The reason being is that there is detailed specificity in these two prophecies, particularly in Ezekiel 38:13 about Saudi Arabia.
- I would suggest that the specific details provide us an indication of just how close we are to the fulfillment of these prophecies.

- If you'll kindly hear me out, I would like to propose a plausible scenario based on these details, as to how all this could play out.
- Subsequent to the destruction of Damascus Syria, the Russia, Iran, Turkey led alliance invades Israel from the northern border.
- Then, after they are met with a decimating defeat, the antichrist will come on the scene and make greater a 7-year peace deal.

I'll begin with this Times of Israel report about US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo urging the UN Security Council to ban any Iranian activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons. ...He went on to say that Iran has "hundreds of missiles which pose a threat to our partners in the region," likely referring to Israel and Arab allies such as Saudi Arabia.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/pompeo-at-un-says-iran-stocking-up-on-ballistic-missiles/>

It should come as no surprise that Russia came to Iran's defense and knocked the UN policy on Iran. According to YNet News, Russia's UN ambassador said that "Iran is ready for a dialogue," but the United States and other Security Council members appear to be more interested in further escalating what he calls "anti-Iran hysteria and to demonize Iran." He also lashed out at the Trump administration, with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo listening, for abandoning the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and for "trying to punish all other member states" for implementing the agreement and the Security Council resolution endorsing it.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5424948,00.html>

As you might imagine, Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu is not sitting idly by amidst the back and forth between Russia and the U.S. over Iran. According to the Jerusalem Post, "Netanyahu said that Israel does not rule out acting militarily inside Iran's border if it feels that is necessary for its security..." When Netanyahu was asked about whether the role of Saudi Crown Prince has been tarnished in the Mideast as a result of the killing of Khashoggi in Turkey, and what that means for Israel, Netanyahu said what happened was "horrific," and that each country with ties with Saudi Arabia will deal with it in its "own way."

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=574228>

Perhaps this explains why it is that according to The Times of Israel, Netanyahu is seeking to formalize relations with Saudi Arabia, and hopes to make ties official and public before the next Israeli general election... The next general elections in Israel are scheduled for November 2019, though many in the political establishment believe they will be moved to earlier in the year. The Times went on say many Democrats in Washington were said to have been furious at Netanyahu's defense of the Saudis.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/pm-said-seeking-to-formalize-relations-with-saudi-arabi-before-next-election/>

I don't know if it's possible to overstate the importance of Saudi Arabia's warming relationship with Israel, and how it all ties into the bigger prophetic picture. The Times of Israel published an interesting article about some suggesting that the Saudi prince, Mohammed bin Salman, is using Israeli-Palestinian conflict to get Kushner's support in order to receive crucial White House backing after Khashoggi murder. The reason I mention this is because it seems to have an impact on the much-anticipated Trump peace plan that's expected to be rolled out in the "coming months."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/saudi-prince-said-to-use-israeli-palestinian-conflict-to-get-kushners-support/>

The question becomes one of how long is in the "coming months?" Arutz Sheva published a report, which included a video of an interview on Fox News with Sean Hannity and Jared Kushner. In it Kushner said that the 'Israeli-Palestinian conflict has gone on for way too long' and the much-anticipated Middle East peace plan, dubbed the 'Deal of the Century', will be released in the next few months, Trump's senior advisor and son-in-law Jared Kushner said Monday night.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/Generic/Generic/SendPrint?print=1&type=0&item=256000>

- Here's the bottom line, when not if all of this goes down, it will set in motion the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and very suddenly.
- To me, this is a textbook case of a build up, which has been taking place for a number of years, and more so, in recent months.
- Please know that it's not hyperbole to say that it's just a matter of time before that which the Bible foretells will come to pass!

- It's for this reason that we end our weekly prophecy updates with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the simple ABC's of Salvation.
- 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).