

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 10th, 2019

- For today's prophecy update, I want to talk about what's being dubbed an historic visit by the Pope to the United Arab Emirates.
- While there, he held a mass with 135,000 in attendance, drawing an estimated 4,000 Muslims in the capital city of Abu Dhabi.
- It's the first visit by a pope to the Arab Gulf state, which Francis called "a new page in the history of relations between religions."

- Monday, the pope and the grand imam of al-Azhar signed a declaration in the presence of a global audience, calling for peace.
- Those in attendance at the signing ceremony included religious leaders from Christianity, Islam and Judaism and other faiths.
- The pope said, "If we believers are not able to shake hands, embrace, kiss or pray with one another, our faith will be defeated."

The pope also had a private meeting with Abu Dhabi's crown prince, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan, who later tweeted: "We discussed enhancing cooperation, consolidating dialogue, tolerance, human coexistence & important initiatives to achieve peace, stability and development for peoples and societies."

- As you might imagine, there are some very serious problems with this quest for coexistence of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.
- Sadly, many a Christian today, has bought into the lie from the father of lies that Christians and Muslims worship the same God.
- Christians and Muslims do not, and cannot, worship the same true God, and according to the Qur'an, they cannot even coexist.

Qur'an 5:54 - O believers, take not Jews and Christians as friends; they are friends of each other. Those of you who make them his friends is one of them. God does not guide an unjust people.

Qur'an 47:4 - When you meet the unbelievers, smite their necks, then when you have made wide slaughter among them, tie fast the bonds, then set them free, either by grace or ransom, until the war lays down its burdens.

Qur'an 5:33 - The only reward of those who make war upon Allah and His messenger and strive after corruption in the land will be that they will be killed or crucified, or have their hands and feet on alternate sides cut off, or will be expelled out of the land...

- You'll forgive the bluntness with which I say this, but the truth is that either Jesus is Who He says He is or He's the liar of liars.

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

- Here's the bottom line, when one rejects "The Truth," they will believe "the lie" and as such, they will be condemned and perish.

2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 - 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

John 3:16–18 - 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

- This is why, instead coexisting with the Muslim, we are to be evangelizing the Muslim, by spreading the gospel to the Muslim.
- If the truth were known, Muslims are coming to Christ in the multitudes but we're not likely to hear about this on our news feeds.
- Be that as it may, Muslims are searching for "The Truth" and thankfully; they are finding Jesus and coming out from evil Islam.

On Monday, The Christian Post published an article about Syrian Muslims finding Jesus after witnessing the brutality of Islamic groups like ISIS, who carried out barbaric acts in the name of Allah. Farhad Jasim, 23, who works as a mechanic, converted to Christianity late last year. He told NBC he was jailed by ISIS for six months in early 2016 after the militants discovered he didn't know the basics of Islam. During his time in captivity, he was tortured and forced to read the Quran. ...He said, "It didn't take me long to discover that Christianity was the religion I was searching for." "I don't want to be a Muslim anymore, their God is not my God."

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/syrian-muslims-find-jesus-after-isis-brutality-christianity-was-the-religion-i-was-searching-for.html>

- Testimonies like this from Farhad Jasim are one of the main reasons we do these updates and end with the Gospel of Christ.
- 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.

Good day Pastor JD - My name is Lizelle, I'm from South Africa. I am an Art teacher and work with Kids from the age of 11 to 18. My husband and I belong to the Gideon's, and we have been serving for 14 years. I love the ABC's of salvation and started to use it. On Friday we had a terrible tragedy in our area. The bridge or walkway at a local high school collapsed and fell on some kids. Four of them lost their lives. They were stuck under a big piece of concrete. When I heard the news I cried like a baby. I know so many children in that school. ...now, more than ever is a time to take action. Today, Monday 4 February 2019, we went to another school and for the first time I shared the ABC's of salvation to the entire group. Thank you for the simple ABC's. We still have to go to the school where the tragedy happened. Please pray WITH us. Please also pray for the children and parents of that school. As many as 30 kids were injured and about 18 of them are still critical.

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).