

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 17th, 2019

- For today's prophecy update I'm going to do something a little different instead of focusing our attention Israel and the Mid East.
- A couple of weeks ago I mentioned I would covet your prayers concerning New York's new law legalizing abortion up to birth.
- This is something I don't want to talk about, but feel the Lord would have me to talk about as it relates to what I see as the why.

- It's been said that we as Christians need not only know what we believe, but more importantly, why we believe what we believe.
- The reason I want to start this way is because for the most part, here in America, Christians rightly believe that abortion is a sin.
- Furthermore, it seems that even pro-choice Americans who support abortion, oppose late term abortions in the third trimester.

On Wednesday, The Christian Post published a report about how according to a recent poll; most pro-choice Americans oppose late term abortion. Quoting the Post, "around two-thirds of Americans who identify as 'pro-choice' oppose third trimester abortions... According to an ...announcement released Tuesday, the survey found that 68 percent of pro-choice Americans oppose abortion on the day before a baby is born, 66 percent oppose abortion in the third trimester, and 77 percent oppose ending medical care for a viable baby." <https://www.christianpost.com/news/most-pro-choice-americans-oppose-late-term-abortion-poll.html>

- I suppose you could say the majority of people, whether they are Christians or not, believe at least late term abortion is wrong.
- However, I would suggest the majority of people, do not know why abortion in any form is not only wrong, but an abomination.
- You'll forgive the bluntness with which I say this but what we know as modern day abortion is a repackaging of child sacrifice.

Leviticus 18:21 - "Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Leviticus 20:1-5 - 1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Say to the Israelites: 'Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molek is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him. 3 I myself will set my face against him and will cut him off from his people; for by sacrificing his children to Molek, he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. 4 If the members of the community close their eyes when that man sacrifices one of his children to Molek and if they fail to put him to death, 5 I myself will set my face against him and his family and will cut them off from their people together with all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molek.

1 Kings 11:6-8 - 6 Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, as did his father David. 7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon. 8 And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

- This brings me to the aforementioned question of why abortion of any kind is a sin and an abomination in the eyes of the Lord.
- It's been said that sin is not bad because it's forbidden, sin is forbidden because it's bad. In other words, sin hurts and kills us.
- Our heavenly Father forbids sinful practices because He wants to spare us of the consequences and judgment that will ensue.

- Time does not permit me to talk about all the consequences specifically as it relates to the mothers mental and physical health.
- However what I do want to spend the time talking about is my own personal experience when our daughter Noelle died in 2007.
- She was born with Trisomy 18, which is a third copy of the 18 chromosome, similar to Down syndrome known as Trisomy 21.

Back in August of 2017, CBS did a story on Iceland where since prenatal screening tests were introduced there in the early 2000s, the vast majority of women -- close to 100 percent -- who received a positive test for Down syndrome terminated their pregnancy. The reason I mention this is because these mothers and even fathers are robbed of what could have been the life changing experience of parenting a special needs child. This because, Down syndrome children are amongst the most precious and loving children in spite of the difficult challenges of caring for them. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/down-syndrome-iceland/>

- I think I would be grossly remiss were I not to speak to the emphasis that's placed on the coming judgment of God for abortion.
- I say it that way because when it comes to judgment day for this abomination in the eyes of God, it only deals with the what.
- God's judgment is "what" is coming, but I would like to talk about "why" the judgment of God is coming upon this wicked world.
- The answer to this why question is they have rejected God sacrificing His only begotten Son to take the judgment of mans sin.

Acts 17:31 - For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Ezekiel 33:11 - Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

- Dare I say, those who have an ear let them hear what the Spirit of God has to say, to us the church today; Judgment is coming.
- This is why we do these weekly prophecy updates and end 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.

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).