

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 24th, 2019

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about what I would argue is one of the main reasons the Lord's return is very near.
- I also want to talk about why it is that any mention of the Lord's return is increasingly met with ridicule, and why that matters.
- Actually, it's chiefly for these reasons our weekly prophecy updates are so important, in this the last moments of world history.

Daniel 9:27 - Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Revelation 13:5-6 - 5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

- The reason I begin with these prophecies is that they speak to the antichrist declaring he is God in the middle of the tribulation.
- This after he "makes great" this covenant for a week of years, or seven years, which includes the Jews rebuilding their temple.
- I would suggest we are on the cusp of this being fulfilled, as evidenced by the unstoppable momentum towards a peace deal.

Let's start with this Fox News report about how according to two senior administration officials, "The Trump administration's Middle East peace plan is finished and President Trump has been briefed on its contents..." "Officials said that the plan is unlikely to be released before upcoming Israeli elections on April 9. "We are not going to do anything that threatens Israel's security," a senior administration official said." ..."Administration officials have said Trump is hopeful about the plan's ability to move forward. '**We have been given a different set of circumstances,**' a senior administration official said."

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/trump-administrations-middle-east-peace-plan-finished-officials-say>

According to The Jerusalem Post, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a cabinet meeting on Sunday Israel's relationship with the U.S. is at its apex. Israel's relationship with the United States is currently stronger than it has ever been..." "Netanyahu's comments come some two months before the US is expected, at long last, to roll out its Middle East peace blueprint – after the April 9 election. Netanyahu met US Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo last week at the Middle East summit in Warsaw. He said that the conference marked a '**historic change,**' which held a great deal of significance for Israel."

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=580921>

The Jerusalem Post published a report about Netanyahu's comments to Arab leaders at last week's conference in Warsaw where a secret tape was revealed and aired Sunday morning by KAN News. In it, Netanyahu warned Arab countries not to reject the Trump peace plan before it is presented. ...Netanyahu told Arab leaders during the same meeting that Israel knew peace was a "one-way street." "For Israel to be at peace or normalize relations with the broader Arab world, we must have Israel and Palestinian peace," he said. "Since peace was not forthcoming, we were stuck with no options." But, the prime minister said, this is **beginning to change.**

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=580893>

According to The Times of Israel Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi may also be in agreement with the notion that the Arab World sees that something is different this time concerning the peace deal. Last month he told CBS News that cooperation between Cairo and Jerusalem was tighter than it had ever been, and confirmed that Israel is helping Egyptian troops battle jihadists in the restive Sinai Peninsula. **Israel and Egypt had never previously confirmed the existence of the campaign.**

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/sissi-israeli-palestinian-conflict-is-main-source-of-instability-in-middle-east/>

- Here's a question, if this is heading towards the fulfillment of specific Bible prophecy during the tribulation, how close are we?
- If we're that close, then shouldn't it have an impact on how we live our lives, in spite of the mocking and ridicule from skeptics?

2 Peter 3:3-12 - 3 Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ...8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

- I would suggest that the way we can speed up the Lord's return is to reach the lost with the good news of Salvation in Christ.
- 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).