

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

- For today's prophecy update I want to step back from the proverbial tree in order to see the forest of the prophetic significance.
- This has been another one of those weeks that requires a much-needed perspective concerning the bigger picture of prophecy.
- This because, everything we see happening today, is heading in the exact direction we're told it would in the pages of scripture.

- I would suggest that our news feeds are evidence of the swiftness with which specific prophecies are beginning to be fulfilled.
- I realize that with all the fake news and bad news out there, it's becoming increasingly difficult to know what's true and reliable.
- However, all the bad news in the world should be the catalyst that propels us to pay attention to the good news in God's Word.

2 Peter 1:19–21 - 19 We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

- What the Apostle Peter is saying here is that we would do well to pay attention to that which we know is completely reliable.
- In other words, we can absolutely rely on the Word of God and the prophecies written in the Word of God as light in the dark.
- Perhaps better said, as one has so aptly said, "When you don't know, you can fall back on and trust in that which you do know."

- The reason I wanted to start off this way is because nobody really knows what's going to happen in the days and weeks ahead.
- Specifically as it relates to Israel's upcoming elections on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the long anticipated unveiling of the "deal of the century."
- This after the breaking news of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's indictment on Thursday 40-days before Israel's elections.

On Friday, The Jerusalem Post published an article about how Thursday, February 28, 2019, will be remembered as a historic day for Israel. A sitting prime minister has been informed – pending a hearing – that he will be indicted. ...Thursday will be remembered as a sad day, not just for the people who support Benjamin Netanyahu and believe he is innocent and the victim of political persecution, but also for those opposed to Netanyahu and the policies he has led for the last 10 years as Israel's powerful prime minister.

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=582109>

According to another Jerusalem Post report, it seems that Netanyahu is not only unfazed by indictment but is vowing that he will be the prime minister for years. Netanyahu gave a very political speech from the Prime Minister's Residence in Jerusalem, focusing on the timing of the charges and arguing that they are meant to bring down the Right, repeatedly using the phrase "witch hunt." ... Netanyahu said that he has "the strength to stand up to this witch hunt," thanks to his family, his knowledge that the accusations are baseless, and support from Israelis. "I plan to continue serving you as prime minister for many more years, but it's up to you, not the bureaucrats or the commentators and reporters. Don't let the witch hunt confuse you," Netanyahu concluded.

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=582085>

If this is all sounding eerily familiar to what's happening here in the U.S., it should, given that there seems to be another witch hunt, which according to a Fox News Op Ed written by David Bossie, is coming vis-à-vis former Trump attorney Michael Cohen testifying before Congress. In it, Bossie writes, "...The hearing held Wednesday was part of an investigation of the president being led by resistance leader Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md. The investigation is a complete fraud. What credible investigation would start by receiving testimony from a convicted liar? If the Democratic majority that rules the House cared about the truth, Michael Cohen would not be their star witness. But Cummings is doing exactly what the left's biggest donors want him to do. He's trying to impeach a duly elected president of the United States at any cost, even though there is absolutely no factual basis for impeachment. Cummings said that his committee will not tolerate lying. I submit that the very act of inviting a convicted liar to testify is just that."

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/david-bossie-michael-cohen-spends-a-day-lying-about-trump-to-aid-democratic-witch-hunt>

- The question becomes one of why is there a movement to remove the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of the U.S.?
- In order to answer that question, we need look no further than to the aforementioned reliability and infallibility of God's Word.
- Namely, what we know that God's Word says will happen, before it happens, so when it begins to happen, people will believe.

John 14:29 - I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

Luke 21:28 - Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

- Here's the bottom line, everything is happening now and the time is at hand for non-believers to believe, believers to look up.
- 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).