

Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 10th, 2019

- For today's prophecy update I want to ask and answer a question concerning our understanding of the times in which we live.
- In so doing, it's my hope and prayer that with this understanding we'll also know what it is that we are to do as a result of this.
- First however, I will propose a series of "why" questions as it relates to what's now happening, then provide a Biblical answer.

- Why is there a movement to impeach a pro-Israel President and remove a strong Israel Prime Minister, both at the same time?
- While we did talk about this at length last week, as of today, we're now only 30-days away from the April 9th elections in Israel.
- It's important to understand that the Trump administration is planning to unveil the long anticipated "deal of the century," after.

- Why did the House of Representatives anti-Semitism resolution, lead to the inclusion of bigotry, hate, and even Islamophobia?

The Times of Israel published a report on Friday about the House voting 407-23 for a measure seen as a rebuke of Ilhan Omar's anti-Semitic comments, this after infighting led to the inclusion of Islamophobia, and other types of hate. The inclusion came under a section that stated in the end, "Whereas white supremacists in the United States have exploited and continue to exploit bigotry and weaponize hate for political gain, targeting traditionally persecuted peoples, including African-Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders and other people of color, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, the LGBTQ community, immigrants, and others with verbal attacks, incitement, and violence."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-house-overwhelmingly-backs-resolution-condemning-anti-semitism-islamophobia/>

- Why is it now acceptable in states like New York, to kill human babies while at the same time, protecting non-human animal life.

On Tuesday, CNS News quoted MyPillow CEO, Mike Lindell, who spoke at the recent CPAC conference, saying, "I see a party saving minnows in California and killing babies in New York. Are you kidding me?"

<https://www.cnsnews.com/blog/craig-bannister/mypillow-ceo-saving-minnows-california-and-killing-babies-new-york-are-you>

- Why is the Christian church in America declining, so much so, that church buildings are being turned into community centers.

On Thursday, The Christian Post published an article about a new study from Exponential by LifeWay Research that found a majority of churches are in decline or flatlining and have fewer than 100 people attending services each Sunday.

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/majority-churches-decline-flatlining-nearly-half-see-dip-giving-lifeway.html>

- This brings us to the aforementioned question concerning our understanding of the times in which we live and what we're to do.

1 Chronicles 12:32a tells us the sons of Issachar had understanding of the times and as such, they knew what Israel ought to do.

Romans 13:11–14 - 11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

- It's with this presupposition that we do indeed understand that we are in the end times, that we can answer the question of why.
- Specifically, why is it that the times we're now in, the world is upside down with evil seen as good, and good being seen as evil?
- Answer, Satan has strategically deceived the world that has believed the Word of God, and God of the Word can't be trusted.

It actually started in Genesis 3:1, where we're told that the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

- I would submit that the answer to the all the "why" questions can be found by starting at the beginning in the book of Genesis.
- It's for this reason Satan has succeeded in large measure deceiving the world by attacking the reliability of the book of Genesis.
- If Genesis cannot be taken literally, then marriage isn't between one man and one woman, and we evolved from the animals.

I would like to recommend Answers in Genesis, which is an apologetics ministry, dedicated to enabling Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ effectively. They focus on providing answers to questions surrounding the book of Genesis, as it is the most-attacked book of the Bible. They also desire to train others to develop a biblical worldview, and seek to expose the bankruptcy of evolutionary ideas, and its bedfellow, a "millions of years old" earth (and even an older universe).

<https://answersingenesis.org/>

1 Peter 3:15b ...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

- Here's the bottom line, we have the answer of the blessed hope, which is the good news of Salvation in the person of 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).