

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- For today's prophecy update, I will kindly ask you to bear with me as I paint the prophetic canvass with a broad brush of sorts.
- By that I mean instead of getting into the minutia of all the specific details prophetically I want to take a broader approach today.
- As such, it's my hope that we can all get a better prophetic perspective of where everything that's taking place today is headed.

- To do that, I'll color in the backdrop with several prophecies that speak with specificity to what's now happening geopolitically.
- First, the entire chapter of Isaiah 17, which is a prophecy about the destruction of Damascus Syria by way of the Golan Heights.
- The latter part of Isaiah 17 seems to indicate that the destruction of Damascus serves as a catalyst for the Ezekiel 38 prophecy.

Isaiah 17:12–14 - 12 Woe to the multitude of many people Who make a noise like the roar of the seas, And to the rushing of nations That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! 13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters; But God will rebuke them and they will flee far away, And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. 14 Then behold, at eventide, trouble! And before the morning, he is no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, And the lot of those who rob us.

- It's for this reason that some have suggested the last three verses of Isaiah 17 comport with the last three verses of Ezekiel 38.

Ezekiel 38:21–23 - 21 I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord GOD. "Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."'

- Both Isaiah 17 and Ezekiel 38 are describing a swift and decimating defeat, which according to Isaiah, may be within 24-hours.
- If that's how it goes down and it most certainly could then it would bring about an immediate acceptance of a peace agreement.
- Moreover, in Ezekiel 38:19 it says there will be a great earthquake in Israel, which has to propensity to change the topography.

- While I in no way wish to posture myself as dogmatic about this aforementioned scenario, I do want to propose it none-the-less.
- This for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that it would resolve the dispute over the Temple Mount and 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple.
- This is where I truly believe everything is headed, so much so, it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when, and how fast it will be.

Lest I be accused of bordering on the sensational in connecting these dots and suggesting the swiftness with which they could happen, please allow me to share three news articles from just this several days, starting with this Times of Israel report about Syria, vowing to recapture the Golan from Israel "by all means." The Times quoted Syria's Foreign Minister Walid Muallem as saying, "Syria will liberate the occupied Golan by all means and all choices are on the table. "We have will and determination and our war since 2011 is to protect Syria's sovereignty and independence and to liberate every inch of its territories."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/syria-vows-to-recapture-golan-from-israel-by-all-means/?fbclid=IwAR133CqvUw10BPngfZZOfNg8puf-8d3s88m-J3dAny-g-SRK7Ccvhuie4>

That was on Thursday, but on Wednesday The Times of Israel published another report about the Chairman of the far-right party, Zehut Feiglin, who is enjoying growing popularity says he wants to build the Third Temple immediately!!! He told the Maariv/Jerusalem Post conference in Tel Aviv, "I don't want to build a (Third) Temple in one or two years, I want to build it now."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/zehuts-feiglin-says-he-wants-to-build-third-temple-right-away/>

This brings us to the last article, which was published in The Jerusalem Post, titled, "Trump Isn't Cyrus, Yet" Here's a couple of quotes from the article. "Following President Trump's proclamation recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights on Monday, Prime Minister Netanyahu compared the American leader to Cyrus the Great. ... It is surely significant that the US president recognized Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights and we are grateful that he declared Jerusalem to be the eternal capital of the Jewish People. However, for President Trump to truly earn the comparison to Cyrus the Great, there is one final piece of real estate that deserves his attention.

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=584831>

Ezra 1:1–2 - 1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying, 2 Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

- It should be noted that they've minted a coin with the image of Trump and Cyrus on the front and the Third Temple on the back.
- I share all of this because it's a great source of encouragement to those of us who long even ache for the rapture of the church.
- However, I'm also keenly aware that instead of being encouraging, it's terrifying to those who don't know Jesus as their Savior.

- 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).