

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 5th, 2019

- Before we get to the prophecy update I need to address something that was brought to our attention concerning social media.
- Namely that of fake accounts using my name and image, particularly on Facebook asking for money to be used for missions.
- Please know that I never ask for money on social media, and if you get any message like this, you need to report that account.

- For today's update, I sensed that the Lord would have me to tackle the touchy topic of that which is happening here in America.
- I have to confess that for quite some time now I've been conflicted in my heart related to the current state of the United States.
- This because, I am of the belief that the United States is conspicuously absent from Bible prophecy and now we're seeing why.

On Thursday, April 18th Gallup published a report about how “the rate of U.S. church membership has declined sharply in the past two decades after being relatively stable in the six decades before that. A sharp increase in the proportion of the population with no religious affiliation, a decline in church membership among those who do have a religious preference, and low levels of church membership among millennials are all contributing to the accelerating trend.”

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/248837/church-membership-down-sharply-past-two-decades.aspx>

Last Thursday, The Los Angeles Times ran an OpEd piece suggesting that as religion declines in America, political tribalism is filling the vacuum that's left behind. “In a recent essay titled “America's New Religions,” published on New York Magazine's Intelligencer website, writer Andrew Sullivan adds his name to a growing list of cultural observers who believe established faiths in the U.S. are giving way to political tribalism. The desire for religious fulfillment is “in our genes,” Sullivan writes, and as Christianity wanes in America, he believes two discrete political “religions” have taken its place in a search for meaning: Trumpism and “the cult of social justice.”

<https://www.latimes.com/socal/burbank-leader/opinion/tn-blr-me-intheory-20190504-story.html>

2 Timothy 3:1–5 - 1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

2 Timothy 4:1–5 - 1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

- It was on Tuesday at the Hawaii Prayer Breakfast with Ravi Zacharias as the keynote speaker that I realized it wasn't just me.
- He made this stunning comment, "In the 47-years of my ministry I have never seen our American society as toxic as it is today."
- He then went on to talk about the unthinkable horrors that always ensue when there's a turning away from the God of the Bible.

- That was Tuesday, then, on Wednesday, Barry Meguiar emailed me an article he had written titled, “Racing Toward Anarchy.”
- In it, he not only cites the reasons for what's happening in America and to America, he more importantly offers a solution to it.
- I'm hoping you'll kindly indulge me as I briefly share with you some of what he had to say, as it is a prophetic word fitly spoken.

“It's impossible to understand what's happening to America without recognizing how we've turned our backs on God. In 1960, almost 70% of our population were faithful church attendees. That number is now 20%. When 50% of a country's population moves away from God for its own self-interest, it's racing toward Anarchy. ... Without God's Moral Absolutes determining what's right and wrong, there is no right or wrong. Everyone views their ‘rights and wrongs’ as superior to everyone else's ‘rights and wrongs’. Everyone becomes a law unto themselves, with the loudest and most virulent voices hell-bent on turning America away from God. ... Corrupt Politicians Are NOT the Problem! Those who lead us in public office are the mirror image of those who elect them. A Godless Society elects Godless Leaders, which leads to the blind leading the blind. Satan blinds the minds of the un-believers who now constitute more than two-thirds of our population. (II Cor 4:4) Most Americans are lost, given over to a lie and headed for hell. How are they going to know (the truth) unless someone tells them . . . with only 1% of us telling them? That's the problem! We're the problem! ...If you're a Patriot, love America and love God, you'll take every opportunity to move everyone, every day closer to Jesus.”

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- According to Ephesians 4:12, as a pastor I'm to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built 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).