

Bible Prophecy Update – June 2nd, 2019

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk about something that happened last week that I would argue is a real game changer.
- Namely, that of Benjamin Netanyahu's failure to form a coalition subsequent to his historic re-election victory April of this year.
- In so doing, I'm hoping to answer the question as it relates to the prophetic significance of this and what it means to us today.

I'll begin with this Jerusalem Post report about how exactly one month after the 21st Knesset were sworn in, a majority of the Knesset voted to disperse themselves and initiate an unprecedented repeat election in September after Netanyahu was unable to form a coalition. "It was the first time in Israeli history that a candidate for prime minister failed to form a coalition after being given the task by the president after an election." <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=591044>

As you might imagine, this is a geopolitical earthquake of sorts for a number of reasons, chief of which is the impact this will have on the long anticipated "deal of the century." According to Fox News, Jared Kushner's visit to Jerusalem to promote his Middle East peace plan could be losing steam as Israel heads into the uncharted territory of a second election in a calendar year following Benjamin Netanyahu's inability to form a government by Wednesday night's deadline. https://www.foxnews.com/world/kushner-trump-middle-east-peace-deal-israel-election_print

I suppose it should come as no surprise that Mahmoud Abbas is very happy about all of this by virtue of this Breaking Israel News report quoting him as saying, "The 'deal of the century,' or the deal of disgrace, will go to hell..." Speaking of the U.S.-sponsored conference in Bahrain scheduled for June 25-26, Abbas added that "the economic project they [the conference participants] are working on for next month will also go to hell ... we said we are not going to accept this meeting and its results because they are selling us illusions that will lead to nothing." <https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/130245/abbas-trump-peace-plan-can-go-to-hell/>

Suffice it to say, speculation abounds amongst the experts and analysts as to how all of this will play out. The Jerusalem Post published one such analysis titled, "'Hello' elections means 'goodbye' Trump peace plan." If Israel says hello to new elections in September, it is safe to assume it can kiss goodbye US President Donald Trump's "Deal of the Century." History has shown that the best time for American presidents to put forth a peace plan is at the start of a four-year term, not toward the end. ...If Trump really wants his "Deal of the Century" to work, it will take a great deal of time and energy. It's not as if Washington drops the plan on the world, and then steps away. It will necessitate intense involvement by the White House – including from the president – to shepherd it forward. But Trump is unlikely to do that during an election campaign. First, because he will be too busy campaigning, and second, because he will not want to get actively involved in an issue that, in the end, may fail. No candidate wants to go to elections with such a colossal, high profile failure so fresh on his résumé. So if the Trump administration is indeed going to roll out the political component of its long-awaited plan, it has up until about Labor Day to do so. But if Israel now decides to go to elections, even that window will be closed shut. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=590874>

- One of the things I'm learning in my walk with the Lord is that when you don't know you can go to the one who does know.
- Perhaps you've heard it said, "We may not know what the future holds, but we do know God is the one Who holds the future.
- I'll take it a step further and say that not only do we know God holds the future, we also know the future, as it's in God's Word.

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

Revelation 1:17–19 - 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

- 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).