

## Bible Prophecy Update – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

- For today's prophecy update I want to talk to you about how quickly and suddenly everything can change seemingly over night.
- Please know that I in no way wish to sound sensational but I say it that way because of what we're told will happen in scripture.
- Replete throughout the pages of Bible prophecy the common theme is how unexpected it all happens like to a thief in the night.

Matthew 24:42–44 - 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

- I personally believe that if there was ever a time for us to be watching for the Lord's return in the rapture of the church, it is now!
- If you'll kindly allow me to, I would like to share with you why it is that everything that's happening could change in an instant.
- By that I mean; we're arguably a stroke of the pen away from what could very well be the fulfillment of specific Bible prophecies.

I'll begin with this Israel Hayom report about Israeli strikes on military targets in Syria for the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight day. "According to Syrian media, the Israeli strike targeted the T4 air base in the central province of Homs – long used by Iranian forces in Syria – just before midnight Sunday. ...Israel has acknowledged carrying out dozens of airstrikes in Syria against Iranian targets and Tehran's allies over the past months. <https://www.israelhayom.com/2019/06/03/for-second-straight-day-israel-strikes-military-targets-in-syria/>

These strikes are preemptive by virtue of Iran's weapon capabilities. On Tuesday, The Jerusalem Post published a report about how the German intelligence agency confirming Iran's purchase of missile technology to manufacture "nuclear, biological or chemical weapons of mass destruction." <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=591472>

According to this Arutz Sheva report, Iran is only 'six months away from an atomic bomb' and a former IAEA official says Israel, and the Gulf states, 'need to be worried' about Iran's emerging nuclear abilities. <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/264205>

Thankfully, the Iranian threat is being taken seriously. On Thursday Al Arabiya quoted a top US commander in the Gulf region as saying that the Iran threat is 'very real.'

<https://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2019/06/06/US-commander-for-Mideast-says-Iran-threat-very-real-.html>

Make no mistake about it; Israel is also taking the threat of an Iranian attack very seriously as well. The Jerusalem Post quoted a senior Israel Navy officer as saying, "We are ready' for any Iranian proxy attack." With tensions still high, Navy commanders are ready for anything, anywhere. <https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=591363>

- I suppose the question we need to ask is do we as Christians take this seriously, and are we ready for anything, at any time?
- 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).