

Bible Prophecy Update – October 20th, 2019

- Today's prophecy update ties into the teaching in 1 Thessalonians and I would venture to say that this will not be the first time.
- The reason being is that the first epistle Paul wrote was to the church in Thessalonica and was about the rapture of the church.
- That's what I would like to talk about today, namely not being discouraged or losing hope in what we know is the blessed hope.

- As I was seeking the Lord about today's update, I sensed He would have me to address what I see as "prophetic uncertainty."
- By that I mean, everything seems to be "up in the air," as it were, particularly as it relates to the uncertainty, governmentally.
- Here in the US, there's a movement to impeach President Trump, and in Israel, there's no movement in forming a government.

Let's start with this interesting Washington Examiner report in which they cite the results of a poll that found most think Trump will be impeached and win the 2020 reelection. "Americans expect President Trump to get roughed up in a House impeachment but soldier on to win reelection, according to the latest poll on the White House crisis."

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/exclusive-poll-most-think-trump-will-be-impeached-and-win-2020-reelection>

I suppose you could say that the jury is still out, so-to-speak concerning President Trump and next years elections, and the same thing could be said concerning the results of Israel's elections last month. According to The Jerusalem Post, sources close to President Reuven Rivlin said that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's mandate to form a government will not be extended beyond the Thursday, October 24, deadline.

<https://www.jpost.com/printarticle.aspx?id=604476>

As you might imagine, the onus is on Netanyahu, as the clock is ticking, however, according to The Times of Israel, it's not looking good for the Prime Minister. On Thursday Netanyahu extended a new proposal to Blue and White party leader Benny Gantz to join a unity government that includes the premier's Likud party and his allies on the religious right. The offer was quickly dismissed by Gantz as disingenuous, with the Blue and White leader saying Netanyahu "is not seeking unity but immunity," in a reference to the prime minister's insistence on retaining the premiership — allegedly so as to avoid having to step down if he is indicted in the three criminal cases against him.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-floats-new-offer-for-unity-government-gantz-swiftly-rejects-it/>

It seems that the situation in Israel is so uncertain that according to Ynet News, A senior U.S. official says President Donald Trump's top Mideast adviser, Jared Kushner, will visit Israel at the end of the month. Kushner, who is also Trump's son in law, is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his chief political rival, Benny Gantz. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. The White House says Kushner is preparing to release an off-delayed Mideast peace plan, though it has not said when he will do so. He is not expected to present the plan during his visit.

<https://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-5609187,00.html>

Add to this the uncertainty concerning Syria despite the securing of a cease-fire agreement. Fox News reported that President Trump declared Thursday "a great day for civilization" as Vice President Mike Pence and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced terms of a cease-fire agreement that would end violence between Turkey and Kurds in Syria, following a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara. The deal is for a 120-hour cease-fire, during which time the Kurdish-led forces could pull back from the roughly 20-mile-wide safe zone on the Turkish-Syrian border. All Turkish military operations under the recent offensive known as Operation Peace Spring will pause during that time, and the operation itself will come to an end entirely upon the completion of the Kurdish withdrawal, under the terms of the deal.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/pence-pompeo-secure-cess-fire-agreement-in-syria-after-meeting-with-turkish-president>

- Time does not permit me to address all the other major geopolitical developments that are currently riddled with uncertainty.
- The uncertainty of the outcome of Brexit is one, and with it, the President's peace plan, which it seems, is on hold once again.
- I would suggest that the uncertainty is actually setting the prophetic stage related to the world being readied for the antichrist.

1 John 2:18 - Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.

- I believe the antichrist is alive and already on the scene behind the scenes but can't be revealed until the church is removed.
- 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).