

Bible Prophecy Update – December 29th, 2019

- For today's update, I'm going to have to kindly ask that you bear with me as I share with you what the Lord has put on my heart.
- I have to confess this is one of the most difficult updates to prepare due to the matter I sense the Lord would have me address.
- Namely, that of the division and discord within the body of Christ over the current President of the United States, Donald Trump.

Doubtless you heard about the scathing editorial written by Mark Galli of Christianity Today about how President Trump should be removed from office. It would be a gross understatement to say that this created a firestorm that seems to still be raging 10-days after it was published. <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2019/december-web-only/trump-should-be-removed-from-office.html>

On Monday, The Christian Post published a letter signed by some 200 evangelical leaders who slammed Christianity Today for the editorial, particularly as it relates to the editor in chief questioning their Christian witness. The faith leaders said in the letter, ...that the editorial "offensively questioned the spiritual integrity and Christian witness of tens-of-millions of believers who take seriously their civic and moral obligations." The signatories also decried Galli who they say "offensively dismissed" their point of view in comments he made in an interview with CNN Friday, where he said that evangelicals who are upset or outraged by his Christianity Today editorial do not read the magazine because they are "Christians on the far right, evangelicals on the far right, so they're going to be as dismissive of the magazine as President Trump has shown to be." "We are, in fact, not 'far-right' evangelicals as characterized by the author," the letter states. "Rather, we are Bible-believing Christians and patriotic Americans who are simply grateful that our president has sought our advice as his administration has advanced policies that protect the unborn, promote religious freedom, reform our criminal justice system, contribute to strong working families through paid family leave, protect the freedom of conscience, prioritize parental rights, and ensure that our foreign policy aligns with our values while making our world safer, including through our support of the State of Israel."

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/nearly-200-evangelical-leaders-slam-christianity-today-for-questioning-their-christian-witness.html>

Enter the Prime Minister of Israel, Netanyahu, and this Fox News report about his landslide win in the Likud party primary ahead of the general election next year. The win gives the embattled leader a boost ahead of Israel's third election in less than a year and could give him another opportunity to form a government after falling short in two previous attempts in 2019. Netanyahu, who has led the country for the past decade, has cultivated an image as a veteran statesman with close ties to President Trump, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other world leaders. <https://www.foxnews.com/world/israel-netanyahu-wins-likud-party-primary>

Speaking of Russian President Vladimir Putin, The Times of Israel published a report in which the quote Prime Minister Netanyahu as saying, "Putin told me that were it not for our relationship, we could have found ourselves in the midst of a military clash... Only because we meet every few months has this been avoided."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/netanyahu-putin-said-that-if-i-were-not-pm-israel-and-russia-would-be-at-war/>

- This stunning statement by Putin suggests that if Netanyahu is not Prime Minister, Russia could very well be at war with Israel.
- It also suggests if Trump was to be somehow "removed from office," that the United States would not be there to defend Israel.
- Then, absent Trump and Netanyahu, there would be an invasion of Israel, which leads to the anti-Christ's peace agreement.

It's important to remember that Israel is still waiting for the Messiah because they rejected their true Messiah, and as such, will accept the anti-Christ in place of Jesus Christ. Make no mistake about it, the Jews in Israel are following Bible prophecy very close because they believe the coming of their Messiah is close. On Wednesday, Breaking Israel News published a list of the "Top Ten Prophecies of 2019." Number 6 on that list was Israel's elections going according to Zechariah's prophecy foreshadowing the Messiah. In it the writer says, "Mystics and end-of-day experts are predicting that the third round of elections will be a replay, resulting inconclusively with no coalition being formed. End-of-days experts and mystics have been predicting this outcome for months while noting that the dissolution of the government is a necessary precondition for the resurrection of the Davidic Dynasty."

<https://www.breakingisraelnews.com/142198/top-ten-prophecies-2019/>

- Here's the question we should all be asking, "could it be that everything that's happening needs to happen for Jesus to come?"
- What if everything we're seeing take place in the world is God's way of loosening our grip on this world to ready us for the next?
- I would submit it's when we live as if the Lord could come back at anytime, we'll keep a very light touch on this temporal world.

Matthew 24:46–51 - 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

- 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).