

Bible Prophecy Update – January 19th, 2020

- For today's update I'm going to do something a little different and put a title on the prophecy update, which is that of, "what if."
- About two months ago, I just had this open-ended question mark of sorts as it relates to these two simple words of, "what if."
- Since that time, I've sought to fill in the blanks as it were concerning a wide array of the many geopolitical uncertainties today.

- I think you would agree that there are so many very important matters on the world stage that today seem to be up in the air.
- Namely, that of Israel's elections and subsequent forming of a government, and with it the U.S. presidential election this year.
- Add to this the situation with Putin cementing his rule in Russia, the tension with Iran, and the unveiling of Trump's peace plan.

According to The Jerusalem Post I'm in good company with Jordan's King Abdullah who is asking one of the same "What If" questions but for different reasons. Quoting Jordan's King, "What if the world gives up on the two-state solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?" Abdullah answered his own question by stating that no less than world peace depends on the outcome of this conflict. "I will say it again and again. A more peaceful world is not possible without a stable Middle East, and a stable Middle East is not possible without peace between the Palestinians and Israelis," Abdullah said to loud applause. ... "What if Jerusalem, a city that is close to my heart personally and of great historic significance, remains disputed? Can we afford to rob Christians and Muslims alike of the spirituality, peace and coexistence that this city symbolizes, and instead allow it to descend into political conflict?" Abdullah asked. He spoke just as speculation is high that US President Donald Trump will finally release his long-awaited peace plan, known as the "Deal of the Century." It is presumed that the plan will not include the traditional presumption of a two-state solution at the pre-1967 lines. Both Abdullah and the EU embrace a resolution based on the pre-1967 lines. He said, "What if next time neither side steps away from the brink, dragging us all toward untold chaos. An all-out war jeopardizes the stability of the entire region. Once more it risks massive disruptions of the entire global economy, including markets, [and] threatens a resurgence of terrorism across the world." ... "What if we see a reemergence of ISIS, and Syria becomes a staging ground for attacks against the rest of the world? Syria may be out of the headlines... but the crisis is far from over.

<https://www.jpost.com/Middle-East/King-Abdullah-What-if-world-gives-up-on-two-state-solution-614246>

- If you'll kindly indulge me I'll try to answer all the what if questions with a very simple answer from the pages of Bible prophecy.
- Simply put, the answer to what if is that everything is going perfectly according to God's prophetic plan and it's happening fast.
- So much so that this year of 2020 may have the much-needed effect of waking many people up to the lateness of the hour.

Romans 13:11–14 - 11 And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

- 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.

Before we get to the ABC's of Salvation, I want to share with you an email we received from an online member by the name of Gail Dyr. "I have a friend in Vancouver B C Canada whom I have known since I was 7 and she was 10. We are now 75 and 78 respectively. I live in the U S , she still is in Canada. I became a Christian in 1974. We have had numerous visits in person and/or by phone where we have talked about the Lord and how to be saved to no avail. Two days ago we were conversing again and this time she expressed much fear due to the situation with Iran. She had just told me that she didn't know how to become a Christian. We were cut off right in the middle and I wasn't able to reach her after 6 tries. Guess what came to my mind but Pastor Farag's A B C's of Salvation. I went to your website and copied and pasted the A B C's into an email. The next day to my relief she called me, told me she read the email, and also told me that she thought she WAS a Christian. With this in mind I believe this was her last chance and I have no doubt about her any more. I love the simplicity yet thorough way you explain salvation. Thank you!"

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).