

Bible Prophecy Update – February 2nd, 2020

- What I'm hoping to do today is answer some of the questions concerning Trump's peace plan and what it means to us today.
- I downloaded the 181-page plan and read through it in order that I might prayerfully and carefully draw my own conclusions.
- After sharing with you two conclusions, and answering two questions, I would like to focus our attention on why this matters.

- Before we jump into this, I think it's incumbent upon me to preface this with what I will call "fast facts" that need to be revisited.
- First and this is important, there's no such thing as a Palestinian and as such, there's also no such thing as a State of Palestine.
- Second, the "so-called" Palestinian's have no interest in a State with Israel, only the destruction of Israel, as they have proven.

- Third, the "so-called" Palestinians have not only rejected 75% of Jerusalem in 2000, they rejected a State of Palestine in 1937.
- Fourth, the Muslim claim that Jerusalem is a holy site, specifically on the Temple Mount is as illegitimate as the religion is false.
- Fifth and finally, Jerusalem is and will always be the eternal capital of Israel only, as God's name of ownership is literally on it.

Conclusion #1: This is still a Two-State Solution

Quoting from page 17 of the plan, "Jerusalem will remain the sovereign capital of the State of Israel, and it should remain an undivided city. The sovereign capital of the State of Palestine should be in the section of East Jerusalem located in all areas east and north of the existing security barrier..." "... The United States will recognize the State of Israel and the State of Palestine in their respective capitals and encourage other nations to relocate their embassies to Jerusalem and Al Quds, as applicable."

Conclusion #2: Jerusalem still has no solution

Quoting from pages 13-17, "Jerusalem is holy to multiple faiths and has religious significance for much of humanity. The issue of Jerusalem's holy sites, particularly the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif should be treated with the utmost sensitivity. ...Jerusalem is a city unique in the history of civilization. No other place on earth can claim significance to three major religions. Each day, Jews pray at the Western Wall, Muslims bow in prayer at the al-Aqsa Mosque and Christians worship at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. ... For Islam, Jerusalem acquires prominence as stated in the Holy Koran: "Glory to Him who made His Servant go by night from the Sacred Mosque (al-Masjid al-Haram) to the Farthest Mosque (al-Masjid al-Aqsa) whose surroundings We have blessed, that We might show him some of Our signs." According to Islamic tradition, the verse refers to the Prophet Muhammad's nocturnal journey from Mecca to Jerusalem (al-Isra'); he arrives at the area of the Temple Mount/Haram al-Sharif, where he ascends to Heaven (al-Mi'raj), to meet the earlier prophets and receive the commandment of prayer.

Question #1: Is this the peace plan in Daniel's prophecy?

Daniel 9:27 - He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

- The answer to this question is, yes and no and or not yet. By that I mean nothing has yet been "confirmed" or even agreed to.
- Further, Daniel's prophecy contains specificity concerning the timeline that "many" will agree to, which is for a total of 7-years.
- I am personally of the belief this peace plan may be that which is already in place for the anti-Christ to subsequently "confirm."

Question #2: Is this a fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy?

Zechariah 12:1-3 - 1 A prophecy: The word of the LORD concerning Israel. The LORD, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the human spirit within a person, declares: 2 "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

- You'll forgive me for this, but I am going to have to answer this question the same way and say, "yes and no, and or, not yet."
- Let me explain, here-to-fore, Jerusalem has always been a "cup of trembling," and "immovable rock," especially after 1948.
- However, it does seem that Trump's peace plan may very well be a catalyst of sorts for the ultimate fulfillment of this prophecy.

- This brings me to what this means, and why this matters to us today as both Christians and those who are not yet Christians.
- First, for those of us who are Christians, this really matters because it points to just how close we are to the Lord's soon return.
- Second, for those who are not Christians, this really matters because it means the time is at hand, and it's not too late for you.

- 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).