

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – April 20th, 2008

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."
- One of the most intriguing prophecies related to the rapture is found in Ezekiel 38 because it predicts an allied attack against Israel.
- What makes it so interesting is that seemingly, every week, and even every day, this prophecy moves closer to being fulfilled.
- I usually try to stay apprised of what Joel Rosenberg is reporting on his blog site, because he really seems to be in the know.

**PUTIN MAKES HISTORIC TRIP TO LIBYA, AN EZEKIEL 38 COUNTRY** - Thursday, April 17, 2008 - One week ago today, my colleagues and I were holding our inaugural Epicenter Conference in Jerusalem, discussing the prophecies of Ezekiel 38-39 which foretell the rise of a dictator in Russia who forms strategic alliances in the "last days" not only with Iran but also with Libya. Today, Russian President Vladimir Putin is actually in Libya, the first Russian leader in history to visit the North African country, creating a strategic alliance, signing numerous agreements, and negotiating a \$2.5 billion arms sale to this enormous and historic enemy of Israel...."Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi hailed Russian President Vladimir Putin's official visit as 'historic and strategic' during a state dinner at the Bab Azizia palace," reported Agence France Presse...."This is the first visit by a Russian president to Libya. It is a historic, strategic and very important visit,' Kadhafi said in a speech....'The trip will enable increased cooperation, given that we are both producers of gas and oil,' Kadhafi said. 'We will work together to defend our interests.'

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- Why is Ezekiel 38 such a key prophecy in the Bible? Because it's fulfillment could happen before, at, or after the rapture of the church.