

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 4th, 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."
- Today, I would like to draw your attention, not just to Israel nationally, but to a crisis globally that seems to get worse by the month.

Dallas Morning News - UN expert: food crisis is a human rights emergency - 07:01 PM CDT on Friday, May 2, 2008- Associated Press - UNITED NATIONS – The U.N. Human Rights Council should meet urgently to spotlight the global food crisis as a human rights emergency ... - Olivier De Schutter, the council's new independent expert on the right to food, said a special session of the human rights body would bring into the debate over rising food prices and global shortages "the human right to adequate food which for the moment has been totally absent." ...Food prices on international markets have almost doubled in three years, ..."This is not a natural disaster. It's not an earthquake. It's a crisis which is man-made. We know what the causes are," he said. "We can act on these causes." ...The increase in food prices "has been very much encouraged and has accelerated due to speculative investments," he said. "There are ways to insulate food prices from the risks and the volatility which are the result of these speculative movements of funds, but for this we need to act as one single community."

<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/news/world/stories/050308dnint.2b964f9.html>

MSN Money – Why we're stuck with insane prices - Forget supply and demand. We're now seeing scarcity economics at work -- what happens when buyers fear they won't get what they need at any price. By [Jim Jubak](#) - If you think prices have become insane, you're right. But insanity rules markets for everything from oil to rice right now. In fact, insanity is the new "normal." ...rice, ...recently cracked \$1,000 per metric ton. The price of export-quality rice is up 173% in a year, even though global rice stocks will finish 2008 about 1 million metric tons higher than at the end of 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/Investing/JubaksJournal/WhyWereStuckWithInsanePrices.aspx?page=2>

MSN Money – Could we really run out of food? - Biofuel production, poor harvests and emerging nations' growing appetites are emptying the world's pantry, sending prices soaring - By [Jon Markman](#) - As if a bear market, credit crunch, energy crisis and city financing emergency were not enough for one year, experts say the world is now facing down the barrel of the worst catastrophe of all: famine. The very idea that the modern world could run out of food seems ludicrous, but that is the flip side, or cause, of the tremendous recent increase in the cost of raw wheat, corn, rice, oats and soybeans. Food prices are not escalating because speculators have run them up for sport and profit, but because accelerating demand in developing nations, biofuel production and poor harvests in some areas have made basic foodstuffs truly scarce. ... Wheat futures prices have tripled since 2004, corn prices have almost tripled since 2005, and soybeans have tripled since 2006.

<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/Investing/SuperModels/CouldWeReallyRunOutOfFood.aspx>

Revelation 6:5-6 5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" NIV

Matthew 24:3-8 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. NIV