

Mid-East Prophecy Update – September 21st, 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 talk about the U.S. in Bible prophecy because what's so puzzling is that the U.S. is virtually absent in the last days.

- What makes this an enigma, is that the United States is still the most powerful nation on earth. How is it possible we're not mentioned?
- Some students and teachers of Bible prophecy have suggested that there is a nebulous mention of United States in Ezekiel 38:13

Ezekiel 38:10-13 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: 11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and **the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?** KJV

- The question is; "who is Tarshish?" Some believe, in Ancient Times, that Britain was connected with, and a part of Tarshish.
- What makes this argument compelling is that Britain faces the Atlantic Ocean with which "Tarshish" was identified.
- Historically Tarshish was a polity based in parts of Spain and had connections with France and Britain who ruled over these areas.
- It's also believed that the metals in Ezekiel 27 referencing mineral ores supplied by Tarshish to Tyre, were available in Britain.

- Also, this may be plausible, as Lions are England's National Symbol, like the Bald Eagle is the National Symbol of the United States.
- Suffice it to say; the United States is a "young nation," or, "young lion" if you will, as we came as the English/Tarshish from England.

- If this is a reference to the U.S., then all we do is question, and maybe protest this Russian/Iranian led Muslim allied attack on Israel.
- In other words, the United States would, perhaps for the first time, refuse to offer aid to Israel in the face of this Ezekiel 38 attack.
- Again, if that's the case, then this Arutz Sheva article from just two days ago on Friday, may have some real prophetic significance.

Arutz Sheva - U.S. Refuses to Aid Israel in Iran Attack – Friday, September 19th, 2008 (IsraelINN.com) The United States has turned down Israeli requests for military assistance in attacking Iran's nuclear facilities. This will hamper the tiny Jewish state in facing off alone against the much larger Islamic Republic, which is equipped with some of the latest military technology from Russia. As compensation, the U.S. has agreed to bolster Israel's missile defense system. Israel would not be allowed to refuel its military planes in Iraq, or even use Iraqi airspace for a flyover on the way to Iran. Even if Israeli jets were to reach Iran, they might not be able to carry powerful enough bombs to do the job. The U.S. has refused to supply Israel with equipment such as bunker-buster bombs critical in destroying heavily fortified nuclear installations. ...Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for the Russian state-owned company building Iran's Bushehr reactor announced last week that the construction of the reactor will reach a state of "no return" by early 2009. While a better radar system promises to greatly enhance Israel's ability to detect a long-range aerial attack from Iran, Israel may soon be left with no realistic option to strike Iran's nuclear facilities and no time to find another solution.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/127576>

- All of this begs the question; "Why isn't the United States, as most powerful nation in the world, really mentioned in Bible Prophecy?"
- There are a number of possible scenarios that have been proposed as explanations of what happens to the United States.

1. Born again Christians, who support Israel, will be removed in the event called the rapture which must take place before the tribulation.
2. A president is elected who is Anti-Israel and pro-Palestinian, bringing destruction to the U.S. (Genesis 12:2-3 and Zechariah 12:1-6)
3. We are held hostage, (pun intended), to the Arabs because of our total dependence on foreign oil, so that all we can do is protest.
4. The United States suffers a massive attack, the likes of which would dwarf that of 9/11/2001, and is virtually destroyed as a nation.
5. The United States becomes the North American Union with Mexico and Canada according to the agreement that we signed in 2005.

The Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP) was launched in March of 2005 as a trilateral effort to increase security and enhance prosperity among the United States, Canada and Mexico through greater cooperation and information sharing.

<http://www.spp.gov/>

The "Amero" coin on Ebay - This minted "Amero" coin has been completely sold out on Ebay. This is a concept coin for the UNA which is the Union of North America. There were only 570 minted. The Amero is similar to the euro that they have in Europe.

http://cgi.ebay.com/2008-UNA-CONCEPT-COIN-20-AMERO-RARE-not-pcgs-ngc_W0QQitemZ120293438482QQihZ002QQcategoryZ523QQcmdZViewItem