

Mid-East Prophecy Update - October 5th, 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."
- For today's prophecy update, I would like to broaden the scope and look not only at Israel, specifically, but the whole world, globally.
- It seems to me that, now more than ever, the world is ready for a global leader with stunning charisma to solve the world's problems.

- The Bible is replete with prophecies about this global leader who will present himself as the savior of the world for citizens of the world.
- The scriptures are clear that this man will himself be the "Ant-Christ," not just in the sense of being against, but in place of Jesus Christ.

- What's so absolutely astonishing is that the world seems to be begging for him to come, now, because they need a messiah, of sorts.
- Even now the world is rejecting the true Messiah, Jesus Christ, and will be deceived into accepting the false messiah, the Anti-Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie.** 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. NKJV

- The Anti-Christ will, seemingly one handedly, with one stroke of his pen, so-to-speak, solve the entirety of all the world's problems.
- He'll bring about a resolution to the global "economic crisis," the worlds "religious wars," and actually even unite nations governmentally.
- This is his time, and this is his moment, as he answers his destiny to remake the world, and fellow citizens of the world will hail him.

- Arguably, the most distressing problem facing the world today is the need for a "two-state solution" between Palestinian's and Jews.
- Oddly enough, the world seems ready to worship anyone who's actually able to bring about this seemingly impossible peace covenant.

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 on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him." NIV

"A Shared Jerusalem" for "Peace and Security" <http://www.excel.net/~hoy/ctmpmka.html>

Daniel 8:23-25 23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. 25 **And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:** he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. KJV

- In addition to the Palestinian problem, the world is facing an enormous "economic crisis" and it's of "Biblical proportions," pun intended.
- The Anti-Christ will in fact solve this problem as well with a cashless one-world monetary system without which no one can buy or sell.
- That being said, we won't be able to look at that today because of our time constraints, however, Lord willing we can next Sunday.