

Mid-East Prophecy Update - October 19th, 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."

- In the last two prophecy updates we sort of widened the screen, and looked not only at Israel specifically, but the whole world, globally.

- It seems this economic crisis could actually serve as a catalyst for the collapse of the U.S., and subsequently the rise of the Anti-Christ.

- Perhaps this is what removes the United States from the equation, as it were, explaining our conspicuous absence from Bible prophecy.

- Once the U.S. has been "taken down," the world can "set up" a new order, with a new economy, a new religion and a new government.

- Like never before, the U.S. is insecure on every front making us vulnerable to our enemies abroad. Consider the following headlines:

- "U.S. foes gloat over financial crisis" (Associated Press)
- "Iran hails world financial crisis as 'end of capitalism'" (Agence France Presse)
- "We are witnessing the collapse of the American Empire." (Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh)
- "We are happy that the U.S. economy is in anarchy and the anarchy is reaching Europe. They are seeing the result of their own ugly doings and God is punishing them." (top Iranian cleric)
- "European leaders press for new economic order" (Associated Press)

"...our national security is inextricably tied to our economic security. Economic weakness is an invitation to radical Islamic terrorists to hit us again. It's also an invitation to other rogue nations to pursue their evil plans while thinking we are unable or unwilling to stop them. The United States cannot lead the world in defeating tyrants and terrorists and creating an environment of peace and prosperity if we are collapsing at home."

Joel Rosenberg

- So, is this how it ends for the United States, we get taken down economically, and then taken out militarily by an Islamic terrorist attack?

- It's hard to say, however, it may explain why the U.S., who, here-to-fore was the most powerful nation on earth, isn't in Bible prophecy.

- Lest we become depressed, it may behoove us to ask, and then answer this question; "Do I have a hopeless end, or an endless hope?"

Matthew 6:19-34 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. NIV

Don't worry, In God we trust!

