

Mid-East Prophecy Update – November 9th, 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, incredibly, I think it is incumbent on me to address what I believe to be the most historic presidential election in U.S. history.
- Never before have we faced a choice for president like this, at such an uncertain time as this, in light of what is happening in the world.

- Let me hasten to say that I'm keenly aware that there may be some who were disappointed in the outcome of this presidential election.
- It is for this reason that I would be grossly remiss to say that regardless of whether or not your candidate was elected, God is in control.
- I'll take it a step further; "not only is God in control, but we are told that God actually even controls the established governing authorities."

Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. NIV

Psalm 75:6-7 6 No one from the east or the west or from the desert can exalt a man. 7 But it is God who judges: He brings one down, he exalts another. NIV

- In addition to the Bible telling us that God exalts and establishes governing authorities, we're also told to pray for those in authority.

1 Timothy 2:1-5 1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. NIV

"It is now our solemn responsibility to pray faithfully and consistently for him (Obama), his wife, his family, and his advisors. We must pray for their safety, their wisdom, and their discernment. This is the right thing to do and honors the Lord." Joel Rosenberg

- One might ask; "in what way does this have any significance as it relates to Bible prophecy?" I submit to you that it is fulfilling prophecy.
- It's important we understand that a new President in the U.S., and a new Prime Minister in Israel has profound prophetic implications.
- The scriptures are replete with prophecies concerning what to do with Jerusalem which has been the focus of every recent President.

- Suffice it to say that the nation of Israel is very concerned about what President-elect Obama and a new Israeli Prime Minister will do.
- Some new international reports seem to indicate that Iran is emboldened, Iraq is frightened, and Israel is terrified of what happens next.
- What makes this interesting prophetically is the Bible says Israel will be attacked by Russia and Iran, and the US does nothing about it.

- It seems that this may be why at this time, and for the first time, we have a new leadership in the U.S. and in Israel for this to happen.

NEWSWEEK - The Prospect Of An Odd Couple - By [Kevin Peraino](#) | Published Nov 1, 2008 *From the magazine issue dated Nov 10, 2008* - One morning this past summer, [Barack Obama](#) sat down around a conference table in Jerusalem's King David Hotel with [Benjamin Netanyahu](#), the leader of Israel's Likud Party. Neither man ran a country but both had high hopes. The talk was "like a hypothetical business discussion" among "two people who knew they might be working together," says a Netanyahu associate who was present but requested anonymity to speak freely. But that's where the similarities stop. Netanyahu, 59, is an unreconstructed hawk, raised in the cold war's shadow. Obama listened politely, but the gap was obvious. "Obama, clearly, is a product of a new age," says the Israeli. ...As for Obama, it is yet to be seen how the dovish American would work with a hard-line Israeli counterpart. At the King David meeting, Obama smiled and tried to find common ground. Still, according to the Israeli source, "They didn't really go into the details."

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- So, to anyone here today who may be concerned about what the future holds, you can most certainly know Who holds the future.

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

Corrie ten Boom

- I believe now, more than ever, we have an amazing opportunity to spread the good news of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ.

"The Lord knew who would win. He allowed it to happen. He has a plan. He has a purpose. And now He is calling us to serve Him faithfully - to do whatever He tells us to do, to go wherever He tells us to go, to say whatever He tells us to say. Now is the time to draw close to Christ, to advance His kingdom, and prepare for His return. He is, after all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords."

Joel Rosenberg

- It is imperative that we as believers put our hope in our Jesus, and not in our government. No one but Jesus can save us for eternity!
- There is a hymn that I'm particularly fond of that comes to mind. Perhaps you're familiar with it; "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (by Edward Mote, 1797-1874)

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;

I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;

In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.