

Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 28th, 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."
- I've been sensing, as we get ready to welcome in this New Year, that the Lord may be readying and steadying His bride for His return.
- It seems now, unique to our time, that we are headed for a "change," the likes of which we've never seen, or possibly even imagined.

- For today, I would like to look at some upcoming realities that I believe are finding their fulfillment in the prophetic pages of Holy Writ.
- We'll start this today with it being the last prophecy update of 2008, and Lord willing, conclude it next week in our first update of 2009.
- The list is not in any particular order, nor is it exhaustive, rather; it's what I believe we need to be watching for in the New Year.

Mark 13:32-37 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming -- in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning -- 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" NKJV

1. Surrounding peoples, like Hamas, may further besiege Israel to their own peril (Zechariah 12)
2. Vladimir Putin's new Russia may become even more aggressive geopolitically (Ezekiel 38-39)
3. Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will continue fulfilling their Islamic eschatology (Ezekiel 38-39)