

Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 25th, 2009

- 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 want to paint the canvass of Bible prophecy with a broad brush, if you please, so as to once again gain a better understanding.
- After doing this, I would then like to fill in some details on that canvass, with something of significance that happened in Israel recently.

- In these prophecy updates, we've been looking at a number of interesting news articles as of late, and connecting the prophetic dots.
- It's as if God had prophecies written in the pages of Holy Writ back then, so we would know what would be written in the news today.
- Those of us who know these prophecies can't read a news article without seeing it through the lens of what the Bible says will happen.

- The Bible says that Israel will miraculously be reborn as a nation. This prophecy was fulfilled, subsequent to World War II, back in 1948.

- The Bible says that Israel will prosper once they are back in their land, (Ez 36:11). Israel's economy may be the strongest in the world.

- The Bible says that Israel will be threatened by their enemies to be wiped off the map. This is being fulfilled by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

- The Bible says that Israel will be attacked by an alliance of nations with Russia and Iran at the helm. This is about to be fulfilled now!

- The Bible says that Israel will have so much economic prosperity, that this alliance of nations will attack her to take control of it.
- This is where I would like to put the broad brush down, and pick up a small one to look at a seemingly small detail in this prophecy.

Ezekiel 38:10-12 10 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan, 11 and you will say, "I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, 12 to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world." NASU

- It may be very possible that the "spoil" they want to capture, and the "plunder" they want to seize may have just now been discovered.

World Net Daily - Israel finds huge natural gas reserve - Top official hails 'historic moment' that could transform nation's future

- Posted: January 23, 2009 12:25 am Eastern By Jerome R. Corsi © 2009 WorldNetDaily [Noble Energy](#), a New York Stock Exchange-listed company, has discovered an estimated more than 3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in three high-quality reservoirs drilled in the company's Tamar No. 1 well in the Mediterranean Sea, about 56 miles off the Israeli northern port of Haifa. NEW YORK – A huge deep-water natural gas find off the coast of Israel promises to be a boon to the Jewish state's economy as well as a stimulus to other developers [searching](#) for offshore oil and natural gas in the Mediterranean. The find is significant for those who [believe the Bible indicates Israel is sitting on a massive oil reserve that would reshape the geopolitical structure of the Middle East.](#)

<http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=86865>

- Consider this; the world economies, including that of our beloved United States of America are crumbling and even crashing, even now!
- The economy in Russia and Iran, now that the price of oil has plummeted, is even worse than it is here in the United States. That's bad!
- With this recent natural gas discovery, and a likely discovery of oil in close proximity, Israel's economy will go over the top, overnight!

- Now, let's connect some dots: "Russia, with Iran, may launch an invasion against Israel for the same reason they invaded Georgia."

ABC News - Russia's Georgia Invasion May Be About Oil Key Energy - Pipelines Through Georgia Have Irked Russia August 16, 2008 - The conflict between Russia and Georgia is about borders and political power. But dig deeper, and you may find natural gas, oil and a stronger Russia vying for control of those resources are key factors. There are three key pipelines that run through Georgia. The biggest, designed to bypass Russia, is the BTC pipeline, or BTC, which transports about a million barrels of oil a day from the Caspian Sea through Georgia to ports in Turkey.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/Story?id=5595811&page=1>

- I suggest to you, that Israel may be on the verge of discovering, what could be, the largest oil and natural gas reserves in the world.

"In talking to ...oil experts in Israel and the U.S. ...I was able to confirm that there is, in fact, both oil and natural gas under the region known in the Bible as Armageddon, where the Scriptures say the final cataclysmic conflict of history will occur. Just how much is there remains unclear as I write this. There is more testing to do, and many technical challenges abound before any of it will be commercially viable to pump and refine. ...The truth is, we cannot know exactly who will tap into the oil reserves believed to be waiting beneath Israel's soil or exactly when it will happen, because the Bible does not tell us. But the Bible does make it clear that Israel will be wealthy before the Russian-Iranian coalition attacks. That much we can take to the bank. And I believe the Bible's hints about the existence of oil in Israel present a viable means for the fulfillment of that prophecy. Thus, expect to read future headlines like this one: 'Israel Discovers Massive Reserves of Oil, Gas.'"

Joel Rosenberg "Epicenter, Why the Current Rumbles in the Middle East will Change Your Future" pp. 62 63

- "So what does all this mean to me?" "Well, I'm so glad you asked!" "If this is terrifying to you, then it may be because you're not ready."
- "If this is exciting to you, then while you are probably ready, you may still need to tell others about this good news so they're ready too!"