

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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."
- For today's Prophecy Update, I would like to revisit a prophecy that we've talked about before, and that I've tracked for many years.
- A little over a week ago, Barak Obama said something that, perhaps unbenounced to him was very prophetic, as it relates to Israel.

**CNN - New Middle East envoy to visit region soon** - Friday, January 23, 2009 - WASHINGTON (CNN) -- Middle East special envoy George Mitchell could be traveling to the region as early as next week, two Obama administration officials said. The schedule is still being planned, but initial stops include Jerusalem; Ramallah, West Bank; Cairo, Egypt; Amman, Jordan; and possibly Saudi Arabia as well as Europe. President Barack Obama on Thursday named Mitchell as his special envoy to the region. Obama said **Mitchell** will help implement a cease-fire between Israelis and Hamas and support anti-smuggling efforts to prevent the latter from rearming. But he added, "Lasting peace requires more than a long cease-fire, and that's why I will sustain an active commitment to seek **two states living side by side in peace and security.**"

<http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/01/23/mitchell.mideast/index.html>

- What's interesting is that these are the same exact words quoted by then President George W. Bush about five months after 9-11.

"Terror must be stopped. No nation can negotiate with terrorists. For there is no way to make peace with those whose only goal is death. This could be a hopeful moment in the Middle East. The proposal of Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia, supported by the Arab League, has put a number of countries in the Arab world closer than ever to recognizing Israel's right to exist. The United States is on record supporting the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people for a Palestinian state. Israel has recognized the goal of a Palestinian state. The outlines of a just settlement are clear: **two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side, in peace and security.**"

President George W. Bush  
Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2002

- What's even more interesting is that on September 11<sup>th</sup>, President George W. Bush used the same words, "peace and security."

"America and our friends and allies join with all those who want **peace and security** in the world and we stand together to win the war against terrorism. Tonight I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a power greater than any of us spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me."

President George W. Bush  
Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001

- The United Nations even has a "Peace and Security" website devoted to the cause of "Peace and Security," for all nations of the world.  
<http://www.un.org/peace/index.html>

- So what's the big deal about saying "Peace and Security?" I'm so glad you asked! Let's let the Apostle Paul answer that for us.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** 1 But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 **When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape.** 4 But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. RSV

- Think about this; they've been saying "Peace and Security" for years now. Could sudden destruction be coming like a woman in labor?