

Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 8th, 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 dovetail off of what we talked about last week with Israel's prophetic booming economy likely from oil and natural gas.

- I received a couple of emails this past week regarding the prophetic significance of this current "stimulus package," as its being called.
- It would seem that our current financial crisis, and where it would lead, may have been predicted in the Bible, almost 2,000 years ago.
- We are told that during the seven year tribulation there will be unthinkable worldwide hyperinflation. It will take a day's wages just to eat.

Revelation 6:5-6 5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" NIV

- It will be so bad with economically, that if you had a wheel barrel of money, the wheel barrel would be worth more than the money.
- Perhaps the question might be; "Can this economic stimulus package, and others, actually lead to this hyperinflation in Revelation?"
- Let me try and answer that this way, "yes," consider these recent headlines...

- **Economic Stimulus Packages Overdosing Could Ignite Hyperinflation** – TheMarketOracle.uk.co
- **Hyperinflation is a possibility, say Morgan Stanley** – Motley Fool
- **Obama's Stimulus Package will doom America** - MyCentralJersey.com
- **The collapsing US economy - Will the Government turn to the Printing Press?** - VDARE.com
- **Is the Fed's proposed Treasuries gambit playing with fire?** Minnpost.com
- **Can European countries really go bankrupt?** - SanFranciscoSentinal.com

- It's also interesting to note that Revelation also tells us there'll be a one world economy. It will be cashless because it will be electronic.
- The Anti-Christ will control it via the "world wide web," and people will not be able to buy or sell unless they have a mark.

Revelation 13:16-18 16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, 17 so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666. NIV

- What seemed hard to imagine even 25 years ago, is not only possible today, it's probable today. So what do we do? Go hide in a cave!
- No, it's for this reason that we have these weekly prophecy updates. At the risk of being redundant, let me quote Jesus' answer to this:

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. KJV