

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 15th, 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 many of us, this last week left us riveted to the results of the elections in Israel. It basically came down to one of two candidates.

- It's either Tzipi Livni, or Benjamin Netanyahu and it depends on who is able to form a government with the required number of seats.

**VOA News.com - Final Israeli Election Results Bring Political Uncertainty – Friday, February 13, 2009** - Final results have been announced in Israeli elections that took place on Tuesday. But the tally has left Israel in political uncertainty. In the final results, centrist Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni's Kadima party won 28 seats in Israel's 120-member Knesset or parliament. Benjamin Netanyahu's nationalistic Likud Party came in a close second with 27 seats. Nevertheless, Ms. Livni could become the first winner of an Israeli election who could not form a government. The right wing led by Mr. Netanyahu controls the Knesset, so he is emerging as the likely candidate to form the next government and become prime minister. With such a close outcome, both leaders were vying for President Shimon Peres to nominate them as prime minister, which he will do only after consulting with political party leaders next week. He has a week to designate someone from the moment final results are published in the official gazette on February 18. Most observers believe if Mr. Netanyahu gets the nod, that could throw a wrench into U.S.-sponsored peace talks. Mr. Netanyahu and his allies oppose the cornerstone of American Mideast policy: the creation of a Palestinian state. "Well, I think there's going to be a clash, I mean the clash is almost inevitable," said Israeli analyst Gadi Wolfsfeld. "I mean the United States is moving in one direction with Barack Obama and Israel's moving in the opposite direction with Bibi Netanyahu."

<http://www.voanews.com/english/2009-02-13-voa30.cfm>

- What I find most fascinating about this, is the significance of where a newly formed Israeli government could lead to prophetically.