

Mid-East Prophecy Update – March 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 the last three weeks we've been looking at the prophetic significance of the recent elections for the office of Prime Minister in Israel.

- The race was so close that President Shimon Perez had to select either Tzipi Livni, or Benjamin Netanyahu, and he chose the latter.
- There are a number of reasons why this election, more than all the others here-to-fore, has such profound prophetic significance.
- We looked at three of these reasons already, and today talk about a fourth.

1. It creates an enormous vacuum for a world leader to bring peace to the Middle-East.

2. It, along with the U.S. election of Obama, emboldens Syria whose goal is to take Lebanon and destroy Israel.

3. It bolsters the rhetoric and propaganda of Iran, who has vehemently said that Israel should be wiped off the map.

4. It further unites Russia, Iran, and the Islamic world, absent the U.S., against Israel under a "New World Order."

The Jerusalem Post - Our World: Obama's new world order and Israel – Column by Caroline Glick - Monday, February 9th, 2009 - ... the world around us is quickly changing in new and distressing ways. ... Bluntly stated, the world that will challenge the next government will be one characterized by the end of US global predominance. In just a few short weeks, the new administration of President **Barack Obama** has managed to weaken the perception of American power and embolden US adversaries throughout the world. ... TAKE RUSSIA for example. Since coming into office, Obama has repeatedly tried to build an alliance with the "newly emboldened" Russian bear. A week after entering office, he announced that he hoped to negotiate a nuclear disarmament agreement with Russia that would reduce the US's nuclear stockpiles by 80 percent. At a security **conference** in Munich last weekend, Biden stated that the administration wishes to push the "reset button" on its relationship with Russia and be friends. Responding to these American signals, the Russians proceeded to humiliate Washington. ... Indeed, since Obama came into office waving an enormous olive branch in Teheran's direction, the regime has become more outspoken in its hostility toward the US. ... It has announced it will only agree to direct talks with Washington if it pulls US forces out of the Middle East, abandons Israel and does nothing to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. ... In all of its actions, Iran has gone out of its way to embarrass Obama and humiliate America. And Obama, for his part, has continued to embrace Teheran as his most sought-after negotiating partner. **MOVING AHEAD**, the question of how our next government should handle America's apparent decision to turn its back on its traditional role as freedom's global defender becomes the most pressing concern. It is clear that we will need to embrace the burden of our own defense and stop expecting to receive much from our alliance with the US. But it is also clear that we will need a new **strategy** for dealing with the US itself.

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- It is absolutely astonishing to me how the Bible predicted that this would happen exactly this way almost 2,500 years ago.
- The prophet Ezekiel recorded a prophecy that Russia and Iran would lead an alliance of Muslim nations in a nuclear attack on Israel.
- What's even more astonishing is that the United States is virtually absent in our support of Israel, nay even absent from Bible Prophecy.

"Where do you think America fits into Biblical prophecy?" I'm asked this question more--much more--than any other. People ask me this question at churches, at conferences, on radio and television programs. And as I have talked with my friends and colleagues who teach around the world, they confirm that the most-asked question in all of Bible Prophecy is, "What is America's role in the end times?"

Mark Hitchcock, "The Late Great United States," p. 5

- It certainly doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that recently the United States is coming apart at the seams in such a short time.
- As I look at everything that's happening, I'm left with the conclusion that things are heating up, time is short, and Jesus is coming back.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." NIV