

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 3rd, 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."
- Last week we looked at a few headlines and connected the prophetic dots to prophecies in the scriptures as it relates to Ezekiel 38-39.
- Some prophecy teachers believe that it's very possible for Isaiah 17 to be fulfilled either prior to or in concert with Ezekiel's prophecy.

Amir Tsarfati – Prophecy Speaker and Israeli Tour Guide at Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa - "As I stated before: The next biblical event I can see that will be fulfilled is Isaiah 17:1. Syria will be dealt with first to cause the others to be exposed and then act in reaction with aggression!"
http://www.beholdisrael.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=0&Itemid=9

Isaiah 17:1-3 1 An oracle concerning Damascus: "See, Damascus will no longer be a city but will become a heap of ruins. 2 The cities of Aroer will be deserted and left to flocks, which will lie down, with no one to make them afraid. 3 The fortified city will disappear from Ephraim, and royal power from Damascus; the remnant of Aram will be like the glory of the Israelites," declares the LORD Almighty. NIV

Syria in the headlines:

- Defense chiefs urge hawk Netanyahu to strike deal with Syria http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article5780477.ece
- New uranium traces found at suspected Syria nuclear site <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1065571.html>
- IAEA chief frustrated by evasions of Iran and Syria <http://www.icej.org/article.php?id=6725>
- Syria is setting-up a chemical weapons plant: Janes http://www.thaindian.com/newsportal/world-news/syria-is-setting-up-a-chemical-weapons-plant-janes_100156677.html
- IAEA finds new uranium traces at Syria site <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-3674644,00.html>

Isaiah 17:1 – The Jerusalem Post, February 3rd, Israel fears Syria is preparing to arm Hizbullah with Anti-Aircraft systems
<http://www.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1233304675850&pagename=JPost%2FJPArticle%2FPrinter>

Isaiah 17:1 - AFP (Damascus-Syria) Thursday, April 23, 2009, Syria says Ahmadinejad speech reflected Arab views
<http://www.brunei-online.com/bb/thu/apr23w15.htm>

- What makes the "Syria Factor" so fascinating is that it could be the catalyst that brings about the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy.

Daniel 9:27 He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

- Here's a scenario; "Israel takes out Syria, fulfilling Isaiah 17, which propels the Anti-Christ to 'confirm' a seven year peace agreement."

FOR ZION'S SAKE - [Rahm-ing a Palestinian State Down Israel's throat](#), Saturday, April 18, 2009 - Yedioth Achronoth, the largest circulation daily in Israel, is reporting that White House chief-of-staff Rahm Emanuel has said that President Obama intends to force a two state solution down Israel's throat within his first term in office, regardless of who is Prime Minister, and will use Iran to pressure Israel. MJ Rosenberg, Washington Director of Policy Analysis, Israel Policy Forum, [explains](#): Rahm Emanuel told an (unnamed) Jewish leader; "In the next four years there is going to be a permanent status arrangement between Israel and the Palestinians on the basis of two states for two peoples, and it doesn't matter to us at all who is prime minister." He also said that the United States will exert pressure to see that deal is put into place."Any treatment of the Iranian nuclear problem will be contingent upon progress in the negotiations and an Israeli withdrawal from West Bank territory," the paper reports Emanuel as saying. In other words, US sympathy for Israel's position vis a vis Iran depends on Israel's willingness to live up to its commitment to get out of the West Bank and permit the establishment of a Palestinian state there, in Gaza, and East Jerusalem. <http://www.forzionssake.net/2009/04/rahm-ing-palestinian-state-down-israels.html>

- It is within the realm of reason that in the next four years, if not sooner, both the prophecies in Isaiah and Daniel could be fulfilled.
- Enter Ezekiel's prophecy, in which Syria is now absent. Ezekiel says Israel will think she's dwelling safely then take down their walls.

Ezekiel 38:10-15 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought: 11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of **unwalled villages**; I will go to them that are **at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates**, 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil? 14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day **when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?** 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army: KJV

- I believe the rapture of the church is closer than we can possibly imagine given the Isaiah 17, Daniel 9, and Ezekiel 38-39 prophecies.
- This is one of the main reasons we have these weekly Mid-East Prophecy Updates. We are to be watching, so that we will be ready!

Matthew 24:42-44 42 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. NIV