

Mid-East Prophecy Update – May 10th, 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."
- I think that I would be grossly remiss were we not to revisit something that we've looked at in previous Mid-East Prophecy Updates.

- This last week was an interesting one for many reasons not the least of which is how it relates to Islam and its increasing prominence.
- Perhaps some of you heard about and viewed a new YouTube video titled; "Muslim Demographics." It is actually rather astonishing.

"The Catholic church recently reported that Islam has just surpassed their membership numbers. Some studies show that at Islam's current rate of growth, in five to seven years, it will be the dominant religion of the world!"

"Muslim Demographics" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU>

- Just this last Wednesday, May 6th, the Hawaii State Senate approved a bill to proclaim and celebrate September 24th as "Islam Day!"

Associated Press - HONOLULU – Did you say "Aloha or Allah?" - Hawaii's state Senate has overwhelmingly approved a bill to celebrate "Islam Day," despite the objections of a few lawmakers who said they didn't think the state should honor a religion connected to Sept. 11, 2001. The resolution to proclaim Sept. 24, 2009, as Islam Day passed the Senate on a 22-3 vote Wednesday. The bill was previously passed by Hawaii's House of Representatives. The bill recognizes what it calls "the rich religious, scientific, cultural and artistic contributions" that Islam and the Islamic world have made. But the Senate's two Republicans argued that radical Islamists cheered the 2001 attacks. They also noted that other religions didn't have a special day honored. The lone Democrat voting in dissent opposed it on church-state separation grounds.

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Politics/Default.aspx?id=520304>

Fox News - HONOLULU -- Hawaii's state Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill Wednesday to celebrate "Islam Day" Wednesday, May 6th, 2009 The Senate's two Republicans argued that a minority of Islamic extremists have killed many innocents in terrorist attacks. "I recall radical Islamists around the world cheering the horrors of 9/11. That is the day all civilized people of all religions should remember," said Republican Sen. Fred Hemmings to the applause of more than 100 people gathered in the Senate to oppose a separate issue -- same-sex civil unions. The resolution to proclaim Sept. 24, 2009, as Islam Day passed the Senate on a 22-3 vote. It had previously passed the House and now goes to Republican Gov. Linda Lingle. ... Republican Sen. Sam Slom argued that the United States has become too sympathetic toward Islamic extremists. "I don't think there's any country in the history of the world that has been more tolerant than the United States of America, and because of that tolerance, we've looked the other way a lot of times, and many thousands of our citizens have been killed by terrorists," said Slom, a Republican.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/05/06/hawaii-lawmakers-pass-create-islam-day/>

- So what does all of this mean and how does all of this relate to Bible Prophecy? "I am so very glad that you asked; here's why."
- I believe the Bible's description of the one world religion has pronounced Muslim components to it, placing Islam at the center of it.

- Even in Islam's eschatology, they teach that the 12 Imam, their Muslim Messiah, will come and bring peace for a period of seven years.
- The Muslim's believe that a "savior" is coming to bring harmony and peace to the world and will rule the world for a period of "7" years.

"... There will come forth a man from my nation who will talk according to my Sunnah. God will send upon him rain from heaven, and the earth will sprout forth for him its blessing. The earth will be filled through him with equity and justice, as it has been filled with injustice and crime. He will direct the affairs of this nation for seven years, and he will settle in Jerusalem."

Ibn Khaldun "al-Muqqadima"

- The religious writings of Islam have prophecies that foretell the coming of this hidden "Imam" or "Mahdi," as he's known to Muslims.
- One such writing comes from a book called the "Hadith." It is a collection of the words and deeds of the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

Prophecies about the coming of the "Imam" from the Hadith:

1. He will be a descendant of Muhammad and the son of Fatima
2. He will return just before the end of the world
3. He will eradicate all tyranny and oppression bringing harmony and total peace
4. He will lead a prayer in Mekkah with Jesus at his side following him
5. He will rule over the world for 7 years

- In other words, this Muslim Messiah will bring together the religions of the world so they "COEXIST" together in harmony and peace.
- About two weeks ago, I happened upon this bumper sticker, and had to take a picture of it so I could do a little research on it.
- As a matter of fact, I saw this bumper sticker twice in the same day, and have never seen it before. I'm sure I'll start seeing even more.

C = the Crescent and Star of Islam
O = the Pentagram of Wicca
E = the scientific equation of $e=mc^2$
X = the Star of David for Judaism
I = the Buddhist Dharma (Karma) Wheel is dotting the I
S = the Tao Symbol (commonly referred to as Yin Yang) for Taoism
T = the Catholic (or Christian) Cross



The "Coexist" bumper sticker should be COEXIST† because there can be only one absolute truth, one true religion worshipping one real God, or there will be C*⊕☆♀U♂†☯N and C*⊕☆♂R♀☯IC†I☯N since confusion and contradiction are the results of amalgamating contradictory beliefs.

- So, Islam will have a prominent presence in the world's religions that will "COEXIST" under the rule of the Ant-Christ for seven years.