

Mid-East Prophecy Update - The Perfect Prophetic Storm, Part 2 – June 21st, 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."

- This is part two of a series titled; "The Perfect Prophetic Storm!" The world stage is being set and it's coming together to form this storm.

1. Iran's Islamic Eschatology

- Last week we saw what the re-election of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad means related to Islam's role in the last days.
- If you've been watching the news, you've no doubt heard of the massive violence that has erupted protesting Ahmadinejad's reelection.
- It's believed the election was rigged and that Mir-Hossein Mousavi had actually won the election and defeated Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.
- Now the reality on the ground is that this isn't about a rigged election anymore, it's about the overthrow of the repressive Iranian regime.
- During Friday prayers, Iran's Supreme Leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini, threatened protesters in an attempt to end to the uprising.
- Hundreds of thousands in Iran are filling the streets of Tehran demanding an end to the clerical dictatorship and Ahmadinejad's rule.
- It's not just in Iran that people are protesting, but actually, it's all over the world now and of all places, Los Angeles, a.k.a. Tehr-angeles.
- The weeks that follow will be interesting as this plays out however, we can't underestimate the impact this may have all over the world.
- I want to encourage you, as often as the Lord reminds you, to pray for the Iranian people. God loves Muslims, and He loves Iranians.

2. The North Korea Factor

- Today, I want to talk about, "The North Korea Factor." In case you hadn't heard, they want to fire a missile at Hawaii on the 4th of July.

AP - US boosts Hawaii defense to counter NKorea threat, Friday, June 19th, 2009 - SEOUL, South Korea- The United States says it has deployed anti-missile defenses around Hawaii, following reports that North Korea is preparing to fire its most advanced ballistic missile in that direction to coincide with the U.S. Independence Day holiday next month. ...U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday that the military has set up additional defenses around Hawaii, consisting of a ground-based mobile missile system and a radar system nearby. Together they could shoot an incoming missile in mid air. "Without telegraphing what we will do, I would just say ... we are in a good position, should it become necessary, to protect Americans and American territory," Gates told reporters in Washington.

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- The question is this; "how does North Korea factor in to the overall geopolitical equation of Bible prophecy?" I'm so glad you asked!
- To answer this, I would like to quote Joel Rosenberg from the Epicenter Prophecy Conference in San Diego on April 4th, of this year.

"North Korea has this missile on the launch pad right now, expected to launch imminently. At least 15 Iranian military advisors are on hand right now according to the 'Open Press Services.' You have to understand, in my view North Korea is a test lab for what Iran is trying to do. North Korea is desperately in need of cash, and Iran is desperately in need of data. Will their nuclear weapons work, will their ballistic missiles work? They're working hand in glove with the North Koreans. So if this missile launch goes off, it's not just a threat because of North Korea's potential capacity to reach the western coast shores of the United States, but it's that this data will likely end up in the hands of a regime that is talking in this manner, about the end of the world and bringing it about. You have to understand, if Iran gets Nuclear weapons, and the ballistic missiles to deliver them, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad can do in about six minutes what it took Adolph Hitler six years to do, and that is to kill six million Jews. And, that is not his major objective. It's one of his objectives, but Israel, as I mentioned, is only the 'little Satan,' in Shia Muslim Eschatology. The United States is the 'great Satan,' so while Israel is an objective, we are the ultimate objective, because the Iranian leader sees us as the epicenter of Christendom."

Joel Rosenberg, April 4th, 2009 - Epicenter Prophecy Conference in San Diego California

- The Bible says that, in the last days, the enemy nations of the world will unite together and launch a nuclear attack against Israel.
- What's even more provocative is not just that this is in the Bible, but who is not even mentioned in the Bible; namely, the United States.
- Suffice it to say, things are coming together so fast to form, this "Perfect Storm," and it is moving with an unstoppable momentum.

- It's because of this, that I would be grossly remiss, were I to not say this; "we need to get right with the Lord and be ready for the Lord."
- I'm keenly aware that most here in this church today are believers however, there may be one or more who are not right and not ready.
- If that is you here today I'm begging you to not leave here today without making this the day of your salvation at the end of this service.

Matthew 24:44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. NIV