

Mid-East Prophecy Update - The Perfect Prophetic Storm, Part 6 – July 26th, 2009

- This is part 6 of a study 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

- In part one we looked at what the re-election of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad means related to Islam's role in the last days.

2. The North Korea Factor

- Then in part two we looked at, "The North Korea Factor," and how they provide Iran with data, while Iran provides them with money.

3. A Global Quest for "Peace and Security"

- The 3rd condition leading to this "Perfect Prophetic Storm" is the global cry and international quest for "peace and security," in the world.

4. The "Two-State Solution"

- The 4th condition is what's being called the "Two-State Solution," with Israel and Palestine living together in "Peace and Security."

5. A Rebuilt Babylon in Iraq

- The 5th condition is the fulfilling of a prophecy about Babylon which will ultimately be destroyed. I believe this is a literal Babylon in Iraq.

6. The China Connection

- The 6th one that's coming together is how China and the nations in the East connect with and fit into the End-Times prophetic program.

Revelation 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. NIV

- This prophecy tells us that the time will come when the great river Euphrates will dry up to prepare the way for the kings of the east.

Revelation 9:13-16 13 The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. 14 It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. 16 The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. NIV

- It's believed that this prophecy foretells how that when the Euphrates River is dried up, it will allow a 200 million man army to cross it.
- This begs the question, what and where is this Euphrates River, and who are these 200 million men? Let's start with the Euphrates.
- The Euphrates is mentioned 25 times in Scripture, and was the northernmost boundary of the land promised to Abraham, (Genesis 15).

- Here are a few facts about this river that has a place in both history and prophecy as one of the most important rivers in the world:

- 1700 miles long
- Begins in Turkey
- It passes through Turkey, Syria, and Iraq
- Empties into the Persian Gulf
- The Euphrates has an annual flow of 990 billion cubic feet

- The massive size of the Euphrates River coupled with the prophecy in Revelation that it will be dried up, makes this so fascinating.
- I suggest that we may be witnessing the beginning of the fulfillment of this prophecy right before our very eyes, in a couple of ways.
- The first of which is; back in 1983 construction began on the Ataturk Dam in Turkey and it was completed seven years later 1990.
- About 90% of the total annual flow from the Euphrates originates in Turkey, and with this Dam, they can literally dry up this river.

According to one source; "In mid January 1990, when the first phase of the dam was completed, Turkey held back the flow of the Euphrates entirely for a month to begin filling up the reservoir. Turkey had notified Syria and Iraq by November 1989 of her decision to fill the reservoir over a period of one month explaining the technical reasons and providing a detailed program for making up for the losses. The downstream neighbors protested vehemently. At this point, the Atatürk Dam has cut the flow from the Euphrates by about a third."

The situation was further exasperated when back in 1994, the then site manager of the Ataturk Dam, located at the headwaters of the Euphrates, was quoted in The Atlantic as saying; "It is true that we can stop the flow of water into Syria and Iraq for up to eight months in order to regulate their political behavior."

- The second way we may be seeing the beginning of this prophecy about the Euphrates drying up being fulfilled is because of a drought.
- It seems for the last two years there has been, among other things, a drought and it's both shrinking down and drying up the Euphrates.

The New York Times – July 13th, 2009 The Shrinking Euphrates - Strangled by the water policies of its neighbors, Turkey and Syria, a two-year drought and years of misuse by Iraq and its farmers, the Euphrates River is significantly smaller than it was just a few years ago, and some officials worry that it could soon be half of what it is now. The shrinking of the Euphrates, a river so crucial to the birth of civilization that the Book of Revelation prophesied its drying up as a sign of the end times, has decimated farms along its banks, left fishermen impoverished and depleted riverside towns, forcing farmers to flee to the cities looking for work.

http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2009/07/13/world/20090713EUPHRATES_5.html

- About now you may be asking how we got from China to Turkey. Well, that's the second part to this amazing prophecy about China.
- Lord willing, we'll "go back" to China, when Lord willing, you "come back" next week to see the China connection to this prophecy.