

Mid-East Prophecy Update - The Perfect Prophetic Storm, Part 7 – August 2nd, 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 7 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.
- Today, we're going to connect the dots of this prophecy in the book of Revelation, with the China connection to the Euphrates River.

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

- Once the River Euphrates is dried up, it will make a way for a 200 million man army to cross over it bringing unspeakable carnage.
- Again, this is one of the most amazing prophecies on two fronts. First the massive Euphrates River has to dry up for this massive army.
- 200 million troops is more than the population of most nations on earth. How is it possible to have an army that size? Enter China.

- China's population is about one and one-half a billion, with a "b," people. In other words; 1 in 4 of the earth's population lives in China.
- Here's another interesting dynamic about this 200 million man army; China tried to control their population by imposing a one child law.
- If you had more than one child, you could be sentenced to fifteen-years in prison, which has led to the massive abortion of baby girls.

- If you do the math, you end up with all boys and virtually no girls in China, thus a 200 million man army is certainly doable in China.
- Hundreds of millions of young men are available for military service with China's one-child policy creating this surplus of male children.

- This 200 million man army will advance toward Israel via a dried up Euphrates resulting in the death of 1/3 of the earth's population.
- Some commentators suggest that China will not be alone, but rather, they will have Japan, India, and perhaps North Korea as well.
- Now, this is where it gets really interesting; beginning back in the 1960's China has been posturing and positioning itself to do just this.

"We believe that China is in the beginning of the formation of this great power called 'the kings of the east' as described by the apostle John; in fact, a ...television documentary on China quoted the boast of the Chinese themselves, and how they could field a 'people's army' of 200 million militiamen. In their own boast they named the same number as the Biblical prophecy."

Hal Lindsey "The Late Great Planet Earth" (p. 86)

- One source stated that a report from the "1999 CIA Fact Book" revealed how China had 198 million men of military age which is 15-49.
- It was projected that this number would reach and even exceed 200 million by the year 2000; it's believed to have already happened.
- Let me bring this in for a landing this way; "for believers and pre-believers alike, we've got to get right and get ready before it's too late."

- First for the believers, which represents most in this church; start getting your affairs in order and take care of any unfinished business.

Luke 21:28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." NIV

- Be prepared to give to every man an answer for the hope that you have in Jesus Christ and His soon return for His bride at the rapture.

- For the pre-believers, I say this; "God didn't have all of these prophecies recorded so pastors would have some good sermon material!"
- He tells us what's going to happen before it happens so when it happens we'll know that He is Who He said He was and believe in Him.

John 14:29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. NKJV