

Mid-East Prophecy Update - The Perfect Prophetic Storm, Part 8 – August 9th, 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 8 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.

7. The Fall of the United States of America

- The 7th condition for this perfect prophetic storm is the ever increasing likelihood that we'll see the unthinkable fall of the United States.
- One of the most astonishing aspects of Bible prophecy is the conspicuous absence of the United States of America at the end of time.

- Baffled Bible teachers have offered speculative scenarios hoping to understand what happens to the most powerful nation on earth.
- Some suggest anything from a terrorist attack that wipes us out, to the rapture that takes us out, both of which would gut out America.

- There's even been talk of a North American Union, like the European Union, in which the U.S., Canada, and Mexico form Normerica.
- Now having said that, I would like to present yet another scenario that has only recently gained some traction and become plausible.
- The United States could actually fall into the hands of other nations by virtue of this nation's collapse of our morality, then our economy.

TIME MAGAZINE - "For years, Americans have reveled in profligate, load-up-the-back-of-the-SUV-at-Target excess, much of it paid for by credit cards, home equity or other loans. The binge has produced some supposedly healthy economic growth and provided everyone lots of nice stuff. But now debt collectors from around the world are knocking. That's why today's turmoil in U.S. financial markets will end in a massive transfer of wealth from America to the rest of the globe. The twenty-first century will overturn many of our basic assumptions about economic life. The twentieth century saw the end of European dominance of global politics and economics. The twenty-first century will see the end of American dominance too."

(Quoted in "Are we Headed for an Economic Perfect Storm" from "The Late Great United States" by Mark Hitchcock p.63)

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL –As if Things Weren't Bad Enough, Russian Professor Predicts End of U.S.

MOSCOW -- For a decade, Russian academic Igor Panarin has been predicting the U.S. will fall apart in 2010. ... an economic and moral collapse will trigger a civil war and the eventual breakup of the U.S. ... Mr. Panarin insists he does not dislike Americans. But he warns that the outlook for them is dire. ... mass immigration, economic decline, and moral degradation will trigger a civil war next fall and the collapse of the dollar. Around the end of June 2010, or early July, he says, the U.S. will break into six pieces -- with Alaska reverting to Russian control. ... He based the forecast on classified data supplied to him by FAPSI analysts, he says. He predicts that economic, financial and demographic trends will provoke a political and social crisis in the U.S. When the going gets tough, he says, wealthier states will withhold funds from the federal government and effectively secede from the union. Social unrest up to and including a civil war will follow. The U.S. will then split along ethnic lines, and foreign powers will move in.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123051100709638419.html>

- Now, I am keenly aware that this is really bad news, and it's probably ruined your day. Perhaps you regret coming to church today.
- Well, there is some good news, really good news; "though everything is going down, we can have the hope of being Raptured up.

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

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