

Mid-East Prophecy Update - The Perfect Prophetic Storm, Part 16 – October 4th, 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 15 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

- 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.

8. The World's Readiness for a World Leader

- The 8th condition that is even now coming together to form this perfect storm prophetically, is the world's readiness for a world leader.

9. Confirming of a 7 Year Peace Agreement

- The 9th condition is one that's seemingly time driven in urgently pushing forward the signing of an agreement for a Mid-East peace plan

10. A Russian-Iranian Led Nuclear Attack on Israel

- This Russian-Iranian led nuclear attack on Israel is perhaps the most provocative of all the Bible prophecies that form this perfect storm.
- One reason for this is, is this; when you read from the pages of today's headlines, it seems as if you are reading the pages of scripture.

- For the last three weeks, we've been looking at this prophecy, and the amazing details that were recorded in it some 2,500 years ago.
- Today, we'll look at yet another one of those details, which with recent geopolitical developments, may now be finding its fulfillment.

Ezekiel 38:10-12 10 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "It will come about on that day, that thoughts will come into your mind and you will devise an evil plan, 11 and you will say, "I will go up against the land of unwalled villages. I will go against those who are at rest, that live securely, all of them living without walls and having no bars or gates, 12 to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are now inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world." NASU

- Not only will the attack come when Israel has believed and is deceived that she lives in security but it happens when she's in prosperity.
- Recently, Israel has become exceedingly prosperous. The Israeli Shekel has become one of the highest valued currencies in the world.

HAARETZ - 60 years of economic prosperity – Friday, May 9th, 2008 - Very few countries have managed to grow and prosper so quickly in 60 years, from a standard of living of \$3,100 per person in 1948 to today's \$25,000; from a country of 600,000 residents to 7.3 million; and from an orange exporter to an international high-tech power. Over the past six decades, Israel's economy has completely changed: from socialist, state controlled to a modern, Western free market economy.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/981416.html>

HAARETZ - Shekel continues to soar against Dollar, Euro - May 30th, 2008 - The United States Dollar continued to depreciate against the New Israeli Shekel Friday, pushing the representative currency exchange rate down another 0.88 percent to NIS 3.233 per U.S. Dollar. This is an over 11-year low - the last time the greenback saw these levels was January 1997. The Euro also lost ground against the Shekel, and the European currency's representative rate fell a steep 1.356 percent Friday to NIS 5.0048 per Euro, dropping it to a 5-year low against the shekel - its lowest level since January 2003.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/988758.html>

- The prophet Ezekiel describes how that Israel will be so prosperous, that this alliance of Muslim nations will try to capture their "spoil."
- It may be very possible that the "spoil" they want to capture, and the "plunder" they want to seize may have just now been discovered.

World Net Daily - Friday, January 23rd, 2009 - Israel finds huge natural gas reserve - Top official hails 'historic moment' that could transform nation's future - [Noble Energy](#), a New York Stock [Exchange](#)-listed company, has discovered an estimated more than 3 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in three high-quality reservoirs drilled in the company's Tamar No. 1 well in the Mediterranean Sea, about 56 miles off the Israeli northern port of Haifa. A huge deep-water natural gas find off the coast of Israel promises to be a boon to the Jewish state's economy as well as a stimulus to other developers [searching](#) for offshore oil and natural gas in the Mediterranean. The find is significant for those who [believe the Bible indicates Israel is sitting on a massive oil reserve that would reshape the geopolitical structure of the Middle East](#).

<http://www.worldnetdaily.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=86865>

- It's certainly possible that Russia and Iran will lead this allied attack against Israel for the same reason they invaded Georgia last year.

ABC NEWS – August 16th, 2008 - Russia's Georgia Invasion May Be About Oil – Key Energy Pipelines Through Georgia Have Irked Russia - The conflict between Russia and Georgia is about borders and political power. But dig deeper, and you may find natural gas, oil and a stronger Russia vying for control of those resources are key factors. There are three key pipelines that run through Georgia. The biggest, designed to bypass Russia, is the BTC pipeline, which transports about a million barrels of oil a day from the Caspian Sea through Georgia to ports in Turkey.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/Story?id=5595811&page=1>

- I suggest to you, that Israel may be on the verge of discovering, what could be, the largest oil and natural gas reserves in the world.

Joel Rosenberg - "In talking to ...oil experts in Israel and the U.S. ...I was able to confirm that there is, in fact, both oil and natural gas under the region known in the Bible as Armageddon, where the Scriptures say the final cataclysmic conflict of history will occur. Just how much is there remains unclear as I write this. There is more testing to do, and many technical challenges abound before any of it will be commercially viable to pump and refine. ...The truth is, we cannot know exactly who will tap into the oil reserves believed to be waiting beneath Israel's soil or exactly when it will happen, because the Bible does not tell us. But the Bible does make it clear that Israel will be wealthy before the Russian-Iranian coalition attacks. That much we can take to the bank. And I believe the Bible's hints about the existence of oil in Israel present a viable means for the fulfillment of that prophecy. Thus, expect to read future headlines like this one: 'Israel Discovers Massive Reserves of Oil, Gas.'"

Joel Rosenberg, "Epicenter" pp. 62 63

- The detail of Israel's "spoil" in Ezekiel 38:12, coupled with recent developments in Israel, makes fulfilling this prophecy more plausible.
- The question may be, what does this mean to me, and how does this apply to me? The Bible is not silent in answering this question!

Romans 13:11-12 11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. NIV

1 John 3:2-3 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. NIV

2 Timothy 4:8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. NIV

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

Matthew 24:44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV

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