

## Mid-East Prophecy Update - October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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."
- For today's update, I would like to take a look at Jesus' prophecy, in response to the disciples who asked about the end of the age.

**Luke 21:25-28** 25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." NIV

- It's believed that Jesus is talking about earthquakes and tsunamis that follow, when he talks about the roaring and tossing of the sea.
- One doesn't have to look too far to find that these things are beginning to take place as the world is in anguish, terror and perplexity.

**Sentinel Source - Friday, October 16, 2009 - Restless underworld Rash of quakes around globe worries U.S. scientists** - SAN JOSE, Calif. — The alarming numbers had been rippling across the Pacific to the Menlo Park, Calif., offices of the U.S. Geological Survey all week, each one sending a kind of electric jolt through seismologist David Oppenheimer as his phone buzzed frantically with the latest news. "When my cell phone lights up, and I see there's a magnitude 8 earthquake in Samoa, my first reaction is, 'Wow, people just died,'" Oppenheimer said. "I can tell from the depth, I can tell from the magnitude, and I don't have to see any more. It's kind of sobering." ... Oppenheimer had just finished monitoring a swarm of more than 435 small quakes rattling the Owens Valley in Central California when his cell phone once again buzzed insistently. As he read a text message on the screen in the palm of his hand, the seismologist made a low, nervous sound and said, "This is not good." A magnitude 7.6 quake had struck nearly 6,000 miles away, off the Pacific island of Vanuatu, setting off tsunami warnings. This time the tsunami failed to materialize, and nobody died, but at the USGS it set off a tidal wave of questions. Did this string of massive quakes marching eastward across the Pacific mean that the Big One was heading toward California? ... "You can't help but think that the waves go out, and it shakes the whole planet," Oppenheimer said. He wondered whether the Pacific quakes would be "the straw that breaks the camel's back? When Vanuatu got shaken by these other two or three earthquakes, what happened? That's a difficult question. And the answer is, I don't think so. But I don't know."

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**FOX NEWS - RAW DATA: Recent Earthquakes to Hit the Pacific Rim Region** - Tuesday, September 29, 2009

- JULY 17, 2006 - A 7.7 magnitude earthquake sets off a tsunami that claims the lives of more than 200 in Indonesia.
- May 27, 2006 - A 6.2 magnitude earthquake hits Indonesia, killing more than 5,700 people, damaging hundreds of thousands of homes.
- March 28, 2005 - A magnitude 8.7 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Sumatra in Indonesia kills nearly 1,000 people.
- Dec 26, 2004 - A magnitude 9.15 magnitude earthquake that triggered a tsunami off the coast of Indonesia kills more than 200,000 people and leaves thousands missing.
- Sept 21, 1999 - A magnitude 7.6 earthquake in Taiwan claims the lives of more than 2,000 people.
- Jan 25, 1999 - A magnitude 6.3 earthquake kills more than 1,000 people in Colombia.
- July 17, 1998 - A magnitude 7.1 earthquake set off three tsunamis that killed more than 2,100 people in Papua New Guinea.
- May 28, 1995 - A magnitude 7.5 earthquake in Russia killed more than 1,900 people.
- Jan 17, 1995 - A magnitude 7.2 earthquake killed more than 6,400 people in Japan.
- June 6, 1994 - An earthquake in Colombia causes mudslides that claimed the lives of roughly 1,000 people.
- Dec 12, 1992 - A magnitude 6.8 earthquake killed more than 2,000 people in Indonesia.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,557400,00.html>

- If you were to ask me why we continue to set aside a portion of time to look at Bible Prophecy on Sunday mornings, it would be this:
- So much is happening so fast. It's connecting the prophetic dots of what's taking place in the world with what's prophesied in the Word.

**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

**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