

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – December 6<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."
- One of the most fascinating aspects of Bible prophecy is how scripture predicts the future some 2,500 years before it comes to pass.
- One such Bible prophecy is the prediction that all the nations who come against Israel in the last days will do so using nuclear weapons.

**Zechariah 14:12** And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths. NKJV

**Ezekiel 39:9-10** 9 "Then those who live in the towns of Israel will go out and use the weapons for fuel and burn them up-the small and large shields, the bows and arrows, the war clubs and spears. For seven years they will use them for fuel. 10 They will not need to gather wood from the fields or cut it from the forests, because they will use the weapons for fuel. And they will plunder those who plundered them and loot those who looted them, declares the Sovereign LORD. NIV

- It's for this reason that the eyes of the world are carefully watching countries like Iran and their development of nuclear weapons.

**Haaretz – November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - With all eyes on Iran, who's watching Pakistan's nuclear arsenal?** Fear of the Iranian nuclear weapons development program has overshadowed the fact that not far from Tehran, actually right nearby, two countries, India and Pakistan, already possess nuclear weapons. Not just warheads stored in warehouses, but weapons that have already been tested and were even used to back up the two countries' reciprocal threats against each other. These countries, unlike Iran, are not signatories of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, and one of them, Pakistan, faces a real threat to its ability to control all parts of its territory. This fear, along with the military actions of the separatists, the Taliban in Pakistan who recently attacked Pakistani military bases, are feeding Westerners' fears that the government will lose control over all its military capabilities, including its nuclear capabilities.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1130516.html>

**World Net Daily - A nuclear Taliban? By Hal Lindsey - May 01, 2009** - The Pakistani Taliban, even while continuing their penetration of central Pakistan, have begun mobilizing fresh recruits from all over the country to go help their Afghan Taliban brothers resist the newly arriving Western troops. The Taliban now control the tribal regions of Pakistan, ...Pakistan was one of only two nations on earth that recognized the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate government (the other being Osama's home country of Saudi Arabia). Many ranking members of the Pak security service, the ISI, are members of the Taliban, as they were in 2002 when Pakistan initially faced off against Washington over Osama bin Laden. ...Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made headlines last weekend during an interview with Fox News. "If the worst, the unthinkable, were to happen, and this advancing Taliban encouraged and supported by al-Qaida and other extremists were to essentially topple the government for failure to beat them back, then they would have the keys to the nuclear arsenal of Pakistan."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pagelid=96742>

- Be that as it may, and suffice it to say, so much is happening so fast. Time is so short, that the days will actually have to be shortened.

**Matthew 24:21-22** 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. KJV

**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