

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

- 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."
- Three weeks ago we began a series looking at a number of prophecies to keep an eye on in the New Year, as a "watch-list" of sorts.
- Let me hasten to say once again that this list is not in any particular order, nor is it an attempt to make any predictions or set any dates.

### 1. America becoming more vulnerable to Islamic terrorist attacks

### 2. Global economies continuing to decline even going bankrupt

### 3. U.S. Dollar continuing to decline even collapsing

### 4. Christians will be increasingly persecuted and Muslims will become increasingly accepted

**FOX SPORTS - CBS reacts to controversial Tebow Super Bowl ad** – Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - CBS responded to complaints over a conservative group's planned Super Bowl ad featuring football star Tim Tebow by saying that it had eased restrictions on advocacy ads and would consider "responsibly produced" ones for open spots in its Feb. 7 broadcast. CBS said Tuesday it had received numerous e-mails -- both critical and supportive -- since a coalition of women's groups began a protest campaign Monday against the ad, which the critics say will use Tebow and his mother to convey an anti-abortion message. Funded by the conservative Christian group Focus on the Family, the 30-second ad is expected to recount the story of Pam Tebow's pregnancy in 1987. After getting sick during a mission trip to the Philippines, she ignored a recommendation by doctors to abort her fifth child. She later gave birth to Tim, who won the 2007 Heisman Trophy and helped his Florida team win two BCS championships.

<http://msn.foxsports.com/nfl/story/CBS-reacts-to-controversial-Tebow-Super-Bowl-ad-012610>

### 5. An accelerated deterioration of the churches spiritual condition

**THE BEREAN CALL - USA TODAY, 12/09/09 [Excerpts]:** Going to church this Sunday? Look around. The chances are that one in five of the people there find "spiritual energy" in mountains or trees, and one in six believe in the "evil eye," that certain people can cast curses with a look--beliefs your Christian pastor doesn't preach. In a Catholic church? Chances are that one in five members believe in reincarnation in a way never taught in catechism class--that you'll be reborn in this world again and again. Elements of Eastern faiths and New Age thinking have been widely adopted by 65% of U.S. adults, including many who call themselves Protestants and Catholics, according to a survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life released Wednesday. Syncretism--mashing up contradictory beliefs like Catholic rocker Madonna's devotion to a Kabbalah-light version of Jewish mysticism--appears on the rise. And, according to the survey's other major finding, devotion to one clear faith is fading. Of the 72% of Americans who attend religious services at least once a year (excluding holidays, weddings and funerals), 35% say they attend in multiple places, often hop-scotching across denominations. They are like President Obama, who currently has no home church. He has worshiped at a Baptist church, an Episcopal one, and the non-denominational chapel at Camp David. "Mixing and matching practices and beliefs is as much the norm as it is the exception," Pew's Alan Cooperman says.

<http://www.thebereancall.org/node/8318>

[TBC: This trend reflects what the Scripture prophesies regarding the spiritual condition of the church in the Last Days: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" ([2 Timothy 4:3-4](#)).]