

Prophecy in Perspective

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Our Times - *Prophecy in current event*

"Only be strong and very courageous"
(Joshua 1:7)



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Netanyahu promises: I'll Push The Button On Iran If I Must

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Channel 2 investigative report shows spat between former prime minister Olmert, defense minister Barak as they struggled to cope with growing Iranian, Syrian nuclear activity.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised the Israeli public that he is capable of "pushing the button" to strike Iranian nuclear facilities if he felt he had to, in a Channel 2 investigative report aired Monday. "I guarantee that as if I'm re-elected as prime minister I will not allow Iran to get a nuclear bomb," Netanyahu said in an interview. Asked if he was really capable of "pressing the button," Netanyahu replied: "I am capable, if I have to. I hope that I won't have to."

America's Need For Strong Moral Leadership

I begin this edition of ***Prophecy in Perspective*** with an example of strong leadership. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is a great encouragement to many Christians in America today. He represents courage and resolution in his consistent stand for the defense of his beloved country: Israel. As the U.S. presidential elections are about to begin, lets pray for such leadership as this for America. We should not vote based on race, but on the character and convictions of the man running for President. America needs Presidential

Leadership that will stand strong for America, for the "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for the boys and girls in the womb as well as for men and women of all in the land. As Christians, we view the un-born as unique and unrepeatable creations of our loving God.

The Situation Is Dire In America Today!

President Obama, it is very sad to say, fully supports the horrible practice not only of abortion, but of partial birth abortion. Thousands of innocents per day perish through this brutal and pagan practice. Planned Parenthood is the leading abortion provider in the land. Wicked King Herod, who ordered the killing of all of the young two years old and younger, in Bethlehem in an effort to stamp out the Messiah and the salvation he would bring to the world would have been very proud. Further, so called same sex-marriage (not really marriage at all), is also fully supported by President Obama. Truly, if God does not judge America, then He will need to do some explaining about His judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah! But, we know that God is still righteous and He has not changed!

President Obama has avoided accountability for what happen at Benghazi (see previous edition of *Prophecy in Perspective*) There is actually evidence that the consulate was being used to run arms to the Syrian rebels through Turkey. Many of these weapons are falling into the hands of Al Qaeda. Could it be that Russia gave the go-ahead for the attack on the Consulate? Whatever the motive, it is clear by now that the video story that was given as the cause for the attack has been shown to be a fraud.

There Are Clear Biblical Consequences For Forgetting God

Jesus predicted that there would be judgments in the End Times because of increasing sin in the world. These judgments would mark the nearing of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus said about these times: *"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory"* (Luke 21:25-27).

I was stunned when I saw that the Democratic party initially intended to exclude God from their platform! Is this where we have come to in America? Indeed it is! I believe God is sending a clear message to America with these storms that have converged upon the North Eastern part of the United States. Many have wondered if this storm would give either candidate an advantage in the election. I believe that God was simply being God in showing that He will not take our killing of the unborn, sexual immorality, and rejection of Himself by any nation without a devastating and repeated response. The devastation was a message for us to repent as a nation. Further, last night (11/4/12) there was a 2.4 earthquake in Ringwood, N.J. which is just on the border with New York. In Luke 21:11, Jesus warned, *"And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven."*

God is further warning us about how He is in full control of the weather and will hold us accountable for our treatment, through our presidential leadership, etc. of Israel, of the innocent, and of His Son. The weather reports show that there is a Nor'easter coming through the same part of the country on Wednesday, the day after the elections! I do not believe it is insignificant that the North Eastern part of the country is disproportionately liberal, atheistic, and humanistic.

There Is A Message For Believers To Notice

But, some may wonder, why do the believers have to suffer too? This is a good question. The righteous often do suffer when judgment comes upon the wicked. We see this all through the Scripture, but God promises to help and supply for them as they seek Him through prayer. Let's pray for all those suffering through this difficult time that they will come to know the power of God through the salvation that is available through the

Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that if Christians do not act upon their Biblical convictions in this election that this nation will greatly accelerate its descent into spiritual and moral darkness. We praise God for His mercy, that He never changes (Malachi 3:6), and that He does all things well (Mark 7:37), and that nothing is too difficult for Him. The Lord said in Jeremiah 32:27, ***"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"***

By God's Grace, Believers Can Make A Difference, Without Compromise!

All the signs of the times indicate that the coming of the Lord to rapture His Church is near. We certainly know by the Word of God that He could come at any moment. While we look for our Blessed Hope, the Lord Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13), we should prayerfully walk as responsible believers. Voting, and voting according to biblical principles and convictions is important for every Christian. Of course, we would prefer men who were truly born-again believers in Jesus Christ, yet, at least we should vote for men who will believe and stand for what is right in terms of the exceptionalness of America, traditional morality, and sound marriage and family values. You can certainly support someone for office while not compromising your beliefs in the authority and sufficiency of Scripture as being the only Word of God!

Tomorrow, November 6, is the voting day for America when we will chose the next President of the United States. Please be in prayer for the outcome, and that the men, including the vice president, who will defend the lives of the innocent, who will stand for moral behavior and traditional marriage, and who will solidly stand for Israel will be elected as President and Vice President of the United States. Pray for men who will be "very strong and of great courage."



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