

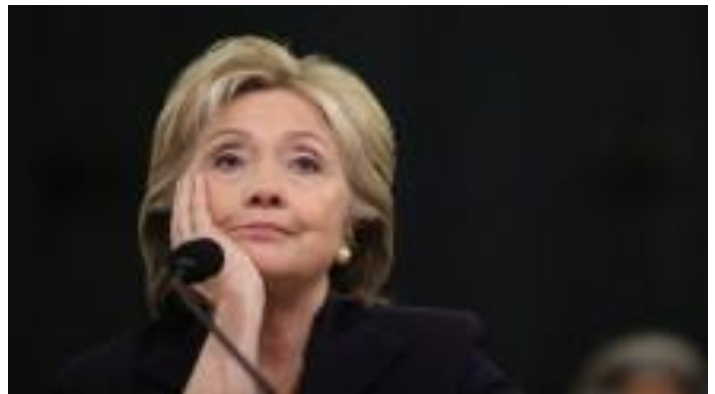
Prophecy in Perspective

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Hillary and Bengasi: The Deception Continues!

The Scriptures are filled with hundreds of prophecies which concern the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the restoration of Israel. From these prophecies we know that anti-Israel forces will rise up in the latter days to hinder and seek to destroy the Nation of Israel. At His second coming, Israel will be Jesus' capital from which He will rule the earth. Therefore, a large part of Satan's futile plan is to somehow prevent the return of the Lord to the earth by destroying Israel and setting up his own global kingdom after all the Jews have been destroyed. But, this is a plan that will never be realized!

At yesterday's all day Senate hearing on Bengasi, Hillary Clinton (pictured at right) continued to obfuscate on the issues surrounding the Bengasi Islamic terrorist attack and the extent of her responsibility. Much is still hidden about this awful incident where Islamic terrorists, in a pre-planned attack, destroyed the consulate at Bengasi and murdered, along with three others, our Ambassador, Chris Stevens. I have written in previous editions of this newsletter that this attack likely arose because the United States was probably involved in transferring weapons from Libya to Syria. This was to help the Syrian Sunni rebels in their fight against Shiite, Iranian, and Russian backed President Bashar al-Assad. Ambassador Stevens was likely in Bengasi to facilitate this process.



Naturally, President Obama and then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton wanted to distance themselves from this covert reality. Thus the lie about a video causing the attack. Many believe the purpose of this deliberate deception was to help ensure Obama's re-election, by helping to continue the pre-election narrative that Obama had al-Qaeda on the run, but this was only a small part of the story! They had to cover up the reality of this secret weapons transfer, because it was illegal. Even more, I believe the willful neglect to secure the consulate, in spite of some 600 requests for increased security, was possibly to allow an attack to take place to counter and cancel the weapons transfer activity. I do not believe Hillary Clinton intended nor desired for anyone to lose their lives that fateful night at Bengasi. However, the attack went too far, and Ambassador Stevens, and three other innocent men were killed. What came out yesterday adds support to this analysis, or

at least, to reveal the likelihood of a cover up that is wider, and more sinister than even the Republican prosecutors may realize. This cover up might have underlying anti-Semitic and anti-Israel motivations. Further, some believe the mislabeling and subsequent cover up of the Bengasi Islamic terror attack, actually over time, influenced the rise of ISIS in Syria.

In actual fact, if we helped to oust Syrian President Assad, then this would work against Iran's interests in that country. Remember that the Mr. Obama was seeking a deal with Iran over the last few years. Helping to get weapons to Assad's enemies from Libya would not please Iran, nor, for that matter, Russia. Getting the weapons to the Syrian rebels from Libya would, however, please a certain segment in America who support Obama and who support Assad's overthrow. To allow the weapons flow to be stopped by an attack, covered up as a mere protest because of a video in the United States, is a perfect arrangement for a President who wants to be re-elected; who wants to look like he is trying to help the poor rebels in Syria, but who does not want to hinder nor insult the Iranians who are trying to secure a stronghold in Syria with the Russians for a likely future attack on Israel. President Obama and his administration, along with the United Nations, have been working against Israel in every possible way. Is the Bengasi incident and cover up connected to a master plan for Israel's destruction? Are they actually facilitating a further aligning of Communism, through Russia, along with Islam, especially Shiite-Islam, for a future assault on Israel?

Our present and obvious likelihood today is that Russia, Iran, and Syrian President Assad are seeking to strengthen their position in Syria, which is just north of Israel, as part of a master plan to eventually attack Israel. (Ezekiel 38) I believe the Bengasi incident and cover-up are like pieces that Satan is moving on a chess board of world events to line up nations for a future attack on Israel. The ongoing battle to get to the truth of what happened in Bengasi is a small but important skirmish that is serving to distract the world from the master plan of Satan, which is the complete subjugation of Israel and its eventual annihilation.



In the following article from my blog site, *prophecyinperspective.com*, I give an overview of Russia's alliance with Iran and present positioning in Syria for a future military assault on Israel. Meanwhile, time will reveal many things to those who are Biblically discerning. But for those who reject or belittle Bible prophecy, they will not clearly discern God's activity. They will tend to substitute their own understanding and teaching for that of the Holy Spirit. Daniel was told concerning the latter days: **"but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand" (Daniel 12:10b).**

ISRAEL DISCOVERS HUGE OIL FIELD

Recently, the discovery of an immense oil field in the Golan Heights in Israel, (see photo below of an Israeli tank overlooking the Golan Heights) along with strategic moves by Russian President Putin into Syria have brought many prophecy students to believe this could be the beginning of the preparations for the battle of Gog and Magog.



Interestingly, God seems to be allowing the gathering of all the elements of what He foretold in Ezekiel 38 and 39. In these chapters, there is an amazing description of the details of Russia's invasion of the nation of Israel in the latter days. Read the first four verses of Ezekiel 38. You will see that Rosh, which is an early form of the word Russia, is used twice in verses 2 and 3 in the NASB translation.

“And the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal. “I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army...” (Ezekiel 38:1-4a, NASB).

As you can see, God is planning to influence Russia to prepare an attack. This attack will include allies from among the present day Islamic nations which will be an all out assault on Israel. The passage continues:

“Persia, Ethiopia and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer with all its troops; Beth-togarmah from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you” (Ezekiel 38:5-6, NASB).

H.L. Willmington lists the nations under their current names that are identified here as among Russia's allies:

- (1) Persia – Modern Iran
- (2) Ethiopia – South Africa
- (3) Put (Libya) – Arabic African nations (North Africa)
- (4) Gomer – East Germany
- (5) Beth-Togarmah – Southern Russia and the Cossacks, or perhaps Turkey

This passage, among many other details, clearly delineates how this prophecy of Russia's attack on Israel must occur in the ***“latter days,”*** after Israel has been restored as a nation. In 1948, Israel was once again restored as a nation, and Jews have been returning to that land since then. The Bible describes the latter days as those days surrounding the rapture of the church, the great seven year tribulation and the second coming of Jesus Christ to the earth:

“Be prepared, and prepare yourself, you and all your companies that are assembled about you, and be a guard for them. “After many days you will be summoned; IN THE LATTER YEARS you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been GATHERED FROM MANY NATIONS to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual waste; but its PEOPLE WERE BROUGHT OUT FROM THE NATIONS and they are living securely, all of them. “You will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you” (Ezekiel 38:7-9, NASB).

Russia is now planning with Iran to dominate Syria, but their plan, I am sure, does not end there. Russia, or “Rosh,” in the literal rendering of Ezekiel 38:3 has a master plan that will ultimately include attacking Israel for “spoil” (38:13, remove the "s" and the word spells “oil.”) Israel has many areas of

wealth: agriculture, military weaponry, strategic location as well as being an intersection to the East, South, and western European nations. It also has highly desirable ports, technology, and perhaps most of all, Israel has people who can be enslaved and used for the greater cause of Russia and her allies. The Islamic allies of Russia like Iran and Syria and others all want the destruction of the Jews, but the Koran also calls for their enslavement. Ezekiel 38:13 speaks of weak nations (like America under Obama) simply asking Russia diplomatically what they are doing but not lifting a finger to step in on behalf of Israel. The battle of Gog and Magog, that is of Russia attacking Israel, is in the preparation stage now, and it could occur either before or after the rapture. I believe it will certainly happen before the beginning of the tribulation or at the start of it to "gut" Islam and the power of Russia, in order for the Antichrist to have the freedom to establish a peace treaty with Israel for seven years and to permit them to rebuild their temple. The Antichrist will desecrate this temple at the midpoint of the tribulation and demand worship. Then he will seek to destroy Israel etc.

Therefore, Israel's discovery of Oil is an indication of God's favor for Israel. (See also Deut 33:24.) Yet, also this is part of the Divine lure ("hooks," Ezekiel 38:4) to draw Russia and her allies to attack so God can destroy them; and for the church, which ignores prophecy and the coming of the Lord in its preaching, to take notice that the return of the Lord draws nearer every day! (Posted on October 16, 2015, ProphecyinPerspective, by Dr. Scott G. Downing.)

No Time For Churches To Turn Inward



The present surge of the emerging church and its popular postmodern approach to truth is making great inroads into local church ministries. One way this may be seen is in the mockery we often hear from these emerging church leaders against preaching Bible prophecy. Postmodernism promotes the idea that truth is not a destiny that one arrives at, but a journey that one takes. Postmodernism has affected philosophy, theology, and even architecture. (See an example of postmodern architecture represented below in the MIT Strata Center.)

The postmodern preacher generally believes we should avoid old dogmatisms such as "Bible truth is absolute truth." Rather, we should facilitate "conversations" about each person's personal view and understanding of truth from the context of each life experience. Therefore, in the emerging church, spiritual

truth is taught no longer as absolute but personal and often very subjective. Therefore, the verse by verse teaching of the Bible in many of these churches is passé (outmoded, behind the times), and preaching Bible prophecy is viewed as absurd, and is often positively forbidden!

The reason for this pathological avoidance of prophecy is that there is the fear of addressing the real evils of society by the unchanging Word of God. Much of prophecy has to do with judgment against sin. Yet, today many do not want to conclude that practices and beliefs like homosexuality, abortion, global warming, and global government are wrong because that position would be unpopular. So, many churches are ignoring what is going on in the real world today and just focusing on their churches. They are turning inward. This is always dangerous for individual Christians, and no less for Christian ministries. God is concerned for the entire world and desires believers to know what is happening in the world, as related to His prophetic Word.

Our lives and ministries are fuller and more personally satisfying as well as honoring to the Lord when we grow in His Word. The Lord wants to bring changes into our hearts that can be so stubborn against Him when all the

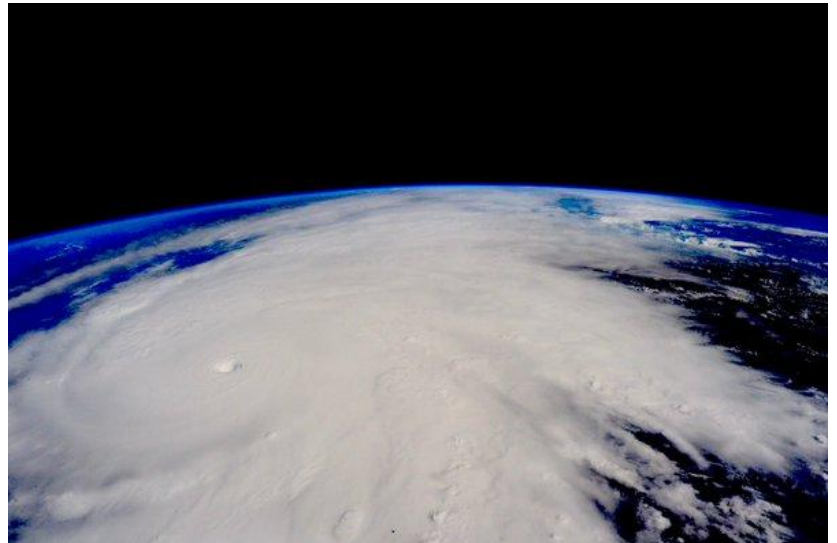
while we believe we are serving Him. We need to humbly pray that the Lord will direct our heart to true repentance and full yieldedness to Him and to His wonderful will for our lives. Again, turning inward soon turns to selfishness and religious pride for Christians as well as Churches and ministries. Hearing God through His Word and especially His prophetic Word, and sharing what we learn with the world brings us to a fuller and richer outlook for what God is doing and desires to do in us and through us and our ministries in these days.

Hurricane Patricia and the End 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).

Hurricane Patricia is now bearing down on the Pacific coast of Mexico. It is rated as the largest and most powerful storm ever. It has sustained winds of 200 miles per hour. There will be devastation, death, and injury wherever it makes landfall! The impact will be felt in many ways here in America as well. Much help will be needed for those areas in the days to come.

The migration of illegal immigrants will likely increase and the political landscape in America will perhaps become even more divided and tense. No doubt, global warming will be to blame and conservative political policies and even capitalism will be held liable. Truly, this event, as with all hurricanes must rightly be recognized as an act of God. Indications from God's Word are that we are to expect ever worsening global conditions in terms of climate, geological changes such as earthquakes, and even astrological events such as asteroids striking the earth. But,



thankfully, the Lord assured believers in Jesus Christ that all of these things will indicate that: ***"when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).*** We will need to be in prayer for those who will be affected by hurricane Patricia and to remember that it is likely yet another sign of the end times and the soon coming of Jesus Christ to rapture His church to heaven.

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