

It Might Be Today

God & the Gulf

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

This week I want to talk about America in Bible prophecy. As you probably know, our great nation is not listed as a player in the End Times scenarios of the Bible. It has given rise to lots of speculation as to what might happen to us that would weaken us as a world power. My own speculation is that when Jesus resurrects and raptures the church, America will be devastated and reduced in strength to the point the survivors will need to join with Canada and Mexico to form a North American Union.

Others feel that something catastrophic will happen prior to the rapture to weaken our status.

There is a very intriguing verse in Genesis regarding the status of nations. It's Genesis 12:2-3, where God is addressing His elect nation, Israel, in relation to other nations of the world.

Genesis 12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

We try to avoid sensationalism in our Prophecy Updates. I think it gives Bible prophecy a bad name when we jump to conclusions.

But I heard something this week that I think bears consideration; or at least needs to be stated.

Israel was 'born' as a modern nation on May 14, 1948. It was a direct fulfillment of Bible prophecy over 2,000 years old. Since then, they have celebrated their independence each year. Because Israel follows a lunar

calendar, the date of their celebration is different each year. The date this year was April 19th.

On April 19, the 62nd anniversary of Israel Independence Day, President Obama released a statement saying the United States shares an "unbreakable bond" with Israel and he was confident the relationship "will only be strengthened" into the future.

Something else happened on April 19th, something involving US-Israeli relations. Fox News reported that there was a major shift in our support for Israel. To quote from their web article, "the US was giving serious consideration to not using its veto if a vote on Israeli settlements was to come up. It has been the policy of successive administrations to veto virtually all anti-Israel resolutions at the Security Council."¹

Israel's defense minister, Ehud Barak, expressed concern on the same day about deteriorating relations with the United States and warned that "the growing alienation" with President Obama's administration "is not a good thing for the state of Israel."²

In the administration's message of congratulations to Israel on its 62nd Day of Independence, US Secretary of state Hillary Clinton mentioned "recognized borders" while omitting the word "defensible." One op-ed writer commented,

By omitting "defensible borders" from her message, she spoke for the first US administration to abdicate its guarantee of defensible borders as a fundamental component of Israel's security, thereby nullifying her and the US president's pledge not to "waver in protecting Israel's security."³

On the same day Israel was celebrating her nationhood, our nation was preparing for a strategy to take a neutral approach to Israel in its Middle East policy.

¹ <http://liveshots.blogs.foxnews.com/2010/04/19/obama-and-israel-showdown-at-the-un/>

² <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/meast/04/19/israel.us.relations/index.html>

³ <http://barenakedislam.wordpress.com/2010/04/19/obama-doesnt-believe-in-defensible-borders-for-israel/>

Here is where it gets a little sensational if we're not careful. It was the next day, April 20th, that the Deep Water Horizon exploded, killing eleven crewmen and causing what is now the greatest environmental disaster in our history. The tragedy continues even as we speak.

April 19th - Israel celebrates their independence. April 19th - Fox News and other legitimate outlets report the US will no longer automatically support Israel in the UN. The next day, April 20th, the Deep Water Horizon explodes.

That's all I can say. Some see it as the direct judgment of God. I'm just reporting what occurred.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Nothing needs to be fulfilled before the Lord can return for us. We are only waiting for Him - and His coming is always imminent.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***