

# It Might Be Today

## Did He Just Say “Peace & Safety?”

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.

There’s a situation in Egypt right now. On January 31 The Huffington Post stated,

Protests started on Tuesday, January 25, when - inspired by the successful revolution in Tunisia - thousands of people began taking to the streets to protest poverty, rampant unemployment, government corruption and autocratic governance of President Hosni Mubarak, who has ruled the country for thirty years.<sup>1</sup>

As of yesterday brietbart.com was reporting,

Egyptian authorities and opposition leaders began talks on ending President Hosni Mubarak’s 30 years in power before September elections as unprecedented protests demanding his exit entered a 12th day.<sup>2</sup>

It’s not just Egypt, or even Egypt and Tunisia. Revolts of one sort or another are going on in Yemen, Pakistan, Jordan and Lebanon.

People are asking if there is any prophetic significance to what’s happening in Egypt and throughout the region.

*Of course there is!* But exactly how these things fit in to God’s prophetic scheme has yet to be revealed.

The two things we know that **are** going to happen at some point in prophecy are:

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/28/whats-going-on-in-egypt\\_n\\_815734.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/01/28/whats-going-on-in-egypt_n_815734.html)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-02-05/egypt-talks-start-on-transition-with-protest-in-day-12.html>

1. The world leader that the Bible identifies as the antichrist will sign a peace treaty with Israel guaranteeing her safety.
2. A coalition of nations led by Russia will attempt to invade Israel from the north but be wiped-out by God.

Israel is the nation most concerned with these various developments. Israel currently has a peace agreement with Egypt, and shares a large border with Egypt. No matter who ends up in power Israel will be affected.

What does Israel think? In light of the growing instability of the already unstable region, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave an interesting opening address to his cabinet on January 16. **The words he carefully chose are pretty amazing in light of Bible prophecy.**

Here are a few quotes from Netanyahu:

One of our goals is to achieve **peace** and **security** with our neighbors in the region. The region in which we live is unstable. Everyone sees this today. We see this at several points throughout the Middle East. I would say that there is a great island of instability in the geographic expanse in which we live. We hope that stability will be restored. We hope that there will be quiet and **security**. We are monitoring developments. If there is one conclusion, one clear lesson that arises from all that we see around us, it is that we need to lay the foundations of **security** in any agreement that we make. We cannot simply say 'We are signing a **peace** agreement', close our eyes and say 'We did it' because we do not know with any clarity that the **peace** will indeed be honored. We would increase any agreement's chances of being honored by including within it stable and solid **security** arrangements.

But there is another reason why we insist on **peace** agreements with a very strong **security** infrastructure and this is because **peace** can unravel. It could be that there are regime, and other, changes that may not be expected today, but which could happen tomorrow. Therefore, this Government's policy is to bind **peace** and **security** together because **security** ensures **peace** and protects the state of Israel should it unravel.

Did he just say “peace and security?” He did, twice. In all, Netanyahu mentioned “peace” seven times and “security” nine times.

Peace and security. It has to remind you of this New Testament prophecy:

1 Thessalonians 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 **For when they say, "Peace and safety!"** then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

The "day of the Lord" is a reference to the future seven-year Great Tribulation. The apostle Paul was giving an indicator to show when that "day" would be close at hand. **It would be close at hand when the nation of Israel is saying "peace and safety."**

One prophecy observer suggested this:

The prime minister's strong remarks have important ramifications for any treaty Israel will sign. It shows that the next treaty signed by Israel's leadership will be the end-times treaty. After all, the end-times treaty will be one which will promise Israel (and the world) the "peace and security" for which it has been looking, which means it will not have signed another treaty prior to that one making the same promise.

Israel is saying "peace and safety." We know that at some point on the prophetic calendar Israel *will* sign a landmark peace treaty that also guarantees her safety. Trouble is, Israel signs that treaty with the folks from whom the antichrist will emerge. Three and one half years into the treaty the antichrist will renege on the treaty when he enters the Temple in Jerusalem and defiles it by demanding to be worshipped as God.

I don't think anyone is ready to say exactly how current events in Egypt fit with last days prophecy.

I *do* think that Netanyahu's general remarks about "peace" and "security" are significant when you realize that "when they say peace and safety" is an important last days indicator phrase in the Bible.

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.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, keep looking up.  
***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***