IT MIGHT BE TODAY

Is Damascus Doomed?

We like most Sunday's 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.

Syria is in the news. According to cnn.com,

The US and its allies are considering launching strikes on Syria in response to deadly attacks last week.

The US said there was "undeniable" proof of a chemical attack, on Monday.

UN chemical weapons inspectors are [investigating] in the suburbs of Damascus.

The UN team came under sniper fire as they tried to visit an area west of the city on Monday.

Russia and China have stepped up their warnings against military intervention in Syria, with Moscow saying any such action would have "catastrophic consequences" for the region.

A senior Syrian official is quoted as saying, "if the U.S. strikes Damascus, we will set Tel Aviv on fire."

To which Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu has said, "we will respond fiercely."

Iranian foreign ministry spokesman, Abbas Araqchi, indicated it was equally resolved to defend Syria.

"We want to strongly warn against any military attack in Syria. There will definitely be perilous consequences for the region," Araqchi told a news conference. "These complications and consequences will not be restricted to Syria. It will engulf the whole region."

Could this be what Isaiah saw in the Old Testament thousands of years ago?

In Isaiah 17:1-3 we read,

"This message came to me concerning Damascus: 'Look, Damascus will disappear! It will become a heap of ruins. The cities of Aroer will be deserted. Sheep will graze in the streets and lie down unafraid. There will be no one to chase them away..."

Jeremiah 49:23-27 contains a similar prophecy.

These prophecies have not yet been fulfilled. Damascus is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities on earth. It has been attacked, besieged, and conquered. But Damascus has never been completely destroyed and left uninhabited. Yet that is exactly what the Bible says will happen.

The context of Isaiah 17 and Jeremiah 49 are a series of End Times prophecies dealing with God's judgments on Israel's neighbors and enemies leading up to - and through - the Great Tribulation.

I'm not saying what we are witnessing is the fulfillment of the prophecies in Isaiah and Jeremiah.

I'm saying it is exactly what you'd expect to be happening in the world from even a casual reading of the Bible.

As we look to the Middle East, keep looking up as well. Jesus promised to return imminently to resurrect and rapture the church before the Great Tribulation.

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