

It Might Be Today

Jerusalem Debate

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

It has been said if you want to know what time it is on God's calendar - keep an eye on Israel for it is God's timepiece.

One of the most contentious issues for all parties in the Middle East is the final status of Jerusalem. The prophet Zechariah said the following:

Zechariah 12:2-3: "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves."

Zechariah revealed that Jerusalem, the capital of Israel would become a problem for all nations.

The daily news certainly bears this out. For example. On January 10 a Jewish website, Arut Sheva, posted a story titled, *Israel 'Shocked, Insulted' as EU Calls Jerusalem a Settlement*.¹

Excerpts:

Israel is shocked by international criticism of the demolition of a Jewish-owned property in Jerusalem.

[Both the] European Union and [the US condemned]... Israel for Sunday's demolition of the old and unused Shepherd Hotel.

Plans were approved last year to demolish the building in order to allow the construction of a Jewish housing complex.

¹ <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/141642>

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called the demolition a “disturbing development,” while Catherine Ashton, the foreign policy chief of the EU, repeated her oft-stated stand that “settlements are illegal under international law, undermine trust between the parties and constitute an obstacle to peace.”

The EU, the United States and the United Nations does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over what it calls “East Jerusalem,” meaning large areas of southern, northern and eastern Jerusalem that were restored to Israel in the Six Day War in 1967. The term “settlement” also has been used by U.S. President Barack Obama when referring to United Jerusalem.

The Arab world joined the condemnation of the demolition, with the *Arab Monitor* stating that the demolished building was on an “historic site.” The adjacent hotel was the former home of the Mufti of Jerusalem, known for his close ties with Hitler.

An article by the Christian Science Monitor stated,

Proponents see the efforts as a way to secure Jews’ rightful claims to the city as their “undivided and eternal capital.” Opponents, including much of the international community, say such efforts will preclude the possibility of creating a Palestinian state with a capital in East Jerusalem, thus rendering the two-state solution null and void.²

Meanwhile Google News reposted a January 9 story titled *Most Nations to Recognize Palestine as a Nation in 2011*.³

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“The majority of the international community will recognize an independent Palestinian state” by September, Palestinian foreign minister Riyad al-Malki told a group of Palestinian journalists in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

In recent weeks, a string of Latin American nations have announced their recognition of an independent Palestinian state on the borders that existed before the 1967 Middle East war.

The Palestinian leadership has touted the new recognitions from countries including Brazil, Argentina and Chile. Other nations, including Paraguay and Uruguay are reportedly planning to recognize the state soon.

² <http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Middle-East/2011/0110/Israel-hotel-demolition-escalates-fight-for-East-Jerusalem>

³ <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hWPg5npEjzOt5naE4tuJvVYee0vg?docId=CNG.d9c15ccdbcf1859c4040f88926083f32.201>

Malki said the Palestinian leadership was working to convince Mexico and several Latin and Central American nations to recognize the Palestinian state.

"Until September, we will work to secure as much recognition as we can," he said, adding increased international recognition would strengthen the Palestinian position in new talks or if it sought UN recognition for statehood.

Malki also addressed plans by the Palestinian Authority to seek a United Nations Security Council resolution on Israeli settlement construction, saying Palestinian diplomats were seeking US support for a final text.

Twenty-five hundred years ago the Bible prophets saw Israel, and the city of Jerusalem in particular, as a point of contention among the nations of the world with every nation against Israel.

Twenty-five hundred years later we see Israel, and the city of Jerusalem in particular, as a point of contention among the nations of the world with every nation against Israel.

Coincidence? No. It is prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes.

No prophecy needs to be fulfilled before Jesus can return to resurrect and rapture the church. It is an event that can occur imminently.

Are you rapture ready? If not, get ready and stay ready because ***ready or not, Jesus is coming!***