

It Might Be Today

ISOLATING ISRAEL

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

A literal reading of the Bible reveals that in the last days the nation of Israel will be regathered to the land unconditionally promised her by God.

We are the generation privileged to see that prophecy miraculously fulfilled!

Once regathered, the Bible predicts that Israel will become a constant burden in the affairs of all other nations and peoples of the world.

Zechariah 12:3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

The United States is one of Israel's few remaining allies. But our support for Israel is waning - just as you'd expect from verses like Zechariah 12:3.

On February 19 a website that reports on the United Nations posted a story titled, *In Sharp Reversal, U.S. Agrees to Rebuke Israel in Security Council*.¹

Excerpts:

The U.S. informed Arab governments Tuesday that it will support a U.N. Security Council statement reaffirming that the 15-nation body "does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlement activity," a move aimed at avoiding the prospect of having to veto a stronger Palestinian resolution calling the settlements illegal.

¹ http://turtlebay.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/02/16/in_major_reversal_us_to_rebuke_israel_in_security_council

... the U.S. offer signaled a renewed willingness to seek a way out of the current impasse, even if it requires breaking with Israel and joining others in the council in sending a strong message to its key ally to stop its construction of new settlements.

In an opinion piece, Jeffrey Kuhner of the *Washington Times* commented on this decision.² Here is some of what he wrote:

President Obama is siding with Israel's enemies. He is slowly fracturing America's long-standing alliance with the Jewish state and leaving it isolated on the world stage.

The move is almost unprecedented. America has almost never publicly criticized Israel - our best friend in the Middle East and the region's only genuine Western-style democracy - at the U.N. The reason: The organization is dominated by anti-Semitic, anti-American dictatorships obsessed with condemning the Jewish state. Israelis lambasted constantly while the rampant human rights abuses of other countries - especially Arab regimes, Russia and China - are barely noticed. The United States has opposed this double standard - until now.

Israelis rightly will conclude that [Obama] is willing to betray a pivotal pro-American ally in order to appease the "Arab street." Radical Islamists also will realize that Washington's support is fickle; their dream of driving the Jews into the sea no longer seems unattainable. In fact, now it is entirely possible.

Kuhner goes on to report that it is very likely that the Muslim Brotherhood will gain control of Egypt. Their stated purpose is to establish an Iran-style theocracy. They want the restoration of an Islamic Empire stretching from the Middle East throughout Europe. They've openly called for the destruction of Israel.

Back in August of 2010 a website called MuslimMatters reported on declining support for Israel in the U.S. and other nations.³ Citing a survey carried out by pollster Stanley Greenberg and sponsored by an American Jewish group called the Israel Project, they found that,

In August of 2009, 63% of Americans polled said that the U.S. does need to support Israel. In June of [2010], 58% of respondents shared the same view; by July only 51% of respondents said the U.S. needed to support Israel.

Greenberg's data showed similar findings among public opinion in Germany and Sweden.

² <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/feb/17/obamas-anti-israel-agenda/>

³ <http://muslimmatters.org/2010/08/20/haaretz-u-s-support-for-israel-is-decreasing-new-poll-shows/>

Only 19% of German respondents said they felt “warm” or “very warm” feelings toward Israel, while 50% responded they experienced “very cold” or unfavorable feelings toward Israel.

The survey also showed Germans favored Palestinians over Israel, with 26% percent saying they felt “warm” or “very warm” feelings toward them and 39% feeling “cold” or “very cold” feelings toward Palestinians.

Greenberg conducted similar surveys in European countries and said the data reflects the worst time for Israel with regard to German public opinion since 2008.

In France, the data were a little better, but Israel did not achieve widespread public support there either: 24% said they felt “warm” or “very warm” feelings toward Israel, while 31% felt “cold” or “very cold” feelings toward it.

Someone else who feels “very cold” towards Israel is Libyan dictator Muammer Gaddafi. On February 15, a Jewish website, ArutSheva, reported that,

... Gaddafi has called for a mass Arab march on Israel, in an attempt to force Israel into accepting Arab demands. He directed his call to Palestinian Authority Arabs and to the millions of Arabs who define themselves as “Palestinian refugees” that seek to “return” to Israel.

The purpose of the mass march would not be to declare war, but rather “to create a problem for the world,” Gaddafi explained.

Isn't that last statement, “to create a problem for the world,” exactly what Zechariah said about 2500 years ago? Add to that that most nations of the world are lined-up against Israel and that she is losing the few allies she has left and I'd say we're seeing prophecy being fulfilled.

As always, we are not predicting anything. We are simply pointing out that the news and trends in the world are exactly what you'd expect if these were the last days spoken of in the Bible.

Especially since there are many other signs:

- We could cite the advancements in technology that make it possible to chip or otherwise ‘mark’ individuals - just like the apostle John said would happen.
- We could cite the move toward a single world currency and a cashless global society.

- We could cite the alignment of nations against Israel, led by Russia and Iran, that the Bible says will invade from the north.

At some point even the most hardened skeptic must admit that things are lining up just as prophesied.

Are you ready for the return of Jesus? Fulfilled prophecy aside, nothing needs to occur before Jesus can return to resurrect and rapture the church. That event is always presented as imminent - meaning it could occur any moment.

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