IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Blinken's Not Thinkin'" Prophecy Update #773

Where is the United States in Bible prophecy?

It's a valid question to ask. The place to start looking for an answer is with Israel. After all, the US isn't mentioned nearly 700 times, *but Jerusalem is*.

The modern nation of Israel is a genuine miracle. Her existence fulfilled numerous prophecies regarding the regathering in the Last Days of the Jews to their homeland:

Isaiah 11:12 ESV He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.Isaiah 66:8 ESV Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children.

God makes one thing clear to all other nations:

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed' " (Genesis 12:1-3).

History shows the US as a blessing to Israel. President Harry Truman made certain we were the first to recognize her status in 1948.

BUT we must consider these prophecies:

Zechariah 12:3 ESV On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

Zechariah 12:9 ESV And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem,

Blessing Israel does not mean we must condone everything she does or does not do. Cursing her, in part, would involve siding with her enemies.

All of which leads us to the January 31st headline on axios, US State Department reviewing options for possible recognition of Palestinian state.

Excerpts:

Secretary of State Tony Blinken asked the State Department to conduct a review and present policy options on possible US and international recognition of a Palestinian state after the war in Gaza, two US officials briefed on the issue told Axios.

While US officials say there has been no policy change, the fact the State Department is even considering such options signals a shift in thinking within the Biden administration on possible Palestinian statehood recognition, which is highly sensitive both internationally and domestically.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has long opposed a two-state solution, has recently rejected calls for Palestinian sovereignty and Israel is vehemently against any recognition of a Palestinian state by individual countries or at the UN.¹

So: Where are we in prophecy?

If "all" means all, we will be against Israel.

We could be seeing the start of that. I would suggest a more likely scenario: The Church is removed from Earth by Jesus, leaving the US crippled, at which point our great nation allies with "all" against Israel.

We live in the Church Age, between the first coming of Jesus and His return to establish and rule the Kingdom of God on earth. His return will be preceded by a seven year time of incredible trouble upon the earth. Most commonly it is called the Great Tribulation, but the prophet Jeremiah calls it the Time of Jacob's Trouble. It is a reminder that God will use that time to reveal Himself to unbelieving Israel. By the end of the seven years "all Israel will be saved."

¹ <u>https://www.axios.com/2024/01/31/palestine-statehood-biden-israel-gaza-war</u>

Jesus promised His Church, "I... will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth" (Revelation 3:10).

He keeps us entirely out of the 7yr Great Tribulation by raising deceased Church Age saints, then rapturing "we who are alive and remain."

When? The return of the Lord for us is imminent. It could happen any time. Nothing needs to occur before Jesus can come for us.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, Get ready; Stay ready; Keep looking up.

Ready or not, Jesus is coming!

"When in the end that **church will suddenly be caught up from this,** *then* it is said, 'There will be tribulation such as not been since the beginning, nor will be.' " Irenaeus (AD130-202), *Against Heresies* 5.29