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I wish I understood exactly why I have been “called” to learn about, study, and try to understand bible prophecy, because to be quite honest, I have never had an ounce of interest in it until about 18 months ago. In fact, I have always claimed to be a christian, but I had never taken the time to read the bible. I personally do not like to read, and honestly, I had found the bible to be overwhelming and beyond my grasp. However, when this moment came upon me to study prophecy (because I did not want to jump on any sensational bandwagon or to get caught up in some hype) I knew I needed to know what the bible said so that I could understand for myself what this “prompting” to pay attention to prophecy was all about. So I began to read and study and learn about various things in the bible that I had never given any attention to, and it did not take me long to see how events prophesied in the Old Testament and the New Testament were building in our national and international headlines on a very regular basis.

I wrote 4 documents last year in an effort to demonstrate just how infallible the bible is when it comes to its truth. I had really no idea just how accurate it was until I began my efforts to study prophecy. I regret saying that, but I also am thankful that my eyes were opened when they were because it has made a profound difference in my life and my perspective is completely different now than it was just a year and a half ago, and I attribute that to knowing God’s Word much better and understanding its absolute truth.

That is why I am writing this, and why I wrote the 4 documents last year. The veil has been lifted and I see things from a different lens. So much makes sense to me that did not make sense to me up to that point...and it is so clear that I have felt compelled to share the small bit that I have learned so that you have an opportunity to experience what I have experienced and so that if you are not a believer in God, that at some level this information resonates within you and prompts you to seek God and His truth. This is not my truth, nor do I know and understand everything, because I clearly don’t. However, I see several things on the horizon that may very well be linked to the many prophecies written 2500 years ago, and they *appear* to be on the verge of fulfillment as we tilt our heads and wonder what is going on in this world in which we live.

This is perhaps the most difficult writing for me because there is a lot of mystery regarding some of these prophecies, so I will not be dogmatic about any of them. I simply do not know what will happen and when, but from what I can tell, there are a handful of prophecies that seem to be on the brink of fulfillment, so I will speak to them and share the scripture in which it may be found, and the headlines/news that may very well be speaking to their fulfillment. Please do not take my writings as any proof or evidence of anything. I encourage you to seek your own truth and examine things independently and use the Word of God as your reference.

Finally, I am not writing this to frighten anyone, nor am I writing this to instill fear in anyone...I am not a fear-monger. I am writing this to demonstrate the truth of God’s Word and the infallible nature of His promises. Yes, His plan includes a great deal of judgment and wrath...that is true, however, His promises hold abundant grace and mercy as well. *We get to choose* which promise we want to experience, therefore, these writings are to encourage you to consider God’s hope and grace in the face of impending judgment. Please see last page if you want to know how to receive His promise of grace and mercy. There is only one way.

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If you watch the news at all, you will know that so many of the world's nations and leaders are in a battle for sovereignty and many of them are engaging in threatening behavior including hostile rhetoric as well as hostile actions. Literally, each month, we see yet another international leader becoming offended or exploiting weakness in another country to ensure that they have power on the world stage. As a result, there are numerous wars, incursions, and rumors of war in our world today. That is simply a fact, and it is becoming more and more fragile by the day.

The bible speaks about this scenario as well. Jesus warns us that there will in fact be wars and rumors of wars in the "latter days" and that we should be aware of this, yet not be afraid. Matthew 24:6 "**And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.** I am really only going to address wars/rumors of wars end times evidence in this writing as other prophetic signs have been included in other writings (from last year). There are a few scenarios, in my opinion, that appear to be reaching the point of realization, and they seem to be taking shape simultaneously, therefore, it is difficult to discern which will occur first, and the bible is not clear (to me) about their sequence. Therefore, I will speak to each scenario and provide as much information as possible so that you can choose to watch these developments as well if you would like. *Isaiah 17: 1 The burden against Damascus. "Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap. 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They will be for flocks which lie down, and no one will make them afraid. 3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim, the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they will be as the glory of the children of Israel," Says the LORD of hosts. 4 "In that day it shall come to pass that the glory of Jacob will wane, and the fatness of his flesh grow lean. 5 It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain, and reaps the heads with his arm; It shall be as he who gathers heads of grain in the Valley of Rephaim. 6 Yet gleaning grapes will be left in it, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives at the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in its most fruitful branches," says the LORD God of Israel. 7 In that day a man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel.*

I have learned through studying prophecy and the bible, that Israel is God's land and the Jewish people are His chosen people. He has established an *eternal* covenant with them and has granted the land of Israel to His descendants through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. As a result, Israel and the Jewish people have been a target of evil over the centuries as we have all learned through our history courses, and they continue to be the target of evil today. Israel is also the centerpiece in God's prophetic end times plan, and many events will take place in the middle east in and surrounding this small, yet divinely chosen nation.

Last year, we watched a war erupt between Israel and Hezbollah (a radical Islamic group which happens to be a proxy for Iran) and this month long war seemed to reveal critical weaknesses to Israel's enemies...these enemies which by the way, surround her. Since then, I have noticed a very concerted effort on the part of many countries to intervene and either begin to build up their forces for an all out war to exploit Israel's perceived weaknesses, or to aggressively demand peace in the region at any and all costs so that this inevitable all out war will be somehow averted. Consequently, it appears that three (at least) prophetic developments are racing for fulfillment. Again, I do not know which one will be first, but they are all prophesied to occur. Isaiah 17 is one prophecy that could see fulfillment soon. Syria is a country that neighbors Israel to the northeast and they are a long-time enemy of Israel. Damascus is the capital of Syria, and is an ancient city that has to my knowledge never been completely destroyed in the manner in which Isaiah 17 describes. Currently, Israel and Syria have been in the headlines of the secular media because tensions between the two countries are reaching extreme points. Syria has amassed its military and continues to build up personnel on the border and is demanding part of Israel's God-given land (Golan Heights) which Israel reclaimed through the 6-day Yom Kippur war of 1967 (a).

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In addition to the build up of military personnel on the border of Israel, Syria has also (more recently) been precisely struck by Israeli forces on September 6 of this year (b). There is evidence that Syria has been clandestinely developing nuclear weapons and that a link between North Korea has been strongly suspected, if not confirmed, in this process.

This Israeli air strike was almost supernatural in nature. Syria had purchased high tech defense equipment from Russia, and this state-of-the-art equipment did not detect the IAF (Israeli Air Force) and consequently was ineffective in preventing this strike against this nuclear facility that Israeli intelligence had confirmed prior to this particular mission. Syria has been eerily quiet about this bombing, and oddly has yet to retaliate. Why? That is anyone's guess, but I believe that Syria has spent the last several weeks trying desperately to hide and destroy what evidence was exposed from this strike on September 6th. Syria has been salivating at the opportunity to attack Israel in the past, so why not do so after this? Again, I am of the opinion, that Syria will engage Israel in a war, but first, it must clean up any incriminating nuclear evidence so that they can attempt to avoid accountability and then later create an opportunity to "justifiably" retaliate against Israel once the evidence is completely gone (c).

Will Israel and Syria go to war soon? That is a question that I cannot answer, however, according to the bible, they will at some point, and Damascus will become a "ruinous heap", and if indeed we are living in the end times, this prophecy will come to pass because the end of that passage says : Isaiah 17:7 *"In that day a man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel"*. Currently, there are not many who completely believe and respect God as our maker and our creator, and certainly there are very few who believe that His Word is infallible and it shall come to pass. The only time "man will look to his Maker and have respect for the HOLY One of Israel, is in the last days. I will speak to this more in another writing about the war of Gog and Magog.

Finally, there is yet another attempt at securing Mid-east peace at a Mid-east peace summit hosted by the United States in Annapolis Maryland. It is tentatively scheduled for November 26, 2007 and at this juncture, there are numerous middle east representatives planning on attending. I will write another document about this process as well, as I believe it is a potentially significant prophetic event that warrants its own examination. However, it is important to note that Syria is not attending this event as of this writing.

I understand that there have been numerous conflicts and wars in the middle east for as long as people have walked the planet. This build up may be no different than one of those conflicts I readily admit. However, in context of the countless other prophecies that appear to be on the verge of fulfillment, the chance of this being just a coincidence and another "conflict", is less likely than ever before in my opinion. Nuclear weapons are a part of Israel's arsenal, and without question, they will not ever agree to be annihilated as they have professed loudly since the holocaust. So, if they are aggressively attacked, there is no question as to whether they will choose to launch a nuclear bomb, they will, as would any nation about to be destroyed...and only a nuclear weapon could ensure that Damascus would cease to be a city and end up in a ruinous heap as clearly and plainly prophesied in Isaiah 17. It is no secret that there is now a nuclear arms race in this world, and unfortunately, the instability of the international political powers has created what seems to be overwhelming desires to gain global sovereignty. If not for political power, it is for religious dominion as we see through the extreme ideology and overt tyrannical and hostile behavior of radical islam. The destruction of Damascus may very well be a headline in the near future, and I hope that pray that you take the time to study the bible yourself so that you can learn these truths for yourself and not take mine or anyone else's suggestion that we are indeed living in perilous times. Please examine these news items yourself, compare them to scripture and pray for wisdom and discernment because when the world is as unstable as it is right now, truth is next to impossible to come by. That is why the Word of God is the only source for absolute truth. It will not let you down. Are you right with God? I don't know the answer...but if you are not sure, please see the next page.

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Please...do not be deceived.

There is only one way to be saved and to be right with God. There are NOT several paths to the Lord, nor are there several paths to heaven. If you hear this from anyone, know that it is not true. Many people think they get to heaven by being a “good person”. Please do not believe that. Getting to heaven has NOTHING to do with what you have done in the past, no matter how noble or good it is. It has nothing to do with how well you have lived your life or how many good deeds you have done.

The only way to know God and to have a relationship with Him is through His son Jesus Christ. You must pray to invite Him into your life. God is not oppressive. He is not coercive. He allows all of us to make the choice whether to accept Him or not. He will not force His way into your life. So, you must invite Him in. How? Pray this prayer:

Lord,

I have sinned. I am a sinner and I recognize this and I humbly come before you to ask you for your forgiveness. You said that Your Son Jesus died for us and to pay the price of our sins. I believe you sent Him for this purpose, and I believe that He died and rose again on the third day. Please cleanse me of all my sins and come into my heart. I accept you into my life and I humbly ask for your forgiveness. In Jesus name, Amen.

Please know that we are all sinners and that we ALL fall short of the glory of God. He has one free gift for EVERYONE who will choose to accept it, and that is to believe in His son so that we may have eternal life with Him.

I will be sending out a few more of these writings. Please look for a few more and feel free to send them on to your email list, give them to family/friends or whatever you would like to do with them. The most important thing is knowing you are in relationship with God, and the rest is less important. Again, I do not profess to have all the answers, but I have studied a lot and I see so many things happening that are aligning with biblical prophecy, I simply cannot hold on to this information and keep it to myself. I have not gone off the deep end (yet! Ha!) and I have not read the “Left Behind” series so you can rest assured I have not jumped on some sensational bandwagon. I never imagined myself writing one thing about prophecy just 18 months ago, and here I am. So, I chalk it up to a “calling” and I want to share what little has been revealed to me so that you can research and examine things for yourself.

Feel free to email me if you have questions.

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CREDITS

(a) Thursday, July 26, 2007

Hundreds of Syrian missiles poised for possible first strike against Israel

TEL AVIV â€” Despite appeals by United States, Syria has maintained its forward ballistic missile positions near Israel. Israeli military sources said the Syrian military has positioned its Scud C and Scud D ballistic missile batteries in southern Syria. The sources said the missile batteries have maintained full combat readiness and could be launched at any time. The sources said the Syrian missiles, including the SS-21, **could reach virtually any part of the Jewish state.**

http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2007/me_syria_07_26.asp

(b) Israeli air strike was on Syrian nuke reactor: paper

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NEW YORK (Reuters) - Israel's air strike inside Syria last month was directed at a site judged by Israeli and U.S. intelligence analysts to be a partly constructed nuclear reactor, The New York Times reported in Sunday editions.

Citing U.S. and foreign officials who had access to the analysts' intelligence reports, all who spoke under condition of anonymity, the Times said the reactor was apparently modeled on one in North Korea used for stockpiling nuclear weapons fuel.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSB68881220071013>

(c) Syrians Disassembling Ruins at Site Bombed by Israel, Officials Say

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[Syria](#) has begun dismantling the remains of a site [Israel](#) bombed Sept. 6 in what may be an attempt to prevent the location from coming under international scrutiny, said U.S. and foreign officials familiar with the aftermath of the attack.

Based on overhead photography, the officials say the site in Syria's eastern desert near the Euphrates River had a "signature" or characteristics of a small but substantial nuclear reactor, one similar in structure to [North Korea's](#) facilities.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/18/AR2007101802549.html?nav=rss_world/mideast