

How New Elections In Israel Might Affect the Peace Plan

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WITH the deadline looming for newly reelected Prime Minister Netanyahu to form a governing coalition, his Likud party has presented the paperwork to dissolve the parliament.

Netanyahu has struggled to form a government as he has been unable to convince ex-defence minister Avigdor Lieberman to abandon a key demand—having ultra-Orthodox Jews perform mandatory military service like other Israelis—and allow a coalition to be formed.

If the bill to dissolve the government passes in a vote scheduled Wednesday, Israel would be forced to hold new elections, sending the political system into disarray. It would mark the first time this scenario has played out in Israel and set the stage for an unprecedented second election in the same year.

The question on the minds of those watching these events through the lens of Bible prophecy is: what effect might new elections in Israel have on the planned unveiling of the Trump Administration's peace Deal of the Century?

The answer is: no one knows.

Speculation is that the rolling out of the economic portion of the plan may take place in late June as scheduled, regardless of internal politics in Jerusalem.

The unveiling of the political part of the peace plan, however—the part that addresses borders and sovereignty—remains uncertain. If the Knesset schedules new elections in late August or early September, a new government would not be sworn in before early November, when the U.S. presidential election season officially begins. This would put the Trump team in the difficult position of having to decide whether to release the plan during an inopportune political season in both the U.S. and Israel, increasing the risk of failure, or perhaps postponing the rollout of the political part of the plan indefinitely.

The unexpected twists and turns, delays, and general uncertainty around the unveiling of the most anticipated peace plan ever is a reminder that God loves a good cliffhanger. As we wait to see how things unfold, keep in mind that Paul is purposely ambiguous when he says to the Church:

“While people are saying, ‘Peace and security,’ destruction will come upon them suddenly, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape” (1 Thess. 5:3).

Scripture makes no mention of a peace announcement, declaration, or agreement preceding sudden destruction. All that is conveyed is that people will be “saying,” or talking about, peace and safety. This describes now.

So keep watch!

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