

Peace Plan to Be Released Immediately After Israeli Elections

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IN his first letter to the Thessalonians Paul explains to the Church how they will be caught up into the clouds at Jesus' return:

“The Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Addressing the timing of this glorious event, Paul says there is no need to discuss “times and dates” because it's understood Jesus is coming “like a thief in the night”—on a day and at an hour no one can predict (vv. 1, 2; Matt. 24:42-44).

Yet, the Church is by no means left in the dark. Paul gives a sign by which they will know the thief's coming is imminent:

“While people are saying, ‘Peace and safety,’ destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape” (v. 3)

According to the Apostle to the Gentiles, people saying “peace and safety” is the sign that the Rapture and onset of the Day of the Lord is at hand.

Whether the discourse around the Trump peace plan is what Paul was referring to, only God knows. What is certain is that the so-called “Deal of the Century” stands apart from all previous peace plans. First, the stars are aligned to bring about a possible agreement as never before: The notoriously uncooperative Palestinian side is under pressure and in a weakened bargaining position as Arab countries are increasingly siding with Israel as a counterbalance to Iranian aggression in the region. The Israeli government likewise understands it's in their best interest to strike a deal now, while the most Israel-friendly US Administration in 70 years is still in office.

Also significant is the fact that the overseer of the plan, Donald Trump, came to office with a bigger-than-life reputation as a deal-maker. It's as if the Lord made Trump who he is for the purpose of overseeing a plan that would have the whole world focused on Jerusalem and talking about peace and safety at this very moment in history.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the Trump peace plan is how an unlikely chain of events has led to numerous delays in its rollout. The most recent delay occurred as a result of an unprecedented

shakeup in Israel politics when Benjamin Netanyahu failed to form a governing coalition after winning the election last spring. Because a new (second) election had to be scheduled for September, sources have been saying the plan would likely be rolled out no earlier than November 2019. Now, however, Netanyahu has announced that the Deal of the Century will be unveiled “immediately” after Israeli elections on September 17.

Is it coincidence that the most talked about, delayed, and carefully guarded peace plan since Israel’s return to the Land in 1948 is set to be unveiled around summer’s end and the beginning of the fall festival season?

The more one views world events through the lens of Scripture, the more one realizes there are no coincidences.

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