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What does the Bible say about....? Syria

By Chad Haddad

Isaiah 17:1

The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

There are many small prophecies in the bible that are locked away in the scriptures and this is one of them.

A quote from the Archaeological Supplement of the Thompson Chain Reference King James Version of the Bible states that Damascus, the "Pearl of the East" is said to be the oldest city in the world with a continuous history, reaching from the time of Uz (Noah's grandson) to the present day. Always, during these long centuries, Damascus has been the "head of Syria" and the metropolis of the desert peoples.

Is this prophecy about to be fulfilled before our eyes? As we look at the conflict that is happening in Syria at the moment, we can see it escalating very quickly. The interesting thing about this situation is how it's dividing the major powers of the world.

With the west wanting to end the conflict with economic sanctions and Russia and China vetoing in the UN, it looks to get more and more complicated.

Overview

An article from the BBC website states that the UN says more than 9,000 have been killed by security forces and at least 14,000 others have been detained. In Feb 2012 the government put the death toll at 3,840 civilians and 1,345 security personnel.

Protestors in Syria began by calling for democracy and greater freedom from their oppressive leader. Their demands were met with security forces opening fire on the peaceful demonstrators. This caused an instant call for the overthrow of Mr Assad's rule.

International effects

Syria is a major player in the Middle East. Any chaos here could cause knock on effects in countries such as Lebanon and Israel, where it can mobilise

powerful proxy groups, such as the militant Hezbollah and Hamas movements. It has close ties with Shia power Iran – an arch-foe of the US, Israel and Saudi Arabia which could potentially draw those powers into a dangerous Middle Eastern conflict.

The end of chapter 17 of Isaiah outlines that this destruction of Damascus will happen in a short space of time.

Isaiah 17:14

And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not.

It looks as if this prophecy will be fulfilled in our time possibly directly preceding the Lord's return.

This is another indication that we need to be able to give people hope as they see that there are no answers to the complicated problems in the world today. Peter's encouragement to us is to *sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*
1 Peter 3:15

What's happening in.....? Ballarat

By Rob Sinclair

Things couldn't have got off to a better start with 2 baptisms at our first communion meeting!

Mike & Meralin are a retired couple who received the Holy Spirit earlier in the week after years of wandering in a wilderness of dead churches.

They were very excited to get baptised in their own pool - Mike walking in fully clothed.

The Following Week

Last night's presentation ended the best way possible with another Baptism in Mike & Meralin's pool...

New brother Mark comes from what can only be described as a hard life, raised by a father who was the founding member of an outlaw biker gang, in and out of jail many times, including super-maximum security, multiple drug addictions and personal heart breaks. Before leaving his house yesterday morning, Mark had said to the Lord "you've got one more chance to fix my life".



He was then witnessed to twice by two separate brothers on two separate outreaches at two separate places... He knew the Lord was answering his prayer. After baptism, Mark received the Holy Spirit with an infilling that burned a lot of chaff.

Last weekend

An outreach was held with a presentation from Pastor Darryl Williams on the Saturday night. A new contact Latjor (L.J) was filled with the Spirit during the afternoon and stayed for the presentation which ended up being a packed house. After the communion meeting we all gathered at Mike and Meralin's house to watch L.J bury his old way of life. Praise the Lord.

“one more chance to fix my life”

TO READ YOURSELF

2 TIMOTHY
Chapter 4

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Chapter 4

Leadership Camp

Thoughts from the talks

Theme: Why Not?

Commit ourselves to God

You need to see what you can do and get passionate about it

Let God start a fire in your life

Redeem your time and give it to God

Burn the bridges in your life, as Elisha killed his ox when he went to follow Elijah



Indonesian Rally Report

By Deane Clee

The Rally was held in two stages – the first stage at Werdhapura Village Center, Sanur, in Bali from 22nd to 26th March and the second stage at the new Revival Fellowship premises in Kupang, West Timor on 31st March and 1st April. With the theme of Watching and Working from 2 Timothy 4:5 the Rally was a great success.

142 saints attended the Rally in Bali, including participants from Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Holland and the UK and also included Indonesian saints from Bali, West Timor, Java and Papua.

Pastor Ken Suebu from Jayapura in the Province of Papua also attended the Rally.

The first stage of the Rally in Bali consisted in meetings, Bible workshops, teaching, testimonies, very well presented items, skits and an auction, with water sports and activities on the beachfront at the venue on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. One new sister, Dui, was baptised.

The second stage consisted in street outreaching on the Saturday in Kupang with an evening follow up meeting. Seventeen of the overseas visitors from the first stage in Bali were able to also attend this second stage of the Rally.

Over 40 new people attended and 4 Baptisms took place.

The official Hall Opening was conducted on the Sunday with 16 new people in attendance and that evening another 4 people were baptised. Two more people have requested to be baptised on Sunday 8th April.

All of the 9 people baptised also received the Holy Spirit

Praise the Lord or as they say in Indonesian Puji Tuhan



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Meeting Times

Sunday 1:30pm

Sunday 4:15pm

Tuesday 7:30pm

Wednesday 7:30pm

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