

It Might Be Today

The Days of Noah

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

In His famous discourse on the Mount of Olives, Jesus mentioned Noah with regard to events in the Great Tribulation. He said,

Matthew 24:37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

The apostle Peter also referred to Noah when discussing the Last Days. Whenever I see or hear something about Noah in the news it peaks my interest.

Earlier this year we reported on a Christian team who believed they had discovered proof of the Ark on Mount Ararat. Well, now there is some doubt it's genuine. On December 11 World Net Daily posted an article on their website titled, *Is all that wood on Mount Ararat really from Noah's Ark*¹ The tagline tells you the point of the article: "Christians involved in fierce fighting over claim biblical boat finally found."

Excerpts:

More than a year and a half since Christian explorers trumpeted their alleged discovery of Noah's Ark atop Mount Ararat in Turkey, a war of words is escalating among fellow believers who call the claim an intentional deception that will disparage an actual find of the biblical vessel.

... Chinese and Turkish explorers with Noah's Ark Ministries International or NAMI, said they were "99% sure" they had found the remains of the legendary biblical boat high up on Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey.

¹ <http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=235033>

The 15-member team said it recovered wooden specimens from a structure at an altitude of 13,000 feet and that carbon dating suggested it was 4,800 years old. Several compartments, some with wooden beams, were said to be inside and could have been used to house animals.

Now, after further investigation on Mount Ararat, Randall Price, a Judaic studies expert at Liberty University, and geologist Don Patton have issued an in-depth critique on the matter, standing firm in their contention the evidence shown to international news media was actually material transported from the northeastern Turkish town of Trabzon near the Black Sea, and transplanted atop Ararat as part of a movie production about Noah's Ark.

"Every false report undermines the potential of a true discovery by bolstering the critical view that Noah's Ark is a myth and therefore cannot be found," says a new report issued by the Virginia-based World of the Bible Ministries.

Pretty soon you'll be able to 'find' Noah's Ark in Kentucky! ABCNews posted an article on December 7 titled, *Noah's Park: Kentucky 'Ark Encounter' Plans Full Scale Replica of Noah's Ark.*² The group behind the project is Answers in Genesis, solid creationists who have already built the Creation Museum. They are drawing up plans for a \$150 million theme park called the Ark Encounter, to be built on a biblical scale. The ark alone will be taller than a three-story building, the deck longer than 35 tennis courts. Constructed out of timber using dimensions from Genesis, planners say it will be big enough to fit 600 train cars inside.

ABC's interest in the story has to do with whether or not government funding ought to be used for the project.

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Kentucky's Democratic governor has signed on to the plan, promising almost \$40 million in tax breaks for a project that is expected to create 900 jobs. According to a feasibility study for the park, 1.6 million visitors could show up in the first full year alone, and the project could generate \$250 million in state revenue.

"Bringing new jobs to Kentucky is my top priority, and with the estimated 900 jobs this project will create, I am happy about the economic impact this project will have on the Northern Kentucky region," said Governor Steve Beshear at a press conference announcing the plans.

² <http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/planned-noahs-ark-encounter-park-kentucky-sparks-church/story?id=12326873>

The governor describes it as a lifeboat for his struggling state, but not everyone is aboard. The ark has opened up the flood gates of controversy, with critics charging that it's a direct violation of the separation of church and state.

"A private company can build a theme park about the Bible. But the government shouldn't be using its money to advance religion. That's what's unconstitutional about this," said Erwin Chemerinsky, a constitutional scholar at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. "It's wrong to force people to pay tax dollars to support religions they don't belong to."

Who knew that Noah would be so popular? Jesus did. Peter did. And while their comments obviously had more to do with the moral and spiritual condition of the world in the days of Noah than with finding the Ark, it is fascinating that so much attention is being garnered by Noah.

It is exactly what you'd expect if these were the last days predicted in the Bible. It's exactly what you read in the daily news.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***