

It Might Be Today

Israeli Crude

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.

We've reported on historic finds of natural gas and oil in and offshore from Israel. Several publications recently ran follow-up stories on those finds.

December 21, The Wall Street Journal: *Big Gas Find Sparks a Frenzy in Israel.*¹

December 29, Haaretz: *Largest natural gas reserve discovered in Israel worth approximately \$95 billion.*²

December 29, Yahoo News: *Gas field size puts Israel as exporter.*³

Is this significant from the point of view of Bible prophecy? Maybe.

Listen to these verses with the recent massive oil and gas discoveries in mind.

Genesis 49:1 And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days...

Genesis 49:25 ... By the God of your father who will help you, And by the Almighty who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, **Blessings of the deep that lies beneath...**

Deuteronomy 33:13 And of Joseph he said: "Blessed of the Lord is his land, With the precious things of heaven, with the dew, **And the deep lying beneath...**

¹ http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204204004576049842786766586.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

² <http://www.haaretz.com/news/national/largest-natural-gas-reserve-discovered-in-israel-worth-approximately-95-billion-1.334111>

³ http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20101229/wl_mideast_afp/israelusenergygasleviathan

Isaiah 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness And **hidden riches of secret places**, That you may know that I, the Lord, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:19 ... They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake **of the abundance of the seas And of treasures hidden in the sand...**"

Deuteronomy 33:24 ... And of Asher he said: "Asher is most blessed of sons; Let him be favored by his brothers, **And let him dip his foot in oil.**"

These are all prophecies of the last days. Israel was promised "blessings of the deep lying beneath," the "abundance of the seas," "treasures hidden in the sand," and that they would "dip [their] feet in oil."

As always we are not claiming these to be the fulfillment of prophecy. We'll have to follow them and time will tell.

What we *are* saying is that if you read the Bible you see that in the last days Israel is first of all going to be a nation again and at some point is going to discover treasure under the sand and offshore and part of it is definitely oil. Then you read the headlines and find that Israel **is** discovering just such oil reserves.

I remind you that although we follow the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, we are not waiting for any prophecy to be fulfilled. Jesus promised to return to resurrect and rapture the church as an imminent event. By that we mean the certainty that He may come at any moment and the fact that no prophesied event stands between the believer and that hour.

Nothing needs to be fulfilled before the Lord can return for us. We are only waiting for Him - and His coming is always imminent.

Are you rapture-ready? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up.
Ready or not, Jesus is coming!