

# It Might Be Today

## NOAHIDES IN THE NEWS

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.

On June 6 I ran across an article on a Jewish news website, Arut Sheva, titled, *Noahide Dedicates Torah Scroll*.<sup>1</sup>

Excerpts:

The writing of a Torah scroll was completed last week in Jerusalem. It was a somewhat unique event, in that the writing of the scroll was funded by a non-Jew.

The scroll was ordered by Roger Grattan, one of the leading figures in the Bnei Noah (Noahide) movement. Living in Bangor, Maine, Grattan organizes events for Bnei Noah, works in raising awareness about the movement, and distributes its materials.

Roger Grattan was one of the people chosen to sit on the... Sanhedrin's original "High Council," an advisory board...

What does this have to do with the fulfillment of Bible prophecy?

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. So whenever I see or hear something about Noah in the news it peaks my interest.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/144783>

Which brings us to the Noahides. B'nai Noah, literally "Children of Noah," known as Noahides, are non-Jews who take upon themselves the Torah's obligations for non-Jews.

There are seven Noahide laws by which Gentiles are bound according to Torah law and which are being accepted by increasing numbers of non-Jews. Those laws are the following:

1. To refrain from idolatry.
2. To refrain from sexual immorality.
3. To refrain from blasphemy.
4. To refrain from murder.
5. To refrain from theft.
6. To refrain from eating the limb of a living animal.
7. To establish courts of law.

The official Noahide website expands the seven universal laws to a total of 66 specific commandments.<sup>2</sup>

The Sanhedrin in Israel decided in December of 2008 to assist the Noahide movement worldwide by helping form a leadership council. An article in the December 5th, 2008, Arut Sheva from Israel noted the following:

One of the primary functions of the council will be the creation and development of effective outreach materials for the world... the observance of the Seven Laws of Noah is incumbent upon humanity and widespread observance is to be worked toward, even through active proselytization...

"Never before in recorded history have B'nai Noah come together to be ordained by the Sanhedrin for the purpose of spreading Noahide observance of laws," [a spokesman] said. "This is the first critical step of bringing about the ultimate flowering of the brotherhood of mankind envisioned by [Noah], the father of mankind."

Underline in your mind the phrases, **Never before in recorded history** and **Bringing about the ultimate flowering of the brotherhood of mankind**. This is an ancient movement but one which is just now, in our generation, coming to a prominent or at least recognized position.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://noahides.tripod.com/torah4noahides/id1.html>

One Gentile dedicating a Torah scroll may not seem like much but its significance is huge. These guys want it to be literally as it was in the days of Noah. **It is exactly the kind of news you'd expect to hear if we were living in the last days as prophesied in the Bible.**

We're excited by prophetic news that the Second Coming of Jesus is near. But we are not looking for *that* coming of the Lord. We are looking for His coming to resurrect and rapture the church.

We are looking for the coming of Jesus that is imminent and that therefore needs no event to occur before He returns.

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