

It Might Be Today

MOVING TO ISRAEL

Every Sunday we present a prophecy update. We show how news and trends in the world corroborate centuries-old prophecies you read in the Bible.

It has been said if you want to know what time it is on God's calendar - keep an eye on Israel for it is God's timepiece. The scriptures relating to Israel's prophetic role in the end times are extensive. Israel is one of the most mentioned, most important topics, in all the Word of God.

The very fact Israel exists as a nation, in its ancient land, is a fulfillment of many prophecies.

More specifically, Jeremiah 30:3 and Isaiah 43:5-7 promise that when Israel would be a nation again God would draw Jews back to live there.

Jeremiah 30:3 (NIV) 'The days are coming,' declares the LORD, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their forefathers to possess,' says the LORD."

Jews *are* coming back to live there, despite the danger and turmoil. According to ynetnews.com, "24,500 immigrants made aliyah"¹ thus far in 2011.

("Aliyah" means *ascent* and is the description given to returning immigrants).

The article went on to discuss the growth of Israel over the years despite the turmoil in the land.

In 1948, there was only one city with more than 100,000 residents – Tel Aviv-Yafo. In the present day there are 14 cities with more than 100,000 residents each, six of which

¹ <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4066247,00.html>

have more than 200,000 people, including: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Yafo, Haifa, Rishon Lezion, Ashdod and Petah Tikva.

Another key prophecy of the end times is that a third temple will be standing during the seven year Great Tribulation. Jewish news source Haaretz.com reported the following on the efforts to establish that temple.²

While international leaders are drafting a Palestinian country, Yehuda Etzion is planning a Torah-centric state and the Third Temple.

Etzion, a resident of the settlement Ofra, has a draft master plan for Jerusalem, which he is preparing with a team of Ofra residents and an architectural firm. The plan centers around the Third Temple: where a ring road will pass, where pilgrims will park, where observation points will be located. The Arab neighborhoods in East Jerusalem will be demolished. They are not part of the plan.

Aliyah and talk of a third temple... these are exactly what you'd expect from your literally reading of the Bible. These are what we see happening today - telling us that we are living in the last days.

Does anything need to happen before Jesus returns to resurrect and rapture the church? No. And that's why I like to end these updates by saying, Get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***

² <http://www.haaretz.com/weekend/week-s-end/building-a-palestinian-free-kingdom-1.387179>