

It Might Be Today

Temple Facts & Artifacts

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.

Ever since the Romans sacked Jerusalem in the first century the Jews have been without their Temple. According to prophecies in the Book of Daniel and in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, we expect a Temple to be standing during the future seven-year Great Tribulation.

Do you know that there are those who say there never was a Jewish presence on the Temple Mount? It's called Temple Denial. One reporter explained it like this:

Temple Denial is the belief that no Jewish Temple ever existed in Jerusalem. This claim, despite being counter to Islamic tradition, became internalized within Palestinian academic, religious, and political circles following the 1967 Six-Day War. Since the 2000 Camp David Summit, during which Yasir Arafat asserted that the Jewish Temple never existed in Jerusalem, "Temple Denial" has spread with increased virulence in an attempt to deny both Jewish authority and access to the Temple Mount and Western Wall.¹

Listen to this statement which is typical of those who profess Temple Denial:

There is not [even] the smallest indication of the existence of a Jewish temple on this place in the past. In the whole city, there is not even a single stone indicating Jewish history. Our right, on the other hand, is very clear. This place belongs to us for 1500 years. Even when it was conquered by the Crusaders, it remained Al-Aqsa, and we got it back soon afterwards. The Jews do not even know exactly where their temple stood. Therefore, we do not accept that they have any rights, underneath the surface or above

¹ <http://www.gloria-center.org/2011/08/the-mounting-problem-of-temple-denial/>

it... There is not a single stone in the Wailing-Wall relating to Jewish History. The Jews cannot legitimately claim this wall, neither religiously nor historically.²

Recent archaeological findings are causing big problems for Temple Denial! On December 25, 2011 Arut Sheva posted an article titled, *Second Temple Era Seal Unveiled*.³

Excerpts:

The Israel Antiquities Authority held a special press conference in Jerusalem's City of David on Sunday to unveil a rare coin from the Second Temple era.

The cartouche – or seal – never seen by the public before, is the size of the modern New Israeli Shekel coin and bears the Aramaic inscriptions “it is pure” and a two-letter abbreviation for the name of God.

It was discovered near the Robinson’s Arch at the southwestern corner of the Temple Mount. Archeologists say the soil layer above the Herodian road where the seal was found was dated to the first century BC.

Archaeologist Eli Shukron of the Antiquities Authority, and Professor Ronny Reich of Haifa University, who oversaw the excavation, explained to reporters the significance of the coin.

"This is the first time an object of this kind has been found. **It is direct archaeological evidence of Jewish activity on the Temple Mount during the Second Temple era,**" they said.

On January 10, 2012 the same news source posted an article titled, *Temple Menorah Stamp Affirms Jewish Claim to Land*.⁴

Excerpts:

Archeologists continue to dig up breathtaking proofs of the ancient and never-severed connection between Jews and the Land of Israel. This time, the find is a 1,500 year old tiny stamp discovered near the city of Akko, bearing the image of the seven-branched Temple Menorah.

² “The PA Mufti: Jews from Germany Should Return There,” *MEMRI*, Special Dispatch Series, No. 182, January 26, 2001, <http://www.memri.org/report/en/0/0/0/0/0/417.htm>.

³ <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/151057#.TxXgCGNWp9R>

⁴ <http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/151586#.TxXip2NWp9R>

The stamp was used to identify baked products and probably belonged to a bakery that supplied kosher bread to the Jews of Akko in the Byzantine period.

We know, of course, that there was a Temple but, more importantly, **that there will be one again.**

News about a Temple in Israel on the Temple Mount is exactly what you'd expect from reading about the end times in the prophecies of the Bible.

No prophecy needs to be fulfilled for the Lord to come get us and take us to the place He's been preparing for the past two thousand years. We are His 'temple' today.

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