

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Noah In the Netherlands"

We like most Sunday's 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.

Both Jesus and Peter made reference to Noah when discussing the last days. Jesus said, "For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37 ESV).

There is renewed interest in Noah and in the days of Noah. *Noah* is the title of a soon-to-be-released feature film starring Russel Crowe, Anthony Hopkins, and Jennifer Connelly. I don't think it's going to be all that biblical. One of its producers sees Noah as "a dark, complicated character" who experiences "real survivor's guilt" after the flood.

Another producer said, "Noah is a very short section of the Bible with a lot of gaps, so we definitely had to take some creative expression in it."

I'm pretty sure Jesus wasn't thinking about blockbuster films when He referred to Noah's last days prominence. He may, however, have had in mind the resurgence world-wide of a movement called Noahides.

We've reported on Noahides before. According to Jewish law, non-Jews are not obligated to convert to Judaism, but they are required to observe what are referred to as the Seven Laws of Noah to be assured of a place in the World to Come, the final reward of the righteous.

Those who subscribe to the observance of such laws and their supporting organizations are referred to as Bene Noach (B'nei Noah) - translated Children of Noah or Noahides.

Noahides made news in the Netherlands. A recent web article posted by St. Louis Jewish Light was titled, *Dutch rabbis uncomfortable with recognition of Noahides*.

Excerpts:

Several Dutch rabbis criticized a rabbinical court's recognition of non-Jews who observe Torah laws.

The recognition by the Beit Din, or rabbinical court, took place at an oath-taking ceremony attended by several dozen Noahides - a term referring to non-Jews who observe the seven categories of religious laws that are specified in the Torah as part of God's covenant with Noah after the flood.

Members of Rotterdam's Noahide Ohel Abraham community took the oath last month at a ceremony led by the beit din presided over by two Orthodox rabbis from Israel, Uri Sherky and Efraim Choban, and a Dutch rabbinical student, Meir Villegas Henriquez.

The ceremony constituted the first official recognition of Noahides in the Netherlands by Orthodox rabbis.

The Israeli rabbis who presided at the Beit Din belong to the Noahide World Center in Jerusalem, a body which supports the Noahide oath and way of life as means of strengthening the bond between Jews and non-Jews.

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Noahides quite literally want things to be as they were in the days of Noah.

By itself, the Noahide movement doesn't indicate these are the last days. It is not a direct fulfillment of prophecy. It's merely interesting as a stand-alone fact.

But coupled with things like the rebirth of the nation of Israel, and the European Union rising to prominence, and the development of technologies by which there could easily be a global, cashless economy - it is another of the things that catches our attention.

The Lord promised He would keep us out of the Great Tribulation that is coming upon the whole earth. He'll keep us out of it by returning in the clouds for us. Jesus will resurrect the dead believers of the church age, and rapture the living believers, before the Great Tribulation. He could do it at any moment.

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