## IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "Coming Home"

Week-after-week for the past seven years we have presented a Prophecy Update. This is #378 in that series.

The Bible is almost 30% prophecy, and most of the Bible's over 2500 prophecies have been fulfilled to the letter. We therefore expect the remaining prophecies of the Last Days to be literally fulfilled.

The modern nation of Israel, founded in a day on May 14,1948, is a miraculous fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

In Isaiah 43:5-6, the prophet Isaiah said that the Jews would return to their homeland from the east, the west, the north and the south. Isaiah lived about 2700 years ago. At that time, the Assyrians had forced many Jews in the northern kingdom of Israel into exile. Those Jews were taken to other areas in the Middle East.

Then, about 1900 years ago, the Romans destroyed the city of Jerusalem and killed and exiled hundreds of thousands of Jews.

Since then, the Jews have been scattered to virtually every country in the world. But, during the past century, millions of Jews have returned to Israel, from the east, the west, the north and the south.

The immigration of Jews dispersed throughout the world to Israel has a name. It is called *Aliyah*, which means "ascent," or "going up," in reference to Jerusalem being on a hill.

The individual Jews who are on Aliyah are called Olim.

Nefesh B'Nefesh (literally, *Soul by soul*), or Jewish Souls United, is a nonprofit organization that promotes, encourages and facilitates Aliyah from North America and the United Kingdom.

<u>ynetnews.com</u> in Israel posted an article on December 18 titled, 2014 sees 7% increase in North American Aliyah.

## Excerpts:

Immigration to Israel from North America increased 7% in 2014 from the previous year, with 3,762 olim from the United States and Canada, compared to 3,504 olim in 2013...

A 6% growth in Aliyah from the United Kingdom was reported in the same period.

Over the course of 2014, the organization assisted with 17 special aliyah flights from North America, bringing 296 families with 813 children under the age of 18 and 1,703 singles.

These olim ranged in age from three weeks to 98 years old, mostly from New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Illinois, Maryland and Pennsylvania, as well as from Quebec and Ontario Canada.

British Aliyah displayed an increase of its own with 525 British olim in 2014, including 49 families, 97 children and 183 singles, most of them from London and Manchester.

Meanwhile, chaos and criminal activity in eastern Ukraine are causing anxiety and increased emigration by Ukrainian Jews, according to local Jewish leaders

There is an increase in emigration by Jews from Ukraine, with 300 people immigrating to Israel in March alone," said Josef Zissels, chairman of the Vaad Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Ukraine and a vice president of the World Jewish Congress.

http://www.timesofisrael.com/chaos-in-east-ukraine-drives-jewish-aliyah/

Aliyah from France to Israel this year will be more than double that from the United States, according to figures revealed by the Jewish Agency for Israel in Jerusalem. The number of olim could exceed 7,000.

http://www.sdjewishworld.com/2014/12/22/french-aliyah-top-7000-2014/

One rabbi commented, "To see that Jews everywhere, young and old, religious and secular, are determined to help fulfill the dream of helping to build the Jewish state is truly amazing."

It is more than amazing. It is the fulfillment of centuries old prophecy; and it is just what you'd expect to be occurring in the last days.

While we look at the signs of the end times, we're not waiting for anything in particular to be fulfilled. We are only waiting for Jesus to return to resurrect the dead in Christ, and to rapture living believers.

Since the rapture is an imminent event, each week, I ask, "Are you ready for the rapture?"

If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. *Ready or not, Jesus is coming!*