

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Brother, Can You Spare a Shekel"

We are now in our eighth year of presenting a weekly Prophecy Update. This is #409 in that series.

We talk a lot about prophecy because one quarter of the Bible is devoted to it. One in every four verses is either a fulfilled prophecy, or a future one awaiting its fulfillment.

Eighty-percent of the Bible's prophecies have already come true. Those that have not come true are all concerned with what we commonly call the end times, or the last days. They, too, must be fulfilled to the letter.

It is our belief that we can identify trends in the world, and news, that would be expected in light of the unfulfilled prophecies.

We know that, during the Tribulation, there will be a Jewish Temple on the original site in Jerusalem, complete with animal sacrifices.

Daniel predicted the rebuilt Temple over 2500 years ago, and Jesus verified Daniel's words were true when He gave His Olivet Discourse in the first century.

It is in the Temple, in the very middle of the Tribulation, that the antichrist will declare himself God and demand to be worshipped, forcing people to decide to take his mark or die. You would therefore expect lots of news about plans to rebuild a Temple. And that is just what you find.

BreakingIsraelNews.com posted a story titled, *Modern Revival of Lost Biblical Commandment Paving the Way for the Third Jewish Temple*.

Excerpts:

Biblical commandments not practiced for thousands of years are slowly returning to life. One such commandment, known as the half-shekel, is making a comeback thanks to a simple Jewish tailor in Jerusalem.

The half-shekel, one of the more obscure commandments found in the Bible, played an important role in Jewish history. Every year, each Jewish male over the age of 20 was obligated to give a compulsory donation of half of a shekel (Exodus 30:15).

Regardless of status or wealth, the same amount was given by each man. The half-shekels that were collected were used as a form of tax to support the Jewish Temple.

The nation of Israel continued to observe the commandment even after the First Temple was destroyed until it was outlawed by Roman Emperor Hadrian in the year 135AD. Even Jews who lived outside of Israel continued to donate the half-shekel, despite the Roman Senate forbidding the export of gold and silver.

Reuven Prager, a tailor specializing in Biblically-styled clothing, is responsible for today's revival of the lost commandment of the half-shekel. Prager's passion for Biblical authenticity led him to investigate the commandment of the half-shekel.

Being a practical-minded artisan, he began to mint his own half-shekel in March 1997 with a run of 1,000 coins. Today, Prager continues to mint a new half-shekel coin every year with a new design based on a Temple vessel or tool that has actually been reproduced.

Prager explained to Breaking Israel News that the demand for the coins has gone up dramatically as people re-awaken to this essential commandment.

“The vessels pictured on the coins have already been made and can be photographed. And the coins are absolute hekdesch, holy and sanctified. They can only go to the Temple.”

Prager’s version of the coin, and the methods he uses to collect and store them, adhere to the strictest requirements for performing the Biblical commandment. He has received approval and certification by the nascent Sanhedrin for performing the commandment as described in the Torah.

Over 200,000 silver coins have been collected to be stored by Brinks Security.

Prager wouldn’t go into details about the worth of the coins, but simply stated, “You have no idea.”

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/48527/modern-revival-lost-biblical-commandment-paving-way-third-temple-jewish-world/#KitLY6A1g26ZVlrQ.99>

The Temple Institute website has a half shekel coin you can purchase for \$10.00, so I'm guessing that the worth of the coins we're talking about exceeds \$2mil.

A Temple will be built - just as the Bible predicts.

We don't expect, or need, to see anything happen, or to be fulfilled, before Jesus can resurrect and rapture the church. It is presented in the Bible as imminent.

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