

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Black Gold"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #413 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 nearly 2500 prophecies have already come true. Those 20% that have not come true must also 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.

Many scholars who study prophecy have predicted that oil will be discovered in Israel in the last days. They cite Isaiah 45:3-4, which reads,

Isa 45:3 I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

Isa 45:4 For Jacob My servant's sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

In Genesis 49:25 you read of "blessings of the deep that lie underneath."

On October 8th, foxnews.com posted a story titled, *Potentially game-changing oil reserves discovered in Israel*.

Excerpts:

After Israel complained for years that it was surrounded by oil-rich states but didn't have a drop within its own borders, it appears there's a big-time turnaround with the announcement Wednesday that massive oil reserves have been located in the Golan Heights, close to the country's border with Syria.

Afek Oil and Gas, an Israeli subsidiary of the U.S. company Genie Energy, confirmed the find in an interview with Israel's Channel 2 TV, but conceded that until the oil is actually extracted, they won't be sure of the actual amounts and quality of the oil that has been discovered.

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/10/08/potentially-game-changing-oil-reserves-discovered-in-israel/>

Another news source commented, "Three drillings have so far taken place in the southern Golan Heights which have found large reserves of oil. Potential production is dramatic - billions of barrels, which will easily provide all Israel's oil needs. Israel consumes 270,000 barrels of oil per day."

<http://www.globes.co.il/en/article-huge-oil-discovery-on-golan-heights-1001071698>

Oil in Israel, at this late date, certainly sounds like a fulfillment of centuries-old prophecies. We'll wait and see, watching how it plays out.

We may or may not be here to see exactly how things play out. The Lord's coming to resurrect the dead in Christ, and to rapture living believers, is imminent, pretribulational, and premillennial.

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