

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## **"Take Me Out to the Baal Gate"**

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #432 in that series.

The Bible accurately foretells specific events - in precise detail - sometimes even centuries before they occur.

Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible. About 2000, or 80%, have already been fulfilled to the letter, with no errors.

Because we know that the remaining 500 or so prophecies will definitely be fulfilled, we look for news, and trends, that you'd expect to be taking place.

You might call them the signs of the times.

Babylon is a prominent topic in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Two whole chapters towards the end of the book are dedicated to Babylon. One of them describes it in terms of a false religious system that has its roots in ancient Babylon.

You would therefore expect Babylon, and the ancient religion of Babylon, to be in the news... And it is, in very disturbing way.

ISIS destroyed the 2000 year old arch that was the entrance to the Tower of Baal in the city of Palmyra, Syria. But that's not what is so disturbing. It's what the world is going to do about that arch.

On March 19th, the NY Times reported the following:

Next month, the Temple of Baal will come to Times Square. Reproductions of the arch that formed the temple's entrance are to be installed in New York and in London, a tribute to the 2000-year-old structure that the Islamic State destroyed last year in the Syrian town of Palmyra.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/20/opinion/sunday/life-among-the-ruins.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/20/opinion/sunday/life-among-the-ruins.html?_r=1)

The life-size model of the original structure, will stand approximately 48 feet high and 23 feet wide.

Another source reported, "it turns out that there are plans to put arches in hundreds more cities all over the globe. The organization behind this is the Institute of Digital Archaeology, which is a joint venture between Harvard University, the University of Oxford, and Dubais Museum of the Future."

[http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent\\_news\\_id=217#UdoJtfERC0hRmsqE.99](http://www.prophecynewswatch.com/article.cfm?recent_news_id=217#UdoJtfERC0hRmsqE.99)

The NY Post reported, "the institute plans to construct approximately 1000 such versions of the arch in cities throughout the world."

<http://nypost.com/2015/12/29/3-d-printing-to-bring-syrian-arch-destroyed-by-isis-back-to-life/>

The connection with Babylon is explained by this fact: In the ancient world, the name *Baal* traces back to the Babylonian god *Marduk*.

As a reminder, here is a paragraph on what took place in the ancient Temple of Baal, and in Baal worship:

Adults would gather around the altar of Baal. Infants would then be burned alive as a sacrificial offering to the deity. Amid horrific screams and the stench of charred human flesh, congregants - men and women alike - would engage in bisexual orgies. The ritual[s] [were] intended to produce economic prosperity by prompting Baal to bring rain for the fertility of "mother earth."

<http://www.charismanews.com/us/56060-temple-of-baal-will-be-erected-in-times-square-next-month>

I don't know about you, but I'm creeped-out. I can somewhat understand the archaeological significance of the original arch; but this plan to build thousands of them around the world is simply outrageous.

It's what you'd expect, however, from the prominence of Babylon and its religion in the end times prophecies - and especially during the future seven-year Tribulation.

You know what else you can expect? The church will not be on the earth for any portion of the Tribulation. Jesus promised He'd come for us before that terrible time. He will come and resurrect the dead believers, than snatch-away those who are alive. We call this the Rapture of the church. It is imminent - meaning it could happen any moment.

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