

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"The Nones"

Each week we present what we call a Prophecy Update. This is #451 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.

One very discouraging sign of the End Times is that there will be a departure from faith in Jesus Christ - a falling away by professed Christians.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

Can we see this departure? The folks over at the Pew Research Center think so. They recently published the results of a survey in an article titled, *Americans Giving Up on God & Miracles*.

Excerpts:

Half of Americans who have left their church no longer believe in God, leading a surge of nearly one quarter of the nation who have no affiliation with any religion, according to a new survey.

Pew Research Center said Wednesday that 49% of what they term "nones" left their church and religion because they "don't believe." Another 20% said they don't like organized religion. Other reasons included "common sense" and a lack of belief in miracles.

The survey is the latest from Pew that demonstrates a growing trend in America: more and more people are junking religion and many are giving up on God.

About half of current religious 'nones' who were raised in a religion (49%) indicate that a lack of belief led them to move away from religion. This includes many respondents who mention 'science' as the reason they do not believe in religious teachings, including one who said 'I'm a scientist now, and I don't believe in miracles.'

Others reference 'common sense,' 'logic' or a 'lack of evidence' – or simply say they do not believe in God."

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/pew-huge-surge-in-americans-who-no-longer-believe-in-god-miracles/article/2600066>

On the Pew Research website, they say,

Perhaps the most striking trend in American religion in recent years has been the growing percentage of adults who do not identify with a religious group.

And the vast majority of these religious “nones” (78%) say they were raised as a member of a particular religion before shedding their religious identity in adulthood.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/08/24/why-americas-nones-left-religion-behind/>

Reading the Bible literally, you'd expect professing Christians to be departing the faith in huge numbers. Apparently, they are.

While we look for signs of the times, there is one event that has no sign. It is presented as being imminent - meaning, it could occur at any moment.

Jesus will come and resurrect the dead believers, than snatch-away those who are alive. We call this the Rapture of the church.

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