

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## *"Copper Scroll"*

Each week we like to focus for a few minutes on Bible prophecy. For one thing, as Christians we are encouraged to understand the times in which we live, and act accordingly.

The apostle Paul encourages us that, "Another reason for **right living** is that you know how late it is; time is running out. **Wake up**, for the coming of our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11 NLT).

The subject of prophecy takes-up about 30% of the Bible. Scholars estimate there are somewhere around 500 unfulfilled last-days prophecies. Since we know they will be fulfilled, we should be able to look around us, in the news, and see trends in the direction the prophecies predict.

The nation of Israel, and the Jewish people, have fulfilled prophecy by regathering as a nation in their ancient Promised Land. Of the many yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies, we know that there will be a Third Temple, built on the Temple Mount. We can't say for certain when it will be rebuilt; but we know it will be there during the future seven-year Great Tribulation.

We know it will be there because Daniel spoke of events that would occur in it; and Jesus quoted Daniel, verifying the truth of his words.

You'd therefore expect to see things in the news pertaining to the Third Temple... And you do.

Have you heard of the Copper Scroll? The Copper Scroll is one of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Whereas the other scrolls are written on parchment or papyrus, this scroll is written on copper. Unlike the others, it is not a literary work, but a list of 64 places where various items of gold and silver are buried or hidden.

Many archaeologists believe the Copper Scroll is an inventory from the Second Temple. In addition to gold and silver, Temple vessels and priestly vestments are listed. No archaeologist has ever succeeded in deciphering the directions contained in the Copper Scroll and finding the treasure.

[BreakingIsraelNews.com](http://BreakingIsraelNews.com) posted a story titled, *Oklahoma Noahide On the Trail of Temple Gold*.

A Noahide is a person who obeys the seven laws given to Noah after the Flood, which decree the establishment of a fair system of justice in society, and prohibit idolatry, blasphemy, murder, adultery and incest, robbery, and the eating of flesh taken from a living animal.

One such Noahide, from Oklahoma, thinks he has translated the Copper Scroll and found the location of at least some of the items it lists as hidden. His name is Jim Barfield and he says, "I want to return the Temple artifacts to the Jewish People. It's time."

One excerpt from the article:

In 2013, Barfield was in New York where he was introduced to Moshe Feiglin who, at the time, was a Likud Member of Knesset. Feiglin was a strong advocate for the Temple and became enthused when he heard Barfield's story, even offering to accompany him on a tour of the site. A few weeks later, the two

were wandering around the tourist site. They visited five spots that Barfield felt were most likely repositories for Temple treasure.

One hour later, Barfield ran the data from the metal detector through his computer. Every spot was a hit and one locus especially so.

“It showed up on the metal detector like Fort Knox,” [they] said.

Digging at the sites Barfield has identified is prohibited - for now.

The article lists his efforts and his finds, then comments, “If Barfield is successful, it will bring the Third Temple much closer.”

Reading the Bible from a literal, futurist perspective (like we do), this kind of thing is exactly what you’d expect to be happening.

***You’d mostly expect that Jesus could return at any moment.***

Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers.

It is presented in the Bible as an imminent (any-moment) event.

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