IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Three-Peat"

We like to spend a few minutes each Sunday talking about trends and Bible prophecy.

There are approximately 500 yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies. Knowing what they say, we expect to see certain trends in the world. We're not saying these trends are the fulfillment of prophecy - only that things seem to be unfolding just as you'd expect.

We see the rebirth of Israel as a modern nation as the fulfillment of several biblical prophecies. More than just her rebirth, other things are happening in Israel that seem to be fulfilling prophecy.

I read an article this week reporting about three Biblical prophecies playing out in Israel right now.

Excerpts:

#1. The Ingathering of the Jewish Exiles from the Four Corners of the World

It says in Ezekiel 34:13, "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them."

In August 2018, for the first time Israel has overtaken America to become the world's largest Jewish population center. The surge in the Jewish community is thought to have been fueled by returning members of the diaspora.

In addition, the total Jewish population has reached 6 million, which carries added significance as this was the number of Jews killed in the Holocaust.

#2. The Revitalization of the Hebrew Language

The prophet Zephaniah describes how in the end of days all the nations of the world will have "purity of speech." "For then I will make the peoples pure of speech, so that they all invoke The LORD by name and serve Him with one accord" (Zephaniah 3:9). We understand from Zephaniah that all the nations of the world will study Hebrew to call out the name of God together in His holy language.

Thanks in large parts to the efforts of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, who decided that "in order to have our own land and political life it is also necessary that we have our own language to hold us together," Hebrew is now the official language of the State of Israel.

#3. Rebirth of the Physical Land of Israel

For nearly two millennia, while the land of Israel switched hands between various foreign powers, including the Romans, the Muslims and the Ottomans, the land lay utterly desolate. But just as the prophet Isaiah predicted, "He hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden" (51:3).

The modern rebirth of the Jewish state in 1948 has brought with it an astounding development of the land, to the point where once again the Jewish people can claim a flourishing country all their own. The desert is literally blooming and growing. And in the realms of technology and culture, Israel ranks among the most advanced countries of the world.

Indeed, we are witnessing the Lord comfort "all her waste places."

http://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/israel/2018/august/these-are-the-four-biblical-prophecies-playing-out-in-israel-right-now

Modern Israel is in itself a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Now these other things are coming true before the eyes of the world.

These are exactly the things you'd expect from reading your Bible.

As believers, we 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!*