

It Might Be Today

Tish b'Av

We like every week to bring what we call a Prophecy Update. We show how news and trends in the world are corroborating centuries-old prophecies found in the Bible.

Ever since the Romans sacked Jerusalem in the first century the Jews have been without their Temple. According to prophecies in the Book of Daniel and in the Revelation of Jesus Christ, we expect a Temple to be standing during the future seven-year Great Tribulation.

About a month ago orthodox Jews belonging to the Temple Institute gathered in the Jewish quarter in Jerusalem to construct a miniature model of the Temple. Reporter Chris Perver wrote,

A symbolic gesture perhaps, but one made in anticipation of the reality that some day a Third Temple will stand on the Temple Mount. It follows a similar 'educational' exercise carried out earlier in the year in which a live goat was slaughtered to show how a passover sacrifice would be offered once the sacrificial system recommences.

<http://www.prophecynews.co.uk/index.php/temple-mount/2767-israeli-mk-calls-for-third-temple-in-jerusalem>

The gathering took place on the 9th of Av on the Jewish calendar. That date is called Tish b'Av by the Jews. It's a very interesting and significant date.

Listen to this, from a Jewish historical website.

The 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av, commemorates a list of catastrophes... The year is 1313 BC. The Israelites are in the desert, recently having experienced the miraculous Exodus, and are now poised to enter the Promised Land. But first they dispatch a reconnaissance mission to assist in formulating a

prudent battle strategy. The spies return on the eighth day of Av and report that the land is unconquerable. That night, the 9th of Av, the people cry. They insist that they'd rather go back. God is highly displeased by this public demonstration of distrust in His power, and consequently that generation of Israelites never enters the Holy Land. Only their children have that privilege, after wandering in the desert for another 38 years.

The First Temple was also destroyed on the 9th of Av (423 BC). Five centuries later (in 69 AD), as the Romans drew closer to the Second Temple, ready to torch it, the Jews were shocked to realize that their Second Temple was destroyed the same day as the first.

When the Jews rebelled against Roman rule, they believed that their leader, Simon bar Kochba, would fulfill their messianic longings. But their hopes were cruelly dashed in 133 AD as the Jewish rebels were brutally butchered in the final battle at Betar. The date of the massacre? Of course - the 9th of Av!

The Jews were expelled from England in 1290 AD on, you guessed it, Tisha b'Av. In 1492, the Golden Age of Spain came to a close when Queen Isabella and her husband Ferdinand ordered that the Jews be banished from the land. The edict of expulsion was signed on March 31, 1492, and the Jews were given exactly four months to put their affairs in order and leave the country. The Hebrew date on which no Jew was allowed any longer to remain in the land where he had enjoyed welcome and prosperity? Oh, by now you know it - the 9th of Av.

Ready for just one more? World War II and the Holocaust, historians conclude, was actually the long drawn-out conclusion of World War I that began in 1914. And yes, amazingly enough, Germany declared war on Russia, effectively catapulting the First World War into motion, on the 9th of Av, Tisha b'Av.

What do you make of all this? Jews see this as another confirmation of the deeply held conviction that history isn't haphazard; events - even terrible ones - are part of a Divine plan and have spiritual meaning. The message of time is that everything has a rational purpose, even though we don't understand it.

http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/946703/jewish/What-happened-on-the-Ninth-of-Av.htm

I'd say God has a plan for history that involves Israel and the Jews!

News about a Temple in Israel on the Temple Mount is exactly what you'd expect from reading about the end times in the prophecies of the Bible.

No prophecy needs to be fulfilled for the Lord to come get us and take us to the place He's been preparing for the past two thousand years. We are His 'temple' today.

Get ready, stay ready, keep looking up. ***Ready or not, Jesus is coming!***