

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

Mount Up

I read or listen to the news with a Christian worldview and, especially, an ear for how things are corroborating centuries old Bible prophecies regarding the last days. Each week I present my findings as a Prophecy Update.

A key component of the last days is the existence of a Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Daniel spoke of the future Temple; Jesus referred to it; it is very prominent in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

In fact, prophecy scholars believe it is the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the man who will ultimately be revealed as the antichrist that begins the Great Tribulation. That treaty gives Israel the go-ahead to build their Temple.

If these are indeed the last days you'd expect to see news about the Temple Mount.

On Friday, March 15, The Times of Israel posted a story titled, *On the Temple Mount, a battle brews over Jewish prayer.*

Excerpts:

The desire to pray on the Mount, also the site of Islam's third-holiest shrine, has found more acceptance among mainstream rabbis in Israel over the past decade, spreading gradually from a tiny fringe to a broader religious public.

The numbers of Jews actually visiting the Mount for religious reasons is still tiny - no more than several thousand a year, according to police estimates - but inching upward, and the sacred enclosure is slowly gaining in importance as an issue of religious and political meaning for religious Zionists, a group with outsize ideological and political clout in Israeli society.

That could make it a flashpoint inside Israel and an inflammatory issue for local Muslims and the entire Islamic world.

Few places on earth are as potentially explosive as the Temple Mount. The shrine has been especially tense in recent weeks, with protests erupting twice after communal Friday prayers. Riots on the Mount have tended to involve protesters throwing rocks and chairs, but last week, for the first time in memory, a Palestinian threw a Molotov cocktail, pitching it from inside the al-Aqsa mosque and setting a policeman's leg on fire. The officer was lightly wounded.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/on-the-temple-mount-a-battle-breeds-over-jewish-prayer/>

On March 12 several news sources were reporting that the terror group, Hamas, was warning that if President Obama visits the Temple Mount it would be a "declaration of war" against the Islamic world.

<http://washington.cbslocal.com/2013/03/12/hamas-declaration-of-war-if-obama-visits-temple-mount/>

In other Temple news, Israel's Veterinary Services will not authorize the planned public ritual sacrifice of a goat in honor of Passover this year, Veterinary Services representative Zohar Dvorkin said.

Jewish groups dedicated to the Temple Mount and Temple renewal are planning the sacrifice as a reminder of what Passover looked like in Temple times. The ritual slaughter is to take place in Jerusalem, in the Armon Hanatziv neighborhood opposite the Temple Mount.

Organizers said that the sacrifice would take place as planned on the Thursday before Passover with or without government approval.

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/166255#.UUMrjly9KK1>

Israel is a nation occupying its ancient homeland in fulfillment of centuries-old Bible prophecies. The Temple Mount is a flashpoint for violence.

All this is exactly what you'd expect from your literal reading of the Bible.

The Second Coming of Jesus is nearing. He will return at the end of the seven-year Great Tribulation.

We - meaning the church, believers in Jesus Christ - will be gone before the Great Tribulation. The return of Jesus to resurrect and rapture His church is an imminent event - 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!***