

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Survey Says!"

We like most Sunday's 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.

This week's update is more an encouragement for us to continue to concern ourselves with the fulfillment of end times Bible prophecy. People are interested in it and we have the answers to their questions.

The Christian Post published an article this week titled, *Survey Finds 1 in 3 Americans Link Syrian Conflict to Bible's End-Time Prophecy.*

Excerpts:

A recent survey has shown that nearly one in three Americans believe that Syria's ongoing civil war is part of the Bible's plan for the end times. One in four believe that a possible U.S. attack on Syria could lead to the Battle of Armageddon. And one in five believe the world will end in their lifetime.

Amid an increasing number of stories in the media on the linking of the Syrian crisis to biblical prophecy, Nashville-based LifeWay Research asked three questions about Syria and the end of the world as part of a telephone survey of 1,001 Americans between Sept. 6 and 10.

The survey found that 32 percent of those polled agree with the statement, "I believe the battles in Syria are all part of the prophecies of the Book of Revelation." Forty-nine percent disagree.

The study also found that 26 percent agree with the statement, "I believe that U.S. military intervention in Syria might lead to the Battle of Armageddon that's spoken about in the Book of Revelation." And 18 percent agreed to the statement, "I believe the world will end in my lifetime."

That's a lot of people who are at least open to a discussion regarding the end times.

When you engage someone about the End Times, remember this advice from Joel Rosenberg:

I think we have to be very careful not to overreach or to sensationalize a terrible situation that's happening to real people right now and to draw a conclusion too quickly. That being said, the prophecies of Isaiah 17 and Jeremiah 49 are very important. They speak to the utter destruction and judgment of the city of Damascus at some point in the End Times future.

"Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins," reads Isaiah 17:1, which some Christians see coming to pass. Some interpret the last verses of Isaiah 17 as envisioning Armageddon.

Future prophecy is one thing. Fulfilled prophecy is another. And by that I mean God has an incredible track record for having already fulfilled most of the prophecies you find in the Bible. He has been 100% accurate to date; He's batting 1000.

Remember that one of the most exciting prophecies, the resurrection and rapture of the church, has no time frame, no signs to precede it. It is presented in the Bible as imminent - it could happen at any moment.

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