

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Tisha Wish"

Week-after-week for the past seven years we have presented a Prophecy Update.

According to estimates by scholars, somewhere between two-thirds and three-fourths of the nearly 2500 prophecies in the Bible have been fulfilled **to the letter**.

We therefore expect the remaining last days prophecies to be literally fulfilled.

Since that is the case, we should be able to look at news and trends in the world and see things lining up for their fulfillment.

Around this time each year I try to bring an update that involves the Jewish remembrance of Tisha b'Av.

Tisha B'Av means "the ninth (day) of Av." It occurs in July or August on our calendar; this year it is August 4th.

Tisha B'Av primarily commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temples, both of which were destroyed on the ninth of Av (the first by the Babylonians in 586BC; the second by the Romans in 70AD).

Although this holiday is primarily meant to commemorate the destruction of the Temple, it is appropriate to consider on this day the many other tragedies of the Jewish people, many of which occurred on this day, most notably the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, and from England in 1290.

The day also commemorates other tragedies which occurred on the same day, including the Roman massacre of over 100,000 Jews at Betar in 132AD. Instituted by the rabbis of 2nd-century Palestine, Tisha B'Av is regarded as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar and a day which is destined for tragedy.

According to a Jewish website:

Tisha B'Av is the culmination of a three week period of increasing mourning, beginning with the fast of the 17th of Tammuz, which commemorates the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem, before the First Temple was destroyed. During this three week period, weddings and other parties are not permitted, and people refrain from cutting their hair. From the first to the ninth of Av, it is customary to refrain from eating meat or drinking wine (except on the Sabbath) and from wearing new clothing.

The restrictions on Tisha B'Av are similar to those on Yom Kippur: to refrain from eating and drinking (even water); washing, bathing, shaving or wearing cosmetics; wearing leather shoes; engaging in sexual relations; and studying Torah. Many of the traditional mourning practices are observed: people refrain from smiles, laughter and idle conversation, and sit on low stools.

<http://www.jewfaq.org/m/holidayd.htm>

On July 29, the Times of Israel posted an article titled, *Want World Peace? Build the Third Temple.*

Excerpts:

As Egypt, Qatar, the US and the UN write proposals for Israel-Hamas ceasefires, one organization based in Jerusalem's Old City hopes to compose a peace plan of a different kind: a detailed architectural blueprint for the Third Jewish Temple on Jerusalem's Temple Mount.

The Temple Institute... has created a \$100,000... campaign to draft plans for a Third Temple.

Building the temple, says the... campaign statement, would "usher in a new era of universal harmony and peace," as prophesied in the Bible.

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/want-mideast-peace-build-the-3rd-temple/#ixzz38yliSAKp>

It IS prophesied in the Bible that a Third Temple will be built. Jesus, Daniel, Ezekiel, and others speak of its standing during the Great Tribulation.

It is in to the Third Temple that the antichrist will come, in the very middle of the Great Tribulation, to declare himself god and demand to be worshipped.

Thus, all this talk about the Temple is exactly what we expect as we read the Bible.

Everywhere you look, the signs are pointing to the coming Great Tribulation and, beyond it, to the Second Coming of Jesus:

- Israel is a nation again - just as predicted 2500 years ago.
- Europe has risen as a united power, the revived Roman Empire.

- The technology exists to implement a global, cashless economy that is accessed by a personal identifier on you or in you.
- The church is experiencing a great falling away from the faith.

We see the signs; but we won't be here for the Great Tribulation. Jesus will return imminently to resurrect the dead believers of the church age, and that when He does He will also rapture living believers off of the earth. We will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and be transported to Heaven.

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