

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## "Weather or Not"

We are now in our eighth year of presenting a Prophecy Update. This is #404 in that series.

We talk a lot about prophecy because one quarter of the Bible is devoted to it. One in every four verses is either a fulfilled prophecy, or a future one awaiting its fulfillment.

Eighty-percent of the Bible's prophecies have already come true. Those that have not come true are all concerned with what we commonly call the end times, or the last days. They, too, must be fulfilled to the letter.

What do we mean by "*Prophecy Update?*" It is our belief that we can identify trends in the world, and news, that would be expected in light of the unfulfilled prophecies.

We're not saying that the things we report are the fulfillment of prophecy - only that they are what you'd expect to be happening in the light of what we know about the future.

Extreme weather is often cited as a sign of the last days. Many verses do indeed describe radical changes in the weather, and in the earth's atmosphere, in conjunction with the end of days.

I take these weather claims with a grain of salt, however, and here's why. A lot of the verses that mention extreme weather are set in the Tribulation - *not* prior to it. Since we will be resurrected

or raptured prior to the Tribulation, extreme weather isn't telling us much about prophecy.

Nevertheless I couldn't help but be interested in a story that I came across on [breakingisraelnews.com](http://breakingisraelnews.com) titled, *Apocalyptic Weather Around World Sign of Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy*.

Excerpts:

Extreme weather is everywhere, but perhaps nowhere more dramatically than the scorching heat recently reported over Iran, where the heat index has been as high as 164°F. Similar temperatures are being recorded in Iraq.

Where do we find this extreme weather in Biblical prophecy? In the... Book of Malachi, we find a clear reference “to a day that will burn like a furnace.” (Malachi 3:19)

In a recent blog post, Rabbi Lazer Brody, popular Israeli author and lecturer, reminded his readers of the prediction of Jewish sages that, as redemption gets closer, “God will remove the sun from its covering. The righteous shall heal in its heat but the wicked shall be doomed in it.”

Iran and Iraq are far from alone in experiencing tumultuous weather events in recent months.

A recent *YouTube* video compiling news sources of the sudden extreme weather around the world only highlights further the international apocalyptic-type weather currently taking place.

News clips of deadly floods in the Midwestern US, wildfires in California and Saskatchewan, blazing temperatures in Tennessee and Indiana, clusters of earthquakes in Alaska, threatened eruptions of Mexico's Volcano of Fire and much more illustrate the unprecedented meteorological occurrences.

On July 15, 2015, Fox News' Shepard Smith reported on a new study that predicts that Oregon, Washington, and parts of Northern California are way overdue for an intense, margin rupture earthquake. The predicted 9.2 and subsequent tsunami could, according to the Federal government, cost as many as 13,000 lives in the Pacific Northwest.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/46395/apocalyptic-weather-around-world-sign-of-fulfillment-biblical-prophecy-jewish-world/#5KUXQAYzcSRcQ3kR.99>

Weather or not these things are signs, people are sensitive to the fact that the Bible makes certain predictions regarding weather.

We would do well not to sensationalize, or make statements that we cannot defend.

If somebody mentions extreme weather as a sign of the end times, I'd try to turn their attention to other, unmistakable, signs, e.g., the rebirth of Israel along with the hostility of the world against the Jews.

Or the exponential growth of technology - especially the tech that sounds eerily like it could turn into the mark of the beast.

We don't expect, or need, to see anything happen, or to be fulfilled, before Jesus can resurrect and rapture the church. It is presented in the Bible as imminent.

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