

IT MIGHT BE TODAY

"Land of the Giants"

We are now in our eighth year of presenting a Prophecy Update. This is #406 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.

Archaeologists once boasted that the Bible was full of errors because no independent, historic evidence had been found to confirm the Bible's claims. But a slew of astounding discoveries has put a damper on their boasting.

Archaeology, in fact, provides us with fascinating and amazing affirmations of Scripture's accuracy and trustworthiness.

One person said,

It would be extremely difficult for the honest skeptic to dispute the overwhelming archeological support for the historical accuracy of both the Old and New Testaments. Numerous items discussed in the Bible such as nations, important people, customary practices, etc., have been verified by archeological evidence. Bible critics have often been embarrassed by discoveries that corroborated Bible accounts they had previously deemed to be myth, such as the existence of the Hittites, King David, and Pontius Pilate, just to name a few. The noted Jewish archeologist Nelson Glueck summed it up very well: "It may be stated categorically that no archeological discovery has ever controverted a single biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible."

Goliath is big news. On August 16 breakingisraelnews.com posted a story titled, *Return of the Giants: Biblical Story of Goliath Proven True*.

Excerpts:

A recent archaeological discovery indicates that Biblical stories of [giants] are no longer mere myths.

Archaeologists in Israel have uncovered what they believe to be the enormous gates of Gath, the city of Goliath.

A Bar Ilan University team of archaeologists estimate that the remains of the ancient Philistine city dates back to the 10th century BC. Two inscriptions discovered at the site add names similar to Goliath, giving more weight to their theory.

As if the discovery of the giant gate wasn't enough, archaeologists also found indications of a catastrophic earthquake in the 8th century BC, in what the team says could be the disaster mentioned in the Book of Amos.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/46930/giant-discovery-israel-uncovers-proof-goliaths-rule-jerusalem/#EHe67Ce5IW0cmmXI.99>

What does any of this have to do with fulfilling prophecy? Two things come to mind.

First, in a companion article I learned that Jewish scholars have long taught that giants will return just prior to the coming of the Messiah. The article was titled, *No Fairy Tale: Will Giants Return to Usher in the Messianic Era?*

Their logic is hard to follow, and I don't really see the reappearance of giants as something taught in the Bible. But it is noteworthy as a messianic expectation among the Jews.

<http://www.breakingisraelnews.com/45098/no-fairy-tale-giants-return-messianic-era-jewish-world/#9rprYpp2jS14WvdH.97>

Second, and more biblical, Jesus mentioned that conditions on the earth in the last days would be "as in the days of Noah." One of the prominent features of the days of Noah, just prior to God sending the global flood, was the appearance of giants on the earth. They were the odd offspring of demons procreating with women.

Goliath connects back to those giants, thus keeping the days of Noah on our minds.

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!***