

Third Temple Prophetic Portents

2018 saw five prophetic portents just in regard to the Third Temple. Below is a synopsis of those major events. We are now in 2025 so it may be helpful to look back a year or two and see where we may be standing on the prophetic calendar.

There are those who object to my calling these prophetic portents, especially the stone, mist, and snake, because of their association with Kaballah or Zohar teachings. However, those associations do not negate the supernatural possibility of those three events, as each of them happened on significant holy occasions.

We readily accept historical accounts that metal axes can float in water (2 Kings 6:6), that bitter water can turn sweet just by tossing a stick of wood into it (Exodus 15:25), and water can part to the right and the left when struck by a cloak (2 Kings 2:8-14). [Not to mention biggies like the Sea of Suf parting, virgin births, a couple of fish feeding thousands].

But today, we are so numb to the supernatural, that it becomes easy to dismiss events like mists, stones, and snakes being having any significance. So, let's look at these events and see if they truly are supernatural interventions into mankind's otherwise dull existence.

The Sanhedrin and The Preparations for the Third Temple

On October 13, 2004 the Sanhedrin was reestablished for the first time since 425 A.D. and reconvened on February 9, 2005 to discuss the topic of the Third Temple.

Since that time all of the gold and silver utensils and the garments needed for Temple worship have either been recovered or remanufactured. Only the Ark of the Covenant awaits recovery.

The Temple building itself has been prefabricated and can be rebuilt as soon as permission is given to do so.

Two hundred Kohen priests have been identified through DNA testing and are being trained to reinstitute animal sacrifices according to scriptural requirements outlined in the Scroll of Leviticus.

The breeding program for the red heifer has been established by the Temple Institute.

1. The Red Heifer

Numbers 19:2 – *“Tell the people of Israel to bring you a young red female cow without fault or defect and which has never borne a yoke.”*

Heifers in scripture are very important and, on the 17th day of Elul, in the Hebrew Year 5778, (Tuesday, August 28th, 2018 on the Gregorian calendar), a red heifer, the Parah Aduma, was born in the land of Israel, foreshadowing the rebuilding of the Third Temple and the arrival of their long awaited Mashiach (Messiah).

Deuteronomy Chapter 21:1-9 recounts the process for forgiving a town which is nearby a murder victim when the perpetrator of the murder is not known. The elders of the city nearest to the victim are to take a heifer that has never been put to work or yoked for use as a draft animal.

Jeremiah 48:34 recounts the wailing of the cities of Heshbon and Elealah that could be heard as far away as Jahaz sounding like the cries of a three year old heifer.

Numbers Chapter 19 declares that a red heifer is necessary for purification from sin. Today, once again, the headlines are ablaze with the news that a pure red heifer has been found.

The First Three Requirements

- The first requirement, that the heifer be female, is exactly in opposition to the Egyptian superstition that only male cows were suitable for sacrifice and worship of their goddess Isis. Herodotus states that it is, in fact, not lawful for the Egyptians to offer females.

- The second requirement, that the heifer was unblemished and also red in color, may be because the Egyptians only sacrificed red bulls to the evil demon Typhon. Those males were selected with great care. Plutarch states that the Egyptians “*sacrifice red bulls, and select them with such scrupulous attention, that if the animal has a single black or white hair, they reckon it unfit to be sacrificed.*”
- Thirdly, an animal which had been used for a common purpose was deemed improper for sacrifice. An animal that had been yoked and used to plow the ground would be disqualified. An animal that had become pregnant would also be considered disqualified due to its use for a common purpose – bearing fruit.

The Priestly Requirements

The two hundred Kohen priests that have been identified through DNA testing must now be consecrated for service. The anointing oil was found in an Archeological dig in April 1988. The Mediterranean Sea Snail, which disappeared in 70 A.D., has returned in great numbers and now makes it possible for the precious blue and the purple dye required for the High Priestly garments to be manufactured. Oil and snails – two more supernatural prophetic portents! Only one requirement is still missing – the red heifer. None of the current priests are ceremonially clean. They cannot be cleansed until the water of separation is recreated. And that requires the ashes of a perfect red heifer!

The Breeding Program

Three years ago the Temple Institute in Jerusalem established a breeding program called “*Raise a Red Heifer in Israel*” to raise the necessary item needed for purification of the temple and its priests. Israeli law does not allow the importation of live cattle into Israel, so the Temple Institute imported frozen embryos of red angus cows from the United States and implanted them into the wombs of Israeli domestic cows. This summer several calves have been born to those domestic cows.

Tradition, History, and Red Heifer Mania

- According to Jewish tradition the perfect heifer must be must be over two years old but under four years old, and perfect red heifers are extremely rare.
- Scripture says Moses prepared the first one during the Exodus and Ezra sacrificed the second red heifer during the days of the First Temple.
- The Mishna records the names of those who performed the sacrifice during the time of the Second Temple. They are: Simon the Just and Yochanan the High Priest each sacrificed two red heifers, El'yhoeini ben Hakof, Hanameel the Egyptian and Yishmael ben Pi'avi sacrificed one each (Mishna Parah 3:5).
- Historical documents say that from that time until the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., only nine perfect red heifers have been sacrificed.
- Jewish tradition also informs us that there are to be only ten red heifers, and according to Maimonides, the tenth heifer will usher in the messianic age! He states: “. . . and the tenth red heifer will be accomplished by the king, the Messiah; may he be revealed speedily, Amen, May it be God's will.”

The Historical Candidates

- The Temple Institute had identified two candidates, one in 1997 and another in 2002, both initially thought to have met the requirements, but later found each to be unsuitable. The headlines read: “*Apocalypse Cow*” in the New York Times (1997) and News Flash: *Red Heifer Born In Israel in a Temple Institute* web posting (2002).
- In 2014 the headlines read *Torah-Condition-For-3rd-Temple-Now-Met*, and articles reported that the Temple Institute had posted a video showing what appeared to be a perfect red heifer that was being raised at an unidentified location in the United States.
- A report from Right Side News said a “*qualified*” red heifer has not been seen in Israel for nearly 2,000 years.
- Other headlines said there really is a red heifer today that could move the progress on the Third Temple forward!

- Hot news at the time, but how could this heifer be used since it wasn't born in Israel?
- In 2018, the headlines were once again ablaze with red heifer hysteria. *News Flash: Red Heifer Born In Israel; Bible-Prophecy-Heifer-Apocalypse; A Red Heifer! Prophecy fulfilled after red cow is born at Temple of Israel; and Apocalyptic Cow: Does the first red heifer born in Israel portend bad news for us all?* the headlines proclaimed.
- According to The Temple Institute on the 17th day of Elul, 5778, (August 28th, 2018 on the Gregorian calendar), a red [adom H122 אָדום] heifer [parah H6510 פָּרָה] (Parah Aduma) was born in the land of Israel, foreshadowing the rebuilding of the Third Temple and the arrival of their long awaited Mashiach (Messiah).
- At one week of age, the heifer underwent an extensive examination by rabbinical experts and has been certified by the Rabbis as meeting all of the scriptural requirements.
- Two new red heifers were born in the early months of 2020 and are currently possible candidates for the Parah Aduma (10th Heifer). In August Rabbi Azaria Ariel inspected the current red heifer candidates and found that one of the two previous candidates has a few hairs which aren't sufficiently red, but could still qualify according to Jewish Law.
- Christians see this as a prelude to the seven-year tribulation period.

2024 has seen continued efforts to see the Tenth Red Heifer qualified, certified, and sacrificed.

Isaiah 2:2 – “In the days to come, the mount of Yahweh’s house shall stand firm above the mountains and tower above the hills; and all the nations shall gaze on it with joy and stream unto it.”

- A red heifer suitable for sacrifice is expected to be available by Pesach (Passover) in April of 2025.
- On March 27th a press conference about the red heifer was held in Shiloh.
- One of the presentations demonstrated how the sacrificial altar might look.
- A red heifer ritual was also practiced in front of Al-Aqsa Mosque in October.
- Dozens of religious clergy from around the world denounced the red heifer sacrifice as madness.
- A declaration signed on April 8 by those miscreants claimed it to be an “invitation to regional, or even global war,” which would “transform the Israeli-Palestinian situation from a political conflict into a religious conflict without a terrestrial solution.”
- Apparently there is great fear that the sacrifice of a red heifer will lead to “unrestricted access for Jews worldwide to enter the Al-Aqsa Mosque” – not just the silver domed building on the Temple Mount, but to the entire Temple Mount Compound.

The Red Heifer, If Qualified

Any currently certified red heifer will be examined again just prior to the sacrifice in order to determine whether it continues to possess the necessary requirements, according to Numbers 19:1-22 and the Mishna Tractate Parah. Other heifers have initially been found to be qualified, but later became disqualified as they began to age.

Bottom line: *IF* the current qualified red heifer is THE tenth Parah Aduma needed, then the building of the Third Temple must be accomplished within the next two years. The Temple must be sprinkled with the blood of the red heifer BEFORE the priest is declared cleansed. The priest who sprinkles the blood is ceremonially unclean until that evening (Numbers 19:7).

The Significance of The Red Heifer

Numbers 19:4 – “Eleazar the Kohen is to take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle this blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.”

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Current global events appear to be lining up with the prophecies written in the Bible. However, other red heifers have initially been found to be qualified, but later became disqualified as they began to age. Will this red heifer be **The** tenth, or will it too become disqualified as time goes on?

If, and I say, **if** this red heifer turns out to be **The** tenth Parah Aduma, then the building of the Third Temple may be close at hand, even at the door. However, this will not usher in the arrival of the Jew's long awaited Mashiach (Messiah). Instead, it will usher in an unprecedented time of agony, bloodshed, disaster, pandemics, wars, and death the likes of which this world has never seen.

Yeshua says of this time: *“For there will be great tribulation worse than there has ever been from the beginning of the world until now, and there will be nothing like it again!”* (**Matthew 24:21**). The Third Temple will allow the false messiah, the antichrist, to enter into the holy of holies and declare himself to be God. *What do you say?*

2. The Falling Stone

Habakkuk 2:11 – *“A stone shall cry out from the wall, and a rafter shall answer it from the woodwork.”*

Psalms 118:22 *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”*

On Monday, July 23rd, 2018 in the Hebrew Year 5778, a massive stone fell out of the Kotel section of the Western Wall onto the Robinson's Arch used for egalitarian prayers. The stone fell from the ninth level of stones and happened the day after the fast of Tish'a B'Av (9th of Av). Israel Radio reported that the stone weighed about 220 pounds.

The Reaction to the Falling Stone

Habakkuk 2:11 – *“A stone shall cry out from the wall, and a rafter shall answer it from the woodwork.”*

Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, the Chief Rabbi of the Western Wall, assigned spiritual significance to the event. *“This is an unusual and most rare incident that has not occurred for decades,”* he said. *“The fact that this powerful incident happened a day after the 9th of Av fast, in which we mourned the destruction of our temples, raises doubts and questions which the human soul is too small to contain, and requires soul-searching.”*

Rabbi Yekutiel Fish noted that the term *“kotel ma'aravi”* (Western Wall) in Gematria is equal to the Hebrew year, 5778, and agreed that the time for the true end of the exile has arrived.

Rabbi Fish also noted that the chief cornerstone, the ha'even ha'shtiya also equals 778 in Gematria, which corresponds to the Psalm 118 verse.

The Significance of the Falling Stone

One follower of the Kabbalah and some Rabbis believed that the event signaled a permanent end to the Jewish exile and the beginning of the supernatural regeneration of the Third Temple. Rabbi Yekutiel Fish agreed that the time for the true end of the exile has arrived. Perhaps the stone seen falling from the Kotel Wall of the Temple Mount is yet another warning sign that the return of Yeshua is at the door, is imminent, is not far off, is just moments away from happening.

3. The Thick Mist

Isaiah 44:22 – *“I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you.”*

On the 21st of Tishrei, in the Hebrew Year 5779 (September 30th, 2018), the last day of Sukkot this year, a thick mist began to rise up from out of the ground on the northeastern corner of the Temple Mount, enshrouding the holy site and obscuring the base of the Dome of the Rock. The mist remained for approximately half an hour, remaining close to the ground and confined to the Temple Mount Compound. This happened during the

Hoshana Rabbah service which represents the day when redemption is at hand, and was recorded by Josh Wander, a Mount of Olives resident.!

Hoshana Rabbah

Hoshana Rabbah is a very significant worship service in Israel. The prayer service includes a special service in which seven circuits are made by the worshippers with their lulav and etrog while singing praises of Yahweh. According to the Midrash Talpiot, this service represents the day when redemption is at hand! The Talpiot says “that the War of Gog and Magog will begin three hours before the dawn on Hoshana Rabbah, the battle will last three hours, and then the Messiah will begin to appear.”

The Mists of Scripture

- When Yahweh appears, scripture frequently mentions clouds, or mists.
- During the Exodus, at Mount Sinai, the entire mountain was covered in clouds, which **Deuteronomy 4:11** and **5:22** call “*darkness, clouds and thick mist*.”
- A mist and darkness enveloped the sorcerer Elymas when Paul rebuked him (**Acts 13:11**).
- Peter calls the followers of Bil’am Ben-B’or “Waterless springs . . . mists driven by a gust of wind; for them has been reserved the blackest darkness” (**2 Peter 2:15-17**).

The Reaction to the Mist

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Identifying clouds is an essential part of aviation training. Joseph Wander is a trained pilot, and said of the phenomenon: “*There was very little wind and the smoke just seemed to crawl across the mount toward the Dome of the Rock. It seemed to come out of a specific spot but after several minutes, it seemed to be rising up from multiple sources in the same general area . . . It looked supernatural.*”

The Significance of the Thick Mist

When Rabbi Yosef Berger heard of the sighting, he calmly commented; “*It very well could be that a major battle was being waged on the Temple Mount on the spiritual plane and the only part of it that we could see was the smoke . . . It has been clear all year that a war is being waged for the Temple Mount.*”

Perhaps the thick mist seen on the Temple Mount is yet another warning sign that the return of Yeshua is at the door, is imminent, is not far off, is just moments away from happening. [*What do you say?*](#)

4. The Slithering Snake and the Pigeon

Micah 7:17 – “*They will come trembling out of their hiding places like snakes slithering on the ground. They will tremble in the presence of Yahweh our God; they will stand in awe of You.*”

On the 22nd of Chesvan in the Hebrew Year 5779 (October 31, 2018), a Coin Snake was witnessed wriggling out from between the stones of the Western Wall, most likely in search of a meal of pigeons or eggs. In a video, Sod1820, a pigeon is seen fleeing the snake as it emerges.

The snake made its appearance at the same time as a hotly contested mayoral election, whose main debate was about which candidate would allow the Third Temple to be built! The Sanhedrin wrote letters to both candidates demanding they address this issue and build the new Temple. They had already written letters to Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin demanding the same thing. Is the rebuilding of the Third Temple a part of the yet unrevealed Trump Peace Plan? Time will tell.

A blogger quoted by Ynet News mused: “*The snake appeared during this time of dispute and divisiveness at the site of the Temple which was destroyed because of widespread hatred and divisiveness.*”

The snake also appeared around the same time as a head-on automobile accident near the Dead Sea that killed a family of eight and the horrific murder of eleven Jews in a Pittsburgh synagogue.

The Reaction

Genesis 3:1 – *“The serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that Yahweh Elohim had made.”*

- The commentator who connected the dots of the automobile accident and the synagogue murders stated: *“How symbolic that this snake should appear at the place that is the heart of the Jewish people, where so many Jews were killed, at a time when Jews are still being killed. We have received a symbolic warning from these holy stones.”*
- A Kabbalah site cited a Midrash which compares Israel (who is faithful to one God, Yahweh) to a pigeon or dove (which is faithful to a single partner in its lifetime). They commented: *“Just as the pigeon is safe so long as it seeks shelter among the stones of the Temple Mount, the Jews are protected by the Torah commandments. We are truly in the dangerous times that directly precede Mashiach.”* The Kabbalah site also claimed that the Gematria of snake, nachash [נָחָשׁ H5175] equals 358, the same as Mashiach [מָשִׁיחַ H4899].
- The Sod1820 video noted that the *“snake appeared in the women’s prayer section, emphasizing its relevance to women. In Genesis, it is described how Eve was tempted into sin by the snake.”* The Zohar teaches that the snake will make a reappearance in the days before Messiah’s appearance at the end of the age and that the fixing [tikkun from כִּנּוּן kûn H3559] of the snake will be accomplished in the Third Temple.

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5. The Stone Altar

Isaiah 9:1 – *“The people that walked in darkness have seen a brilliant light; On those who dwelt in a land of gloom Light has dawned.”*

The Sanhedrin produced a declaration to the 70 nations that was read in Jerusalem on the last day of the Chanukah holiday in December. The Chanukah ceremony included the consecration of a stone altar formed of easily transported loose stone blocks that has been prepared for use in the Third Temple. Kohenim (Priests) wearing Biblically mandated apparel lead the ceremony and reenacted the Korban Olah Tamid (the daily offering).

The declaration states *“We are very close to the time about which the prophets of Israel prophesied that the God of the world who created everything will be called by the world in the name of the God of Israel, for only the people of Israel remained attached to Him.”*

The Kohenim

- The priests, called Kohenim, are Jewish men who have been declared to be genetic descendants of Aaron.
- The Kohenim wore clothing as mandated by the Biblical scriptures, identical in fashion to those worn by Aaron and other Older Covenant priests.

The Altar

- The stone altar is formed of lightweight manufactured stones of aerated concrete that can be stored, easily transported, and assembled at a moment’s notice.
- When set up, the altar is nine feet on each side, five feet tall, and includes a ramp on which the priests can go up to the top of the altar to make the sacrifices.
- The aerated concrete stones are acceptable for use in the Temple, says the Sanhedrin, because they have been formed without the use of metal tools.
- Eventually, the plan is to replace this altar with one made of actual untouched stones.

The Sacrifice

- The sacrifice was not allowed to be sacrificed on the altar, so was done so before the ceremony and carried to the event.
- The Israeli Government did, however, allow them to roast the lamb on the newly consecrated altar.
- A grain offering, the Korban Olah Tamid, was also allowed to be made.

The Reaction

Isaiah 49:6 – *“Yahweh has said: ‘It is not enough that you are my servant to raise up the tribes of Yaakov and restore the survivors of Yisrael: I will also make you a light of nations, that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth’.”*

The ceremony was held on the last day of Chanukah. Rabbi Hillel Weiss explained the significance to Breaking Israel News: *“According to Jewish tradition, the tabernacle and Aaron the Priest were consecrated for service on the last day of Hanukkah. It is fitting that we should invite the nations to the ceremony since Hanukkah is about bringing light to the darkness. The Jews were meant to do this for the entire world.”*

The Significance of The Stone Altar

Genesis 11:8 – *“From Babel Yahweh scattered them all over the earth, and they stopped building the city.”*

Exodus 24:1 – *“Then Yahweh said to Moses, ‘Come up to me, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.’”*

Deuteronomy 32:8 – *“When Elyon divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.”*

Micah 4:1-4 *“In the acharit-hayamim Zion will be established as the highest mountain and all nations will gather there to worship Yahweh”* [synopsis]

The Stone Altar ceremony in December of 2018 was stringently called “a dress rehearsal” because the temple is NOT YET established. Only then can the actual ceremony be done.

Since then each year many have participated in the practice sacrifice of the Passover offering at the foot of the Temple Mount. In March of 2021 the Passover ceremony was limited in number due to Covid-19, but was broadcast live.

The veil is being lifted from the minds of the Jewish people and they are beginning to understand that Prayer and Charity do not atone for sin, it takes a blood sacrifice -- i.e. a perfect lamb! This may open the doors to believers to present the Gospel of Yeshua. Pray for Israel, support Israel, encourage them to accept Yeshua as their Mashiach.

Highly significant was the invitation that went out to seventy (70) nations. Yahweh separated the people into seventy (70) nations at Babel (**Genesis 11**). There were seventy (70) elders who were invited to the meal with Yahweh at Mt. Sinai (**Exodus 24**). The borders of the nations were fixed at seventy (70) (**Deuteronomy 32**). **Micah 4** tells us that the nations will be gathered in the end times to worship Yahweh at Mt. Zion, at the Temple Mount.

The invitation for regathering the seventy (70) nations has been issued. It is just a matter of time before Yahweh regathers the nations to Zion to worship him. Now that is significant. *What do you Say?*

Conclusions

The state of Israel is a fact and Jewish authorities are preparing to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. The appearance of the falling stone, the red heifer, the thick mist, the slithering snake, and the dedication of the stone altar all are seen as prophetic implications that the time is ripe -- yet another warning sign that the return of Yeshua is at the door, is imminent, is not far off, is just moments away from happening.

All of the gold and silver utensils and the garments needed for Temple worship have either been recovered or remanufactured.

The Kohenim have been trained and the Stone Altar has been dedicated. Only the Ark of the Covenant awaits recovery.

The northern most portion of the Dead Sea has been slowly drying up and with the result that new sinkholes in the area are changing from salt water to fresh water. Many see this as a precursor, or a shadow, pointing to the fulfillment of prophecies in **Ezekiel 47:8-9**, which tell us that the waters of the Dead Sea will be healed and will swarm with multitudes of fish when Yeshua sets up his kingdom during his millennial reign.

Earthquakes, famines, and pestilences world-wide are on the rise. Wars and rumors of wars assault us on a daily basis in the news.

The Third Temple will be built, and will be desecrated by the Antichrist at the mid point of the tribulation period. The red heifer, if still found to be ceremonially clean, is a warning sign that the return of Yeshua is at the door, is imminent, is not far off, is just moments away from happening. Perhaps the stone seen falling from the Kotel Wall of the Temple Mount is another sign. Perhaps the thick mist seen on the Temple Mount is another sign. Perhaps the snake seen exiting from the Kotel Wall of the Temple Mount is another. Perhaps the dedication of the stone altar is yet another warning sign! Yahweh's supernatural intervention into our time line is still happening. What do you say

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Final Thought

Prophecy as foretold by the Hebrew prophets continues to unfold in an escalating pattern. The stage is nearly completely set. The great and terrible Day of Yahweh, Joseph's Trouble, hastens forth and will not delay. Time is short – Yeshua Ha'Mashiach is coming soon – get busy reaching the lost.