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Welcome back to the End Times Berean Watchman Report!

In this weeks newsletter I will update you on the results from my trip to Colorado Springs this past weekend for the Homeward Bound Prophecy Conference, and we'll look at events in the news, primarily focused on recent events in Israel, but also looking at evidence that the four horsemen truly have begun to ride.

Prophecy Conference Update

It was an absolutely jam-packed schedule at the Homeward Bound Prophecy conference (May 20-22, 2022). The program on Friday and Saturday ran with three concurrent sessions from 9 am to nearly 10 pm on both days, with half a day on Sunday. The conference was from a decidedly pre-tribulation rapture perspective, which I am convinced is no longer a viable view (at least in the way it is typically understood) because of the present events that we are witnessing and analysis of rapture related passages in the Bible (which I explain in chapter 6 of my new book). Nevertheless, there was a ton of excellent analysis of the present times and the Scriptures related to such topics as the Gog-Magog War, the rise of the Antichrist, the return of the Nephilim (Genesis 6:1-4), and prophetic significance of the global political changes that have arrived since 2020, particularly in America.

Comments on the Rapture

With regards to the rapture, I'd like to point out that the fundamental difference between the pre-tribulation rapture view and the pre-wrath rapture view is simply the question of whether it is the first seal that marks the beginning of God's wrath or rather it is actually the sixth seal that indicates God's wrath is

about the be poured out on mankind, beginning with the first trumpet. My own view expressed in Witnessing the End is that I hold a ***post-midtribulational*** rapture position.

Never heard of it? No, I expect not, because it's my own expression of the idea that I think Scripture warns us explicitly not to expect the tribulation until after the Apostasy comes and the man of lawlessness is revealed at the mid-point of Daniel's seventieth week (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4), but also not until after the Sixth Seal, as taught by Jesus in Matthew 24 when compared to Revelation chapter 6. It should therefore be understood that the rapture will come at some point in the last half of the seven years, after the Antichrist has already begun to set up his kingdom.

I would say that it is impossible to dogmatically affirm anything else regarding the precise timing of the Lord's return, and therefore this position retains a "no man knows the day or the hour" perspective, despite feeling confident that we have now entered the final seven years of Daniel's second period of seventy sevens when we will see the completion of his prophecy to: seal up vision and prophecy, bring in everlasting righteousness, and anoint the most holy. This understanding that there were always meant to be two periods of seventy sevens (just like two appearances of the Messiah) is all explained thoroughly in chapter 5 of my book, by the way.

Now on to the News...

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. – Revelation 16:12

This reference from the book of Revelation has caused many to wonder about the identity of the “kings from the east.” At present, China has become the top contender because of their size, military ambitions, and their growing investment and presence in Iraq, where the great river Euphrates lies. News like this only strengthens that assessment.

Iraq is wary of China dominating its oilfields with further investment - All Arab News

Iraqi oil officials fear further consolidation of fields by Chinese companies could accelerate an exodus of Western oil companies

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Our present administration is trying to give away our God-given rights and national liberty to the World Health Organization over determining when the US has public health emergency and how we should respond. Also, notice the logo of the WHO. A serpent on pole, over the world, surround by a laurel leaf victor's crown. I think the logo symbolizes Satan ruling over the world. Wow! The

comment on a pole symbolized Jesus Christ because in his

serpent on a pole represented Jesus Christ becoming sin by taking all our sin on himself in his substitutionary death on the cross, but it can also represent the man of perdition, the Antichrist, who wants to rule over the earth.

Biden Seeks New Unilateral Powers for WHO Chief to Declare Public Health Emergencies

President Joe Biden's administration is pushing amendments to the World Health Organization's (WHO) governing regulations to give Director-General Tedros ...

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All of these global organizations are collaborating to form a type of *de facto* global governance. And it appears that the World Economic Forum in Davos now has its own nationally sanctioned or assigned police force. But its obvious that they are not yet ready to be fully known to the world, because after they began to be filmed by additional journalists, they quickly left the scene and stopped detaining and harassing Jack Posobiec.

Jack Posobiec Detained by Police at World Economic Forum in Davos

Conservative American author and podcast host Jack Posobiec said he was briefly detained by police at the World Economic ...



Are we still seeing evidence that a global Antichrist kingdom is being set up before our eyes? I think so.

In Israel ...

The big question regarding deciding if the present world events are confirming or denying the hypothesis that the seven year tribulation is already underway is looking to Israel to see if they are any closer to restarting sacrificial services and rebuilding a third temple (or fourth temple if you recognize that Ezra's temple was the second, and Herod's temple was the third). So, are there signs that we are truly approaching the time when another temple will be rebuilt? Well, there was a symbolic attempt to officially begin rebuilding the temple, just a couple of weeks ago, on the 74th anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel.

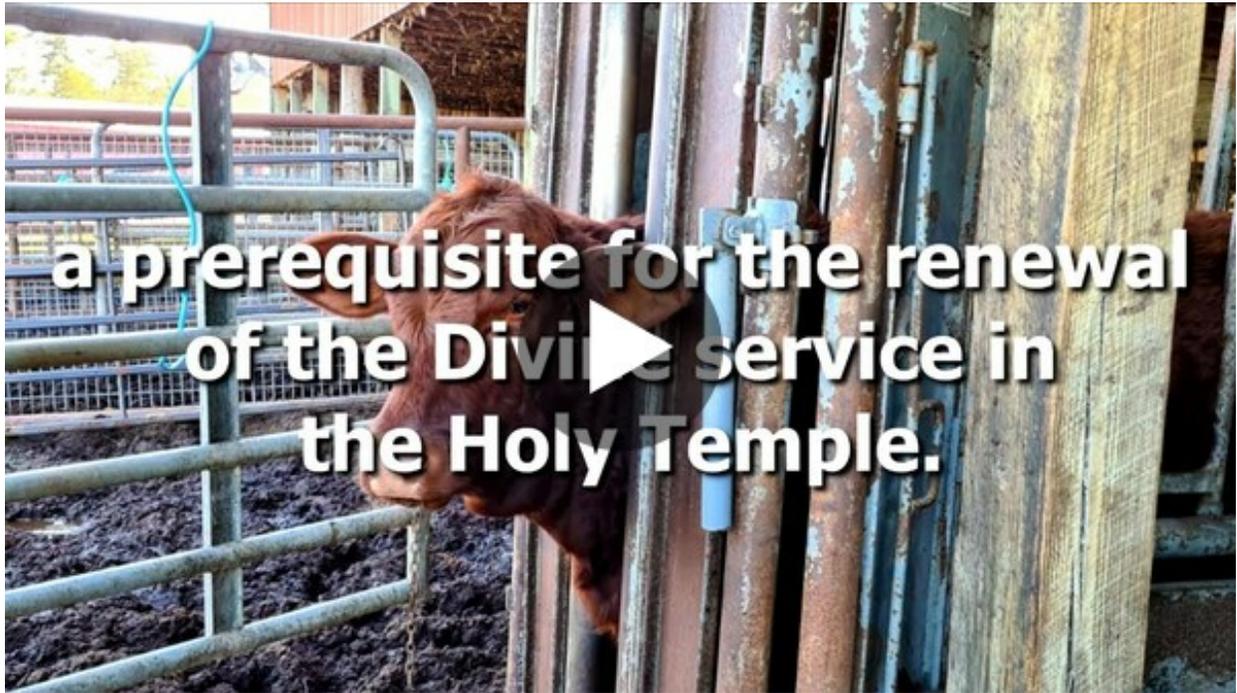
Jews begin building Third Temple on Israel Independence Day

Though political considerations prevent actual construction, a small group of Jews has begun cutting stones in preparation for the construction of the Third Temple.



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Furthermore, there was a rather suggestive, but guarded update about the status of the present efforts to produce a red heifer, back in March of this year. It still leaves us guessing, but there may finally be a blemish free red heifer...



Red Heifer Update March 2022

The battle for prayer on the Temple Mount and for the normalization of access to equally for Muslims, Jews, and Christians continues. A lower court admitted that the freedom of three young Jewish men in their prayer and worship should not be infringed, and yet avoided trying to make a broad official ruling on the rights of Jews to change the present “status quo” on the Temple Mount. Oddly, Naftali Bennett personally opposed the ruling, insisting the status quo had not changed, and the police appealed the ruling and got it overturned.

Israeli court rules that Jews can pray on Temple Mount – but clarifies ruling ‘does not intervene’ with status quo | All Israel News

Ruling could inflame tensions especially in light of Jerusalem Day next week

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Jews cannot pray on Temple Mount, after judge reverse lower court ruling | All Israel News

Court asserts that Jewish freedom of worship on holy site “is not absolute, and should be superseded by other interests”

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But again, the idea that the personal religious freedoms of the Jews in their own land of Israel must be subject to the will of the state in regards “national interests” strongly questions whether they are really free with God-given rights, or do their rights come from the state? One could now ask the same thing about Americans...

Stop Banning Jews and Christians From Praying on the Temple Mount: Orthodox Rabbi | Newsmax.com



Beginning the evening of Saturday, May 28, and running through Sunday, May 29, Israelis will celebrate “Jerusalem Day.” This is the day on the Hebrew calendar (28 Iyar) that marks Israel’s reunification of the Holy City under its sovereign control during the Six-Day War of 1967, after the IDF defeated Jordanian forces that had previously controlled the city.



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And right-wing groups have continued to gain ground in recent polls. They are still a little short of the required 61 votes for a purely conservative bloc, but there is a growing chance that Netanyahu will once again become prime minister. If he could again get in office with a united conservative coalition, it could be a game-changer.

Poll: Likud 35, Otzma Yehudit 6, Meretz 0 | Israel National News - Arutz Sheva

70% of Israelis don’t want Arab factions in the next government, poll shows. Meretz again fails to cross electoral threshold.



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Until Next Week

Thanks for reading another week of the End Times Berean Watchman Report. I hope you can find comfort in it and that it helps you make better sense of the things that are going on in the

world at present.

Blessings,

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