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Until He returns,

Ed Hindson



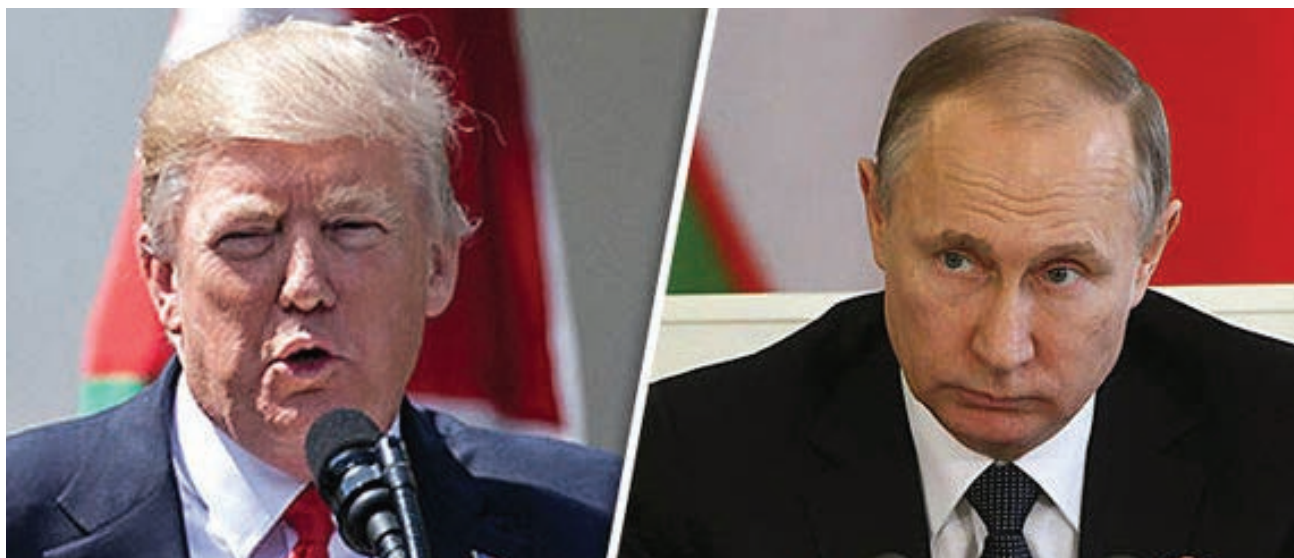
Red Heifer Born in Israel

For a number of years, select cattlemen in Israel have been working closely with the Temple Institute to breed a red heifer for use in Temple purification rituals. Excitingly, the Temple Institute—an organization in Jerusalem founded in 1987, is a non-profit educational and religious organization located in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem's Old City that seeks to rebuild the prophesied Third Jewish Temple—has announced the successful birth of a flawless all-red heifer that could allow for the fulfillment of a significant Bible prophecy of the end times.

According to the Temple Institute the all red female calf was born August 28 in Israel and will be raised in strict accordance with the laws on the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament). In a statement released by the Temple Institute it was confirmed that one week after its birth “the heifer underwent an extensive examination

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Russian Tensions Escalate in Syria



According to several major news outlets, officials from the Pentagon revealed that more than 100 U.S. Marines have recently flown into southwest Syria to conduct live-fire exercises intended to send a “strong message” to Russia warning them not to conduct any operations near the U.S. base. The Marines helicoptered to Al-Tanf military base which was captured from ISIS by U.S. backed Syrian fighters in March 2016. The U.S. has since maintained various levels of troops at the Al-Tanf base primarily serving to train Syrian nationals to combat ISIS.

However, Russia has often remarked that the U.S. is seeking to impose an illegal presence in the region and undermine the government of Russian-backed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. The Pentagon denies these claims.

Moreover, a spokesman for the US Central Command, Captain William Urban, stated “our forces will demonstrate the capability to deploy rapidly, assault a target with integrated air and ground forces and conduct rapid exfiltration,” stressing that the US “does not seek to fight the Russians, the government of Syria or any groups that may be providing support to Syria.”

The live-fire drills were launched after the U.S. reported that Moscow had issued two warnings that it is planning to conduct

operations against militants in the area. According to CNN the use of the wording “precision strikes” in one of the notes had “sparked alarm with US commanders.”

The recent U.S. show of forces coincides with a meeting between the leaders of Iran, Russia and Turkey in Tehran to plan their next steps in the seven-year Syrian civil war. This plan is expected to significantly support an expected offensive led by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s forces into the country’s northwest Idlib Province.

In response to this collaborative aggression U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said recently “We consider any assault on Idlib to be a dangerous escalation of the conflict in Syria,” adding “airstrikes by Russia and the regime have already begun against civilian areas. The atrocities committed by Assad will be a permanent stain on history.” It is concerning that the tensions between the U.S. and Russia are continuing to escalate and even more so that Iran and Turkey are also involved. Many believe this may point to a confederation of world powers that will align against Israel during the end times.

Many Bible teachers have pointed out the similarities between Russia’s alliance with

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experts, who determined that the heifer is currently a viable candidate for the Biblical red heifer (para aduma) described in Numbers, chapter 19, and will be examined again in three months to determine whether it continues to possess the necessary qualifications for the red heifer, a necessary prerequisite for the renewal of the Divine service in the Holy Temple.”

Several all red heifers have been born in the past but all had been previously disqualified for not meeting the strict biblical requirements. To meet requirements, the heifer must be born from a natural birth and be entirely red with no more than two non-red hairs on its body. It must also never have been used for any labor or have been impregnated.

The rabbis at the Temple Institute emphasized that the recently born heifer could, at any time, acquire a blemish rendering it unsuitable. They will be inspecting the calf periodically to verify its condition. Jewish tradition requires the heifer to be three-to-four years old when it is used for the purification and rebuilding the Temple, so that could also affect a possible timeline of end times events. It is believed that only nine biblically qualified red heifers have ever existed and that the tenth will herald the construction of the third Temple in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Chaim Richman, the international director of the Temple Institute, stated “If there has been no red heifer for the past 2,000 years, perhaps it is because the time was not right; Israel was far from being ready.” For example, many prophecy teachers point out that the modern state of Israel was not established until 1948. As we have reported, this year marked

the 70th anniversary of that historic event.

In Jewish theology, the red heifer is essential to the rebuilding of the third Holy Temple in Jerusalem and will be needed to be sacrificed to complete the ritual of purification for the Temple. This idea corresponds to the biblical teaching regarding the red heifer.

The Bible makes it clear that the red heifer played an important role in the worship of the Lord. The slaughtering of a red heifer was an essential ceremonial ritual in the Old Testament sacrificial system, as described in Numbers 19:1-10. The purpose of the red heifer sacrifice was to provide for the water of cleansing (Numbers 19:9), another term for purification



from sin. After the red heifer was sacrificed, her blood was sprinkled at the door of the tabernacle. The Bible also teaches there will be another Temple in Jerusalem in the future (Ezekiel 41-45) that will obviously be purified (requiring the red heifer) before the antichrist

desecrates the Temple during the tribulation period as Jesus foretold (Matthew 24:15). Importantly, the New Testament also equates the role of the red heifer as being a foreshadowing of the salvation provided by grace through faith in Jesus (Hebrews 9:13-14).

Overall, many Jewish faithful believe this event is part of the process that would mark the coming of the Messiah and the final judgment. Yet the significance of the red heifer also relates to Christians who believe the completion of the third Temple is a symbol heralding the second coming of Jesus Christ. With such significant prophetic implications, we should keep this event in our prayers.—PNL

PRAY: Pray that the Lord would make His intentions clear and that if this recently born calf is the prophetic red heifer that many would recognize the importance and come to faith in Jesus before His return.



A disturbing new report has recently been released that illustrates a growing trend of young people leaving the church. According to the report by the Pew Research Center – a nonpartisan group based in Washington DC that conducts public opinion polling on a wide range of issues – an increasing percentage of Americans are identifying themselves as not belonging to any religious affiliation. The Pew report identifies those who do not affiliate with any religion as “religious nones.” The majority of these individuals are people who are under the age of 35 and identify themselves as “ex-Christians.”

The reasons why these individuals are leaving the church is disturbing and perhaps reveals a deeper problem with the teaching of essential Christian beliefs these young people are encountering in their churches. According to the Pew report that asked respondents to identify the “most important reason” for their lack of affiliation, 51% of the individuals surveyed left because they “question a lot of religious teaching” while 46% left because they disagree with “the positions churches take on social/political issues.” However, it is important to note that respondents in this most recent Pew survey were not allowed to respond in their own words, they were asked to select from options provided by the Pew survey.

Interestingly, a similar survey conducted in 2016 by the Pew Research Center did allow respondents to answer in their own words. The results of this study shockingly indicate that most of those who were formerly affiliated

with a church left because they no longer “believed it was true.” In a shocking finding of both the 2016 and 2018 Pew reports, most who leave the church have significant doubts about “the existence of God” — with 81% overall indicating they “do not believe in God” — and believe that no one in the church can substantially answer their questions. If these statistics are valid then it calls into question the manner in which we engage the contemporary culture with the essential truths of Scripture.

This should serve as a wake-up call to the churches and Christian ministries to be more emboldened in our efforts to present the Word of God and to offer explanations for the faith that are satisfying to young people who have sincere questions regarding the faith.

The Bible encourages believers to be constantly ready to provide an answer to anyone who has questions regarding our hope in the gospel and our belief in God (1 Peter 3:15). Likewise, as modern disciples of Jesus we should follow the example set before us from the earliest followers of Christ. Jesus’ original disciples openly identified themselves as credible witnesses to His resurrection as proof of His divinity (Acts 4:33). All of us who have been saved by God’s grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8-9) can seek ways to share this with others as a testimony to God’s miraculous provision for us just as many of us can share of other miracles God has provided for us as well. Jesus Himself said that His miracles would

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North Korea Tentatively Agrees to Dismantle Nuclear Site

The leaders of North and South Korea recently announced a number of important agreements toward ensuring a lasting peace in the region. Predominantly, the usually unpredictable North Korean leader Kim Jong Un indicated his country would permanently dismantle their main nuclear complex if the United States would agree to corresponding measures. This

concession was revealed after a week-long series of meetings between Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Kim Jong Un

also promised that North Korea would allow international inspectors to monitor the closing of a key missile test site and launch pad. This announcement came as Moon has been under increasing pressure from Washington to find a path forward in efforts to get Kim to completely - and unilaterally - abandon his nuclear arsenal. Kim and Moon earlier smiled and chatted as they walked into a meeting room to finalize the joint statement, which also said that the leaders would push for a Korean Peninsula without nuclear weapons and to “eliminate all the danger of war.”

Meanwhile U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted about the statement from Kim saying it was “very exciting!” However, many are wondering if this promise will be sufficient for the U.S. to take any steps toward acquiescing to Kim’s conditions. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, who tweeted that he was concerned this could undermine efforts by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and U.N. Ambassador

Nikki Haley to impose “maximum pressure” on the North who “have not moved toward denuclearization.” According to a statement signed by the countries’ defense chiefs, the two Koreas agreed to establish buffer zones along their land and sea borders to reduce military tensions and prevent accidental clashes. They also agreed to withdraw 11 guard

posts from the Demilitarized Zone by December and to establish a no-fly zone above the military demarcation line that bisects the two Koreas that will apply



to planes, helicopters and drones. North Korea has been demanding a declaration formally ending the Korean War, which was stopped in 1953 by a cease-fire. Thus, technically the Korean War has not ended.

While we should be hopeful, we should also be wary. Since North and South Korea are still technically at war, we should be cautious of potential deception from the North Korean leader. Jesus warned that as the end times approach “nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” (Matthew 24:6-7 ESV). Moreover, the Bible clearly teaches that there will be at least one more major war that will occur in the future as the last days approach. Likewise, John was shown a vision of a future war as he received the Book of Revelation. Beginning in Revelation chapter six – which I believe records the events of the beginning of the Tribulation period – John

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Syria and the predictions of Ezekiel 38-39 that foretell of a great confederation of nations that gather against Israel and attack from the north during the great end-times battle of Gog and Magog. Likewise, the growing alliance between Syria, Iran, and Russia—coupled with the threats the nation of Turkey has made toward Israel—also has the attention of many prophecy teachers.

Ezekiel used the ancient geographical names of these countries that were readily known to

his original audience; Rosh, Magog, Meshech, Tubal, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah (Ezekiel 38:1-6). Of specific concern is the nations of Persia, Rosh, Meshech, Tubal, Gomer, and Beth-togarmah. All of these ancient names refer to the modern nations of Russia, Turkey, and Iran! Should this current climate continue to escalate with force, one could easily see how the confederation of nations Ezekiel prophesied about could develop in and around Syria.— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that this latest escalation would not result in war between the U.S., Russia, Iran, and Turkey. Pray also for the safety of Israel as her northern border continues to be so violently contested.

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testify on His behalf (John 10:38). Additionally, we can point to the complex wonder of the natural world as an argument for the existence of God as the psalmist did (Psalm 19:1). Above all, let us pray that God would use each of us

within our sphere of influence as faithful and true witnesses for His Glory! We should identify and support our local churches, Christian schools, and ministries that are actively engaging young believers and their questions. — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that God would reverse this trend of young people leaving the church. Pray that God would develop and equip strong leaders to address the questions expressed by those leaving the church.

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recorded what he was shown concerning the future. The unmistakable event of war is found in chapter six, and sadly war and rumors of war will continue to be a part of the unfolding events of human history until Christ returns (Revelation

6:2; 4; 11:7; 12:7; 13:4, 7; 16:14; 17:14; 19:11; 19:19-21). Similarly, the Bible refers to a great army of potentially many nations rising out of the east that could be fulfilled by North Korea (Revelation 16:12-16). — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray for the leaders of the U.S. and South Korea to be hopeful yet cautious when dealing with North Korea. Pray also that the sentiment of the North Korean leader would be sincere and that a lasting peace can finally be realized in the region.