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Today we need your financial assistance -- particularly during these slow summer months -- to enable our ministry to continue to share comfort, confidence and compassion to a restless, confused and weary world.

In spite of the news around us, we can be assured that God holds the world in His hand and none can be shaken! Our power is through Him and He has won the fight against evil!

I encourage you to take comfort in His promises as we press forward toward the day of His glorious and triumphant return! What a day that will be—when Jesus is literally here.

Please know your prayers and support are well invested here. We walk by faith and trust God. If everyone who loves and supports World Prophetic Ministry would send just a little something extra today, it would be a tremendous blessing!

Thank you, in advance,

Ed Hindson



Another Red Heifer Born in Israel

In the past, we brought you the exciting news that Israeli cattlemen were raising a herd of cattle they hoped would produce a red heifer; a red calf with no more than two black hairs on its entire body.

The red heifer was specified by the Bible as required for the Jewish purification rituals.

Rabbi Azariah Ariel explained to *Breaking Israel News* that the ashes of a red heifer are “necessary for us to engage in anything that is holy or sanctified. The highest level of impurity comes from contact with the dead and to purify this condition, the ashes of the red heifer are required.”

In November of 2018, it was announced that a red calf had been born that met the initial criteria. Even more exciting, it was recently announced that another calf has been born that meets the initial qualifications. Rabbi Azariah Ariel told *Breaking Israel News* that there are

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Archaeologists Identify City Gate from Time of King David



In an exciting archaeological development, A city gate from the time of King David was discovered after 32 years of excavation in the ancient city of Bethsaida in the Golan Heights' Jordan Park, opening up a world of new possibilities, opinions and theories about the ancient landscape of the Land of Israel. According to Professor Rami Arav of the University of Nebraska, chief archaeologist overseeing the excavations, told the Jerusalem Post that the gate and further findings found within the ancient city.

The previously uncovered gate found in the area last year was cautiously identified to be a part of the biblical city of Zer, a name used during the First Temple period. However, the newly found gate dates back to the time and rule of King David; from the 11th to 10th centuries BC.

Professor Arav commented that "There are not many gates from capital cities in this country from this period. Bethsaida was the name of the city during the Second Temple

period, but during the First Temple period it was the city of Zer." Arav cited Joshua 19:35, which says: "The fortified towns were Ziddim, Zer, Hammath, Rakkath, Kinneret." Arav went on to say that these types of excavations are difficult in places like Jerusalem, because researchers need to get permission from landowners as well as the government to excavate these sites.

In addition, other ancient cities, such as Damascus, have been destroyed and rebuilt multiple times in the past, making it difficult to connect inferences in what actually happened there during these time periods. Bethsaida is an almost untouched archaeological heaven for getting the real story about what happened during the times of the Hebrew Bible and the Second Temple period.

The Bible mentions King David's capital in Bethsaida (2 Samuel 5:1-12) and thus this discovery is very significant. Likewise, the

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Facebook to Start Global “Crypto-Currency”

The social media giant, Facebook has announced plans to launch its own crypto-currency next year. A “crypto-currency” (sometimes known as cyber currency) is one that is not backed by the fiat of a government, or the market value of a precious metal and can be traded without any physical assets ever changing hands. You may recall that we have reported on the crypto-currency known as Bitcoin in the past.

Such virtual currencies can already be used to pay for things in the real world, such as a hotel room, food or even a house. Digital tokens are held in online wallets, and can be sent anonymously between users. Crypto-currencies run on blockchain technology. A blockchain is a ledger of blocks of information, such as transactions or agreements, that are stored across a network of computers. This information is stored chronologically, can be viewed by a community of users, and is not usually managed by a central authority such as a bank or a government.

In line with the growing interest in cyber currency, Facebook will start testing its crypto-currency, which has been referred to internally as GlobalCoin, by the end of this year. Facebook is expected to outline plans in more detail this summer, and has already spoken to Bank of England governor Mark Carney. Founder Mark Zuckerberg met Mr. Carney last month to discuss the opportunities and risks involved in launching a crypto-currency. Facebook has also sought

advice on operational and regulatory issues from officials at the US Treasury. The firm is also in talks with money transfer firms including Western Union as it looks for cheaper and faster ways for people without a bank account to send and receive money.

In an effort to justify this move and help ingratiate the public to such a restructuring of the economy, Facebook has said that it simply wants to create a digital currency that provides affordable and secure ways of

making payments, regardless of whether users have a bank account. The social networking site, which owns WhatsApp and Instagram, is hoping to disrupt existing networks by breaking down financial barriers, competing with banks and reducing consumer costs. However, there is significant concern over crypto-currencies. So much so that

the US Senate and Banking committee wrote an open letter to Mr. Zuckerberg questioning how the currency will work, what consumer protection will be offered and how data will be secured.

The parallels between this type of technology and certain passages of Scripture are interesting. While the Bible does not specifically use the expression “one-world-currency” there are more than enough details given in certain passages to conclude that the Bible does indeed teach that a future world leader will institute a



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currently two calves that may potentially be used in for the preparation of the ashes. They are currently being raised in an undisclosed location under special conditions.

The physical requirements for a red heifer are simple yet precise; a red heifer two years of age with no more than two black hairs on its entire body.

Rabbi Ariel explained “The animal must also be two years old. There can be no blemish, no holes in the ear. Until that point, it is considered a calf and not a cow. At that point, the cow can be slaughtered and prepared.” This has led to an intense effort to raise such an exceedingly rare animal.

“We know that there have been nine red heifers throughout history, the first having been prepared in the times of Moses and Elazar, the son of Aaron,” Ariel explained. “A red heifer is a female cow that is red. In the language of the Bible, red is not exclusively what we know today as red. It also includes brown and other similar shades of red. This excludes black. All of the hairs on its body must be the same color.”

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

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(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 regarding this recently born calf. Pray that if it is the Lord’s will that one of the these – now two – red heifer candidates will turn out to be the prophetic red heifer and that many would recognize the importance of this and come to faith in Jesus before His return.

U.S. Sending Strong Signal to Iran



In an unmistakable show of military might, the United States has recently deployed the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln, its contingent of Navy escort warships and a fighting force of about 70 aircraft, to the northern Arabian Sea in an effort to deter Iran from taking military action in the region or elsewhere. It is worth noting that there has been no regular presence of a U.S. aircraft carrier in the region for several years. This action comes as U.S. officials have said that signs of heightened Iranian preparations to strike U.S. and other targets in the waters off Iran as well as in Iraq and Yemen in late April emerged shortly after the Trump administration announced it was clamping down further on Iran's economy by ending waivers to sanctions on buyers of Iranian crude oil.

The Lincoln's contingent of 44 Navy Super Hornet fighters are flying a carefully calibrated set of missions off the carrier night and day, mainly to establish a visible U.S. "presence" that Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, the head of Central Command, said Saturday

seems to have caused Iran to "tinker with" its preparation for potential attacks. In an article written by Navy Times, McKenzie went on to say that if the U.S. had not acted "it is entirely likely that an attack would have taken place by now."

However, Iran's influential Revolutionary Guard has said it does not fear a possible war with the U.S. and asserted that America's military might has not grown in power in recent years. "The enemy is not more powerful than before," the Guard spokesman, Gen. Ramazan Sharif, said recently. Likewise, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif recently stated that Iran has the right to defend itself against U.S. aggression and specifically vowed that Tehran will use "whatever missiles it wants" as a deterrence against increased American military presence in the region. Speaking of the contingent of U.S. warships in the region Zarif said "These ships are located very close to our waters; we have the right to put whatever missiles we

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ancient fishing village is mentioned several times in the New Testament as a city where Jesus lived and ministered (Mark 6:45; Luke 9:10; John 12:21).

Whenever I read of archaeological discoveries such as this I am reminded of Jesus words rebuking the Pharisees attempts to silence His disciples. Jesus told the Pharisees

that if His disciples were to remain silent, the stones would cry out (Luke 19:37-40). I cannot help but think of this passage every time a new and exciting archaeological discovery is made that further validates another detail of Scripture. The artifacts of the ancient world continue to cry out to us concerning the real people, real places, and real history of the Bible! — PNL

PRAY: Pray that the LORD will continue to allow us such insight into the historicity of his Word through many more exciting architectural discoveries in the years to come!

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system of exchange and currency (Revelation 13:16-17) that will facilitate the authority this end times leader will have over the entire population (Revelation 13:7). The Bible teaches that everyone will need to utilize this from of currency to buy or sell anything!

While it is difficult to imagine any one government having such authority, many Bible teachers and scholars are interested to see if a

social media giant such as Facebook – who is already accepted and used daily by an estimated 2 billion people worldwide – could fulfill the role of a world leader prophesied in Scripture. Thus, many speculate that through such influence, an as of yet unknown crypto-currency could play a nefarious role during the end times. Let us pray these actions by Facebook are not directed toward advancing this goal.—PNL

PRAY: Pray that this effort by Facebook to create a crypto-currency will not be used for nefarious purposes. Pray for economic stability around the world.

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want to put on them.”

It goes without saying that the increased threats coming from Iran always remind us of numerous scriptural passages such as those in which the prophet Daniel and Jesus both warned of wars and rumors of wars until the return of Christ (Daniel 9:26; Matthew 24:6). The Old Testament prophet Joel also fearfully predicted

that the citizens of the world would be engaged in such a great degree of warfare that they would need to turn their everyday tools into weapons of war (Joel 3:9,10). With the tensions between Iran and the U.S. increasing to this recent level the predictions of the prophet Joel become even more relevant. However, we should continue in serious prayer. — PNL

PRAY: Pray that the Lord would protect the U.S. as tensions with Iran increase. Pray that threats coming from Iran of an attack on the U.S. and other targets would not come to fruition.