

A Christian View of the Coming Temple – Opinion

A big topic in New Testament Bible prophecy: The building of the Third Temple

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←A computer-generated rendition of the Third Temple (photo credit: YOUTUBE SCREENSHOT)

The Temple Mount in Jerusalem is the focus of ongoing Bible history and prophecy. This is the center of the world, where Abraham offered up his son Isaac, where King David purchased land and where his son Solomon built the First Temple. It is also where Jesus cleansed the Temple and a poor widow gave an offering of two copper coins that Jesus said was greater than all the most extravagant donations. Ancient biblical Mount Moriah is Jerusalem's most recognizable landscape—to the Jews it is

called the Temple Mount and to Muslims it is the Noble Sanctuary.

Since Israel re-captured the Old City of Jerusalem from Jordan in 1967, the Jewish state has maintained a fragile religious balance, and the Temple Mount is indeed the most divisive real estate in the world. Jewish activists for decades have been leading efforts to change the status quo as a matter of religious freedom by demanding, "If Muslims can pray there, why not Jews?"

In Matthew chapter 24, Jesus was speaking to his Jewish brethren and not to the yet-to-be-formed Church. He said that in the Last Days, Israel must watch for an abomination that will take place in the Holy Place. He forewarned, "When you see standing in the Holy Place 'the abomination that causes desolation,' spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand."

More than a quarter of the Bible is prophetic in nature; there are approximately 1,800 prophecies in both testaments combined. God has recorded much of the future as a guide for us. Jesus also gave a major discourse on end-time events that's recorded in all three of the synoptic Gospels. . . in Matthew Chapter 24, Mark Chapter 13 and Luke Chapter 21.

Jesus' disciples had asked him directly: "What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered with a catalogue of tumultuous signs that would lead up to His second coming, adding in Matthew 24:34, "*Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*"

What would be the major sign of that final generation?

In Jesus' prophetic briefing (known as the Olivet Discourse), he said that Jerusalem will be in the hands once again of the Jewish people and thus Jerusalem will be the central focus of upheavals. Jesus prophesied in Luke 21:24 that Jerusalem would be "trodden down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

So the sign of all signs that has not been present in any generation until now is the re-emergence of the state of Israel in 1948. The Bible said the Jews would return, and they did after nearly 1,900 years—such a return to a homeland has never happened before in history. Furthermore...

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