

## **RED HEIFER UPDATE**

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I've spoken a few times about the Red Heifer — and its potential involvement in end-time prophecy.

Most months I get an email or two asking if there are any updates. It seems to be of interest . So — just in case you're one of those who's wondering — this is my end-of-the-year update.

But perhaps first ... let's remind ourselves why we're looking for a red heifer at all.

There is no direct prophetic scripture anywhere — but it's something we can infer from certain scriptures.

A key end-time scripture:

### **Matthew 24:15-16**

15 “Therefore **when you see the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, **standing in the holy place**” (whoever reads, let him understand),

16 “**then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.**

### **SEE THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION IN THE HOLY PLACE**

### **Matthew 24:21-22**

21 For **then there will be great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 **And unless those days were shortened**, no flesh would be saved; **but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.** (*unlike anything that has ever been before in man's history*)

### **TRIBULATION**

### **Matthew 24:23-25**

23 “Then if anyone says to you, ‘**Look, here is the Christ!**’ or ‘**There!**’ do not believe it.

24 **For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive**, if possible, even the elect.

25 **See, I have told you beforehand.**

### **FALSE CHRISTS — with signs and wonders!**

The Abomination is a great sign! In a Temple?

**Understand Daniel!** So — let’s do that! There are 4 places for us to look at.

### **Daniel 8:9-12**

9 And out of one of them came **a little horn** which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land.

10 And **it** grew up to the host of heaven; and **it** cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. (*“It” — the little horn*)

11 **He** even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; **and by him (the little horn) the daily sacrifices were taken away**, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. (*the Prince of the host = Jesus Christ*)

12 Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and **he cast truth down to the ground**. He did all this and prospered.

**The Jewish sacrifices were “taken away”.** So they must have started?! It implies an altar (at least)?

### **Daniel 9:27**

27 Then **he** shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; [*“one week” = one Shabua = 7 years*] (*“he” = the little horn — the Antichrist*)

**But in the middle of the week**

**He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.**

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,  
Is poured out on the desolate.”

#### **Daniel 9:27 NIV**

27 **He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering.** And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

**HE will bring an end to the sacrifices at the 3½ year point.**

#### **Daniel 11:31**

31 And forces shall be mustered by **him**, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then **they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.** (“Him” — *The King of The North*)

#### **Daniel 11:31 NIV**

31 **“His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.**

#### **Daniel 11:31 ESV**

31 **Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.**

**Take away the daily sacrifices and place there the Abomination of Desolation.**

#### **Daniel 12:11**

11 **“And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

### **Daniel 12:11 NASB**

11 **From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.**

It is pretty clear that the Jews will have commenced regular sacrifices. The New Authorities (with a strong ... powerful Islamic leader?) will put a stop to them.

### **At which point the Great Tribulation starts!**

(Such sacrifices would be blasphemous to God? **Only the Blood of Jesus is acceptable**)

There is no altar or Temple today ... but scripture implies there will be at the end-time.

### **Revelation 11:1-3**

1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "**Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.**

2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, **for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.** (Islamic forces?)

3 **And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days,** clothed in sackcloth."

### **At the end-time:**

- Temple
- Altar
- Worshippers
- Sacrifices
- Court where the Gentiles trample the Holy City underfoot for 42 months
- Time of the 2 Witnesses

## **2 Thessalonians 2:1-4**

1 Now, brethren, **concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (PAROUSIA) and gathering together to Him**, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, (*counterfeits*) **as though the day of Christ had come**.

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day will not come** unless the falling away comes first, **and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition**,

4 **who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped**, so that **he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God**. (*Pompous ... arrogant individual*)

**At the time of Jesus' Coming — a man of sin is in the Temple of God.**

**Some say these scriptures** are not referring to a physical Temple built by the Jews — but **refer to the Spiritual "Temple" of the Church**.

Let's look at an example of one or two of those scriptures:

## **Ephesians 2:19-22**

19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but **fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God**,

20 **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into **a holy temple in the Lord**,

22 **in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit**.

**Believers are likened to a building — a Holy Temple.**

**This is figurative language.** Saying Jesus is a stone ... or believers are a building ... are **metaphors**. Easy to understand.

### **1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

19 Or **do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Our body is a temple. But figurative — a metaphor — to illustrate Truth.** (We don't have an altar inside us and priests and Levites offering sacrifices!!)

**So don't try to "spiritualise away" straightforward references!!**

**The key necessity for sacrifices is an altar.** A full Temple could come a little later?

### **Ezra 3:1-6**

1 And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.

2 **Then Jeshua the son of Jozadak and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and his brethren, arose and built the altar of the God of Israel,** to offer burnt offerings on it, as it is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. *(The altar was set up about 15 years before the rest of the temple was built)*

3 Though fear had come upon them because of the people of those countries, **they set the altar on its bases; and they offered burnt offerings on it to the LORD,** both the morning and evening burnt offerings. *(These are the sacrifices that will be abolished at the end-time)*

4 They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day.

5 Afterwards they offered the regular burnt offering, and those for New Moons and for all the appointed feasts of the LORD that were

consecrated, and those of everyone who willingly offered a freewill offering to the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh month **they began to offer burnt offerings to the LORD, although the foundation of the temple of the LORD had not been laid.**

**The altar was built before the foundation of the temple was laid.**

However ... **before all of that — the key persons — priests ... Levites ... and vestments/utensils — need to be ceremonially purified.**

**That requires a red heifer!** They are the beginning of this ritual.

#### **Numbers 19:1-10**

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying,

2 “This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying: ‘Speak to the children of Israel, that they **bring you a red heifer without blemish, in which there is no defect and on which a yoke has never come.**

3 You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, that he may take it outside the camp, and it shall be slaughtered before him;

4 and Eleazar **the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood seven times directly in front of the tabernacle of meeting.**

5 **Then the heifer shall be burned in his sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its offal shall be burned.**

6 And **the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and cast them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer.**

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, he shall bathe in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp; the priest shall be unclean until evening.

8 And the one who burns it shall wash his clothes in water, bathe in water, and shall be unclean until evening.

**9 Then a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and store them outside the camp in a clean place; and they shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for the water of purification; it is for purifying from sin.**

10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until evening. It shall be a statute forever to the children of Israel and to the stranger who dwells among them.

**The ashes are used to create the water of purification.**

**Rabbis claim that there have only been 9 red heifers since the days of Moses.** The last one was about 2,000 years ago.

After a 2,000 year gap ... there are now “three potentials” in Israel!!  
There were 5 last year — now down to 3?

If even one at least is suitable — then the Jews can move to the next stage?

**Judaism teaches there will only ever be 10 red heifers till the Messiah comes. The next will be the 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**To get the Temple and the Sacrificial System up and running you need:**

- **Priests and Levites**
- **Vestments**
- **Utensils**
- **Altar**
- **Purification water — a red heifer is key**

Judaism teaches that a suitable heifer must be in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year (so at least two years and one day old).

The current 3 heifers turned two years old in October this year. **IF** still unblemished — then they are now eligible!

Has one already been killed and burned to ashes? Commentators are unsure. The religious Jews are saying nothing!



Some think that the current conflict with Hamas may have postponed any plans? A red heifer sacrifice at this time might result in further international criticism!

On the other hand — if they’ve waited 2,000 years ... and a red heifer is eligible now — maybe better not delay (in case blemishes start to appear?)

So ... it may have taken place in “secret”?

If so ... a likely location could be Shiloh? Where the Tabernacle and the Ark of The Covenant were kept for many centuries. (Jerusalem probably “too public”?). Or maybe the Mount of Olives? Another possibility — at Passover in 2024?

The heifers are currently at Shiloh and a few months ago a Visitor Centre was opened for those who want to see them!

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### Israelis Come to See Red Heifer and Discuss the Temple

Officials say the return of the red heifer will attract many Jews and Christians eager to witness the fulfillment of prophecy.

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The red heifer in its new home at the Ancient Shiloh heritage site. Credit: Binyamin Regional Council.

### Biblically Pure Red Heifer Arrives In Ancient Shiloh, Captivating Visitors And Researchers

Rare biblically pure red heifer finds new home in Israeli heritage site, attracting global attention

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A red heifer would weigh around 800–1,000 lbs. It would take between 10–12 hours to completely burn to ashes. If it has already happened ... then it would have probably been recorded on video in the presence of senior rabbis.

They can keep the ashes as long as they want — years if necessary. Before starting the daily sacrifices in Jerusalem — they may need political support from the Israeli government. Perhaps linked to the 7 year covenant of Daniel 9:27? Otherwise we can imagine lots of protests!

So:

- 1) It seems reasonable to expect a red heifer in the end-time
- 2) In the last 12 months — 5 promising red heifers arrived from Texas
- 3) By last July — 3 eligible remained
- 4) It's believed they reached a suitable age in October
- 5) The status today is not known! Already burned? Or perhaps del

**STILL WATCHING AND WAITING!**