

RED HEIFER—THE LATEST!

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Most of us have an interest in end-time prophecy? Try to be watchful? Keep an eye on world events that may indicate we're getting close.

One of the signs that many believers are looking for is the red heifer sacrifice. We've spoken of it before ... but probably worth an update since it has been in the news again in the past few weeks!

Where are we in the red heifer timeline?

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 **alive**; **but for the elect's sake those days will be**

shortened. (unlike anything that has ever been before in man's history)

GREAT 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 8:8-12

8 Therefore **the male goat grew very great**; but when he became strong, **the large horn was broken**, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven.

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!

(Any such sacrifices would be blasphemous to God? **Only the Blood of Jesus is acceptable.** BELIEVERS DON'T NEED A RED HEIFER — BUT THE JEWS THINK THEY DO — BECAUSE THEY REJECTED JESUS).

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.” (*Probably from the Temple area*)

At the end-time:

- Temple
- Altar
- Worshipers
- 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** which is in you, which 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 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; (on the same exact spot as the previous altar) 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 ... a Texan rancher — Byron Stinson — sourced 5 promising red heifers and sent them to Israel in 2022.

They were to be monitored by the rabbis to see if a suitable blemish-free candidate would appear.

As time had past ... most have been disqualified.

Judaism teaches there will only ever be 10 red heifers till the time of their prophesied Messiah. The next will be the 10th!

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

- **Priests and Levites**
- **Vestments**
- **Utensils**
- **Altar**
- **Purification water**

So where are we now?

On July 1 this year ... a red heifer was slaughtered and burned in Shiloh ... and the ashes collected.

So ... we are good to go?

Maybe — but maybe not! There is a disagreement as to whether the red heifer was valid (unblemished). Some say it was. **But the official story is that this was merely a “dress rehearsal”! The official story is that none of the current red heifers are good enough.**

Also ... **Rabbinical rules require the red heifer sacrifice to take place in Jerusalem ... on the Mount of Olives.** Hence ... some have another reason to reject this “sacrifice”. **However ... Rabbinical rules are not Biblical (Torah) rules ... so it's possible some Jews could be persuaded to accept a sacrifice at Shiloh?**

Because of the controversial nature of a red heifer sacrifice ... it's possible that the official story might conceal the reality? When Hamas attacked Israel on October 7 2023 ... one of the reasons they gave was to thwart a red heifer sacrifice — which they believed was being planned (according to Abu Obeida ... Hamas spokesman).

However ... Byron Stinson was at the July 1 “sacrifice” and believes it was fully valid:

“Many will continue to fight against the ceremony. I just think the world needs to know. The ceremony was perfect. In a place outside of the camp. And in the opinion of those I respect ...we used a perfect red heifer”.

Yet the official story is that the event was nothing more than a dress rehearsal? That seems a bit suspicious to me. Apparently ... they did use one of their actual red heifers. These are very rare and were intended for breeding in the hope of future generations of even better quality red heifers. Why use a high-quality red heifer for a mere dress rehearsal — when you could use just an average cow? The preparation and method would be identical? That's why some people suspect it was a genuine ... perfect red heifer.

Byron Stinson seems a decent guy. He's a Christian. I can't imagine him deliberately lying? So ... perhaps the Jews do now have the ashes of a red heifer?

If so ... they can keep the ashes as long as they want — years if necessary.

Before using them for sacrifices ... and progressing towards a new temple ... they may need to await greater political support from the Israeli Government. Likely to be very controversial!

So ... as of today ... we don't know for sure. It is according to Byron Stinson.

It's very possible the red heifer sacrifice has taken place — despite the official denials.

I suppose the fact that ... at the very least ... a full dress rehearsal took place shows that people are expectant — and want to be ready!

In the meantime — we watch and wait!



