

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- For today's prophecy update I'll address a matter that was brought to my attention concerning the Arch of the Temple of Baal.
- This because, it now seems there's been a backtracking of sorts as it relates to replicas being placed in New York and London.
- What I'd like to do is start from the beginning, when this story broke then bring you up to speed on what's happening as of now.

I'll begin with this report from The Guardian, back on December 28<sup>th</sup>, of last year, titled, "Palmyra arch that survived Isis to be replicated in London and New York." In it they say that copies of the 15-meter Temple of Baal entrance in Syria, will be built in London and New York in a "gesture of defiance." Quoting from the article, "The construction of the replicas will be the centerpiece of events for world heritage week, planned for April with a theme of replication and reconstruction. It has also been characterized as a gesture of defiance against religious extremists' attempts to erase evidence of the Middle East's pre-Islamic history."

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/dec/28/palmyra-temple-bel-arch-survived-isis-syria-london-new-york>

On the same day, back in December of last year, "The United Press International News, also reported on this with the headline, Palmyra, Syria, arch threatened by Islamic State to be recreated in London, NYC." Here's what they had to say, Replicas of an arch in the 2,000-year-old Temple of Bel, among the last remaining parts of an ancient Palmyra, Syria, structure demolished by the Islamic State, will be erected in London and New York. The temple has been systematically razed, with the 50-foot-tall arch among the few remaining elements of the building still standing. The temple, dedicated in 32 A.D. to the Mesopotamian god Bel, attracted 150,000 tourists per year until 2011, when the civil war in Syria began."

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2015/12/28/Palmyra-Syria-arch-threatened-by-Islamic-State-to-be-recreated-in-London-NYC/8221451305365/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2015/12/28/Palmyra-Syria-arch-threatened-by-Islamic-State-to-be-recreated-in-London-NYC/8221451305365/)

This brings us to this last week, and the controversy that erupted in the blogosphere, when conflicting reports emerged that it's not the Arch of the Temple of Baal that's being replicated in London and New York, rather, it's the "Arch of Triumph" instead. And, to make matters worse, it was also reported that it would not be simultaneous in New York and London on April 19<sup>th</sup>, and instead, would only be in London. As you might imagine, social media lit up with no shortage of anti-Christian antagonists quick with such labels as, "Conspiracy Theorists" and "Christian Extremists" and everything in between. Now, here's the problem, this is seen as yet another instance in which, students and teachers of Bible prophecy, have once again been duped, to which I would lovingly respond, "not so fast!"

This Telegraph article from Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, explains why. The title reads, "Why the Arch of Triumph of Palmyra is being recreated in London - 1,800 years after it was built." In it they say, "When the Institute for Digital Archeology (IDA) revealed last December that it was intending to use its data and expertise to build not one but two replica Palmyra arches – to be unveiled simultaneously ...in London and ...in New York – it generated headlines across the world. Since then there has been some backtracking on the original idea. There will be no simultaneous unveiling in New York – they may transport the London arch there later, or build another one – and the Palmyra arch that is being reconstructed is no longer the entrance to the Temple of Bel (which survived an attempt to blow it up in August 2015) but the Arch of Triumph (partially destroyed in October) formerly located at one end of the Great Colonnade."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/08/why-the-arch-of-triumph-of-palmyra-is-being-recreated-in-london/>

- This brings up several questions, chief of which is why did they change their minds and decide on the Arch of Triumph instead?
- Another question that comes up is that of when this decision was made, and perhaps more importantly, who actually made it.
- While we may not know the answers to these questions, we do know that as of December of last year, it was the Arch of Baal.

- I do find it rather interesting that in the aforementioned Telegraph article, they note that it generated headlines across the world.
- The reason I find that interesting is because it suggests they may have encountered opposition significant enough to change it.
- However, whether or not that is what happened the fact remains that replicas of the Arch of Baal were planned for April the 19<sup>th</sup>.

- Here's where I'm going with this, I believe, by virtue of the fact that this was the original plan, that this in and of itself is enough.
- By that I mean, regardless of the decision to replicate the Arch of Triumph instead, it's enough that it was Baal in the first place.
- In other words, just the fact that they would even plan to do something like this is evidence that the handwriting is on the wall.

- Here's how I get there, just August of last year the stunning display of the Hindu goddess "Kali" lit up the Empire State Building.
- Here's the point, America long ago replaced the only true and living God, with these demonic false gods, and they'll continue to.
- It should actually come as no surprise given that scripture is conspicuously silent as it relates to the United States of America.

Perhaps we need look no further than to the book of Judges to see what happens when a nation serves the gods of Syria: Judges 10:6-7, 13-14 (NKJV) — 6 Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him. 7 So the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the people of Ammon. We're then told in verse thirteen the Lord's response to the children of Israel, when they cried out to Him ... 13 Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods. Therefore I will deliver you no more. 14 Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in your time of distress."

- I'll bring it to a close by simply saying that which I've said many times before, which is the pre-tribulation rapture is imminent.
- If you have never called upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, then I implore you to do so today, and not put it off any longer!