

Temple Mount Artifact Bears Name of Biblical Official, Strengthening Israel's Claim

Archaeologists in Jerusalem have uncovered a remarkable link to the First Temple period, reinforcing both Israel's ancient ties to the Temple Mount and the Bible's historical accuracy.

The Temple Mount Sifting Project announced July 30 the discovery of a rare and exceptionally well-preserved clay seal impression bearing the name "Yed[a']yah (son of) Asayahu." The project said the artifact "still retains a clear fingerprint, presumably left by the ancient official who once owned it."



Temple Mount Sifting Project

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The seal was unearthed from soil illegally removed from the Temple Mount during unsupervised construction by the Islamic Waqf in 1999 and later dumped in the Kidron Valley, Fox News reported. Volunteers and archaeologists have since recovered countless artifacts from the debris, each telling its own story of Jerusalem's Jewish past.

The find dates to the late 7th or early 6th century B.C., during the reign of King Josiah, a period when the Bible records sweeping Temple reforms. "Among Josiah's trusted envoys was a senior official named Asayahu, described as 'the king's servant,'" the project said. "Given his prominent role, it is reasonable to assume that his son, Yed'yah, may have also served in a high-ranking capacity."



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Marks on the back of the seal indicate it was used to secure a bag or container, offering a glimpse into the daily life of an official involved in Temple or royal administration. The Temple Mount Sifting Project called the possibility of a direct link between the seal and King Josiah “highly plausible,” noting that “historically, seals like these were reserved for officials of high rank, and many individuals named in similar discoveries from Jerusalem have been directly identified with biblical-era officials.”

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For Israel and supporters of the Bible’s historical reliability, the discovery is more than an archaeological triumph, it is tangible proof of Jewish presence and governance on the Temple Mount thousands of years ago. Names from the pages of Scripture, like Asayahu, are appearing on physical artifacts, aligning with biblical accounts and timelines.

The find also directly challenges political narratives that deny Jewish historical ties to the Temple Mount. From the First Temple constructed by King Solomon to the Second Temple standing in Jesus’ day, the Mount has been the center of Jewish worship for millennia. This seal, like many others, confirms that connection with physical evidence.

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As disputes over Jerusalem’s history and future continue, discoveries like this remind the world that the Bible is not myth but recorded history, and that the Temple Mount has always been, and remains, the holiest site in Judaism.

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Sea of Galilee Turns Blood-Red, Stirring End-Times Speculation

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The Sea of Galilee has taken on an unexpected and striking crimson hue, leaving both residents and tourists in awe. Waves tinted deep red rolled toward the shore, prompting comparisons to the plagues of Egypt described in the book of Exodus.

“Stunned visitors watched crimson waves roll onto the shore, with some comparing the eerie transformation to the 10 plagues God inflicted on the Egyptians,” the Daily Mail reported. The scene unfolded on Israel’s most storied freshwater lake, a place central to the history of both Judaism and Christianity.



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Israel’s environmental ministry traced the phenomenon to a bloom of *Botryococcus braunii*, a green microalga that can produce a reddish pigment under intense sunlight. Officials confirmed that “tests show the water is safe for swimming, despite its unsettling hue.” Scientists at the Kinneret Research Laboratory also found the algae to be harmless, noting no reported health issues.

This microalga, present in freshwater and brackish habitats around the world, is known for generating hydrocarbons similar to crude oil. Such blooms occur when warm weather, ample

nutrients and sunlight create favorable conditions for pigment production.



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The Sea of Galilee is not the only body of water in the region to undergo such a transformation. In 2021, a pool near the Dead Sea in Jordan's ancient region of Moab turned a vivid red. That site is traditionally connected to Sodom and Gomorrah, cities the Bible records as destroyed for their wickedness.

Biblical and Prophetic Significance

Though scientists have given a natural explanation, the imagery carries deep spiritual weight. The sight brings to mind the first plague of Egypt in Exodus 7:17–21, when God turned the Nile to blood as a sign of judgment and a call to repentance.

The Sea of Galilee itself holds immense New Testament significance as well, it is where Jesus walked on water, calmed the storm, fed multitudes and called several of His disciples. To see its waters turn scarlet evokes both the reality of judgment and the hope found in Christ's sacrificial blood.

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Prophecy in Revelation 8:8 and 16:3–4 describes future judgments in which seas and rivers will become like blood during the Great Tribulation. While this current event is not the fulfillment of those passages, it visually mirrors them and reminds us to remain spiritually alert.

In Matthew 16:3, Jesus urged His listeners to discern “the signs of the times.” While this algae bloom is a natural occurrence, its location and biblical context invite prayerful reflection on God’s purposes in the present moment.

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Moments such as this should inspire faith rather than fear. They affirm the reliability of God’s Word and encourage readiness for whatever lies ahead. As the world witnesses unusual signs in creation, we are called to live with discernment and hope, trusting that Christ holds the future.

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Elvis Presley’s Bible on Display for Church’s Centennial Celebration

A Suffolk church is marking its 100th anniversary with a special exhibition featuring a Bible once owned by Elvis Presley. While the legendary musician struggled with substance abuse for years, he never lost his faith and carried the Bible with him through the years.

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The Needham Market Evangelical Church is hosting the display through Friday, as reported by The Christian Post. Gary Stevens, the church’s pastor, told the BBC he reached out to the Museum of the Book in London after learning it had the

Bible on display. The museum, known for its extensive collection of centuries-old printed Bibles, agreed to loan it for the event.



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Among the notable features of Presley's Bible are handwritten notes in the margins. "Under Psalm 11, he has written, 'In the Lord I have placed my trust and he will guide me,'" Stevens said. "Under another Psalm he's written, 'Lord send me light to guide me,' and other things we have like, 'Deliver me for I am nothing without you.'"

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Presley received the Bible as a Christmas gift in 1957 from his aunt and uncle, according to Stevens, who said the family verified its authenticity. Raised in Mississippi, Presley grew up in a Christian household and went on to record several Gospel hits.

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Before his death in 1977, Presley earned 14 Grammy nominations and won three, all in Gospel categories. His rendition of the hymn "How Great Thou Art" earned him his first Grammy in 1967 for Best Sacred Performance according to .

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You've Been Reading Philippians 4:13 All Wrong, and the Real Meaning Is Even Better

The threat of global anti-Semitism is reaching alarming new levels, with one well-known Israeli tech leader warning that a large-scale, coordinated attack on Jews could be imminent. As incidents of anti-Jewish hatred surge worldwide, fears are mounting that hostility toward Israel and its people is moving far beyond political disagreement into something far more dangerous.

On a recent episode of The Hot Zone, host Chuck Holton discussed a chilling prediction from Israeli commentator Hillel Fuld, who accurately warned of a major event just days before Hamas' Oct. 7 attack. "On October 5th, 2023, I predicted that something big was about to happen and Israel would be at the center of it," Fuld said in a Facebook post. Now, Holton reports, Fuld is warning again, this time that "a very large-scale attack on Jews is about to happen. Not harassment, not graffiti. I'm talking about a well-coordinated terrorist attack on a major Jewish location where Jews gather in large numbers."

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Holton underscored the data driving Fuld's fears. "If you aggregate all of these countries, the number of anti-Semitic incidents reported in these seven countries has gone from a total in 2021 of 9,767 ... to 21,620 in 2023 after the war started," he said, noting that the U.S. alone saw more than

9,300 incidents in 2024—nearly matching the combined total of all seven nations just three years earlier. Fuld has compared the current climate to “Germany, 1935 level anti-Semitism,” warning that it has “reached a point of no return.”

Holton also highlighted massive pro-Palestinian demonstrations across Europe, Australia and North America, pointing to demographic changes that have shifted political policies toward recognizing a Palestinian state. He argued that targeting ordinary Jewish people for the actions of Israel’s government is “foolish” and “counterproductive,” saying, “Terrorism always loses for that very reason because nobody likes a terrorist. Nobody.”



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The episode also focused on Hamas’ use of hostages as leverage in the ongoing conflict. Holton described newly released images of two emaciated captives as part of “a deliberate and well-planned sadistic propaganda campaign” aimed at pressuring Israel to meet Hamas’ demands. “None of that food is going to get to your hostages until you agree to end the war,” Holton said, noting the group’s call for far more daily aid shipments than Gaza’s population requires.

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Israeli politician Gideon Sa’ar, whose remarks Holton aired, accused Western nations like France, the United Kingdom and Canada of giving a “pure prize for terror” through their policies. He warned that recognizing a Palestinian state would “lead to the assassination of the chances to reach a hostage deal and the ceasefire.”

Holton closed with a sharp critique of the mainstream media,

accusing outlets such as The New York Times, Washington Post and Associated Press of suppressing positive coverage of Israel while amplifying narratives that paint the nation in a negative light. “They will not show anything pro-Israel. Anything Israel does good, they won’t show it,” he said.

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As tensions escalate and predictions of violence grow more urgent, believers are reminded to stay grounded in Scripture, holding fast to God’s promises and His plan for Israel. The pressures against the Jewish people will only intensify as the last days progress, making it all the more vital to know what the Bible says and to remain steadfast in faith.

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Palestinian Statehood Push Risks Biblical Judgment, Experts Warn

In recent weeks, Israel has seen multiple developments that point to the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. From thousands of Jews praying openly on the Temple Mount during Tisha B’Av to groundbreaking archaeological discoveries in Shiloh, events are unfolding that echo the pages of Scripture.

During the Jewish day of mourning for the destruction of the First and Second temples, Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir joined thousands ascending the Temple Mount. For decades, Jewish prayer at the site has been heavily

restricted, but this year saw a striking change. Under police supervision, Jews prayed, sang and even prostrated themselves, acts rarely permitted in recent history. Videos circulated showing worshippers singing and dancing while officers looked on. Supporters called it a historic shift, with some noting it had been a thousand years since such freedom was seen at Judaism's holiest site.

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The Temple Mount is the historic location of the First and Second temples, and the Bible prophesies that a Third temple will one day stand there (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 11:1-2).

The Temple Institute reported that over 4,000 Jews visited the site during the fast, while tens of thousands more prayed at the Western Wall for the temple's rebuilding. The Institute also declared publicly in a social media post that "the time has come" to rebuild, a statement showcasing the growing urgency among temple advocates.



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Meanwhile, archaeologists at the biblical site of Shiloh announced a discovery that could shed light on Israel's earliest worship.

Dr. Scott Stripling and his team unearthed a monumental building from the Iron Age I period that matches the biblical dimensions of the tabernacle. The structure's east-to-west orientation and 2:1 room ratio align with the description in Exodus 26. Excavations also uncovered more than 100,000 animal bones, primarily from the right side, consistent with Levitical priestly offerings.

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Stripling's team believes they may have also identified the gate where Eli the high priest died in 1 Samuel 4 after hearing the Ark of the Covenant had been captured. The finds provide a tangible connection to Israel's worship history and the Ark's significance as the earthly dwelling of God's presence.

The convergence of these events, increased Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount and archaeological evidence pointing to the Ark's former resting place, has drawn attention from prophecy watchers. Scripture tells us of a future temple in Jerusalem where sacrifices will resume before the desecration prophesied by Daniel and referenced by Jesus. Zechariah 12 warns that Jerusalem will become "a burdensome stone" for the nations, a reality evident as changes on the Temple Mount continue to spark global reaction.

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As tensions in the region remain high and Israel engages militarily in Gaza and against Iran, the renewed focus on the Temple Mount and the temple's restoration adds to the prophetic landscape. Biblical warnings of deception, apostasy and lawlessness in the last days (2 Thess. 2; Matt. 24) serve as reminders for believers to remain grounded in Scripture and spiritually vigilant.

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Joe Rogan Confronted With the Gospel in Viral Podcast Moment

The supernatural has a way of grabbing people's attention. Whether it's something mysterious in the skies, an unexplainable event or a moment that feels too perfectly timed to be coincidence, these encounters can stir wonder, curiosity and even fear. For believers however, they often raise an important question, how should Christians respond when the extraordinary breaks into everyday life?

Pastor Troy Brewer of Open Door Church in Burleson, Texas, says the answer starts with keeping your eyes on Jesus. "We are all in desperate need of a savior," Brewer said. "Don't get away from your commitment. Don't get away from being consecrated in the fear of the Lord. Don't get away from Him."

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For Brewer, the danger isn't in the encounter itself, but in letting it steal your focus. "I have to repent of being impressed with this evil," he said. "I choose to be impressed with the Lord Jesus Christ. My commitment is solid." His advice is simple, don't get so caught up in the mystery that you lose sight of the One who holds the answers.



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He also points to biblical prophecy as a reason to be ready for anything. Luke 21:11 speaks of "fearful sights," which Brewer says comes from the Greek word phobotrons, meaning "frightening monsters." "Jesus wouldn't predict that people

would start seeing scary monsters—unless He did,” Brewer said. Rather than a cause for alarm, he sees this as a reminder to stay spiritually prepared for whatever may come.

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At the end of the day, Brewer believes these moments, whether inspiring or unsettling, are a chance to lean in closer to God. “We’re supposed to be looking for Jesus,” he said. “I’m believing in the imminent and the glorious return of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

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When it comes to the supernatural, Brewer’s advice is clear: let it point you back to the Bible. Staying in God’s Word will keep you grounded and discerning no matter what you encounter.

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Temple Institute: All Red Heifers Have Been Disqualified

The Temple Institute says more than two decades of work to raise a biblically qualified red heifer have yet to yield a suitable candidate, despite efforts in both Israel and the United States, including animals flown in from Texas.

In a Facebook post titled “3 Week Diary: Work of the Temple

Institute – The Red Heifer,” the organization confirmed that “all our efforts so far have been frustrated by the appearance of more than one non-red hair on all our potential candidates.” This includes every red heifer that made the trip from Texas to Israel, all of which have been disqualified under the strict halachic rules.