

Is This the End of the Red Heifer Prophecy? What to Know

There's no doubt that all eyes have been on the red heifers due to their biblical importance, with their ties to the rebuilding of the Third Temple in Jerusalem. Recent developments, however, have caught the attention of many, as the timeline for when the purification ceremony involving the red heifer may have been placed on a pause.

Mondo Gonzales, host of "Prophecy Watchers," recently delved into the latest updates surrounding the red heifers. According to Gonzales, the red heifers brought to Israel in 2022, originating from Texas, have sparked a great deal of controversy. While the cows were initially deemed "perfectly red" and certified as kosher for the purification ceremony outlined in Numbers 19, several of the cows have since begun growing white hairs, which could disqualify them under Jewish law.

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Rabbi Azaria Ariel, a key figure from the Temple Institute, made waves with comments suggesting uncertainty about the suitability of the cows. His remarks indicated that, despite their initial certification, some of the red heifers may no longer meet the strict requirements necessary for the purification ceremony. This has sparked a wave of debate and concern among rabbis and scholars, many of whom question whether an agreement can ever be reached about their qualification.

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"Their goal is a consensus, but in the Book of Numbers, it

just says bring a red cow," Gonzales says. "God doesn't given any other prescriptions about that."

Gonzales points out that having the varied thoughts in opinions on a subject matter that is not strictly out of the Torah, but rather is man-made, is quite common in Judaism.

These developments come amid heightened tensions in Israel, especially after the violence of Hamas in late 2023 and a tumultuous political climate. Gonzales noted that Rabbi Ariel's comments might be a strategic move to downplay the visibility of the red heifer ceremony during such a volatile time. The suggestion of ambiguity about the cows' qualifications serves as a way to avoid escalating religious tensions, particularly in a sensitive geopolitical environment.

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Despite the doubts, there is still optimism that the red heifer ceremony could continue forward. The Temple Institute remains hopeful that the ceremony could take place soon, despite internal disagreements about the readiness of the cows. Plans are being made to hold the ceremony on land near the Mount of Olives, with a public demonstration, including a symbolic bonfire, slated to take place.

"The optimism is off the charts to see this ceremony happen this year," Gonzales says.

As we continue to race further down the end times, we just may see this ceremony happen despite any current obstacles in the way.

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