

Figtreewatchers Podcast Episode 128: Bank Collapses, FedNow, CBDCs, Israel-Saudi Peace, and Red Heifers

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Episode Summary: In this episode we went over the recent bank collapses, the federal government's new FedNow payment service, and updates in the CBDC race. We also discussed a possible shift in position that Saudi Arabia may be taking towards Palestinians that may further pave way for normalization with Israel. Finally, we ended off with discussion on the red heifers and the overall prophetic landscape we find ourselves in.

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Financial - Bank Collapse

- [CryptoSlate](#) | Speculation mounts that U.S. banking crisis was a ploy to push CBDCs | March 14th, 2023
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- [World Economic Forum](#) | Can central bank digital currencies help stabilize global financial markets? | January 18th, 2023

Financial - FedNow

- [Cointelegraph](#) | Federal Reserve confirms July launch for FedNow instant payment service | March 16th, 2023
- [CNBC](#) | Long-awaited Fed digital payment system to launch in July | March 15th, 2023

- [Forbes Advisor](#) | The Fed Is Rewiring The U.S. Payments System—Here's What That Means For You | March 10th, 2023

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- [CBN News](#) | Prophetic Anticipation Builds: Unblemished Red Heifers for Temple Ceremony Soon Come of Age | March 17th, 2023

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Encouraging Passages

- Titus 2:13
- James 5:7-8
- 2 Peter 3:10-13
- 1 John 3:2-3
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Philippians 4:6-8

The Gospel Presentation

Revelation 19:10 tells us that the essence of bible prophecy is Jesus Christ. These things were revealed to us so that we ultimately believe in Christ (John 13:19). We've all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23). Because God is Holy he must judge sin. The penalty of this sin is death and ultimately the Lake of fire (Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:11-15). There's nothing we can do to save ourselves (Isaiah 64:6).

But God, in his love has provided a way to escape his wrath through Christ (John 3:16-18, John 14:6). Jesus paid for our sin penalty by taking God's wrath in our stead on the cross (Romans 5:8). He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again 3 days later (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

You can accept this free gift of salvation by believing in Christ (Acts 16:30-31, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9). Make sure you've made the right decision about Jesus today (2 Corinthians 6:2)! It will be the most important decision of your life, for eternal life.