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My dear friends,

The Bible give us a glimpse of things to come. In the Book of Revelation, we have a picture of the new Heaven, the new Earth, of eternity, and what it will be like -- a city so spectacular its splendor is beyond description.

How can we keep this news to ourselves? We need to share it far and wide!

Heaven is a place so wonderful there is no pain, no heartache, no sorrow, no death, no sin, no evil! Those things are banished. God tells us, *"I will make all things new"* (Revelation 21:5).

The world is searching for the HOPE of heaven and desperately needs to hear the message of salvation.

We are so grateful for faithful friends like you who keep our ministry pressing forward!

Until He returns,

No Place for God in American Politics?



The Declaration of Independence specifically cites "the Creator" as the source of human rights. However, many politicians are now claiming the there is no place for God in American politics. Democratic Rep. Jerry Nadler of New York chastised one of his colleagues for mentioning God and the Bible during the House debate over the Equality Act Thursday, saying: "God's will is no concern of this Congress."

Rep. Greg Stuebe, R-Fla., said in his remarks on the House floor that the Equality Act is in opposition to

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United Nations Preparing to Create List of ‘LGBT Hate Groups’

A conservative group is warning that the United Nations is preparing to compile a list of “LGBT hate groups” that could be used as a “blacklist” to punish groups and organizations that subscribe to traditional beliefs about gender and sexuality.

According to the Center for Family and Human Rights, “the UN rights office is collecting the names of anyone who opposes the LGBT agenda in any way.” The report addresses the contents of a “call for input to a thematic report” on the topic of “gender, sexual orientation and gender identity.”

Issued by Victor Madrigal-Borloz, the United Nations’ independent expert on sexual orientation and gender identity, the call for input requests information on individual nation-states’ actions regarding issues of sexual orientation and gender identity in addition to asking for information about groups that oppose the idea that “the meanings attached to sex (and other) differences are socially created.” In other words, Madrigal-Borloz is seeking information about which organizations within a particular country subscribe to the idea that there are only two genders. He begins the call for input by noting that “many States have adopted gender as a key concept in laws and policies aimed at protecting women and LGBT persons against violence and discrimination.”

He laments the fact that “within multilateral and regional organizations, among other fora, there are currently narratives that, under different lines of characterization (including the accusation of so-called ‘gender ideology’),

seek to eliminate the gender framework from international human rights law instruments and processes, and national legislative and policy documents.”



The stated purpose of the impending report is to “document how these narratives are being used to fuel violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and their particular impact on sexual and reproductive rights.” Madrigal-Borloz

seeks responses from “States, regional and national human rights institutions, non-governmental organization, UN agencies, academic institutions, local governments and other relevant stakeholders.”

The first four questions he seeks answers to deal with actions taken by individual states to establish definitions of gender, establish policies “aiming to address violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity,” establish databases detailing forms of violence and discrimination against LGBT people, and teach comprehensive sexuality education. The remaining questions ask about narratives that exist surrounding gender and sexuality within specific countries. These questions cause the Center for Family and Human Rights particular concern. “Are there examples where the concept of gender has been used in religious narratives or narratives of tradition, traditional values or protection of the family to hinder the adoption of legislative policy measures aimed at addressing or eradicating violence and

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US Embassy to Stay in Jerusalem

The Biden administration plans to keep the U.S. embassy to Israel in Jerusalem, upholding a decision by former President Donald Trump. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in an interview with CNN's Wolf Blitzer that he recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The interview was followed by the release of a CQ Roll Call report that cited an unnamed Biden administration source saying that the U.S. will not move the embassy out of Jerusalem, despite Palestinian opposition.

"The U.S. position is that our embassy will remain in Jerusalem, which we recognize as Israel's capital," the source was quoted as saying. "The ultimate status of Jerusalem is a final status issue which will need to be resolved by



the parties in the context of direct negotiations." In his interview with Blitzer, Blinken was asked directly if he recognizes Israel as the capital of Israel. "I do, yes," the secretary responded. "And more importantly, we do." Blinken was asked if he would support Palestine locating its capital in East Jerusalem as part of a potential peace agreement. "What we have to see happen is for the parties to get together and negotiate these so-called final status issues," he said.

The Biden administration's confirmation comes days after the Senate voted 97-3 in favor of a congressional budget amendment that kept the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem. The only nays

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discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity?" he asks.

Additional questions ask about whether "gender ideology," "genderism" or other gender-related concepts have been used to introduce retrogressive measures, in particular but not limited to LGBT communities," and if there have been "initiatives taken by States in connection with the right to freedom of religion, belief or conscience (including the figure of conscientious objection) that have had the practical impact of limiting the enjoyment of human rights (including sexual and reproductive

rights) of LGBT persons."

The Center for Family and Human Rights warns that "the UN LGBT czar appears to be adopting the approach of the Southern Poverty Law Center, of creating a list of 'hate groups.'" The group noted that Madrigal-Borloz had previously urged states to "take decisive action" against "representatives of churches and faith-based groups" that "infringe on the rights of LGBT persons" using "hate speech."

This is yet another example of officials targeting people of faith for their religious beliefs. — PNL

PRAY: Pray for officials to allow people of faith to continue to hold traditional religious beliefs on sexuality without fear of repercussions.

Scripture. “The gender confusion that exists in our culture today is a clear rejection of God’s good design. Whenever a nation’s laws no longer reflect the standards of God, that nation is in rebellion against Him and will inevitably bear the consequences,” Stuebe said. “And I think we are seeing the consequences of rejecting God in our country today. And this bill speaks directly against what is laid out in Scripture,” he declared.

The Equality Act passed in the House by a vote of 224-206 with only three Republicans joining Democrats in voting for the measure. Among the most contested aspects of the bill is the enshrinement of sexual orientation and gender identity as categories in civil rights law.

The bill is an update of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that is considered by many to be the legislative legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Steube previously introduced legislation to protect women’s sports and amendments to similar legislation that was being considered by the House, but all were voted down by Democrats. He reintroduced an amendment to ensure Title IX protections for women’s sports earlier this year.

In his response to Steube on the House floor, Nadler said: “Mr. Steube, what any religious tradition ascribes as God’s will is no concern of this Congress.” This is a far cry from the type of language used by the Founding Fathers, Abraham Lincoln, or even Ronald Reagan.

The 500-plus page Equality Act adds gender identity as a protected category in nondiscrimination law. That term, which is frequently used by media and transgender activists, refers to an “internal sense” of

one’s gender.

Opposition to the bill has manifested from across the political spectrum. Both conservative-leaning women and left-wing radical feminists have maintained that simultaneously protecting sex and gender identity within the law is impossible because gender identity has, unlike sex, no material meaning.

Enshrining the concept into federal law would destroy women’s sports and other sex-segregated spaces such as shelters for women escaping domestic violence, rape crisis centers, and any other entity that receives federal dollars, opponents have warned.

The Equality Act also forbids use of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), a 1993 law that was passed on an overwhelmingly bipartisan basis and signed into law by former President Bill Clinton to provide religious exemptions. Now, Bill Clinton’s own party is trying to take away these very protections.

CJV Vice President Rabbi Yoel Schonfeld added that Nadler had “unmasked” the true nature of the proposed law. “Far from valuing diverse opinions and beliefs, it tramples free exercise of religion and even demonizes free speech. Reading the Bible in public, per the Equality Act, could be called an exercise in bigotry and grounds for a ‘discrimination’ complaint. Without question, the true bigots here are those who support deliberate attacks upon the cherished beliefs of others,” Schonfeld said.

The political left wants to eliminate all traditional held beliefs, including anyone who holds to the beliefs of traditional Christianity as outlined in the Bible. We must stand firm on our beliefs and trust God’s Word. — PNL

PRAY: Pray this push by the left will be defeated and America will again care about God’s input in our lives.

Iran Seeks to Retaliate Against Morocco for Relationship with Israel

Morocco recently established full diplomatic relations with Israel as part of the Abraham Accords, an effort by the United States to forge normalization agreements between Israel and Arab states to build a united front against Iran. The agreement is a win-win for both Israel and Morocco. The new relationship includes economic and technological cooperation, direct air flights, and an exchange of diplomatic missions. The agreement's impact, however, will be felt far beyond these two countries.

As part of the deal, the United States agreed to recognize Morocco's sovereignty over the Western Sahara, a mineral-rich desert region where a five-decades-old territorial dispute has pitted Morocco against the Algeria-backed Polisario Front, a secessionist movement that seeks to establish an independent state for the Saharawi people.

The United States previously supported a 1991 ceasefire between Morocco and the Polisario that called for a referendum to resolve the dispute. After recent border clashes between Polisario supporters and Moroccan troops, however, the Polisario exited that deal and returned to armed struggle.

The Morocco-Israel deal has infuriated Iran, which, alongside the Palestinians, has the most to lose from Arab-Israeli peacemaking. Morocco has long accused Iran of supporting the Polisario in an effort to destabilize the Moroccan monarchy. In May 2018, Morocco severed diplomatic ties with Iran after the Iran-backed terrorist group Hezbollah met secretly with the Polisario at the Iranian embassy in Algeria.

Iran has now stepped up its incitement campaign against Morocco, encouraging Moroccans to revolt against Moroccan King Mohammed VI for "betraying" the Palestinian



cause. Palestinians claim the Abraham Accords have set back the cause of peace by abandoning the longstanding demand that Israel give up land for a Palestinian state before it can receive recognition. In fact, the accords refute that position.

Hamas, the Iran-backed Palestinian Islamist movement that rules the Gaza Strip, denounced the Morocco-Israel agreement. Palestinian Islamic Jihad, the second largest Iran-backed terrorist group in the Gaza Strip, called on Moroccans to revolt against their leaders: "We are fully confident that the Moroccan people strongly reject normalization with the Zionist occupation, and the land of the Kingdom of Morocco will not be a hotbed for the Zionists, as the Moroccan people and their political forces will reject normalization and confront it. The Arab regimes and their leaders who are rushing toward the Zionist entity will be cursed."

Iran and its Islamist proxies have condemned Morocco's deal with Israel as a "betrayal of Islam." Observers say Iran may be laying the groundwork for Islamist terror attacks against Morocco.

"Now that Morocco has decided to make

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were Independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Democrat Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Democrat Tom Carper of Delaware.

Many, including Republican Sen. Bill Hagerty of Tennessee, urged President Joe Biden to keep the embassy in Jerusalem. “This question was posed because, on the previous day, the United States Senate had sent an unequivocal signal on this topic,” Hagerty wrote in a letter to President Biden. “In order to correct the discrepancy that unfortunately now exists between our two branches of government and send an unequivocal message to our allies in Israel, I urge you to confirm — immediately and publicly — that your Administration will continue to implement U.S. law and maintain the American Embassy’s location in Jerusalem.”

In May 2018, the Trump administration

moved the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a move to officially recognize Israel’s claim to the city as their capital.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who spoke at the ceremony opening the embassy, told then-President Trump that “by recognizing history, you have made history. Thank you, President Trump, for having the courage to keep your promises,” stated Netanyahu. “Thank you, President Trump and thank you all for making the alliance between America and Israel stronger than ever.”

This serves as a welcome announcement. Many have had real concerns on whether President Biden would change the US policy in this area once he took office. At least up to this point, he has not made any plans to change this monumental shift.— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray the new administration will continue to see Israel as an ally and support them as a nation.

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peace with Israel, ISIS and other terrorist groups are likely to increase their plans to thwart the agreement by launching terror attacks in the country,” Middle East analyst Khaled Abu Toameh noted. “In the eyes of the Islamists, a ‘betrayal of Islam’ is seen as apostasy, a crime and sin punishable by execution. The message Iran and its allies are sending to the terrorists: You have a green light to launch terror attacks against the leaders of Morocco because, by making peace with Israel, they have also renounced their religion, Islam, and become infidels.”

Former Moroccan cabinet minister Nabil

Benabdallah said the new agreement with Israel simply formalizes an existing historical relationship. “The open agreements with Israel are ultimately only the affirmation of an existing reality. Hundreds of thousands of Moroccan Jews living in Israel will thus be able to travel to their country of origin, Morocco. They will now do it directly, instead of doing it indirectly as has been the case for decades. This is also the case for cooperation between the security services, because everyone knows that in the context of the fight against terrorism on an international scale, this has been done for a long time.” — *PNL*

PRAY: Pray for the nations that have made peace with Israel recently will be safe and will stand firm in their commitment.