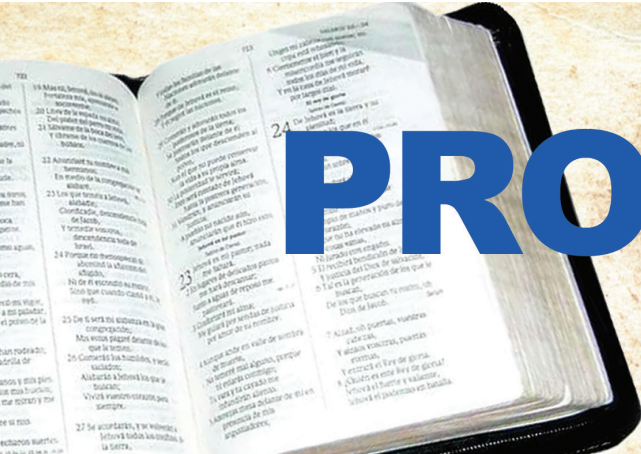


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My dear friends,

In this month's "What the Bible Says," we conclude our seven-part series on the dispensations. Throughout our examination of them, we see over and over how God has extended His grace to mankind!

I encourage you to boldly live out the grace God has given you. When we live out our faith with authenticity, we capture the attention of the watching world.

Never underestimate the spiritual impact your testimony has on those who have no answers to the overwhelming problems of life.

To aid your witness, on our website, thekingiscoming.com, you will find sermon studies and resources to help expand your knowledge of the Bible. Your support continues to make this possible!

Until He returns,

Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden Feel Betrayed



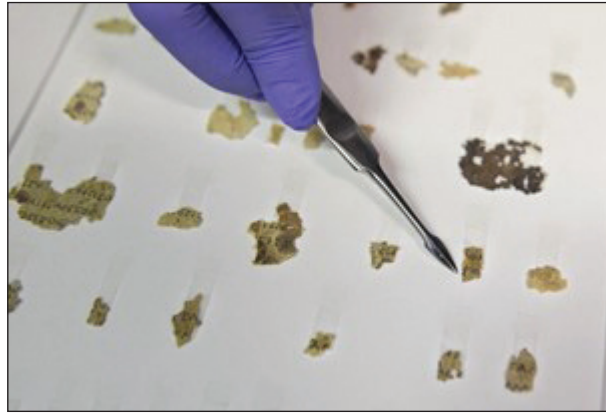
Evangelical Christians have grown into an influential subset of American politics. Not all who identify with this label vote in unison. They voted in large numbers in 1976 for Jimmy Carter, but reversed course in 1980 and went for Ronald Reagan. In subsequent elections, a majority has voted for Republican candidates.

In the 2020 election, this subset created a new subset. They called themselves "Pro-life Evangelicals for Biden." Their members include Jerusha Duford, the granddaughter of the late Reverend Billy Graham and thousands of pastors and other influential Christian leaders. The group acknowledged that while Biden did not support their primary issue – that of protecting unborn human life – he was "more consistent with the biblically shaped ethic of life

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New Dead Sea Fragments Found

Dozens of 2,000-year-old fragments from scrolls containing portions of the books of Nahum and Zechariah have been unearthed in Israel, an extremely rare discovery in the Judean Desert. The Israel Antiquities Authority announced the discovery of the uncovered fragments. They are the first of such discoveries in approximately 60



years. The Dead Sea Scrolls are fragments of religious manuscripts that were originally found in the Judean Desert decades ago.

The newly discovered fragments are Greek translations of the two minor prophets. Despite most of the fragments being in Greek, the name of God is written in Hebrew. The fragments come from a larger scroll found in the same place in the 1950s in Nahal Hever in the “Cave of Horror” that is approximately 80 meters below a cliff top and can only be reached by rappelling down the cliff.

Also known as Cave 8 in the Judean Desert, Israeli archaeologist Yoḥanan Aharonin gave it the nickname “Cave of Horror” because the skeletons of 40 men, women and children were discovered there during the Judean Desert Expeditions in the 1960s.

The Israel Antiquities Authority has been more active in rescuing ancient artifacts in the region since 2017. Significant looting has plagued the area ever since Bedouin shepherds first discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls, also known as the Qumran Caves Scrolls, in 1946.

“The desert team showed exceptional courage, dedication and devotion to purpose, rappelling down to caves located between heaven and earth, digging and sifting through them, enduring thick and suffocating dust, and returning with gifts of immeasurable worth for

mankind,” IAA Director Israel Hasson, who led the rescue operation, said in a statement.

“The newly discovered scroll fragments are a wake-up call to the state. Resources must be allocated for the completion of this historically important operation. We must ensure that we recover all the data that has not yet been discovered in the caves before the robbers do. Some things are beyond value.”

The IAA team has thus far reconstructed 11 lines of Greek text from Zechariah 8:16-17 and Nahum 1:5-6.

The entire passage from Zechariah reads: “These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to one another, render true and perfect justice in your gates. And do not contrive evil against one another, and do not love perjury, because all those are things that I hate—declares the Lord.”

The Nahum passage reads: “The mountains quake because of Him, And the hills melt. The earth heaves before Him, The world and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before His wrath? Who can resist His fury? His anger pours out like fire, and rocks are shattered because of Him.”

The fragments were written in a “new” Greek translation that differs from the traditional Masoretic texts. According to the IAA, the translation’s differences reveal “quite a bit regarding the transmission of the biblical text” until the time of the Bar Kochba Revolt, which was a rebellion of the Jews led by Simon bar Kochba against the Romans around 132-136 A.D., the last of the three major Jewish-Roman wars. The revolt

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Catholic Church Denies Blessing of Same-Sex Unions, Faces Push Back

Some European Catholic priests have announced their intentions to continue blessing same-sex unions despite a Vatican statement this week saying that Catholic churches can't bless sinful relationships. The Austrian Priests' Initiative, which has supported the practice of blessing same-sex unions, released a statement expressing their intention to disobey the decree from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The group of priests stated that they were "deeply appalled by the new Roman decree that wants to prohibit the blessing of same-sex loving couples. This is a relapse into times that we had hoped to be overcome with Pope Francis," the group's statements reads, as reported by CBS News. "In solidarity with so many, we will not reject any loving couple in the future who wants to celebrate God's blessing, which they experience every day, in a church-service."

The initiative, founded in 2006, has about



350 members who mostly reside in Austria. The group argued that same-sex couples can be as loving as heterosexual couples. "Reality has long since shown that same-sex couples connected in love can very well celebrate God's blessing in church. A state-of-the-art theology establishes

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is also called the Third Jewish-Roman War or Third Jewish Revolt.

"These finds are not just important to our own cultural heritage but to that of the entire world," Avi Cohen, CEO of the Ministry of Jerusalem and Heritage, said in a statement.

Amir Ganor, who heads the IAA's Theft Prevention Unit, said the agency finally decided to pre-empt the thieves before the treasures were looted. The scraps containing lines from Nahum and Zechariah were discovered in clumps and rolled up in the Cave of Horror.

He estimates that approximately 25% of the Judean Desert has not been surveyed, according to The Times of Israel. By using drone technology and rappelling gear, those rescuing the ancient artifacts can explore caves that have been considered "unreachable," some of which human beings have not entered for nearly 2,000 years.

These types of discoveries are important to show the historicity of the biblical accounts and the incredible accuracy of the translation process throughout history. — PNL

PRAY: Pray that more scrolls, especially older scrolls, will be able to be found that continue to corroborate the biblical accounts.

than Donald Trump.”

After observing Biden for less than two months in office, the group issued a statement. It said evangelicals and Catholics “feel used and betrayed,” especially as it relates to the president’s recently stated opposition to the Hyde Amendment (which Biden supported for years), which prevents taxpayer funding for abortions.

Tony Perkins, president of the Family Research Council, a socially conservative organization based in Washington, issued his own statement: “They can’t say they weren’t warned. Everyone in America knew where Joe Biden stood on abortion – because he told them. In 13 debates, multiple campaign ads and a Planned Parenthood town hall, no one had any doubt that if this man won the White House his folksy faith talk would take a backseat to his political deal with the far left. If Evangelicals for Biden want to say they never saw this COVID bill and its abortion funding coming, they were the only one.”

Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden should have known better than to bargain with the abortion devils. Because they chose to ignore the above and similar verses, they are now suffering from buyer’s remorse. Liberal Christians like to speak of other issues, such as immigration, the environment and helping the poor, along with personal character qualities as having equal importance – and for some, greater importance – than abortion.

The problem with that argument is that the

right to life is the most fundamental of rights. It is mentioned first in the Declaration of Independence. If you can’t be born, nothing else matters.

Second, Evangelical Christians are called to devote themselves to a higher kingdom and King that is not of this world. Just as Scripture says one cannot serve God and money, neither can one equally serve God and temporal political kingdoms that soon pass away.

Paul writes, “We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. (1 Corinthians 2:6). John the Apostle put it this way: “Do not love the world or anything in

the world. ... The world and its desires pass away...” (1 John 2:15-17).

These and other verses don’t prohibit one from voting, but they do call for the right priorities and for not “marrying” one’s self to a political leader or party. Pro-Life Evangelicals for Biden might have learned from recent history and how identifying one candidate and claiming he (or she) are more favorable to God and to Christian voters than another is a form of idolatry and ultimately futile.

Humankind’s greatest needs are less economic and political than spiritual and moral because no politician can redeem the soul. President Biden’s radical agenda has backfired on these Christians who voted for him and will only continue the push of the nation into secularization. — PNL

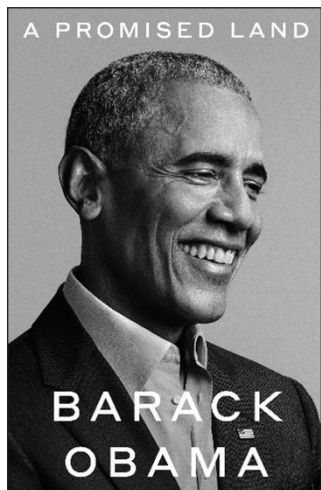
*“Love not the world,
neither the things that are
in the world.
And the world passeth
away, and the lust thereof:
but he that doeth the will of
God abideth for ever.”*

1 John 2:15, 17

PRAY: Pray that President Biden will turn away from promoting and paying for widespread abortion worldwide.

Obama's New Book Demonizes Israel

The political left in America has constantly demonized the nation of Israel for decades in an attempt to lessen American support for Israel. Former President Barack Obama's 768-page



memoir, *A Promised Land*, published in November 2020, continues to garner criticism from people who claim it is shot through with historical inaccuracies and anti-Israel revisionist history. Writing for JNS.org, former Israeli Knesset member Dov

Lipman said it “misleads readers in a way that will forever shape their negative perspective of the Jewish state.” This is very important because President Obama holds a significant following and is still well regarded in many political circles.

Lipman, who said he never before criticized Obama publicly, wrote, “However, his memoir, *A Promised Land*, is filled with historical inaccuracies that I feel the need to address. His telling of Israel's story (at the beginning of Chapter 25) not only exhibits a flawed understanding of the region—which clearly impacted his policies as president—but misleads readers. Obama is viewed as an intellectual and therefore many will simply take whatever he states as fact.

Richard Sherman, writing in clevelandjewishnews.com, said, “Obama writes the British were ‘occupying Palestine’ when the Balfour Declaration was issued in 1917. However, he ignores that the victors after World War I, in the San Remo agreement of 1920, awarded the Jewish people Judea and Samaria. In 1922 the League of Nations ratified the British Mandate, and in 1946 the United

Nations ratified the actions of the League of Nations. By omission, Obama implies there was not a scintilla of international consent for a Jewish state.” Obama argues Britain created a Jewish state without the support of other nations, which is simply untrue.

Obama also claimed the Palestine Liberation Organization was a “result” of the 1967 Six-Day War when in fact it was begun in 1964. He claimed “Zionist leaders mobilized a surge of Jewish migration to Palestine” after the British supposedly illegally began forming a Jewish state there.

In the JNS.org article, Lipman sets the record straight: “The truth is that Jews, who maintained a continual presence throughout the 2,000 years that most were exiled from the land, had already been moving to Palestine in large numbers way before then; considerably more than 100,000 immigrants arrived in the late 19th century and beginning of the 20th century. Then, in the 1920s, high numbers fleeing anti-Semitism in Europe could only find safe haven in Palestine due to the United States having instituted quotas in 1924 on the number of Jews who could enter America. The number of immigrants rose even more in the 1930s when Adolf Hitler rose to power and began his conquest of Europe while the world remained silent.” It is historically inaccurate for President Obama to claim the British moved Jews there after World War 2.

Historical context is important. Obama should have portrayed the Jews as they were: a persecuted and desperate people searching for safety, and not, as he implies, strong conquerors flooding into Palestine. His claim that the new immigrants “organized highly trained armed forces to defend their settlements” is also misleading.

Acknowledging that the Arabs were attacking Jews before there was even a

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this responsible practice,” the group added.

In a statement authored by Spanish Jesuit Cardinal Luis Ladaria, Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declared it is “not licit to impart a blessing on relationships, or partnerships, even stable, that involve sexual activity outside of marriage. As is the case of the unions between persons of the same sex. The presence in such relationships of positive elements, which are in themselves to be valued and appreciated, cannot justify these relationships and render them legitimate objects of an ecclesial blessing, since the positive elements exist within the context of a union not ordered to the Creator’s plan.”

Supporters of the decree have argued it fits longstanding Church teaching. Kevin Miller, professor of moral theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, stated “this teaching is so grounded in Scripture and Tradition that it cannot be otherwise. ‘Intrinsically’ means no matter what positive elements (like friendship and the care for another that goes with it) there might also happen to be in a particular same-sex relationship, the relationship as a whole, insofar as it includes same-sex acts, is ‘not ordered to the Creator’s plan.’” Miller continued, “To bless something that is intrinsically at odds with God’s plan would be a kind of contradiction in terms, an abuse of what a blessing, by its nature, is. It is

not so much forbidden as impossible.”

Critics of the Vatican statement, including Jamie Manson, president of the progressive group Catholics for Choice, argued that the Vatican’s stance was “an act of profound cruelty to invalidate LGBTQ families in any form. The Vatican’s needless attack on same-sex marriages seems to reflect an intention to put up walls that separate people and divide families instead of building bridges between all people.” Manson further explained, “By insisting that genital complementarity is an absolute requirement for marriage, the hierarchy places limits on God’s power to work within all of the relationships of all God’s beloved children.

Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League, which claims to be the United States’ largest Catholic civil rights organization, told *The Christian Post* the Vatican’s statement clarifies Pope Francis’ position on the matter. Last year, Pope Francis reportedly called for the legalization of same-sex civil unions in the civil sphere.

“The Church will never bless cohabitation,” Donohue said. “This is not just with homosexuals. There are guys and gals who live together outside of marriage, and the Church does not recognize that. This is not strictly about homosexuals, although they are the ones who are pushing for it, obviously. But it would apply to any union that is outside of marriage.”— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray the Roman Catholic Church will continue to stand firm on these issues of morality and biblical foundations.

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State of Israel is important historical context for understanding the Israeli-Arab conflict. The spreading of historical inaccuracies that

attack Israel’s valid existence must be rejected and will only continue to lead to further anti-Semitism.— *PNL*

PRAY: Pray that historical inaccuracies will be refuted and Israel can peacefully exist.