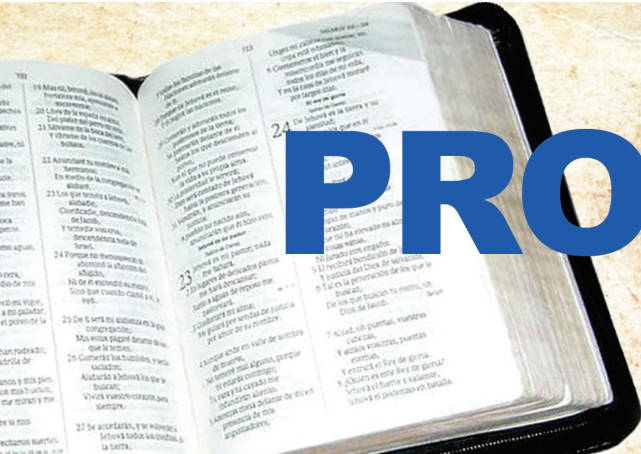


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Dear Friend,

In the very beginning, God created the world from nothing, brought it into existence, and then created man and woman to know Him and to have a relationship with Him. But then sin entered the world. Because of man's choice, that relationship was broken.

God loves people, cares for people, and wants to restore that relationship and bring His blessing into our lives. As you read the whole message of the Bible, God is calling, "Come to Me, while there is still hope, while there is still time. I can change your life, and I can change your eternal destiny."

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*-World Prophetic Ministry*

## Christianity Under Attack in Academia



A federal court has ruled that Christian colleges and universities with traditional views on sexuality and marriage can continue to receive funding through Title IX, rejecting LGBT students' efforts to strike down a religious exemption to federal discrimination law. U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken in Oregon dismissed the case filed by a group of LGBT Christian college students and former students who sued the U.S. Department of Education for providing religious exemption to Title IX discrimination laws to Christian higher education institutions.

Aiken concluded that plaintiffs failed to show that the original religious exemption granted by Congress decades ago for Title IX has a discriminatory purpose. "Plaintiffs have submitted no allegations of discriminatory motivation on the part of those enacting the religious exemption. To the contrary, Plaintiffs argue that when Congress enacted Title IX, protections for — or discrimination against

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# Russia Threatens US and Israel Over Possible Iran Attack

Russia appeared to issue a veiled threat against Israel and the United States when it condemned an attack on an Iranian weapons depot, as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken spoke with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem. Pentagon press secretary Brig.-Gen. Patrick Ryder has said no US military forces were involved in the explosion at Isfahan. Israel, as is its policy in such attacks, has neither denied nor confirmed its involvement.

The *Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times*, however, alleged that Israel was behind the attack. There is speculation that the facility was connected either to Iran's nuclear program or to its production of the kind of missiles or drones that could have been shipped to Moscow for its war against Ukraine. The attack occurred as CIA Director William Burns was in Israel.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said: "We strongly condemn any provocative efforts that have the potential to provoke an uncontrolled escalation of tensions in a region that's far from being peaceful as it is," according to a statement. "Such destructive actions could have unpredictable consequences for peace and stability in the Middle East," he said. "That has to be understood by the organizers of the brazen raid, their backers and those who are gloating over the issue, holding on to the futile hope for the weakening of Iran." Pundits have presumed that the "organizers" the Russian Foreign Ministry referenced in its statement was Israel and that the "backers" it

spoke of referred to the Biden administration.

In Jerusalem, Blinken and Netanyahu looked to strengthen their cooperation against Iran. They met as international opposition to the Islamic Republic has grown and as the White House recognizes that the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, known as the Iran nuclear deal, can no longer be relied on to halt Tehran's development of nuclear weapons.

"Most of the international community have seen the true face of Iran," Netanyahu said as he referenced the Islamic Republic's execution of protesters. "I think there's a common consensus that this regime must not acquire nuclear weapons," he said. "We've had very good discussions on forging a common policy, on trying to work together to thwart the danger."

Netanyahu underscored that the policy of the Jewish state and his policy "is to do everything within Israel's power to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and the means to deliver them, and that will remain so." Blinken emphasized America's "iron-clad" commitment to Israel's security. The US has never wavered on this stance during the 75-year relationship between the two countries, he said.

The Biden administration agrees with Israel on the importance of preventing a nuclear Iran, Blinken said. "We discussed deepening cooperation to confront and



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# Antisemitism for Jewish Travelers

Some 25% of Israeli Jews questioned for a survey reported that they have experienced antisemitism abroad (outside of Israel) and 36% reported that they avoid traveling abroad for fear of being identified as Jews, according to a recent report from the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

The Israeli Geocartography Institute conducted the research which was spearheaded by Prof. Avi Dagani and Dr. Rina Dagani via the internet. They polled men and women over the age of 18 who constitute a representative sample of Jewish Israeli society within a margin of error of 4.4%, according to the WZO. The survey was conducted ahead of International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27, 2023.

The study also determined that nearly half of the Israeli public is afraid to wear outward symbols of Judaism in public abroad. When asked about specific countries in which they felt particularly unsafe, 62% of respondents

listed Turkey as the most dangerous, followed surprisingly by France. Turkey has become much more antisemitic than in previous generations as it has moved away from its ties to the West.



Also on the list although much lower down were Germany, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Antisemitism in Western Europe seems to have increased again for three reasons. First, the surge of migration

from the Middle East due to the crisis in Syria that flooded Western Europe over the last ten years has dramatically increased the Islamic population in this region. Second, the rise of secularism in Western Europe has turned many against traditional Western beliefs, including Judaism and Christianity. Finally, with the rise of replacement theology, even many Christian circles that remain in Europe have a very negative view of the Jewish people.

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counter Iran's destabilizing activities in the region and beyond," he said. "Just as Iran has long supported terrorists that attack Israelis and others, the regime is now providing drones that Russia is using to kill innocent Ukrainian civilians," drawing a link between the battle against Iran and the one against Moscow.

Iran is arming Russia to help it in its war against Ukraine and is also arming Tehran, providing it with "sophisticated weaponry,"

Blinken said. "Russia's ongoing atrocities only underscore the importance of providing support for all of Ukraine's needs – humanitarian, economic and security – as it bravely defends its people and its very right to exist," he said. Blinken said he had discussed with Netanyahu the importance of support for Ukraine.

**Biblical Connection:** The Russian-Iran connection, mentioned in Ezekiel 38-39, continues to develop and strengthen. — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that the United States continues to support Israel in their defense against the Russia-Iranian agenda.

sexual and gender minorities — were ‘of no concern,’” wrote Aiken. Title IX of the Civil Rights Act forbids sex-based discrimination in education, but colleges upholding traditional definitions for marriage and sexuality can request exemptions that allow them to adhere to scriptural beliefs on matters of sexuality.

The court rejected the plaintiff’s claim that religious exemptions violate the First Amendment of the Constitution, noting that “the Supreme Court has interpreted it to allow,

and sometimes require, the accommodation of religious practices.”

The Alliance Defending Freedom, the legal nonprofit representing three Christian higher education institutions, celebrated the ruling. “Title IX, which

applies to schools receiving federal financial assistance, explicitly protects the freedom of religious schools to live out their deeply and sincerely held convictions,” said ADF Senior Counsel David Cortman in a statement. “A group of activists asked the court to strip that protection away from schools that educate the next generation and advance the common good. The court correctly concluded that Title IX’s religious liberty exemption doesn’t violate any of the plaintiffs’ claimed rights.”

However, across the pond things are very different. An Evangelical Christian teacher in England could be permanently banned from teaching after he was suspended for referring to a biologically female student as a “girl.” Joshua Sutcliffe was removed in November 2017 from his position as a teacher

at the Cherwell School in Oxfordshire after he allegedly discriminated against a student by stating “well done, girls” when addressing the student’s small group during class. Sutcliffe was the focus of a number of allegations by the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) during the group’s professional conduct panel last week, according to the London-based Christian Legal Centre (CLC). The hearing could ultimately result in Sutcliffe no longer being allowed to teach in the U.K.

Sutcliffe is also accused by officials at Cherwell of sharing his opposition to same-sex marriage after he was asked by a student about his views. That incident, according to CLC, occurred during a Bible study that was

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**GENESIS 1:27**

organized by a Christian group at the school. In response to the allegations, Sutcliffe was expected to cite a statement from former Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, who said, “Any teacher, if asked direct or invited to share his view by a parent or a student, is perfectly at liberty to say, with equal marriage — as with adultery, divorce or abortion — what their own moral view might be.” Thus, the attacks on Christianity in the area of education will continue to be pushed by followers of the liberal agenda until they are stopped or until every Christian that believes in Christian standards is driven out.

**Biblical Connection:** Genesis 1:27 states, “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” — *PNL*

**PRAY:** Pray for the teachers and administrators that are in the crosshairs for simply holding traditional Christian beliefs through the Western world.

# NATO Pours in Resources to Ukraine as Russian Offensive Looms

President Joe Biden announced that the United States will provide Ukraine with 31 M1 Abrams tanks. That is the required number to equip an entire Ukraine tank battalion. These tanks are needed, Biden said, because Ukrainian forces are working to defend the territory they hold and will be better prepared for additional counter-offenses. “They need to be able to counter Russia’s evolving tactics and strategy on the battlefield in the very near term. They need to improve their ability to maneuver in open terrain. And, they need an enduring capability to deter and defend against Russian aggression over the long term,” the president said.

The Abrams tanks are the most capable tanks in the world. And, they’re also extremely complex to operate and maintain. Along with the tanks, the U.S. will be giving Ukraine the parts and equipment necessary to effectively repair and maintain these tanks on the battlefield, he said. Ukrainian troops will be given training on logistics and maintenance as soon as possible, as actual delivery of these tanks will take some time, he said.

Biden said he had a long conversation with NATO allies, including German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, French President Emmanuel Macron, United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni regarding continued close coordination and support of Ukraine. Biden mentioned strong allied support for Ukraine, which will include German Leopard 2 tanks, a German Patriot missile battery, Challenger 2 tanks from the United Kingdom, and AMX-

10 armored fighting vehicles from France.

“This is about helping Ukraine defend and protect Ukrainian land. It is not an offensive threat to Russia,” he said. “The expectation on the part of Russia is we’re going to break up, we’re not going to stay united. But we are fully thoroughly totally united,” Biden said, speaking of the 50 nations that are part of the Ukraine Defense Contact Group.

Senior administration officials said that these Abrams tanks will be procured through Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative funding. Unlike the presidential drawdown authority, USAI is an authority under which the United States procures capabilities from industry rather than delivering equipment that is drawn down from DOD stocks. The officials also noted that eight M88 recovery vehicles will also be shipped to Ukraine, to accompany the 31 tanks.

This all comes while Russia is preparing for an “imminent” new offensive on Ukraine, while 200,000 more Russian troops may soon be joining the war effort, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW). A new ISW report says that Ukrainian, Western and Russian sources agree that “Russia is preparing for an imminent offensive” as the war nears its one-year mark. The report notes that NATO Secretary Jens Stoltenberg said on the same day that Russian President Vladimir Putin, who “retains his maximalist goals in Ukraine,” was planning to mobilize 200,000



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The WZO's Raheli Baratz-Rix, Head of the Department for Combatting Antisemitism and Enhancing Resilience, said: "As 2022 comes to an end, the Department for Combatting Antisemitism and Enhancing Resilience is constantly monitoring the trends and processes of antisemitism around the world, with Israeli society and Diaspora Jewry at the core of who are affected by these processes. At this time, when antisemitism is everywhere, we must not turn a blind eye to ...the lives of our brothers in the Diaspora. Therefore, it is our role as a country to bear the burden and act to eradicate antisemitism worldwide through outreach and awareness along with the efforts of security forces."

WZO chairman, Yaakov Hagoel, added: "The responsibility for the safety and security of our Jewish brothers in the Diaspora rests with the local governments in each and every country. We should not take lightly the antisemitic events that are now taking place all over the world -

phenomena of this type have a...dangerous end. The State of Israel is a strong moral and ethical country that will continue to work to ensure the safety and security of all Jews wherever they choose to live."

**Biblical Connection:** During the time of the Tribulation, the Antichrist and the False Prophet, empowered by Satan, will persecute the Jewish people (Revelation 12-13). After the tragedy of the Holocaust, there was much sentiment for the Jewish people in Western Europe and America, leading some people to doubt whether it would be possible for the kind of hate of the Holocaust to ever be brought against the Jews again.

However, we are rapidly seeing the Jewish people once again come under intense hatred in many circles around the globe. This type of hatred and persecution could possibly be laying down the foundation for the type of future hatred that will allow the Antichrist to put a target on the back of the Jewish people and attempt to erase them from existence once more.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray for the Jews who are under attack for the simple reason of their ethnicity and religious beliefs.

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or more new troops to join the fight.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian military official Ivan Tymochko reportedly said that Russian forces were "strengthening" in Ukraine's Donbas region in anticipation of the offensive, which Russia was launching "due to increasing domestic pressure for victory" in the war. "Stoltenberg's and Tymochko's statements support ISW's previous forecast that Russian forces are setting conditions to launch an

offensive effort, likely in Luhansk Oblast, in the coming months," ISW said, while adding that Russian military bloggers had indicated "that the Russian information space is setting conditions for and anticipating a Russian offensive."

A Russian offensive and more NATO intervention may continue to escalate an already tense situation, in which NATO attempts to aid Ukraine while also not directly fight Russian forces.— PNL

**PRAY:** Pray more discoveries will be made in the field of archaeology in the future that will continue to defend God's Word.