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Dear Friend,

As per Dr. Ed Hindson's request, we continued the outreach efforts of World Prophetic Ministry and The King is Coming telecast. As opportunities arose, each time we prayerfully considered what the Lord would have us to do.

We are excited to announce that we are working with some of Dr. Hindson's former colleagues to create new and timely messages to share!

Now more than ever, The King is Coming telecast needs to be on the air. Would you consider partnering with us on a regular basis by becoming a monthly supporter?

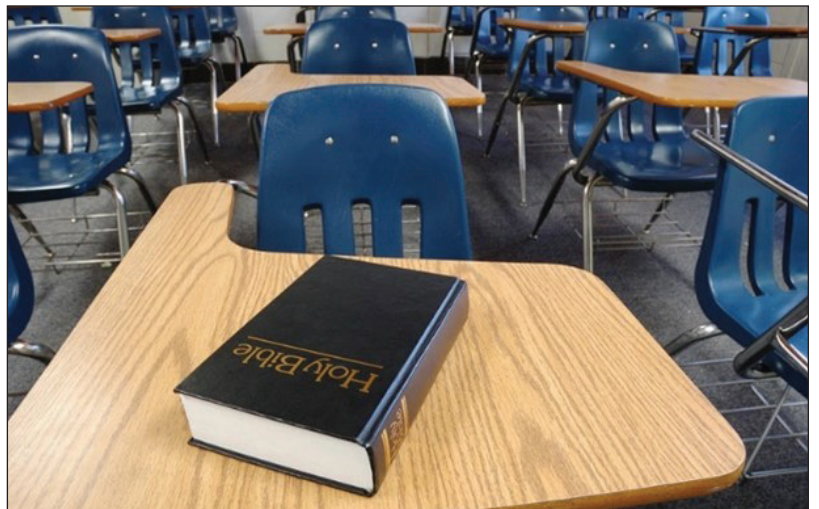
People are searching for truth, looking everywhere but towards the Lord. Sound Bible teaching is desperately needed! Your support enables us to continue to share the Gospel

Dr. Hindson challenged us before he passed: "The world is full of hurting people, be willing to sacrifice yourself for the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Thank you and God bless you.

-World Prophetic Ministry

## Utah Parent Demands School Library Remove Bible



The attacks on the Bible continue to ramp up, this time in the surprise state of Utah. With a list citing verses from Genesis to Revelation, a parent is calling for the Word of God to be removed from a high school library for being "pornographic." A request filed on Dec. 11, 2022, with the Davis School District, located just north of Salt Lake City, calls the Bible "one of the most sex-ridden books around" and, therefore, violates Utah state code, *The Salt Lake Tribune* reported. According to a copy of the request obtained by *The Tribune*, which has since been taken down, the parent — whose name, address and contact information were not disclosed for privacy concerns — specifically asked for the Bible to be removed at Davis High School in Kaysville, about 15 miles north of Salt Lake City. The

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# Israel Won't Criminalize Sharing the Gospel

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says that his government will not pass a bill that would criminalize Christian evangelism, a proposal that drew concern from American Evangelicals. In a tweet posted in both English and Hebrew, Netanyahu expressed his opposition to a bill proposed by members of the United Torah Judaism party to punish Christian proselytization with one year in prison. "We will not advance any law against the Christian community," Netanyahu tweeted in response to concerns.



The bill was introduced by two Knesset members Moshe Gafni, a long-serving lawmaker who has frequently proposed such legislation over the past couple of decades, and Yaakov Asher. "Recently, the attempts of missionary groups, mainly Christians, to solicit conversion of religion have increased," the English translation of the bill states. "At times these attempts do not involve monetary promises or material gains and are therefore not illegal according to the current law, but the many negative repercussions, including psychological damages, warrant the intervention of the legislature." The proposed legislation would have also prohibited the creation of Hebrew-language online videos that preached about Jesus out of concern that Jewish minors might watch them.

Joel C. Rosenberg, an American Evangelical bestselling author who also has dual Israeli citizenship, warned the bill would create "a major new headache for Netanyahu's

government by sparking a serious clash with Evangelical Christians in the United States and around the world who are among the biggest supporters of the State of Israel." Israel already has legal measures to curb Christians from evangelizing to minors in the nation's Jewish majority and jail time for anyone who offers financial incentives for Jews to convert to Christianity.

*Israel Today* reports that Gafni has proposed similar bills in one form or another for 25 years, introducing anti-missionary bills at the start of every Knesset. Each time, those bills have failed to gain the minimal support needed to advance. Only ultra-Orthodox factions in Knesset have supported the bills. In June 2020, Israeli authorities removed the U.S.-based Evangelical Christian station GOD TV from the Israeli cable television provider HOT over claims that it was trying to evangelize Jews.

Asher Biton, chairman of Israel's Cable and Satellite Broadcasting Council, explained at the time that GOD TV, also known as Shelanu, "appeals to Jews with Christian content," violating an earlier agreement that the station would only engage in "targeting the Christian population." Ron Cantor, Shelanu regional director in Israel, told the Messianic Jewish news site Kehila News at the time that the allegations against the station were "simply not true." "From the first day we met with HOT, it was very clear what we

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# Iran Discusses Nuclear Talks, Defense with Russia

Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian arrived in Moscow recently for important meetings with Russian officials. Among the topics of discussion was the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the Iran deal of 2015. Iran continues to say that it wants support for a return to the Iran deal, even as it enriches uranium above 80 percent and stockpiles the enriched uranium. Iran said that "Russia played an efficient role in the new round of the 4+1 talks in Vienna, which continued for a few months. Our Russian colleagues keep fulfilling their obligations related to returning the sides [to the negotiating table]." Russia has been seen as a major ally to Iran in these negotiations, not allowing the West to overpower the Iranians in the discussions.



Iran also is seeking more work with Russia on the International North-South Transport Corridor which means increased trade via the Caucasus. In general, this is about creating new networks to avoid the US and the West as sanctions grow on Iran. Iran has supplied Russia with drones for Russia's war in Ukraine, and Iran wants more Russian support for its defense industry.

According to Russia's Tass state media, "Abdollahian's visit to the Russian capital was initially planned for January, but the sides agreed to postpone it to a later date. Among the issues to be raised are preparations for a meeting of deputy foreign ministers from

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wanted to broadcast: Messianic Jews sharing their faith in Yeshua in a variety of ways, from interviews, to music, to personal stories. And that's what we do to this day," said Cantor at the time. "Our content providers are Israelis. Sabras. Serving in the Army. Paying their taxes. And we are people of integrity. If we really lied to get a license, of course we would have been caught. It does not make sense. It goes against everything we teach."

Last November, Netanyahu secured enough seats in the Knesset to be again elected prime

minister, 16 months after losing the office to Naftali Bennett, who had held on to power with a slight majority. The political coalition that brought Netanyahu back to power is recognized as being more right-leaning than the previous government, with Netanyahu's Likud Party allying with two smaller political parties known as Jewish Power and Religious Zionism.

**Biblical Connection:** One day the Jewish people will again come to faith and 144,000 Jewish evangelists will take the Gospel around the world during the Tribulation period.—PNL

**PRAY:** Pray that Jewish evangelism will continue to be allowed and continue to flourish throughout not only Israel, but the world as well.

parent also included with the request a list of more than 130 passages from Scripture the parent described as offensive, even including the very words of Jesus Himself.

The code referenced in the request defines pornographic and harmful materials as those which include a “description or depiction of illicit sex or sexual immorality” or a “nude or partially denuded figure.” However, the code notes that such definitions do not apply to any material with “serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors,” which could likely include the Old and New Testaments. In submitting the request, the parent referred to Utah Parents United, a conservative parental rights group that, in recent months, has challenged various books in school libraries under Utah’s HB374. The statute prohibits “certain sensitive instructional materials in public schools.”

Some of the Bible verses referenced in the request include several laws for the people of Israel given to Moses at Mount Sinai, including laws regarding homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22), incest and bestiality (Deuteronomy 27:20-23), and sexual assault (Judges 19:22-29). According to the request, red-letter verses — denoting Jesus’ words — from Revelation 2 are also pornographic: “But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed

unto idols, and to commit fornication.”

Davis School District spokesperson Christopher Williams said has received 81 requests to review books following the passage of HB374, including one request to review the Bible. “At this point, it is also one of many that is in the process of being reviewed by a Sensitive Material Review Committee,” Williams said via email. “The process to review any book for possible removal from school libraries is time-consuming. However, parents, at any time, can request that their individual child not have access to specific books. Those requests have always been granted.” The challenge is expected to take roughly 60 days to complete from the original submission date.

Utah Parents United, meanwhile, called the complaint a “political stunt.” “It is clear from the petition that challenging the Bible was a political stunt. It has nothing to do with content in schools,” the group said in a statement on Facebook.

**Biblical Connection:** The Bible is inspired by God and is perfect (2 Timothy 3:16). Satan has been casting doubt on the words of God from the very beginning all the way back to the Garden of Eden. It was there that Satan first questioned God’s commands and has been continuing this process throughout history. As our culture moves away from our theological foundation, it will continue to attack the Bible and try to discredit it in any way possible. — PNL

*“All scripture is given  
by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable for  
doctrine, for reproof, for  
correction, for instruction  
in righteousness:”*

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16**

**PRAY:** Pray that these baseless attacks against the Scriptures will be thwarted and that a respect for God’s Word will again reign throughout the land.

# North Korea Claims 800,000 Join Army in a Single Day

Nearly 800,000 people signed up to join the North Korean military in a single day, the country's state-run media claimed. The North Korean newspaper Rodong Sinmun says 800,000 students and workers signed up to fight the U.S., just one day after North Korea fired a ballistic missile into the sea between South Korea and Japan. The total number included many North Koreans who sought to re-enlist, the paper noted. "The soaring enthusiasm of young people to join the army is a demonstration of the unshakable will of the younger generation to mercilessly wipe out the war maniacs making last-ditch efforts to eliminate our precious socialist country, and achieve the great cause of national reunification without fail and a clear manifestation of their ardent patriotism," the state-run newspaper wrote.

The North Korean military operates on a conscription system, with males required to serve for 10 years and females required to serve for 3 years. This stands in stark contrast to the South Korean conscription requirements, which require males to serve for approximately two years and the females are not forced into mandatory service. This is one of the reasons why the North Korean active military, standing at approximately 1.2 million soldiers, is the fourth largest in the world, only trailing China, India and the United States. South Korea, on the other hand, has an army of approximately 500,000 soldiers, even though South Korea's population is about 51 million people while North Korea's population is only 25 million. North Korea's recruitment drive and missile launch came as



the U.S. and South Korea began joint military drills recently. The 11-day Operation Freedom Shield 23 began March 13 and lasted for 11 days. This caused Kim Jong Un's regime to express outrage at joint military exercises by the U.S. and South Korea.

Kim's regime fired another ballistic missile, which flew roughly 500 miles across the country and landed in the sea off its east coast, according to South Korean and Japanese assessments. There were no reports of any injuries due to the launch, and Japan says the missile landed outside its exclusive economic zone. North Korea cited joint military drills between the U.S., Japan and South Korea as the reason for its launches, vowing to respond to such operations with "overwhelming powerful" force.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon argues such operations have proven to be a successful deterrent for North Korea. "I think what's important for people to understand is, one, deterrence continues to work," Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder told reporters. "Despite launching missiles into the ocean, North Korea is not attacking, nor should they, and that the United States, Japan, South Korea and other allies and partners in the region will continue to work together to expand that deterrence and to keep our countries safe."

While North Korea has consistently wanted to reunite the peninsula under the communist regime, as long as South Korea is supported by nations such as Japan and especially the United States, there is very little that they can do to accomplish this mission militarily. This

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Russia, Turkey, Iran and Syria on improving the ties between Damascus and Ankara.” The talks in Russia also touched on Syria, where Iran operates. According to these reports, Iran also wanted a comprehensive agreement on bilateral cooperation with Moscow and a document for a free trade zone.

Iran also hopes that “Russia and Iran would agree on visa-free travel for individual tourist. Currently, visa-free travel from Russia to Iran is possible only in groups.”

Media in the Middle East is watching the talks in Russia closely. Al-Ain media in the UAE devoted a long article to the Iranian meetings in Russia. That article notes that Iran is seeking more technology from Russia.

“Moscow provides Tehran with advanced software in the field of espionage and digital surveillance,” the report said. This could include increased cyber collaboration. “According to this report, in addition to these cyber capabilities, Iran wants dozens of advanced Russian attack helicopters and combat aircraft, as well as Moscow’s assistance in Iran’s long-range missile program,” Al-Ain noted.

Al-Mayadeen media, which is pro-Iran, noted

that Iran is seeking greater defense cooperation. It also noted Iran wants support on the Iran deal talks and also on trade via the Caucasus. The US is concerned about the growing cooperation between Iran and Russia who appear to want to bring together the Syrian regime and Turkey for talks in the near future. These represent major shifts in the region and they dovetail with Iran’s outreach to Saudi Arabia and China.

**Biblical Connections:** Ezekiel 38-39 speak of a possible alliance between Russia, Iran and Turkey along with several other smaller nations that will then turn on Israel. One of the concerns coming out of the war in Ukraine is that it has pushed Russia away from relationships with the West and into stronger connections with Iran. Turkey, who has attempted to “play both sides” being a NATO member but also strengthening ties with Russia and Iran in recent years, has pushed away from the West and is cozying up to this new three-part team.

While Russia may be struggling with their attempt to take over Ukraine, other aspects of that war and its aftermath may lead directly into the alliances needed for the battle described in Ezekiel. — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray God’s purposes will be accomplished in these political circumstances and for the safety of Israel as they are caught up in many of these issues.

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explains why North Korea has spent so much time and treasure attempting to develop nuclear weapons, which they believe might be the only way they could stop direct intervention from other nations outside of South Korea.

North Korea’s heightened aggression in the

region has mirrored China’s own aggression toward Taiwan. These moves, combined with the Russian war in Ukraine, the war in Syria and Iran’s attempts to build toward nuclear capacity, have created a firestorm of international intrigue and danger for the world stage. — PNL

**PRAY:** Pray the aggression from North Korea will be stymied and that peace will continue to reign in the region.