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The burning of the red heifer on July 1 marked a significant moment in Jewish tradition, sparking considerable discussion. The Temple Institute, which has long been preparing for this ritual, issued its first official statement on the event, addressing the various claims circulating across media platforms, such as YouTube.

Additionally, the Sanhedrin has issued its own statement regarding the event, lending further clarity and direction to the ongoing process.

Jewish tradition maintains that the red heifer is the most enigmatic and difficult to understand law that God gave us in the Torah. The Jewish sources discuss the multitude of details in depth, covering the laws regarding the requirements and aspects that disqualify the heifer, as well as the performance of the ceremony and how it was conducted during the days the Temple stood in Jerusalem. Few scholars are experts in the red heifer. Over a decade ago, the Temple Institute launched its red heifer project and tasked Rabbi Azariah Ariel with studying the subject in depth.

It should be emphasized that the red heifer is used to purify the nation of Israel from impurity resulting from proximity to or contact with a dead body. This state of purity is necessary for Jews to ascend to the Temple. Non-Jews do not become ritually impure and do not enter the Temple, so the mitzvah of the red heifer is not relevant to them, though the Talmud describes the purchase of a red heifer from a non-Jew to be used to purify Jews for the Temple service.

It should also be emphasized that Jews are currently the only verifiable descendants of Israel. Jewish law explicitly states that Jewish identity is genealogical, passed down from mother to children. Being part of the nation of Israel is not nor has it ever been a result of belief.

On July 1, a red heifer that had been housed at Shiloh by the *Boneh Israel* organization was [prepared and burned on a pyre of wood](#) at an undisclosed location in Samaria. The ceremony was carried out by a Kohen (a Jewish man descended from Aaron the priest). The cow was one of five red calves that were [brought from Texas to Israel by Boneh Israel](#) in September 2022

The [Temple Institute statement reads](#) as follows:

In light of incorrect information that has been published regarding the red heifer, the Temple Institute would like to announce:

1. For about ten years, the Temple Institute has been engaged in preparations for producing the ashes of the red heifer, both from an educational and practical perspective. The observance of these commandments, the raising of a red heifer according to Torah law, and the production of kosher ashes for the purification of the ritually impure, is very complex and includes thousands (!) of details, which require great knowledge and skill in execution. Therefore, the process also includes a number of practical experiments and exercises.
2. About three months ago, a practice was held in the Samarian mountains, in which a simulation of the making of the ashes of the red heifer was conducted.
3. Of course, ashes of the red heifer that are not made on the Mount of Olives while facing the site of the Holy Temple are completely invalid (Mishnah, Para 4:2; Rambam, Para Aduma 4:5). Therefore, we clarify that the simulation was *only* an exercise, part of a series of exercises that were and, with G-d's help, will continue to be conducted, before we are properly prepared to fulfill the *mitzvah* according to Torah requirements. The act was not kosher for additional reasons, including: a heifer was chosen for the exercise whose overall color was red, but was, nevertheless, the most invalid and unkosher of the heifers in our possession. (Its tail was damaged, and it had a defect.) Likewise, the priestly garments worn by the *kohen* conducting the practice exercise were not consecrated. The purpose of the exercise was to improve our readiness for producing the ashes, and indeed, the exercise improved our understanding of the process, as well as the *kohen's* skill, and also revealed various weak points that we must deal with, such as the proper way to lead the heifer to its destination.
4. For this reason, the ashes were mostly left by us in place without any care on our part. We did collect samples of the ashes by people who are *tamei met*, (impure due to contact with a corpse), and are therefore rendered ineligible for performing this *mitzvah*, only for the purpose of checking whether the equipment we have is suitable for the task, and important lessons were learned in this regard as well. In any case, all of the ashes are completely ineligible.
5. Anyone who claims otherwise, that the heifer was kosher and the ashes produced from it are kosher for the purpose of purification, is mistaken and misleading, either intentionally or unintentionally.
6. There are currently four red heifers at the Shiloh site, some of which are owned by Rabbi Ariel, head of the Temple Institute. Their *halachic* status has not yet been definitively determined, and we are monitoring them.
7. The real red heifer will be made, G-d willing, when we have a kosher red heifer (according to the opinion of the rabbis of the Temple Institute and the rabbis they

consult with), and when we are ready in all other aspects of the matter. This is a long process that requires patience and perseverance.

After deliberation, the nascent Sanhedrin released a statement regarding the event:

Sanhedrin Decision from the 19th of Cheshvan, 5786 [Nov. 10, 2025]

Ruling of the Sanhedrin Court on the Matter of Red Heifer Ashes

We sat together as one court.

Questions have reached the Sanhedrin regarding red heifer ashes, and particularly regarding the recent exercises that was conducted. We hereby announce that we completely rely on the attached [announcement](#) from the [Temple Institute](#).

And we address all Gentiles throughout the world with the following call:

We, the Sanhedrin, whose ancestors and families stood at Mount Sinai and witnessed the revelation of the Holy One, Blessed be He, to the entire world – generation after generation, we have studied the Torah that the Holy One, Blessed be He, gave us. And we know that the Holy One, Blessed be He, asks those who come into the world to accept upon themselves the Seven Noahide Commandments.

The moment a person accepts upon themselves the Seven Noahide Commandments, they receive directly from the Holy One, Blessed be He, three amazing gifts:

- They receive a portion of the soul.
- They receive a portion in the World to Come.
- They are called “Righteous Among the Nations.”

Anyone who invents something other than the Seven Noahide Commandments causes those who listen to him to sin, and this includes anyone who invents that the ashes from a red heifer exercise purify Gentiles, or heals Gentiles, or anything else – such a person is among the fraudsters and swindlers, and one must distance oneself from him and distance him.

How a US-Saudi F-35 deal could shatter Israel's aerial dominance - Israel Today

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White House source tells Channel 12 that Washington will hold further talks with Israel to ensure fighter jet sale is balanced

US officials and defense experts told Reuters on Wednesday that the F-35 fighter jets that will be sold to Saudi Arabia will be less advanced than those used by the IDF, after Israel expressed concerns over how the agreement would affect its tactical advantage in the region.

The unnamed officials told Reuters that the jets Riyadh will receive will not have some of the advanced weapons systems and equipment that Israel's fleet possesses, as every jet is customized to the country it is designated to.

They added that while Israel already has two squadrons of the US-made jets and another on order, Saudi Arabia will be limited to two squadrons only.

The officials also noted that any final sales to Saudi Arabia would have to be approved by Congress.

Meanwhile, a White House official told Channel 12 news on Wednesday that the Trump administration will hold further talks with Israel about the agreement in order to ensure the deal is balanced.

Israel, which is currently the only country in the Middle East that has F-35s, has expressed concern over the US sale of the fighter jets to Saudi Arabia, fearing that it will compromise its military superiority.

The unnamed official told Channel 12 that "the Trump administration is committed to the law that says the US will maintain the IDF's advantage in the Middle East" and assured the outlet that the administration would not break that promise.

At the same time, Channel 12 reported, the US is not willing to condition its sale of F-35s to Saudi Arabia on [normalization with Israel](#), as Jerusalem had hoped, and Saudi officials have said there is no connection between the deal and any kind of agreement with the Jewish state. Riyadh has expressed interest in normalization of ties with Israel, but has long conditioned it on clear steps toward the establishment of a Palestinian state.

The US and Saudi Arabia agreed on the sale of F-35 jets, among other deals, during a White House visit by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Tuesday.

Other [deals](#) signed by bin Salman and Trump were a joint declaration on civil nuclear energy and the sale of nearly 300 tanks to Riyadh.

Trump also said he was designating Saudi Arabia a major non-NATO ally, a designation that only 19 other countries, including Israel, have received.

The IDF submitted a formal position paper to Israel's political echelon after the US-Saudi deal was announced, in which the Israeli Air Force presented an explicit objection to the US's sale of the advanced F-35 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia.

According to the document, Israel's air superiority could be eroded if other countries in the Middle East possess the advanced stealth aircraft, a point over which Israel has expressed concern several times in the past.

Israel is anxious to preserve its qualitative military edge in the region by having the most advanced aircraft, and in the past worked to prevent the sale of the F-35 to other nearby countries, including Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

Even if the sale goes through, it will likely take at least seven years for the first aircraft to be delivered, which Channel 12 noted gives Israel ample time to further negotiate the terms of the sale with the US.

Report: Iranian scientists met Russian experts to advance nuke program | Israel National News

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Iranian scientists secretly met Russian military experts to advance nuclear weapons research, the *Financial Times* reports.

Iranian regime-linked scientists made a secret visit to Russia late last year, reportedly to advance nuclear weapons research, the *Financial Times* revealed Wednesday, citing documents and sources familiar with the matter.

The visit, which took place November 7-11, 2024, was organized by a front group for Iran's Organization of Defensive Innovation and Research (SPND), the military body Western officials believe is behind Iran's nuclear weapons efforts.

According to the report, the delegation met with Russian military experts and representatives of Laser Systems, a sanctioned company that develops laser technologies for civilian and military use. It was the second such visit in 2024.

In February 2025, Andrei Savin, a former technical director at Laser Systems and now a professor at Russia's Baltic State Technical University, traveled to Tehran, according to the *Financial Times* report. There, he met with SPND-linked officials and representatives of DamavandTec, another front company for SPND. The U.S. sanctioned DamavandTec and its CEO, Ali Kalvand, in October, accusing them of attempting to acquire components "applicable to the development of nuclear explosive devices."

Nicole Grajewski of the Carnegie Endowment told the *Financial Times* the meetings are "strong evidence that Russia was assisting Iran in its nuclear weapons-related research," and said the activities appeared to be approved "at a high level on the Russian and Iranian sides."

A previous *Financial Times* report detailed an August 2024 trip by Kalvand and four associates to Moscow, where they entered on diplomatic passports and visited a Russian institution producing dual-use technologies relevant to nuclear weapons.

One of the scientists, Soroush Mohtashami, is an expert in neutron generators - components used to trigger nuclear detonations. In a letter to Russian scientist Oleg Maslennikov, Kalvand wrote that the trip aimed "to discuss and agree on technical and

production aspects of electronic device development” and “to consider general potential paths for expanding scientific co-operation.”

Saudi Crown Prince MBS tells Trump he'll invest \$1 trillion in US, make peace with Israel, join Abraham Accords, but wants 'a clear path' to a Palestinian state | All Israel News

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Trump elevates Saudis to 'major non-NATO ally' status

President Donald J. Trump rolled out the red carpet — literally and figuratively — as he welcomed Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, widely known as "MBS," to the White House on Tuesday.

The de facto leader of the oil-rich kingdom immediately rewarded Trump's hospitality by announcing before the media in the Oval Office that the Saudis will increase their investments in the U.S. economy from \$600 billion to \$1 trillion over the next four years.

"Saudi Arabia and the United States are signing multiple agreements across industries that bring mutual economic value," MBS told reporters.

"For the kingdom, AI is especially important because future workforce shortages will require relying on advanced computing to sustain GDP growth," he added.

"Saudi Arabia expects strong long-term demand for AI and computing power, and aims to partner with U.S. private [sector] to secure that supply, creating significant opportunities for both countries."

SAUDIS READY TO MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL — ON ONE CONDITION

The crown prince also said he would be happy to normalize relations with Israel and join the Abraham Accords.

But he added that he wants to see a realistic road map to the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state.

To that end, he indicated his full support for Trump's 20-point peace plan and promised Saudi investment in rebuilding the devastated Gaza Strip.

“We believe having a good relationship with all the Middle Eastern countries is a good thing, and we want to be part of the Abraham Accord,” MBS said in response to a reporter’s question.

“But we want also to be sure that we secure a clear path to a two-state solution,” he quickly added.

“Today, we will have a healthy discussion with the President,” MBS said.

“We're going to work on that to be sure that we can prepare the right situation as soon as possible to have that.”

TRUMP IS REBUILDING THE U.S.-SAUDI ALLIANCE AFTER GREAT DAMAGE BY BIDEN

This is the first state visit to Washington by MBS in seven years.

President Joe Biden declared MBS a “pariah” following the gruesome murder of Saudi dissident Jamal Khashoggi in the Fall of 2018.

The Biden administration worked for the first several years of its term to punish and isolate the crown prince and his government.

Biden denounced MBS as a “murderer.”

MBS insisted that he had no role in — nor knowledge of — the murder, and it has been proven that he did.

After an investigation ordered by MBS, nearly two dozen Saudi officials were arrested and prosecuted for murdering Khashoggi and trying to cover it up.

The crown prince has insisted — to me personally in his first on-the-record conversation about the matter in November 2018 — that the murder was a “terrible mistake” and a “heinous crime.”

He told me and a group of Evangelical leaders that it seemed to have been done by Saudi operatives who may have thought they were doing something to please him, but in fact were doing tremendous damage to his Vision 2030 plan to reform the kingdom’s economy, image, and global brand.

“About the journalist [Khashoggi], it's really painful to hear about anyone who is losing his life for no real purpose,” the crown prince told reporters as he sat beside Trump.

“It's been painful for us in Saudi Arabia,” he added.

“It’s painful and it is a huge mistake.”

“we've [taken] all the right steps of investigation, etcetera, in Saudi Arabia, and we've improved our system.... We are doing our best to ensure that this doesn't happen again.”

Since taking office in January, Trump has been working hard to rebuild the alliance between the U.S. and the Saudis.

In May, Trump visited the Saudi Kingdom on his first foreign trip, being lavishly welcomed by the crown prince at the royal palace in Riyadh.

Asked about the kingdom's role in the terrorist attacks against the U.S. in 2001, MBS said, “I feel painful about 9/11 families in America, but we have to focus on reality. Reality is that Osama bin Laden used Saudi people at that event for one main purpose — which is to destroy American-Saudi relations.”

“That was the purpose of 9/11,” he insisted.

“You know, strong relations between America and Saudi Arabia are bad for extremism,” MBS added. “It's bad for terrorism.”

TRUMP ELEVATES SAUDI DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US — AGREES TO SELL F-35s

At a lavish state dinner in honor of the crown prince and the eight-decade history of the U.S.-Saudi relationship, Trump made more news.

“I'm pleased to announce that we are taking our military cooperation to even greater heights by formally designating Saudi Arabia as a major non-NATO ally,” the president said.

Trump's decision was significant, as was his decision to sign a new “strategic defense agreement” with the kingdom, and his promise to sell them top-of-the-line F-35 fighter jets.

“It's a special privilege to welcome His Royal Highness to Washington this year as we mark the 80th anniversary of the first meeting between a U.S. President and a Saudi King,” Trump told the assembled guests in the East Room.

“Right now, you have the best friend you've ever had.”

UN approves US plan for Gaza | AP News

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Trump administration’s [blueprint to secure and govern Gaza](#) won strong approval at the United Nations on Monday, a crucial step that provides international support for U.S. efforts to move the devastated territory toward peace following two years of war.

The U.S. resolution that passed the U.N. Security Council authorizes an international stabilization force to provide security in Gaza, approves a transitional authority to be overseen by President Donald Trump and [envisions a possible future path](#) to an independent Palestinian state.

“This will go down as one of the biggest approvals in the History of the United Nations, will lead to further Peace all over the World, and is a moment of true Historic proportion!” Trump posted on social media.

The vote endorses Trump’s [20-point ceasefire plan](#) and builds on the momentum of [the fragile ceasefire](#) he helped broker with allies. It marks a key next step for American efforts to outline Gaza’s future after [the Israel-Hamas](#) war destroyed much of the territory and killed tens of thousands of people.

The proposal calls for a yet-to-be-established Board of Peace as a transitional authority that Trump would head. It also provides a wide mandate for the international stabilization force, including overseeing the borders, providing security and demilitarizing the territory. Authorization for the board and force expire at the end of 2027.

Arab and other Muslim countries that expressed interest in providing troops for an international force had signaled that U.N. authorization was [essential for their participation](#).

Russia, which had circulated a rival resolution, abstained along with China on the 13-0 vote after fears Moscow might use its veto in the Security Council.

However, Hamas opposed the resolution, saying in a statement that it does not meet the “Palestinian people’s political and humanitarian demands and rights.”

Stronger language on Palestinian state helps get the US plan over the finish line

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Mike Waltz said the resolution “represents another significant step towards a stable Gaza that will be able to prosper and an environment that will allow Israel to live in security.”

It came about following nearly [two weeks of negotiations](#), when Arab nations and the Palestinians pressed the United States to strengthen language about Palestinian self-determination.

But the proposal still gives no timeline or guarantee for an independent state, only saying it's possible after advances in the reconstruction of Gaza and reforms of the Palestinian Authority, which now governs parts of the West Bank.

The U.S. revised the resolution to say that after those steps, “the conditions may finally be in place for a credible pathway to Palestinian self-determination and statehood.”

“The United States will establish a dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians to agree on a political horizon for peaceful and prosperous coexistence,” it adds.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opposes Palestinian statehood and [repeated that position Sunday](#) at a time when his hard-line governing partners have expressed concern about the resolution's endorsement of a “pathway” to Palestinian independence.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon told reporters before the vote that Israel was grateful to Trump “for leading peace to the Middle East.”

Algeria's U.N. Ambassador Amar Bendjama, the Arab representative on the council, thanked Trump for his instrumental role in bringing about the ceasefire, but said “genuine peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved without justice, justice for the Palestinian people.”

A key to the resolution's adoption was support from Arab and other Muslim nations that had been critical to the ceasefire and potentially could contribute to the international force. The U.S. mission to the United Nations distributed a joint statement Friday with Qatar, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Jordan and Turkey calling for “swift adoption” of the U.S. proposal.

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia said Moscow took note of that support but abstained because the resolution did not include a role for the Security Council or emphatically support Palestinian statehood.

The vote shores up hopes that Gaza's fragile ceasefire will be maintained following a war set off by Hamas' surprise attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, which killed about 1,200 people. Israel's offensive has killed over 69,000 Palestinians, according to the Gaza health ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants but says the majority are women and children.

What else the US proposal says

Trump said the members of the Board of Peace will be named in the coming weeks, along with “many more exciting announcements.”

The U.S. resolution calls for the stabilization force to ensure “the process of demilitarizing the Gaza Strip” and “the permanent decommissioning of weapons from non-state armed groups.”

A big question has been how to disarm Hamas, which said Monday that giving the force a role inside Gaza that includes disarmament “strips it of its neutrality, and turns it into a party to the conflict in favor of the occupation.”

The resolution authorizes the force “to use all necessary measures to carry out its mandate” in compliance with international law, which is U.N. language for the use of military force.

It says the stabilization troops will help secure border areas, along with a Palestinian police force that they have trained and vetted, and they will coordinate with other countries to secure [the flow of humanitarian assistance](#). It says the force should closely consult and cooperate with neighboring Egypt and Israel.

As the international force establishes control, the resolution says Israeli forces will withdraw from Gaza “based on standards, milestones, and timeframes linked to demilitarization.” These must be agreed to by the stabilization force, Israeli forces, the U.S. and the guarantors of the ceasefire, it says.

[Violent attacks against Christians spike in Europe: watchdog | Christianpost.com](#)

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More than 2,200 anti-Christian crimes in Europe last year: OIDAC Europe

Violent attacks or threats against Christians and arson attacks against churches in Europe spiked sharply in 2024, according to a new [report](#) released Monday by the watchdog group Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians in Europe (OIDAC Europe).

The report, which the Vienna-based watchdog group officially launched Tuesday, noted the 2,211 hate crimes targeting Christians recorded across the continent in 2024 marked a drop from the number of incidents in 2023, but that the nature of the crimes had grown more violent.

Physical attacks against Christian individuals rose from 232 cases in 2023 to 274 cases in 2024, while arson attacks on churches and Christian properties reached 94, which was nearly twice the previous year's figure. The report noted that data regarding personal attacks was not available from France and the U.K. for 2024.

The report also noted that the highest numbers of anti-Christian incidents overall were in France, the U.K., Germany, Spain and Austria.

Among the violent incidents, OIDAC Europe highlighted [the murder](#) of a 76-year-old Catholic friar who was killed in November 2024 by a man who stormed the Friary of Santo Espiritu del Monte in Spain while screaming, "I am Jesus Christ!"

The man, a 26-year-old from Morocco, also injured seven others as he went room to room in the monastery, assaulting monks while claiming he was acting "in the name of God," according to [The Mirror](#).

Another notable incident included gunmen affiliated with ISIS attacking the Church of Santa Maria in Istanbul, Turkey, during Sunday Mass in January 2024. The shooters reportedly shot and killed a 52-year-old man who was about to convert to Christianity and be baptized, according to the [BBC](#).

Also highlighted was the [near-total destruction](#) by arson of Church of the Immaculate Conception in Saint-Omer, France, in September 2024. The neo-Gothic church was completed in 1859 and restored in 2018, and the fire came weeks after another [blaze engulfed Rouen's historic cathedral](#) on July 11 in a scene reminiscent of the fire that caused catastrophic damage to the iconic Notre-Dame de Paris in 2019.

The destruction of the church [drew the attention](#) of SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, who has been [outspoken](#) about what he views as the crisis Europe faces from years of unrestrained immigration.

OIDAC Europe said it independently verified 516 hate crimes against Christians; when vandalism, theft and burglaries at Christian sites are added, the organization's documented total climbs to 1,503 incidents.

Germany accounted for one-third of the recorded arson attacks, which have prompted the country's Catholic Bishops' Conference to [declare in October](#) that "all taboos have been broken" in the wave of church desecrations, which included defiling confessionals and beheading statues of Jesus Christ.

In cases where motive could be determined, the report cited radical Islam as the most common ideology driving the attacks, followed by radical left-wing ideology and other political motives. They noted 15 incidents specifically featured satanic symbols or references.

OIDAC Europe placed its findings in the wider context of [2024 hate crime data](#) from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, which logged more than 3,000 antisemitic incidents, roughly 1,000 anti-Christian cases, and around 950 anti-Muslim incidents reported by European governments and NGOs.

The watchdog also observed the increasing examples of legal discrimination against Christians in Europe, such as the potentially landmark case of [Päivi Räsänen](#), a Finnish member of Parliament who has been repeatedly dragged into court over a 6-year-old Bible verse tweet that criticized the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland for promoting LGBT pride month.

The organization also mentioned individuals who have been [arrested and prosecuted under "buffer zone" laws for silent prayer](#) near abortion facilities in the U.K.

It also noted the case of Adam Smith-Connor, a British Army veteran of the war in Afghanistan who was [found guilty](#) last year of breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order when he prayed silently near an abortion clinic for the soul of his son, who had been aborted years before.

Other legal cases OIDAC Europe highlighted included a [Swiss court withholding public funding](#) from a Catholic all-girls school, ruling its single-sex and religious character constituted unlawful discrimination.

They also noted two cases out of Spain, including one that ruled against a male-only religious brotherhood for not admitting a woman, and another that prohibited a father from reading the Bible to his son after granting his non-religious mother exclusive decision-making power over his upbringing.

OIDAC Europe recommended the European Union be more proactive in addressing the rising antipathy toward Christianity in Europe, such as by appointing a coordinator to combat anti-Christian hatred, similar to coordinators that exist to combat antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred.

[2,000 Profess Christ at Site of Charlie Kirk Assassination as Greg Laurie Preaches Hope | Crosswalk.com](#)

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Standing on the same campus where Charlie Kirk was assassinated only two months ago, pastor [Greg Laurie](#) told a packed arena in Orem, Utah, on Sunday that the hope found in Jesus is what people are longing for – and that God is already bringing good from the tragedy.

Laurie brought his Harvest Crusade to Utah Valley University at the urging of local [pastors](#), who said the community was especially open to the gospel following the tragic death of the conservative commentator known for his outspoken Christian faith. Laurie and the Harvest team had originally planned a Utah crusade for 2027, but then moved it up. Phil Wickham and Chris Tomlin led in musical worship.

“You don't need to clean your life up to come to God,” Laurie told the crowd gathered inside the UCCU Center. “You come to God and He will clean your life up. Jesus says, ‘Come to me, all you who are bending beneath the weight of sin, and I will give you rest.’”

At the end of the service, more than 1,000 individuals – most of them young people – made professions of faith in Christ, with another 1,000 online doing the same.

Laurie described Kirk's assassination as a potential [turning point](#) for the nation – a moment that could be looked back on by future generations as the time when countless lives turned to Christ. There is biblical precedent for God using an evil event for good, Laurie said.

He told the story of the Old Testament patriarch Joseph.

“He was sold into slavery by his brothers, and then ultimately he was in a position to have them all executed had he chosen to – but instead he decided to forgive them, and he said, ‘You meant it for evil, but God meant it for good,’” Laurie said. “Here's the way I see it: This is a horrible tragedy what happened to Charlie. However, despite this tragedy, God has done amazing things around our nation, and people are asking questions.”

Bible sales are on the rise, Laurie said, adding that the Gen Z generation is searching for hope.

“It was like a wake-up call for all of you, for all of us. This is your moment tonight. This is your wake-up call tonight. Don't let it slip by. ... I'm going to ask you, in a few moments, to get up out of your seat and walk down here, around this platform, and in doing so, you're saying, ‘I want this relationship with God.’ You've tried religion. ... Now try Jesus.”

Hundreds made their way to the altar, publicly committing their lives to Christ.

Laurie described it as a “real move of God.”

“What a night,” he said after the service. “I will not forget it.”