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# Could Temple sacrifices resume before the Third Temple is built in Jerusalem? | All Israel News.com

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The ancient Temple sacrifices could be offered today on Jerusalem's Temple Mount if the Israeli government would allow them, and doing so would bring people one step closer to receiving the Messiah and possibly usher in a better era of peace, according to one American-Israeli rabbi who has spent decades trying to reestablish such rituals.

Joshua Wander told ALL ISRAEL NEWS that it is only because of Israel's "apartheid system," which does not allow Jews and Christians free access to the Temple Mount – and is today under the control of the Jordanian Muslim Waqf – that such practices have not begun.

He made the statement a week after police arrested youths who tried to bring a sacrificial offering to the mount during the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, which this year took place on May 21-22, 2026.

"There are many people who mistakenly believe that we need to have either the mashiach [messiah] or the Beit HaMikdash [Third Temple] to start bringing sacrifices," Wander said. "That is faulty thinking."

He said that although the three concepts of messiah, Temple, and sacrifice are interrelated, they are not interdependent, and one can perform sacrifices without the others. According to Wander, there is a clear Torah analysis supporting this position. He pointed to the period following the Jewish return to Israel under the leadership of the prophet Ezra in the 5th century B.C.E. At that time, Wander said, sacrifices resumed even before the Temple itself was rebuilt.

"Not only is it possible, but it is also necessary to start bringing sacrifices," Wander said.

He said this is especially true of the Passover sacrifice because, unlike most communal offerings, it is brought by individual families. While communal sacrifices required funding through the half-shekel contribution that every Jewish family was expected to make during Temple times, the Passover offering was purchased and brought by families themselves.

During Temple times, the Israelites were commanded by God to bring a lamb or goat to the Temple and sacrifice it the afternoon before Passover began at sundown. They would then eat it that night together with matzah and bitter herbs.

In 1967, immediately after Israel won the Six-Day War and reunified Jerusalem, including the Temple Mount, the Lubavitcher Rebbe forbade his followers from coming to Jerusalem on Passover eve because he believed they might be obligated to bring the sacrifice and knew it still could not be done.

Wander said bringing the Passover sacrifice is one of only two positive commandments in the Torah that carry the severe punishment known as *karet*, often translated as "cutting off" or "extirpation" from the Jewish people, if it is not fulfilled. The only other positive commandment carrying the same punishment is *brit milah*, or circumcision.

"It's considered to be a very serious thing if we're able to bring the sacrifice and we don't," Wander told ALL ISRAEL NEWS.

He said that for nearly 60 years, the Jewish people in Israel could have done it, but political realities have prevented it.

He added that allowing Jews to offer sacrifices on the Temple Mount would not require destroying the Dome of the Rock, the Al-Aqsa Mosque, or any other existing structure on the mount.

"The political leadership has to start giving us access," Wander said. "As soon as they do, we can start the process of bringing sacrifices together."

Jews have not performed sacrifices for nearly 2,000 years, and only a handful of groups and individuals have attempted to revive the practice. Many Israelis consider Wander and his supporters to be part of a fringe movement.

On Shavuot, police said they arrested more than a dozen youths who attempted to break into the Temple Mount compound to perform a sacrificial ritual. In this case, they were not bringing an animal but rather loaves of bread. According to Leviticus 23:17, Shavuot required worshippers to bring "two loaves of bread" as an offering.

In most previous cases, activists have attempted to smuggle live animals onto the mount for sacrificial purposes.

Over the past several months, police have reported other such incidents, including one on May 1, which coincided with Pesach Sheni, or Second Passover. During Temple times, Jews who could not bring the Passover sacrifice at its appointed time were permitted to do so exactly one Hebrew month later.

At the time, police said that the young rioters, who arrived at one of the Temple Mount entrances, tried to break through the gate and bring a baby goat there.

During Passover, more than a dozen young men and boys were arrested for attempting to bring goats onto the Temple Mount, according to a report by the legal aid organization Honenu.

Similar incidents occurred in 2024 and 2023 and have, in the past, sparked tensions.

But Wander said the idea of restoring sacrifices is beginning to gain traction. When he first began promoting preparations for the renewal of sacrifices, including educational reenactments outside the Temple Mount complex, only a handful of people attended. Today, around 1,000 people participate in these ceremonies.

He and others regularly petition Israeli authorities to allow such reenactments on the Temple Mount itself, though those requests have not been approved, he explained.

The Temple Mount, home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, is believed to be the site of the First and Second Jewish Temples. For Christians, it forms part of the sacred landscape of Jerusalem and is associated with Jesus' life and ministry. Many Christians see discussions of Temple sacrifices and the rebuilding of the Temple as closely tied to biblical prophecies about the end times.

Although the status quo has traditionally restricted Jewish and Christian prayer on the mount – and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly insisted that the arrangement remain unchanged – more Jews and Christians have ascended the Temple Mount in recent years and have increasingly been permitted to pray there.

According to a report by the Temple Mount Administration, more than 54,000 Jews visited the Temple Mount between January and August of last year.

Wander said many people once believed that Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount would "ignite World War III," but that the opposite has happened.

He said that as the practice has become more mainstream, it has also become more accepted among Muslims who worship there.

However, ascending the Temple Mount remains controversial within Judaism. Many rabbis continue to believe that Jews should not enter the site because they are ritually impure or because they may inadvertently walk through areas that once constituted the Holy of Holies, whose precise location remains uncertain.

Furthermore, ritual sacrifices and active efforts to rebuild the Temple are not accepted by most rabbis or other religious authorities. In 2022, Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovitch, the chief rabbi of the Western Wall, said in a statement that "bringing a sacrifice to the Temple Mount is contrary to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel's ruling."

But Wander argued that a rebuilt Temple would benefit the entire region.

He said the Temple is meant to be "a house of peace."

"Once we start doing this, building the Beit HaMikdash and offering sacrifices, it is going to unite all the nations of the earth," he said. "It is not going to create war. It is going to create peace."

Wander said that even many Jews are not aware of the "incredibly unique" and "historic" period that he believes this generation is witnessing - what he calls "redemptive times."

"We're living in redemptive times, and most people are just not aware of what is happening," Wander concluded. "We're fortunate enough to live in such a unique historic period of Jewish history where we get to watch this unfold before our eyes."

# [Iran & Houthis fire dozens of missiles at Israel; IDF strikes Iran in defiance of Trump's pressure | All Israel News.com](#)


#bibleprophecy, #israel, #iran, #houthis, #trump

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The Iranian regime fired dozens of ballistic missiles at Israel on Sunday evening and into Monday morning, stating that the strikes came in response to an IDF strike against Hezbollah in the Lebanese capital of Beirut several hours before.

After intense discussions, and despite U.S. President Donald Trump publicly urging Israel not to retaliate, the Israeli government instructed the military to launch several strikes in Iran overnight, targeting military sites as well as a petrochemical facility.

For the first time in about two months, siren alarms were triggered across broad swathes of Israel, as Tehran launched missiles at northern, central and southern Israel on Sunday evening. On Monday morning, the regime's Houthis terror proxy in Yemen joined in and launched a ballistic missile at Israel.

 **BREAKING:** Red alert sirens sound across central and southern Israel following a ballistic missile attack by the Iranian regime. [pic.twitter.com/eDG3h3YyQK](https://pic.twitter.com/eDG3h3YyQK)

— StandWithUs (@StandWithUs) [June 8, 2026](#)

At the time of publication, it was reported that the dozens of missiles had been largely intercepted or fell in open areas. There were no reports of injuries or major damage directly caused by the strikes.

Israeli officials told media outlets that Jerusalem expects the fighting to continue for several days, at least, and that it could expand to a full-scale resumption of war against Iran.

Damage was caused to several homes in a West Bank settlement following an impact of an Iranian missile fragment, rescue services say.

No injuries are reported. [pic.twitter.com/oPkFgMjaLe](https://pic.twitter.com/oPkFgMjaLe)

— Emanuel (Mannie) Fabian (@manniefabian) [June 8, 2026](#)

The IDF Home Front Command issued new security instructions on Sunday evening, raising the alert level in the entire country and canceling school and educational activities. Workplaces are allowed to operate only if they have shelters nearby.

The Israeli Health Ministry instructed hospitals to move operations to protected underground facilities and prepare for the discharge of patients. The IDF reportedly called up thousands of reservists across all fronts to be ready for a resumption of war against Iran.

🇮🇱 ✂️ STRUCK: The IDF completed a large-scale strike on strategic defense systems belonging to the Iranian terror regime.

Recently, defense systems were deployed across Iran to restore the regime's capabilities degraded during Operation Roaring Lion. The strike led to the...

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— Israel Defense Forces (@IDF) [June 8, 2026](#)

Although Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other senior officials had not publicly commented on the situation by the time of publication, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Yehiel Leiter, wrote on X: "No self-respecting country in the world would tolerate such an attack, and neither will Israel."

"Israel is now targeting Iranian surface-to-surface missile launch sites, as well as infrastructure facilities unrelated to the energy sector. The people of Lebanon have rejected Iran's proxy, Hizballah, and have told Iran to get out of their country. If Hizballah fires at Israel, its command centers in the Dahiya will be hit hard. This has nothing to do with Iran," Leiter added.

🇮🇱 confirmed. Among the 15 Targets IAF attacked is the Mahshahr Petrochemical Complex, officially known as the Petrochemical Special Economic Zone (PETZONE) in Bandar-e Mahshahr, Khuzestan Province. Right across the border from Kuwait !

This is Iran's 2nd largest petrochemical... <https://t.co/2JgcUZpSZ3>  
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— Eyal Ofer א״ל עופר (@Eyal0365) [June 8, 2026](#)

Notably, the IDF also confirmed that the "Air Force struck several targets at the petrochemical complex in Mahshahr, in southwestern Iran." Israel had previously avoided targeting oil infrastructure under pressure from the U.S., which had classified the strikes as a further escalation.

Shortly after the first Iranian missile launches, Trump told Netanyahu in a phone call not to respond, according to several media reports.

Speaking to Israel's *Channel 12*, Trump said, "The Iranian strikes didn't hurt anybody... Hopefully Israel is not going to retaliate. If Bibi strikes them back, it's just gonna keep going like the last 47 years, or the last 3,000 years."

Trump reiterated that the U.S. was “very close to a final deal with Iran” and warned that another round of fighting would derail that progress. “Each of them had their fun. Israel had its strike [in Beirut] and Iran had its strike. We don’t need another one.”

A U.S. official told the news outlet *Axios* that Netanyahu pushed back during the conversation with Trump but ultimately “pseudo-agreed” to delay strikes on Iran. Nevertheless, the IDF later carried out its operation.

The Houthis announced that they launched a salvo of missiles at what they described as sensitive Israeli targets in the Tel Aviv–Jaffa area, claiming the strikes hit their targets accurately. The group said the attack was carried out in response to Israeli actions against Iran,... [pic.twitter.com/Ls96yqisoE](https://pic.twitter.com/Ls96yqisoE)

— Joe Truzman (@JoeTruzman) [June 8, 2026](#)

Shortly after the last wave of strikes, the Houthis launched a ballistic missile at the greater Tel Aviv area, their first since the ceasefire began on April 8.

The Houthi military spokesman, Yahya Saree, later announced that the attack was launched “in the name of the principle of the unity of fronts” and in response to Israel’s strikes in Lebanon, Iran and Gaza.

He also announced an effective blockade of the Bab el-Mandeb Strait in the Red Sea, warning that the Houthis would target any vessel linked to Israel.

# [Israel, Iran return to ceasefire agreement after Trump demands end to 'shooting' | Fox News.com](#)

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Jun 8, 2026

Trump warns Netanyahu to 'be very careful' as Israel risks losing US backing in Iran conflict

President [Donald Trump](#) warned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday that escalating military action could leave Israel isolated in a conflict with [Iran](#), according to reports.

The warning came at a fragile moment following missile exchanges between Israel and Iran and amid efforts to preserve the ceasefire.

"I told Bibi, 'You better be very careful with what you do because you might soon be left alone against Iran,'" Trump was quoted as saying, according to Israel's Channel 12.

The remarks came after Iran and Israel said they had stopped military attacks.

[Iran International](#) also reported that Israel had approved a "dramatic attack" against Iran before Trump called it off, also citing a report from Channel 12.

# [With support from Turkey and Egypt, Hamas seeks new ceasefire deal without surrendering weapons | All Israel News.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #hamas, #turkey, #egypt, #weapons

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Hamas is attempting to formulate a new ceasefire outline, with help from Turkey and Egypt, which is intended to revive mediation efforts between the terror group and Israel, Saudi news organization *Asharq Al-Awsat* reported.

The talks have been suspended for months, with both sides accusing the other of ceasefire violations. The IDF has continued to target Hamas leaders, and has taken additional territory inside the Gaza Strip, beyond the 53% it was allowed to keep as a temporary security buffer in the October 2025 ceasefire agreement.

Hamas, for its part, accuses Israel of a failure to withdraw its troops from Gaza, failing to respect the ceasefire through its repeated strikes, and of not allowing sufficient humanitarian aid into the Strip.

Israel, meanwhile, points to several attempts by armed Palestinians to cross the Yellow Line into Israeli-controlled territory, along with Hamas' [refusal](#) to disarm, as proof that the terror organization is failing to uphold its obligations under the agreement.

The IDF's Office for Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) denies claims of insufficient aid, saying the amount of food aid entering Gaza daily is more than enough to support the population.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza is stable, supported by a continuous and consistent flow of aid.

Working alongside the CMCC, the UN, and authorized international partners, we ensure a steady supply of food, water, sanitation, and medical services.

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— COGAT (@cogatonline) [June 2, 2026](#)

The *Asharq Al-Awsat* report cited two “Hamas sources” who said the group is expected to send a delegation to Cairo this weekend to discuss preliminary proposals to resolve the existing disagreements, following discussions with Turkish officials in Ankara earlier this week.

The Hamas sources did not indicate what the proposals entail, however, a statement released after the meeting with Turkish intelligence head Ibrahim Kalin, blamed Israel for failing to honor the Sharm al-Sheikh agreement, for escalating strikes in Gaza and for a “failure to complete the implementation of the first phase of the agreement.”

Hamas has repeatedly insisted that Israel fully withdraw from the Gaza Strip at the conclusion of the first phase of a ceasefire agreement, while Israel maintains that any withdrawal is contingent on Hamas beginning to disarm. The terror organization has consistently rejected disarmament proposals that involve surrendering its weapons to an external party.

Hamas has also expressed sharp criticism of UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nikolay Mladenov, who has insisted that the deal agreed to by Hamas includes disarmament as part of the process of installing the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG).

A report in *Asharq Al-Awsat* earlier this year stated that “several prominent political and military leaders” from Hamas could leave the Gaza Strip as part of the transition to the second phase of the peace deal. However, in recent weeks, Israel has **eliminated** most of Hamas’ senior military leaders.

With Hamas increasingly appearing intent on remaining in Gaza, and even **incorporating** itself into the incoming Palestinian governance of the Strip, and its continued **refusal** to disarm, Israel has **returned** to the idea of resuming military operations to destroy the last elements of the terror organization.

Last week, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered the IDF to **seize** as much as 70% of the Gaza Strip in an apparent bid to pressure Hamas to return to the negotiating table.

# [Flesh-eating screwworm returns to U.S. after 60 years, threatening cattle herd | NBC News.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #cattle, #screwworm, #infection, #parasite

Jun 4, 2026

A [flesh-eating parasite](#) that had been kept out of U.S. livestock for decades has been detected in Texas, threatening the nation's cattle industry and food supply at a time when prices are already high.

The case of New World screwworm was confirmed in a 3-week-old calf in La Pryor, near the U.S.-Mexico border, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said late Wednesday.

The parasitic fly's larvae feed exclusively on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals.

While the fly is capable of infecting humans and pets, such cases are rare and pose little risk to the broader public, according to experts.

The parasite does not pose a food safety threat, but a wider outbreak could still cost the livestock industry billions of dollars and put additional pressure on beef prices that are already at record highs.

The case is the first confirmed detection of New World screwworm in Texas since 1966 and is the only confirmed case identified in the country so far, Rollins said.

It follows months of warnings from U.S. and Texas agriculture officials and cattle industry leaders, as the pest steadily moved north through Mexico toward the American border.

“For months, the screwworm has advanced rapidly through Mexico in spite of the USDA's existing game plan,” Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said Wednesday, adding that “instead of using every available tool, USDA moved too slowly and relied solely on a partial solution that takes years to fully implement.”

Miller has also called on President Donald Trump to take direct control of the government's response and “throw every available federal resource at this threat before it becomes a full-blown agricultural disaster.”

The primary weapon against screwworm is a decades-old technique that has eliminated the parasite from the U.S. in the past — releasing sterilized male flies into affected areas. Since female flies generally mate only once, those that pair with sterile males are unable to produce offspring.

In a bid to contain the spread of the parasite, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said it has begun releasing sterile flies in the area and is investing heavily in new sterile flies production facilities in Texas.

It has also established a roughly 12-mile quarantine zone around the site and restricted the movement of warm-blooded animals, including livestock and pets, to further strengthen the response.

State veterinarians are urging ranchers and pet owners inside the quarantine zone to follow movement restrictions while eradication efforts continue.

Rollins said the USDA is confident enough in its preparations that it believes “there is no threat of mass infestation.”

“Protecting our livestock industry is a national security issue of the utmost importance, and USDA is wasting no time in taking action,” Dudley Hoskins, a USDA undersecretary, said. “USDA invested heavily in the tools needed to eliminate NWS ever since cases started increasing in Central America and Mexico. The United States has defeated this pest before, and we will do it again.”

Unlike contagious livestock diseases, screwworm does not spread directly from animal to animal. Instead, female flies lay eggs in open wounds or body openings.

Once the eggs hatch, the larvae burrow into living flesh and feed on tissue, potentially causing severe infections and death of livestock if left untreated.

The U.S. cattle herd is already at its lowest level in 75 years, with a major screwworm outbreak threatening to further reduce supplies and increase costs for ranchers and consumers alike.

The most recent human screwworm case in the U.S. was identified in Maryland last year after a traveler returned from El Salvador.

The person recovered, and federal health officials found no evidence that the parasite had spread to others.

# [Major 7.8 earthquake strikes along Pacific Ring of Fire, killing at least 32 | Fox News.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #earthquake, #philippines, #tsunami, #disaster

Jun 7, 2026

GENERAL SANTOS, PHILIPPINES — A powerful magnitude 7.8 [earthquake](#) struck just off the coast of the southern [Philippines](#) on Monday morning, triggering [tsunami](#) warnings across the region.

The U.S. Geological Survey ([USGS](#)) reported that the [earthquake](#) struck off the island of Mindanao, about 15 miles west-southwest of Burias, Philippines, at 6:37 p.m. EST (7:37 a.m. PHST).

At least 32 people have been killed and more than 100 injured, according to Reuters, citing local officials. Mindanao is the major island in the southern Philippines and home to more than 25 million people.

Several multistory buildings collapsed in General Santos, the closest major city to the epicenter. The government has mobilized disaster response teams.

The earthquake had a depth of about 22 miles, a relatively shallow depth. According to the USGS, the initial earthquake was severe and had an estimated intensity of VIII on the Mercalli intensity scale, meaning the shaking was intense, felt by everyone in the area and caused widespread alarm among residents.

The USGS reported aftershocks of magnitudes ranging from 6.5 to 4.0. Philippine disaster officials said more than 150 aftershocks had been recorded by Monday evening.

The Philippines is one of the most seismically active countries in the world due to its location on the active Pacific Ring of Fire — the massive, 25,000-mile ring of [volcanoes](#) and tectonic plate boundaries where 90 percent of the world's earthquakes occur.

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines suspended all operations at General Santos City Airport, while Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos announced that classes were suspended in affected areas for the time being.

The [Pacific Tsunami Warning Center](#) reported that tsunami waves up to 10 feet were possible along the coasts of the Philippines, while waves up to 3 feet were possible on some coasts of Indonesia and Malaysia.

Additionally, Taiwan, Japan, Guam, Papua New Guinea and numerous nearby islands were placed under tsunami advisory. The advisories for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands have since been lifted.

The USGS said there is no tsunami danger to the North American coast, including the [U.S.](#) and [Canada](#), following the recent earthquake.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency also reported that there was no threat to the [Hawaii](#) coast following the earthquake.

# [Sarah Fisher installed as first openly lesbian Episcopal bishop in the South | Christian Post.com](#)

#bibleprophecy #lesbian, #bishop, #episcopal, #united states, #apostasy

May 28, 2026

The Rev. Sarah Fisher has been installed as bishop of an Episcopal Church diocese, reportedly becoming the first woman in a same-sex relationship to be elevated to that position in the southern United States.

Fisher, who is in a same-sex union with the Rev. Mandy Brady, was installed as the ninth bishop of the North Carolina-based Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina on Saturday.

Although there have been other openly gay bishops in The Episcopal Church, a spokesperson for the denomination told The Christian Post on Wednesday that, to her knowledge, “Bishop Fisher is the first openly lesbian Episcopal Church bishop for a diocese based in the South.”

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe served as chief consecrator at the service, while Bishop Robert Wright of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta preached at the ceremony, the [Episcopal News Service](#) reported.

Last November, Fisher [was elected](#) bishop on the third ballot, receiving 36 votes among clergy and 70 votes among laity, achieving the necessary simple majority for the election.

According to the diocese, the other nominees were the Rev. Brian Cannaday, rector of St. Christopher Episcopal Church in League City, Texas, and the Rev. Caleb Lee, rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Wilmington, North Carolina. Lee opted to withdraw his name from consideration following the second ballot.

Fisher, 54, was ordained in 2005 in the Diocese of Atlanta, having earned a Bachelor of Arts from Agnes Scott College and a Master’s of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary.

At the time of her election as bishop, Fisher was serving as rector of St. Catherine’s Episcopal Church, a congregation based in Marietta, Georgia. She succeeded Bishop Rob Skirving, who retired after 11 years of service.

During the selection process for bishop, Fisher [was asked](#) by the diocese to describe her “approach to ministry in a divided nation and world.”

“I serve a very purple congregation,” she responded. “We are not unanimous in politics, or in how much noise children should make in church, or what brand of coffee to serve. We are united in our desire to see, know and serve the Risen Christ.”

“Getting proximate to those who differ from us is vital to seeing the inherent dignity and divinity that dwells in every person. It is easy to hate an idea or a stereotype or a strongly held belief. It is harder to hate the neighbor you know, when you can recognize the light of Christ within them.”

In 2003, the Rev. Gene Robinson garnered controversy when he became the [first openly gay bishop](#) in The Episcopal Church, becoming head of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire.

Robinson’s election prompted large numbers of theologically conservative congregations to leave the theologically liberal denomination, which also led to years of litigation across the U.S. over who rightfully owned various church properties and assets.

The conservative exodus contributed to what has been a years-long decline in membership for the mainline denomination. In 2006, The Episcopal Church had approximately [2.1 million members](#). By 2023, however, that number [had dropped](#) to approximately 1.54 million.

# [Presbyterian Church faces internal revolt after proposing clergy must be in monogamous relationships | Foxnews.com](#)

#bibleprophecy #lesbian, #presbyterian, #clergy, #apostasy

Jun 7, 2026

A progressive [Christian](#) denomination is facing sharp internal backlash over a proposed rule that would require ordained clergy to be in monogamous sexual relationships.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is set to vote on the monogamy requirement at its General Assembly this summer in Milwaukee. The measure has sparked fierce debate and outrage from three official progressive church committees and polyamorous church groups, according to [Religion News Service](#).

The PC(USA) has allowed for the ordination of openly gay clergy since 2011 and altered its definition of marriage to "two people" in 2014. The new proposed rule, known as CON-10, does not mention sexual orientation or same-sex relationships. Instead, it targets multipartner relationships, arguing that the practice of [polyamory or polygamy](#) can create "power imbalances, emotional harm, and spiritual confusion," particularly for women, children and historically marginalized persons.

The rule, submitted by the [Sierra Blanca Presbytery](#), states that PC(USA) pastors must "display moral character" and, "if engaged in any relationship of a sexual nature, living in a monogamous one." The rule also asks the church to develop pastoral resources to help people leaving "polyamorous or polygamous situations."

## [LGBTQ 'LAVENDER GRADUATIONS' SET TO TAKE PLACE AT MAJOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES, INCLUDING ONE WITH A DRAG SHOW](#)

However, the proposal drew outrage from three official PC(USA) church advisory committees: the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and Advocacy Committee on [LGBTQIA+ Equity](#).

In its official response, the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice claimed that requiring pastors to be monogamous attempts to "regulate the private lives and relational structures of individuals in ways that risk harm rather than healing." The committee further argued that a monogamy mandate could "unintentionally reinforce systems of shame, silence, and spiritual coercion."

The Advocacy Committee on LGBTQIA+ Equity also argued that the monogamy rule reinforced [White privilege](#). The group claimed the mandate imposes "a narrow, culturally specific understanding of family" that "privileges a dominant cultural framework over the lived realities of communities of color and global Christians." The

LGBTQIA+ panel also cited a 2024 academic study to defend multipartner relationships, claiming that polyamorous individuals report relationship satisfaction comparable to monogamous couples.

A third panel, the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, also disapproved of the measure, arguing that it should be rejected in favor of a separate proposal to study "[diverse understandings of relationships](#)."

More Light Presbyterians, a prominent progressive activist group within the denomination, has aggressively lobbied against the monogamy rule. The group released a statement last month saying the proposal reinforces "narrow and culturally bound definitions of relationships that have historically been used to exclude, police, and harm queer bodies and lives."

The group, which hosted a "Faithful Polyamory 101" training last month, said the rule would take the [progressive denomination "backward"](#) by centering on "a single model of relationship as the only faithful expression of Christian life."

A separate proposal heavily endorsed by these same progressive committees pushes instead for the denomination to fund theological studies on gender and sexuality, relationships and the Christian vocation of family that would support the church's mission to include "different familial realities," according to RNS.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca did not immediately return Fox News Digital's request for comment.

# [Viral ‘alien disclosure’ panic sweeping Christian social media just ‘smoke and mirrors,’ Bible teacher warns | The Blaze.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #aliens, #social media, #christainity

Jun 1, 2026

A viral “alien disclosure” scandal has been rocking Christian circles after a group of charismatic pastors claimed the government held a secret meeting warning religious leaders about impending UFO revelations involving a fake rapture and a massive deception.

“There’s groups of people meeting to talk about their beliefs about aliens or the government, that’s not new at all. That’s been going on for quite a long time. But the idea that government officials were there and that they were informing these pastors so that the pastors could help the people because the government was about to tell us stuff that was so wild,” Bible teacher Mike Winger tells [BlazeTV](#) host [Allie Beth Stuckey](#).

“They absolutely misled the people into thinking that they had some sort of government-approved inside information, and it was just smoke and mirrors, the whole thing,” he explains.

However, they were actually just meeting with “private Christians who they say are intelligence operators.”

“They like to use that phrase, but they don’t actually work for any government agency or any sort of government at all,” he says.

Rather, these Christians actually just have “theories based upon publicly accessible information.”

“It’s all been declassified info for years. And they just go and they try to put it together in a way that they think tells a story that they believe is true. And the story they believe is true, interestingly enough, is that the government’s going to affirm aliens do exist,” Winger says.

“And they’re going to couple this with propaganda from the government itself to say Christianity is false,” he says, noting that one man in attendance claimed that “there will soon be an alien in the sky who will be a false Jesus, and there’ll be a false rapture event, and they’re going to use this to deceive Christians around the world.”

“These are kooks. These men are kooks,” he continues.

“They try to position themselves as ‘the government has informed us of what’s really coming guys, you need to listen to us, we will be your guides, we’ll be your thought leaders through this turbulent time of disclosure,’” he explains.

“And I was like, this is going to hurt a lot of people,” he continues, adding, “They should not be our thought leaders.”

# [Nebraska Governor Signs Executive Order to Fight Antisemitism and Protect Jewish Students | Israel365 News.com](#)

#bibleprophecy, #nebraska, #jews, #students, #anti-semitism

May 31, 2026

Nebraska Governor Jim Pillen signed a landmark [executive order](#) on Friday to bolster protections against antisemitism at the state's public schools.

"We never give up on kids," Governor Pillen declared at Friday's signing ceremony at the State Capitol in Lincoln. "Our schools are sanctuaries of learning and safety and respect. No student in Nebraska should ever have to hide their faith, their heritage, or who they are out of fear. I'm proud to sign this executive order today to keep our state and our morals strong."

"It's really important that we think about the horrific act that took place in Israel in October 7th," Governor Pillen said. "We have seen just a ridiculous and unacceptable surge of antisemitism across our nation, across Nebraska, and at our high schools and our universities. In Nebraska, we do not tolerate hate in any form."

Executive Order No. 26-14, issued during Jewish American Heritage Month, deepens Nebraska's prior adoption of the [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance \(IHRA\) Working Definition of Antisemitism](#), integrating it into codes of conduct for students, faculty, and staff.

"If we have a clear definition, we give hope to solving the problem," Governor Pillen noted.

*Read the full text of Executive Order No. 26-14 [HERE](#).*

Each public school district, community college, and institution of higher education under the control of the Nebraska Board of Regents will also now be requested to submit an annual report to the Office of the Governor identifying all complaints and incidents of antisemitism over the past academic year and detailing the findings and outcomes of any investigations conducted.

"It's an emphasis on transparency," Governor Pillen said.

Additionally, the Nebraska Department of Education will be asked to make available to every public and nonpublic school supplemental materials and curricula on Jewish American history, the Holocaust, and the State of Israel.

“The only way hatred can thrive is if history is forgotten,” Governor Pillen said. “We can’t let that happen in this extraordinary state, and we have high expectations of our Department of Education to step up and provide these tools.”

Other speakers at Friday’s signing ceremony included Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) Founder Adam Beren, Jewish Federation of Omaha CEO Bob Goldberg, and Nebraska Family Alliance Executive Director Nate Grasz.

“Antisemitism is anti-American,” Beren emphasized. “Governor, you’re standing up for history and for the Jewish community, and we can’t thank you enough.”

In a statement welcoming the executive order, CAM Director of State Engagement David Soffer said, “Safeguarding Jewish life is a civil rights imperative across America and Nebraska now stands as a national example for effective state-level action to combat antisemitism. Every state should want to ensure that Jewish students, faculty, and staff are treated equally, in line with Title VI. Governor Pillen’s executive order today makes that a reality in Nebraska, and we commend him for his leadership.”

The executive order comes amid increasing concerns over rising antisemitism nationwide and globally, with growing calls from Jewish communities for clear standards to help counter it.

Over the past year and a half, CAM has prioritized [educating American state lawmakers](#) on antisemitism-related issues and potential policy remedies.

In this time, CAM has tracked legislative initiatives put forth in [Arkansas](#), [Iowa](#), [Kansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [Missouri](#), [Nebraska](#), [Nevada](#), [Ohio](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Wisconsin](#), and [Tennessee](#), and eight of these states — Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Wisconsin — have seen new laws enacted since April 2025.

A total of 38 U.S. states have adopted or endorsed the IHRA antisemitism definition, according to a [database](#) compiled by the Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) by CAM, with 18 codifying it into state law.