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Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been reluctant to permit Israeli intervention in the war, worrying that it would have negative repercussion for public opinion

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is pushing for Israel to be allowed to strike Houthi targets in Yemen, according to a diplomatic source quoted by *Haaretz* on Monday.

According to the report, Netanyahu is pushing through US mediators to secure Saudi Arabia's permission for Israel to intervene in the decade-old conflict.

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The goal is for Israel to "join forces" with Saudi Arabia and develop the relationship to pave the way for a future normalization agreement.

However, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) has been reluctant to permit Israeli intervention in the war, reportedly believing that it would play poorly with the Saudi public.

MBS serves as the kingdom's prime minister in addition to serving as crown prince which means that, without his approval, Israel is unlikely to receive permission to enter the war.

Netanyahu has repeatedly stated his goal of normalizing relations with Saudi Arabia, and the October 7 attacks are believed to have been an attempt by Hamas to disrupt any normalization agreement.

Saudi Arabia has repeatedly stated that it would only normalize relations with Israel following the establishment of a Palestinian state, something Netanyahu has pledged to prevent in recent election campaign statements.

[Nolte: Yet Another Mother Accused of Trying to Kill Her Small Children | Breitbart.com](#)

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Oct 7, 2026

The Lindsay Clancy Social Contagion feels even more real after this latest report about a Texas mother accused of trying to murder her two small children. One child is just ten months old. The other is three years old.

“A North Texas mother is facing a trio of charges after the Northlake Police Department said she assaulted her husband and stabbed her two children early Tuesday morning,” [reports](#) far-left CBS News.

According to police, “a man told 9-1-1 operators that his wife, identified as 37-year-old Holly Leeann Flores, allegedly had a knife and stabbed him.” Minutes later, police arrived and searched the house, where they “found Flores’ two children inside: a 3-year-old girl and a 10-month-old boy. Both had stab wounds in their chests and were rushed to a hospital for treatment. The man had head injuries and was also taken to the hospital.”

Thankfully, it looks as though everyone will be okay.

Let’s look at the record since July of this year when Democrats turned Lindsay Clancy, a woman who admitted to strangling her three young children to death, into a feminist folk hero and a status symbol of victimhood...

[August 10, 2026](#) — Inside the North Dakota home of 22-year-old Kailey Erhart, police “found the bodies of her three children, all of whom had cuts across their necks. Erhart’s 3-year-old and 5-month-old were pronounced dead at local hospitals, while her 1-year-old survived after undergoing surgery, the affidavit states.”

[August 13, 2026](#) — “A court document was recently released in the case of an Abilene toddler who was rushed lifeless to the police station earlier this week, revealing her mother [35-year-old Anum Khan] allegedly strangled her and stabbed her multiple times.”

[September 5, 2026](#) — Corie A. Walsh, 40 of Frankfort, Illinois, was “very invested” in the Lindsay Clancy trial and “charged with the murder of her 2-year-old son on Friday,” reports UPI. “Her 2-year-old son, Barrett Walsh, was found hanging in the basement while Walsh was in a bathtub upstairs attempting suicide.”

[September 26, 2026](#) — “Taylor Gosnell, 35, was charged with attempted murder after allegedly stabbing her children, aged three and six, more than 50 times at her Spartanburg County home.”

[October 1, 2026](#) — “The family of four-year-old Vivian Savella is mourning the little girl after Houston police say she was shot and killed by her mother hours after a custody hearing... Investigators say Vivian’s mother was also found with a gunshot wound and was taken to a hospital in critical condition. Police believe Vivian’s mother shot her daughter before turning the gun on herself.”

And this might not be a complete list. Regardless, I’m old enough to remember when a mother killing her small children was national news for weeks, and until I decided to compile this list, only one of these alleged child murders was familiar to me.

We now live in a society where leftist institutions such as Hollywood, the news media, academia, and the Democrat Party have convinced a large swath of American women that 1) children are a burden, 2) killing a baby in the birth canal is not murder, 3) women can do no wrong, 4) victim status is a worthy goal, 5) killing your children makes you a victim of postpartum depression and the patriarchy, and 6) killing your children could increase your status into a national heroine like Lindsay Clancy.

Basically, the left has legitimized a fatal form of Munchausen by proxy whereby murdering your own kids delivers sympathy and status you could never achieve by being an everyday mother who takes care of her kids.

All of this is reinforced on social media, especially TikTok, and in a true crime genre where female criminals are never evil but always victims — victims of men, of capitalism, of an unjust society.

Between this and the relentless lies about President Trump being a unique danger to democracy, the lies about America being racist, and the lies about “trans genocide,” what we have here is the organized left deliberately looking to activate unbalanced people into committing horrific acts of violence.

Young US Voters Have Surprisingly Favorable View of Sharia Law: Poll | Billy Graham.org

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A national [poll](#) in late September found that 43% of likely voters in the U.S. ages 18-24 have a mostly or somewhat positive opinion of Sharia (Islamic) law, and 39% of those ages 25-29 agreed. Overall, only 21% of likely voters polled said they have a mostly or somewhat positive opinion of Sharia.

Although the specific application of Sharia varies widely around the world, in its most restrictive form it bars women from getting an education, forces them to wear veils outside the home, and imposes punishments such as amputation of the hands for theft, 100 lashes for those caught in adultery, and death for those who turn away from Islam. A *Decision* review of laws found that Sharia exists in some form in nine of Open Doors' top 10 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution (see list below).

In the poll, younger voters were much more likely to support requiring public schools to teach children about "the benefits of Sharia law." Twenty-four percent of voters ages 18-24 and 31% of those ages 25-29 support such a requirement, compared with just 3% of voters age 40 and older.

And while 83% of likely voters oppose allowing Sharia to become the legal code for everyone in an American town, city, or state, roughly one-quarter of those in the 18-35 age group would support this.

Besides age differences, the poll also revealed a sharp contrast based on political affiliation. When asked whether Sharia law or America's alliance with Israel poses a greater threat to America's future, a plurality of Democrats (32%) said they believe America's alliance with Israel poses a greater threat, while 23% said Sharia law poses a greater threat.

Among Republicans, however, 68% said Sharia poses the greater threat, while only 16% said the alliance with Israel is the greater threat.

Finally, when asked whether Sharia or traditional Christianity poses a greater threat to America's future, only 34% of Democrats said they think Sharia law is a greater threat than traditional Christianity, while 41% said neither is a threat and 16% said traditional Christianity is a greater threat.

On the other hand, 80% of Republicans and 52% of independents said Sharia law is a greater threat than traditional Christianity to America's future.

“These results reveal a striking generational divide in Americans’ attitudes toward Sharia,” said Justin Haskins, president and senior fellow of Our Republic. “While a clear majority of voters overall have a negative view of Sharia, and an overwhelming majority oppose allowing it to become the legal code of an American community, large numbers of younger Americans hold very different views.” Haskins also discussed the poll results in an [interview](#) with Glenn Beck.

The poll of 1,026 likely voters was conducted by Our Republic and Rasmussen Reports. It has a margin of sampling error of +/- 3 percentage points, with a 95% level of confidence.

Open Doors’ Top 10 Nations on the [World Watch List 2026](#) for the most extreme persecution of Christians are:

1. North Korea
2. Somalia
3. Yemen
4. Sudan
5. Eritrea
6. Syria
7. Nigeria
8. Pakistan
9. Libya
10. Iran

Sharia courts are here — and Americans need to wake up | The Blaze.com

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Oct 11, 2026

'We have documented 150 cases judged under Sharia law in the United States in 23 states,' Brigitte Gabriel warns.

Americans shouldn't wait until Sharia courts become widespread before deciding where they stand — and Brigitte Gabriel is doing everything in her power to help them see the threat before it's too late.

Gabriel tells [BlazeTV](#) host Nick Freitas that she was shocked to relive her upbringing in Lebanon — where her home was attacked by Islamic extremists — on 9/11, when her daughter sat watching the towers fall on the news and asked her, “Mommy, why did they do this to us?”

“And I found myself, Nick,” she explains, “looking into my daughter’s eyes and repeating to her the exact same words my father said to me when I was a 10-year-old little girl, laying wounded in a hospital in Lebanon, hooked up to IVs on both arms, one blood bag in one arm, one IV in another, asking my father, ‘Why did they do this to us?’”

“And my father told me, ‘They hate us because they consider us infidels, and they want to kill us.’ Here we were two generations apart, two continents apart. I had to look into my daughter’s eyes and repeat to her the same words my father said to me,” she continues.

“That day I was reborn as an activist,” she adds, noting that this is why she started the Act for America foundation in 2002.

This foundation serves to “organize people in chapters nationwide to teach them how they can impact policy at their local level.”

Not only does the foundation now have over 5 million members nationwide, but it has successfully passed 300 bills at the federal and state level.

And the latest bill it is putting through Congress is the Preserving Our Constitution Act of 2026.

“It says no Sharia courts are allowed to operate in the United States. We are building the firewall to make sure that this does not happen,” Gabriel explains.

Freitas warns that this could easily become a problem for the U.S., as in the U.K. right now, there are 84 Sharia courts.

“Please understand that when Brigitte here is talking about Sharia courts in the United States, it is an inevitability unless you’re proactive,” Freitas says. “Because the moment they start going, and you haven’t prepared yourself for this, now all of a sudden, they win a couple of cases in court, and nobody wants to challenge them, and they start setting them up everywhere.”

However, Gabriel has some bad news.

“The Sharia courts are already operating in the United States,” she says. “The first Sharia court was established in Richardson, Texas, in 1991. Since then, we have documented 150 cases judged under Sharia law in the United States in 23 states.”

This is why in 2009, Gabriel got to work on the American Laws for American Courts bill, which says that “no law that is not compatible with the U.S. Constitution would be allowed to be practiced in an American courtroom.”

“We were able to pass that law in 13 states,” she explains.

“We’ve been fighting this battle for a long time,” she adds.

[Agitators cheer Oct. 7 massacre in New York City and across the country | Foxnews.com](#)

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Oct 7, 2026

Anti-Israel groups chanted "long live the intifada" and celebrated the Hamas attack as October 7 anniversary protests swept across the country.

NEW YORK — On the third anniversary of the [Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel](#), nonprofits and a number of anti-Israel organizations mobilized and rallied for demonstrations across the country, with some waving Palestinian flags, chanting "long live the intifada" and lauding the Hamas-planned ambush that killed more than a thousand civilians.

A number of demonstrations took place in New York, California and other states – with nonprofits in the Singham network organizing and staging larger rallies set for this weekend, intentionally scheduled on and around the anniversary of the Hamas terrorist attack.

At 12:30 p.m., organizers from the NYU Students for Justice in Palestine staged a walkout in Washington Square Park as part of their "NYU WEEK OF RAGE," where they said in a social media post they remain "steadfast in our commitment to Palestinian liberation."

Separately, anti-Israel demonstrators arrived at the gates of Columbia University at 2 p.m., where encampments and riots embattled the campus for years after Oct. 7, 2023. As students filtered in and out of the gates, now guarded by heavy security, demonstrators from The Columbia Intifada and others chanted "globalize the intifada" through a megaphone.

Columbia University has previously told Fox News Digital that the Columbia Intifada is not officially associated with the Ivy League school.

At 4 p.m., some of the same groups who were protesting at Columbia traveled to [New York City](#) Mayor Zohran Mamdani's office at City Hall, with Palestinian flags flying and chants echoing throughout the Financial District of Manhattan.

[Mamdani weighed in on the anniversary](#) earlier on Wednesday morning, saying "we grieve alongside our many friends and neighbors" who are dealing with the loss experienced on Oct. 7, 2023, before blasting Israel for an "ongoing genocide in Gaza."

"The suffering did not begin nor end that day," Mamdani posted to X. "It instead continued through the Israeli government's devastating, ongoing genocide in Gaza, in which it has killed more than 74,000 Palestinians — including more than 21,000 children."

On Mamdani's schedule for the anniversary of Oct. 7, he is set to meet with "Palestinian New Yorkers" following a vigil for the Israeli victims of the Hamas attack.

MAMDANI ROASTED FOR STAYING TIGHT-LIPPED ON 'WAR CRIMINAL' PEZESHKIAN AFTER RAGING ABOUT NETANYAHU

In California, [Students for Justice in Palestine UCLA](#) mobilized at Bruin Plaza on the Los Angeles campus, echoing similar messages to separate groups across the country. Agitators at UC Davis celebrated the terrorist attack, calling for "glory to the resistance" and referring to Oct. 7 as the "anniversary of the al-Aqsa Flood."

Operation Al-Aqsa Flood is the military code name given by Hamas for the attack three years ago.

On Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led terrorists stormed into southern Israel from the Gaza Strip, converging on a music festival in a surprise ambush that killed roughly 1,200 people. The attackers abducted more than 250 people and took them into Gaza as hostages, triggering a conflict that remains ongoing.

The coordinated, organized events held Wednesday shed light on the protest infrastructure that has fueled many of the anti-Israel protests since October 2023, with Singham-backed groups like the People's Forum and CodePink consistently in attendance.

On Tuesday, the People's Forum collaborated with Shut it Down 4 Palestine to prepare for a separate protest that will take place on Saturday in Washington Square Park "to stand against three years of continued genocide in Gaza," according to their social media post.

A Fox News Digital investigation revealed Singham has donated \$22.44 million to the People's Forum Inc.

Last month, CodePink, which was founded by Singham's wife, Jodie Evans, marched alongside communist and Marxist groups in protest of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speaking at the [United Nations General Assembly](#).

Singham, a 72-year-old American who sold his tech company for \$785 million in 2017 and now lives in Shanghai, has funneled \$278 million into the broad network of nonprofits since 2017, according to a Fox News Digital investigation. These groups regularly organize and participate in anti-ICE, anti-Israel and pro-Iran demonstrations.

The Southern District of New York, one of the country's most powerful districts for federal prosecutions, opened a [grand jury probe into Singham's finances](#) in June. He has yet to be charged with any crime.

Trauma psychologist Dr. Orli Peter, who founded the Israel Healing Initiative, a nonprofit that has been providing high-tech trauma treatment for people impacted by the Oct. 7 attack, told Fox News Digital that the demonstrations across the country "manipulate the public," weaponize the anniversary, and detract from the mourning of Jewish people.

"Demonstrating while Jews are mourning on Oct. 7 weaponizes the anniversary," Peter explained. "It serves two purposes for the activists: One is to manipulate the public by interrupting the mourning before empathy settles on Jewish suffering and responsibility points to Hamas."

"The other is to show power over the mourners, telling them, 'Even in your grief, in your memory, in your most vulnerable day, we can invade,'" she added.

Anti-Jewish hate crimes rise 10% in England and Wales, according to government data | The Times of Israel.com

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Oct 13, 2026

Home Office figures show Jews and Muslims most targeted in religiously motivated hate crimes, with 3,162 incidents targeting Jewish community between March 2025 and March 2026

JTA — Hate crimes targeting Jewish people in England and Wales rose by 10% in the year ending in March, according to the latest data released by the British government.

Police-reported hate crime — including crime influenced by other factors such as race and sexual orientation — overall increased by 7% compared with the previous year, according to the Home Office data released last week.

British Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband posted on X on Monday: “Antisemitism has no place in our society. This morning, I hosted a crucial discussion with the J7 Global Task Force to discuss how we can work together across countries to stamp out the scourge of antisemitism.”

Following the meeting, the Board of Deputies of British Jews issued a statement explaining that Miliband and the task force had discussed, among other things, “the sharp rise in global antisemitism” and the “continued demonisation of Israel.” Representatives from the UK, the US, Canada, Germany, France, Argentina and Australia make up the task force.

“In the meeting, the J7 proposed a new international intergovernmental ministerial task force on antisemitism, comprising the countries represented in the J7 and taking on the key themes discussed. We were pleased that the Foreign Secretary agreed to host an inaugural meeting of J7 countries’ ministers to start this process,” the statement sent to JTA said.

The Community Security Trust, a charity that protects the Jewish community and monitors antisemitism, said on X that the new data show “that antisemitic hate crime remains at an unacceptably high level.”

“As seen previously, Jewish people continue to experience by far the highest police-recorded rate per head of religious hate crime of any faith group,” CST said. “This shows the disproportionate scale of anti-Jewish hatred and its impact on Jewish life in Britain.”

Religious hate crime rose by 13% overall in the 12 months to March 2026, the report said. The overall figure rose from 10,067 to 11,419 offenses.

The two groups most affected were Jews and Muslims, the Home Office said. Religiously motivated hate crimes against Muslims increased 15%, the report found, with spikes reported around public protests in September 2025 and the start of the US war with Iran in February.

The number of recorded offenses affecting Jews rose from 2,874 to 3,162 offenses, spiking after the attack on Heaton Park synagogue in Manchester last year on Yom Kippur.

Two men, Melvin Cravitz and Adrian Daulby, were killed on Oct. 2, 2025, after Jihad Al-Shamie, who was wearing a fake suicide bomb belt, drove into the gates of Heaton Park synagogue and began attacking congregants with a knife. Cravitz died from stab wounds; Daulby was fatally struck by a police bullet during the response.

A spate of violent antisemitic incidents followed this year, including the torching of four ambulances belonging to Jewish volunteer service Hatzola on March 23 and the stabbing of two Jewish men in separate attacks in Golders Green on April 29.

The Home Office figures, which do not include data from London's Metropolitan Police Service because of a change in how it records crime, showed the second-highest level of religious hate crime directed at the Jewish community since the Home Office began keeping records in 2018. It was surpassed only by the year ending March 2024.

"In the last year, there were 117 police recorded religious hate crimes targeted at Jewish people per 10,000 population, the highest rate for any religious group. The next highest rate was for religious hate crimes targeted at Muslims, with 13 per 10,000 population," said the Home Office.

The report was published on October 8, at a time of heightened sensitivity. Eleven people were arrested at pro-Palestinian marches in London a day earlier, despite calls by the Metropolitan Police to avoid demonstrating on the anniversary of Hamas's deadly 2023 raids inside Israel.

Police reported 20 arrests at Saturday's pro-Palestinian protest in London, where many demonstrators were wearing kaffiyehs, waving Palestinian flags and brandishing banners.

The level of hate directed at the Jewish community has remained at an "elevated level" since the beginning of the Israel-Hamas conflict, the report stated.

The CST said: "There is an urgent need to reduce the amount of incitement connected to conflict overseas," adding that "much more needs to be done across society to tackle this problem."

Over the summer, the government announced a major funding boost to support the Jewish community, promising £250 million (\$335 million) over the next three years for increased policing and protection of Jewish communities.

More remains to be done, according to community organizations.

A spokesperson for the Board of Deputies of British Jews said the report's publication "confirms the need for rigorous prosecution to ensure deterrence, and a whole of society approach to tackling hatred and extremism, and to stopping conflict in the Middle East being used to incite hatred against the Jewish community."

The Campaign Against Antisemitism said the report was evidence that the British justice system was failing the Jewish community.

"Antisemites, emboldened by the Hamas terrorist atrocity three years ago, are not only not letting up in their hatred but are doubling down," it said in a statement. "That's because there is no real deterrent. So really these figures are most damning for the criminal justice system, which has utterly failed to defend British Jews.

"Even as conflict in the Middle East is easing off, antisemitism in the UK is rising, yet there have been essentially no changes in policing policy over the past three years and nobody has been held to account for this monumental failure," the campaign said.

[Major Earthquake Rocks Panama, Triggers Tsunami Warning | Breitbart.com](#)

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Oct 9, 2026

A magnitude-7.7 earthquake rocked Panama on Friday, unleashing panic in the high-rise capital city and causing buildings to collapse in the center of the country.

USGS said the quake was detected at 1756 GMT with an epicenter 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the small town of Pitaloza Arriba in the south-center of Panama.

It triggered a tsunami warning for Panama and warnings of smaller but dangerous waves along the coasts of other countries in Latin America and the south Pacific.

The quake, registered at a shallow depth of 12 kilometers, was felt across the country of around 4.5 million people, according to the National Civil Protection System, and lasted for around a minute.

The US Tsunami Warning System said that tsunami waves up to three meters high could hit the Panama coastline in the coming hours.

In Panama City, about 200 kilometers from the epicenter, there were scenes of panic as people rushed to evacuate from skyscrapers, AFP witnessed.

There were no reports yet of casualties but extensive damage was expected, particularly in the center of the Central American nation.

"I'm in shock right now and haven't been able to contact my family," Luis Poveda, a factory worker in the central city of Santiago de Veraguas told AFP.

Huge aftershocks

"We all ran out of the building, the power lines were swaying, and everyone was outside," Arnulfo Santos, a worker at a flour mill in the same city said.

Images shared by local media showed that part of a hotel had collapsed in the town of Penonome, 150 kilometers southwest of Panama City.

A church in Penonome was also seriously damaged and other buildings showed cracks, according to local reports.

A road in the province of Veraguas had cracks, according to images released by the local press.

Over a dozen large aftershocks, one a magnitude-6 tremor, were recorded by the local geosciences institute.

Writing on X, Panamanian President Jose Raul Mulino called for calm.

“What happened should not be used to generate alarms and disorder,” he said, adding that he had called for a report on the damage.

Earthquakes are rare in Panama and when they do occur usually strike in western Chiriqui province, bordering Costa Rica.

The Panamanian quake is at least the fourth quake this year in Latin America surpassing 7.0 in magnitude, after devastating earthquakes in Venezuela’s Guaira in June and a powerful earthquake in western Colombia in August.

[AI Has a God Problem Stretching From the Vatican to the Baptist Pulpit | Wall Street Journal.com](#)

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Pastor Joseph Hutchinson began a recent Sunday sermon by pointing to the Book of Revelation, the final part of the New Testament best known for apocalyptic prophecy. And he quickly argued for how artificial intelligence will fit into end times.

“AI wants to be God,” the pastor warned those at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Orangeburg, S.C.

The sermon, the 74-year-old later told me, was inspired by the questions he was getting from the congregation, which numbers around 150. In his roughly 50 years preaching, Hutchinson says the anxiety he is hearing about AI outranks everything. [Wars](#). Economy.

“The more you see people that are projecting doom and despair coming out, then the more people say, ‘Well, the preacher must have been right, and the Bible must be right,’” Hutchinson told me.

Already a [polarizing political](#) issue this fall, the AI industry’s latest challenge is emerging from the pulpit. Unlike recent generations of technology, the Christian community appears poised to put its stamp on AI early in an attempt to ensure it benefits all of humanity rather than a few tech billionaires.

The risk for the likes of OpenAI and Anthropic is getting further sideways with a large swath of the American populace, some of whom are already [unhappy](#) with AI data centers and Flock cameras in their communities.

“A lot of pastors are realizing when people get freaked out about institutions they depend on, they try to find their voice to advocate for themselves and their communities. And churches are really good at giving people a vehicle for advocating for their vision of the common good in broader society, especially in parts of the country like where I live in the Midwest,” said Meghan Sullivan, a philosophy professor at the University of Notre Dame.

Earlier this month, the National Association of Evangelicals issued a policy statement on AI. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a summit on the topic in August. And Pope Leo XIV [published](#) a rare encyclical in May on “safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.”

History is replete with moments when new technology—so powerful, so complex as to be almost magical—stirs primal fears. After the U.S. dropped atomic bombs to end World War II, the New York Times [invoked](#) Old Testament language when writing that the technology had “sowed the whirlwind.”

Today, AI carries its own whirlwind of change. With potential good and bad so intertwined, it is hard to know if the technology will bring a brighter future or darker days. Cures for cancers, untold scientific discoveries, [sustainable abundance](#). Yet also [rogue AI hacks](#), job losses, and the very meaning of work up for debate.

One of the self-inflicted [challenges](#) for AI creators is that the tech community has framed much of the public conversation, intentionally or not, in language that resonates with the Christian community. That raises concerns about whether they can be trusted, especially with the baggage tech-at-large carries from the ways, some religious leaders say, it failed to ensure social media didn’t become harmful.

The theme of a higher power creating AI in its own image only for it to [rebel](#) against its creator is a familiar one to those who study the Bible. The idea that people in AI labs think they have a power akin to God to create a new kind of consciousness is unsettling, if not blasphemous, to some. And, for others, there is a certain hubris seen in tech leaders chasing a technology that on one hand promises to make them incredibly wealthy while also suggesting it is only safe within their control.

In his May encyclical, the pope drew comparisons to the Tower of Babel, a cautionary tale that appears in the first Book of Genesis around an effort to build a tower that reached to the heavens in a bid to guarantee stability and power that displeased God.

“The risk of dehumanization—of building a future that excludes God and reduces the other to a means—is an ancient and ever-new temptation that today takes on a technical guise,” the pope wrote.

Since then, the pope hasn’t let up, including on social-media platform X where a robust debate is playing out among AI’s creators.

Maybe that’s why in recent days, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman tried to distance his company from a report by the New York Times that rival Anthropic unsuccessfully lobbied the Vatican to change its views on whether AI could have a consciousness.

“I am very uncomfortable about people trying to ascribe religious force or a surrender of human judgment to AI models, and think it is a real safety issue,” Altman [posted](#) on X a weekend ago.

Those raising concerns can’t be dismissed as simply Luddites. Many faith leaders tell me they are hoping to steer a technology to ensure it is beneficial to humanity—not harmful.

“There’s a reason why the faith community is having a moment because they’re beginning to see that this is a technology that is actually addressing...not only the consequential horizontal societal issues that are at stake, but it’s actually raising the larger question of what does it mean to be human?” Walter Kim, president of the evangelical’s association, said.

During that recent Sunday sermon in South Carolina, Hutchinson’s Siri assistant squawked from his iPhone as he connected how all of the surveillance aspects of AI would be powerful in Revelation’s apocalypse.

When it comes to AI, the pastor is hopeful it will find amazing cures for illnesses and he agrees with President Trump that America shouldn’t slow down development at the risk of letting China get ahead.

It’s just that he also sees a power being created, which he cautioned his flock to remember, could be misused.

“I see what it’s leading to in the future and that doesn’t scare me, but it bothers me for the other people that aren’t ready,” he said.

For you see, Hutchinson is ready for the rapture. He’s just not so sure others are prepared for the coming tribulations.

Pastors and AI: New Survey Reveals Growing Use, Lack of Church Guidelines | Crosswalk.com

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Pastors and AI: New Survey Reveals Growing Use, Lack of Church Guidelines - Read breaking news headlines with a Christian perspective and commentary.

A majority of [pastors](#) believe their churches need policies outlining the responsible use of artificial intelligence, yet few say their congregations have adopted such guidelines, according to a new Barna survey.

The poll comes amid growing debate over the ethical use of AI in churches, particularly as [pastors](#) increasingly turn to the technology. Only 13 percent of pastors say they never use AI, while roughly one-third use it for research (36 percent) and another one-third use it to generate small group ideas and handle administrative tasks (34 percent). Nearly one in four pastors (24 percent) say they use AI to write or edit sermons.

The Barna [survey](#) found that 94 percent of [pastors](#) believe a church should have guidelines for responsible AI use, yet only 21 percent of pastors say their church currently has such guidance. Only 4 percent of pastors say their church's policy is formal.

Hershael W. York, professor of Christian preaching at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and dean of the seminary's School of Theology, warned pastors against the use of AI in an October podcast, saying it's acceptable as a research tool but presents temptations that traditional research methods do not.

"No other generation of preachers before us has ever struggled with whether or not to use artificial intelligence to help them craft a sermon, but they have faced the struggle of how to cut corners, how to plagiarize, how to steal the work of others, even how to pay others to do your work," [York said](#).

"... In one sense, this isn't a new struggle. I think the goal is and should always be that we stand before our people with a word from God that we have seen in the Scripture that the Holy Spirit has made vital in our hearts and lives, and that we are sharing with them because God's done something with it in our own lives. That's the goal. I mean, none of us want to stand up and preach in a way that we've not been affected."

The temptation of AI, York said, is how easily it can produce a sermon. He's experimented with it himself and has been surprised by how closely it can mimic his preaching style.

“I've asked these AI bots to write a sermon in the voice of Hershael York, and I'm stunned at how well they do it. Now, being me and evaluating how they characterize me, I'd say they're about 80 percent right, about 80 percent okay. But I think they lose the 20 percent of, to me, what's the fun part of the sermon, and that's the crafting it, the way I say it, the way I think.”

The problem for pastors, [he said](#), becomes when “we're just preaching because it's our job.”

“I want to preach what God has done through the text in my heart, in my life.”

York said pastors should approach AI with caution, recognizing that the technology can produce inaccurate information and tempt them to rely on it for more than research.

“AI purports to be your friend, but is not a faithful friend. AI can lie to you. It can get things wrong,” he said. “To use AI as a souped-up research tool akin to Google — I'm okay with that, but I'm just going to warn you that the temptation to let it do more than that is going to be there, and that has to lie in your heart.”

Pastors who use AI to write their sermons, [he said](#), are “reducing shepherding God's people to a task rather than a relationship.”

“The best way I can put it is: AI has no soul. It has no soul. You can't preach the heart of Jesus when you're getting it from artificial intelligence instead of your walk with the Holy Spirit through the text of Scripture that God has inspired, and preaching it to the people He's given you to shepherd. I can't tell you, don't ever use AI. It can be a great research tool, but I'm saying beware the temptation to step over that line of research into the line of crafting of the sermon, and really of shepherding the hearts of your people; it can't do that for you. That's on you.”

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Fewer than half of Americans now believe the birth of Jesus was a miracle stemming from the supernatural conception of Mary by the Holy Spirit, according to new research from the American Bible Society.

In the [seventh chapter of its 16th annual State of the Bible report](#) released Thursday, the American Bible Society highlights the experiences of Americans with the supernatural, including beliefs in God, Heaven, Hell, Satan, angels and demons. The data included responses from 2,649 Americans collected from Jan. 8 to 27.

Overall, 171 million Americans, about 62% of U.S. adults, believe in the supernatural, ABS said.

While more than half of Americans, 53%, still believe in the miracle of Jesus' resurrection, only 49% believe the virgin birth is at least probably true. This is the first time a major national survey has recorded belief in the virgin birth dropping below 50%.

In 2017, [data from the Pew Research Center](#) showed that 66% of Americans believed Jesus was born to a virgin. That share declined from 73% in 2014. The 2017 survey was based on 1,503 phone interviews and used different question wording than the ABS survey.

ABS researchers also found that only 44% of Americans in general believe in the biblical parting of the Red Sea.

When broken down by levels of belief in God, the report shows that practicing Christians still overwhelmingly believe these miracles to be true. Some 97% of practicing Christians still believe in the virgin birth; 99% believe in the resurrection of Jesus; and 92% believe God miraculously parted the Red Sea for the Israelites.

Still, ABS found that a majority of Americans report believing in God, with only about one in eight saying they do not. Just over 50% of Americans also stated that they believe Satan, Hell and demons exist.

A majority of practicing Christians, 58%, also report experiencing a spiritual attack. Another 69% say they experienced divine healing, and 90% say they experienced an answered prayer.

“Most of our neighbors sense that our lives are more than a material existence. They have a sense of the supernatural and are seeking answers to their questions in diverse ways, whether that means engaging in mainstream religious practices or diverging from them,” John Farquhar Plake, American Bible Society’s chief innovation officer and editor-in-chief of the State of the Bible series, said in a press statement. “The Bible helps us understand how the natural world and the supernatural world are connected, and it’s our responsibility to help our fellow Americans open the Bible and experience a life-changing encounter with God.”

When it comes to dealing with spiritual attacks, researchers asked respondents who had personally experienced the challenge to explain which practices they found most helpful in countering the problem.

Some 74% selected prayer as the most helpful practice, while 36% said they declared the authority of Jesus Christ. Another 24% said they listened to praise and worship music. The least-selected option, to meditate on or quote Scripture, was chosen by only 15% of respondents, which the American Bible Society sought to bolster in its analysis.

“We at American Bible Society would love to bolster the last-place response: Meditating on or quoting Scripture (15%),” researchers noted. “We’ll just point out that, during his own temptation, Jesus replied to the devil’s three challenges by citing Scripture each time (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10).”

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Friends of Zion founder Mike Evans says the summit aimed to counter antisemitism and the “big lie” that the Jewish people are alone.

(JNS) Last week’s Ambassador Summit brought together 1,200 Christian pastors and leaders from 123 countries to counter antisemitism and “the big lie” that the Jewish people are isolated, Friends of Zion founder **Mike Evans** told JNS on Friday.

“We brought every nationality, and they all came out to say, ‘We’re with you. You’re not alone,’” said Evans, speaking to JNS at ancient [Shiloh](#) in Samaria.

His organization has mobilized to fight ideological battles and counter anti-Israel narratives in the media, he continued. He described the participants as “special forces teams” with enormous followings on social media.

He called antisemitism a “mutating demon” that “poisons the mind,” but said his organization is making progress in combating it around the world, including in Brazil.

Evans pointed to the influence of Brazil’s evangelical community during the Global Prayer Day, a 24-hour international broadcast held on Oct. 7 as the Summit’s central event. The prayer session brought together believers from around the world for a global prayer gathering broadcast live from Jerusalem’s Western Wall this past Wednesday, on the third anniversary of the Oct. 7, 2023, massacre.

Flávio Bolsonaro, who is seeking Brazil’s presidency, was supportive of the initiative and urged his followers to watch the broadcast, according to Evans. The Brazil segment alone drew 8.5 million viewers, he added. Bolsonaro is also preparing to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, he said.

Bolsonaro finished first in the opening round of Brazil’s presidential election on Oct. 4 and is advancing to the runoff scheduled for Oct. 25.

When asked about the significance of the event in Shiloh, Evans said Shiloh was chosen because of its central place in biblical history and its significance to Christian faith. He estimated that 80% of the Bible’s stories originated in Judea and Samaria, pointing to the region’s connections to the Ark of the Covenant, the 12 tribes of Israel and the biblical figures Hannah and Samuel.

He also highlighted the region's significance in the Christian Bible, noting that Jesus was Jewish and commissioned his followers to bear witness to him in that area.

"He put Judea and Samaria on the same plane as Jerusalem," Evans said. "It's Bible land."

The biblical connection to the land was a unifying force for the 750 million evangelicals worldwide, he told JNS, adding that they believe nations should not curse what God has blessed.

Binyamin Regional Council chairman and Yesha Council head **Yisrael Ganz**, who also addressed the crowd, told JNS that claims of a deep divide between Israeli Jews and Christians in the United States are misleading.

"In reality, we share common values, and the fact that 1,200 pastors are here shows the very strong connection between Israel and the United States of America," Ganz said.

From the stage, Ganz urged the Christian leaders to advocate directly for Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria.

"I call on these leaders to bring what they witnessed here to their communities and to Washington, and to urge President Trump to recognize Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria," he said.

He asked the pastors to address sovereignty from their pulpits on Sunday and send their sermons to Washington, accompanied by the names of all 1,200 summit participants.

Ganz also urged the pastors to take four additional steps in support of Israel: pray for the country, its soldiers and their families; use the biblical names "Judea and Samaria" rather than "the West Bank" when referring to the region, return with members of their congregations to visit the area firsthand, and turn their expressions of solidarity into concrete commitments, which he said would carry more weight than a general statement of support.

Pastor **David Speicher** and his daughter, **Abby Martin**, were among the Christian leaders visiting ancient Shiloh as part of the summit. Speicher is a pastor at South Bay Church in Tampa, Fla., where Martin is also a church leader.

Speicher, who first visited Shiloh with his wife in 2004, said he remained impressed by the care taken to preserve the site's biblical history, particularly the location where the Tabernacle stood.

"The Bible comes to life in 3D," Speicher told JNS.

But on this, his third visit, Speicher said it was the people of the region who left the strongest impression on him.

“The sights are great, but really seeing into the lives and the heart of the people makes me understand why God loves them so much and why he made them the way he did,” he said.

Martin, who was also returning to Shiloh, said she was delighted to see the site on the trip’s itinerary, citing both its views and the warmth of its residents.

She described coming back to Shiloh with another group of pastors and leaders as a privilege, adding that “the new friendships and connections fostered a remarkable sense of unity among the participants.”

During the Friends of Zion Ambassador Summit, participants visited key sites across Israel and met with senior officials, bereaved families, released hostages, wounded Israelis and Holocaust survivors. The delegation expressed its support for Israel and the Jewish people while strengthening the ties between Christian communities around the world and the State of Israel. According to Evans, the summit’s events reached some 120 million people through social media.