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# [Biden official visits region to push ‘two-state solution’; convince Israel to curtail anti-terror operations \(israel365news.com\)](#)

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The US State Department has sent Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf to the region. Her mission reportedly is to pressure Israel into making concessions to the Palestinian Authority. The stated objectives of the concessions are to “improve the quality of life for the Palestinian people” and to move closer to reaching the misnamed “two-state solution.”

Leaf arrived in Israel on Thursday and met with Israeli officials in Jerusalem and Palestinian officials in Ramallah. On Saturday, she went to Jordan for 24 hours, presumably to discuss the same issue.

According to Israel’s *Channel 13 News* diplomatic correspondent Moriah Ashraf Wolberg, Leaf “expressed US fears over the possibility of an “escalation” in Judea and Samaria.

A security official who took part in the meetings with [Leaf] told *Channel 13*, “The Americans are very upset. The number of Palestinian deaths worries them, and they fear the dynamics in [Judea and Samaria] and the increased activities of the IDF will continue,” according to the report.

The IDF has been operating in Judea and Samaria in recent weeks against terrorist infrastructures. Large amounts of weapons have been seized, and the IDF has encountered countless armed terrorists. The operation came in the wake of a series of deadly attacks which killed 19 people between mid-March and the beginning of May. More than 1,200 suspects have been detained since the start of the operation.

The “two-state solution” would create an unprecedented militarized Palestinian entity inside the borders of Israel that have been ethnically cleansed of Jews with its exclusively Muslim capital in Jerusalem.

Leaf was here in June for the same purpose. Negotiations are further complicated by the insistence of the Biden administration to pursue a deal with Iran concerning their nuclear program. The deal would not only greenlight an Iranian nuclear weapons program but also remove sanctions, infusing the Iranian economy with billions of dollars, most of which would go to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps’ regional expansionism.

In her recent trip, Leaf reportedly tried to persuade the Palestinians not to pursue a bid at the UN Security Council for full UN membership. President Mahmoud Abbas is

planning to start the process immediately after his speech at the UN General Assembly, which begins on Sept. 20. The US is expected to veto this attempt.

# [Head of vaccine safety research: Israel deliberately lied about covid vaccine health risks \(israel365news.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #israel, #covid, #vaccines

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In a scathing letter published on Friday, the executive director of the Vaccine Safety Research Foundation (vacsafety.org), Steve Kirsch [accused](#) Israel's Health Ministry of deliberately covering up "serious safety problems" in the covid vaccine.

Kirsch called the "exclusive" expose "the single most important article on my Substack (which has over 700 articles)."

According to Kirsch, Israel's Health Ministry took a year and a half from the date of the vaccine's rollout before looking at COVID vaccine safety data.

He adds that they only began aggregating safety data in December 2021, one whole year after launching the vaccines to the public. At that time, the Health Ministry appointed an external expert panel led by Professor Mati Berkowitz, a leading Israeli expert on pharmacology and toxicology from Asaf Harofeh hospital, to review the safety data they gathered over the next half-year.

The panel presented their findings to the Health Ministry in June 2022 in a Zoom meeting. The call was "secretly recorded." According to their findings, the COVID vaccines were far more dangerous than international health authorities claimed. The panel discovered "serious adverse events," Pfizer or any world government never disclosed those side effects. Contrary to what the public was told, the events were long-term.

"They also determined causality, something no other world health authority has ever been willing to do (because other governments never looked at the data either). Causality was both obvious and easy to prove using the re-challenge data that was collected (you can't do this using the US VAERS data, for example)," Kirsch wrote.

The panel concluded that the Israeli government misled the People of Israel. Kirsch fears that the data doesn't cover all adverse events as "the outside team only looked at the top 5 most frequently cited events."

He adds that the Ministry of Health released a fake report to give the impression that the vaccines were safer than the data showed. The only reason the coverup has been exposed is thanks to the whistleblower who leaked the secret meeting between the Ministry of Health and Berkowitz's panel.

Kirsch concluded his piece by calling for an investigation into the Health Ministry's corruption and lies.

# [New peer-reviewed study finds ivermectin reduces covid deaths by 92% - TheBlaze](#)

#bibleprophecy, #ivermectin, #covid, #vaccines

Sep 3, 2022

A new peer-reviewed study found that regular use of [ivermectin](#) reduced the risk of dying from COVID-19 by 92%.

The large study was conducted by Flávio A. Cadegiani, MD, MSc, PhD. Cadegiani [is](#) a board-certified endocrinologist with a master's degree and doctorate degree in clinical endocrinology.

The peer-reviewed [study](#) was published on Wednesday by the online medical journal Cureus. The study was conducted on a strictly controlled population of 88,012 people from the city of Itajaí in Brazil.

Individuals who used ivermectin as prophylaxis or took the medication before being infected by COVID experienced significant reductions in death and hospitalization.

According to the study, those who took ivermectin regularly had a 92% reduction in their COVID death risk compared to non-users and 84% less than irregular users.

"The hospitalization rate was reduced by 100% in regular users compared to both irregular users and non-users," the study stated.

The impressive reduction for regular ivermectin users was evident despite the regular users being at a higher risk for COVID deaths. The regular users were older and had a higher prevalence of type 2 diabetes and hypertension than irregular and non-users.

Irregular users of ivermectin had a 37% lower mortality rate reduction than non-users.

The study defined regular users as those who used more than 30 tablets of ivermectin over five months. The dosage of ivermectin was determined by body weight, but "most of the population used between two and three tablets daily for two days, every 15 days."

"Non-use of ivermectin was associated with a 12.5-fold increase in mortality rate and a seven-fold increased risk of dying from COVID-19 compared to the regular use of ivermectin," the study read. "This dose-response efficacy reinforces the prophylactic effects of ivermectin against COVID-19."

Cadegiani believes the study showed a "dose-response effect" – which means that increasing levels of ivermectin decreased the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

Cadegiani wrote on [Twitter](#), "An observational study with the size and level of analysis as ours is hardly achieved and infeasible to be conducted as a randomised clinical trial. Conclusions are hard to be refuted. Data is data, regardless of your beliefs."

# [Disney's FX series 'Little Demon' is 'extremely dangerous' | Entertainment News \(christianpost.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #disney, #demons

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Disney's new FX series "Little Demon," which features a woman who is impregnated by Satan and gives birth to an Antichrist daughter and carries graphic violence and nudity, "makes light of hell and the dangers of the demonic realm," says One Million Moms says in an online petition. Due to the show's content, the group is issuing an "urgent warning" to parents.

Through its adult animated sitcom series, which debuted last week on FXX, "Disney is introducing viewers, including children who might stumble across this series, to a world of demons, witches, and sorcery," the Christian conservative group said in the [petition](#), which had been signed by over 17,200 people as of early Monday.

"Along with the demonic content of this series, the minds of younger viewers will also be inundated with secular worldviews that reflect the current culture," One Million Moms continued.

The petition cited the Hollywood online news source Deadline as stating: "Among other shenanigans, the comedy ... shows Laura [the mother] nude with no pixilation. She strips down in the first episode to perform a ritual, while there are multiple instances of nudity throughout the series."

Disney describes the storyline as follows: "Thirteen years after being impregnated by Satan, a reluctant mother and her Antichrist daughter attempt to live an ordinary life."

One Million Moms said the "show makes light of hell and the dangers of the demonic realm."

"Even the previews and [commercials](#) include such horrific content that it is difficult for families who watch FXX to avoid its evil subject matter completely."

Disney is trying "to portray witchcraft as a positive tool to fight evil," according to the group.

"The first episode is more than enough for most Christian families to realize that 'Little Demon' is an extremely dangerous series," it says, referring to the initial episode of the premiere season, "First Blood," which is currently streaming.

[Isaiah 8:19-22](#) talks about a spiritual realm that is not of God and warns against participating in witchcraft or consulting. Instead, believers are instructed to call on God in [Deuteronomy 18:10-11](#), One Million Moms said.

The group urged The Walt Disney Company to “cancel this dark show immediately.”

In 2020, the film “Onward” [featured](#) a self-identified lesbian heroine with a girlfriend, the first-ever animated LGBT character in the Disney-Pixar universe.

The film is set in a magical universe with fantastical citizens who have lost their connection to the magical arts. According to the film’s description, “two teenage elf brothers ... embark on an extraordinary quest to discover if there is still a little magic left out there.”

While this was Pixar’s first LGBT character, this wasn’t the first time Disney had featured such persons on the smaller screen. Disney Channel series [“Andi Mack” depicted the network’s first teenage gay couple](#) in 2019.

Last February, more than 20,000 people [backed](#) One Million Moms’ petition asking The American Girl company to scrap an LGBT storyline tied to its 2021 Girl of the Year doll and to remain neutral in what they call a “culture war.”

The doll came with an accompanying book *Kira Down Under*. In the book, Kira visits an animal sanctuary in Australia operated by her great aunts, who are in a same-sex marriage. The book detailed how the aunts got married after laws were changed in 2017 to allow for same-sex marriages.



# [‘Famine Is at the Door’ in Somalia, U.N. Warns \(nytimes.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #famine, #somalia

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A U.N. official stopped short of officially declaring a famine in the country. But some aid workers said that the threshold had already been reached.

NAIROBI, Kenya — The United Nations on Monday declared that “Famine is at the door” in Somalia, as nearly half the country’s population faced severe hunger and food deliveries were impeded by conflict, mass displacement and the ever-growing threat from the militant group Al Shabab.

The declaration comes as the Horn of Africa nation is being [ravaged by the worst drought in four decades](#) and as the prices of grain, fuel and fertilizer have skyrocketed because of Russia’s war in Ukraine. Across Somalia, four consecutive poor rainy seasons have decimated crops and livestock, leaving hundreds of thousands of Somalis malnourished and hundreds of children dead.

Martin Griffiths, the U.N. under secretary general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, said on Monday that famine would occur in two districts in the southern Bay region between October and December.

But Mr. Griffiths stopped short of officially declaring a famine — even as some aid workers said the situation was deteriorating rapidly and that the threshold for famine had already been passed in parts of the country.

“I have been shocked to my core these past few days by the level of pain and suffering we see so many Somalis enduring,” Mr. Griffiths [said during a news conference](#) in the capital, Mogadishu. “Famine is at the door, and today we are receiving a final warning.”

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Declaring famine is unusual but can be [designated](#) if 20 percent of households in an area face an extreme lack of food, if 30 percent of children there suffer from acute malnutrition and if two adults or four children out of every 10,000 are dying every day. While humanitarian organizations can warn of famine, the decision to declare a famine eventually falls within the purview of a country's government and the United Nations agencies.

Famine was last declared in Somalia in 2011, when about 260,000 people [died](#), half of them children under the age of 5. Experts and aid agencies have said the response to that famine [was slow and insufficient](#), and that many deaths [could have been avoided](#).

Mr. Griffiths arrived in Somalia this month and [met President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud](#) to discuss the situation. But several aid workers said the Somali government, which [came to power only in May](#), was hesitant to declare a famine because it was politically inconvenient.

“We have passed the famine threshold, but politics has played a huge part on whether to declare a famine or not,” said an aid worker who has closely followed the discussions and who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters. “Because it's a new administration, it is not ready to show it is not capable of handling the drought.”

A spokesman for the presidency did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

After touring parts of the country heavily affected by the drought, Mr. Griffiths said the situation now was worse than a decade ago. The conditions were also most likely to last “to at least March 2023,” he said.

The severe drought blanketing Somalia has left more than 7.1 million people — half the country's population — in need of food assistance. The drought has also displaced one million people from their homes, according to the United Nations, leaving them unable to grow crops and raise livestock. Somalia is also heavily dependent on crop exports from Russia and Ukraine. [The war in Ukraine has driven up the prices of staple food like wheat and sorghum](#).

The situation is also complicated by the threat from Al Shabab, the militant group linked to Al Qaeda. The group has [ramped up its attacks](#) in recent weeks, and this past weekend [burned trucks carrying food relief](#) in central Somalia.

Mr. Griffiths [lamented the lack of global attention being paid to the crisis in Somalia](#) and said that there was particular need for more funding to assist local organizations.

Besides responding to the drought, aid workers said on Monday, it was also important to help Somalia build long-term systems to withstand the severe effects of climate change.

“Continuing drought and starvation are the future if we do not protect the planet from a changing climate and help the communities hit first and hardest, like those in Somalia, mitigate and adapt,” Daud Jiran, the Somalia director of Mercy Corps, a nongovernmental organization, said in an email.

# [California wildfires spreading as state gets walloped by brutal heat wave | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #california, #heat, #fires

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A historic heat wave in California has pushed electricity demand to the limits

A series of wildfires are spreading throughout California as the state battles one of the [worst heat waves](#) in its history.

On Wednesday, the [wildfires were burning](#) out of control in Southern California and the Sierra Nevada, forcing evacuations.

The deadly Fairview Fire grew to nearly 10,000 acres near the city of Hemet, which is about 80 miles [southeast of Los Angeles](#). Firefighters said it was only 5% contained.

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Josh Janssen told a briefing "open fire on all sides of the fire still threatening several communities."

## [IDAHO WILDFIRE THREATENS HOMES, CABINS NEAR ALTURAS LAKE](#)

The Fairview Fire erupted Monday amid triple-digit heat and spread ferociously, killing two people who were found in a vehicle, severely burning another person while destroying seven structures and damaging several others.

"Unfortunately we aren't able to positively identify the victims at this time. But we do believe that they were from the same family," sheriff's Sgt. Brandi Swan said. "It appears as though the two victims that were found inside the vehicle were trying to flee from the fire."

The injured person was identified only as a woman. Swan said she was expected to survive.

The cause of the fire was under investigation. Southern California Edison notified the California Public Utilities Commission that unspecified "circuit activity" occurred close in time to when the fire was reported.

About 35 miles to the north, smoke loomed over ski runs in the San Bernardino Mountains as the Radford Fire fed on stands of timber south of the Big Bear Lake resort region.

The blaze spread over 1.5 square miles since being spotted by a U.S. Forest Service helicopter crew Monday afternoon. It was just 2% contained.

In the Sierra, evacuation orders and warnings were in place in Placer, and El Dorado counties as the day-old Mosquito Fire grew to nearly 2 square miles with zero containment.

Another blaze in Northern California, the Mill Fire, erupted in the Northern California town of Weed on September 2 and has since killed at least two people.

### [DOUBLE CREEK FIRE IN OREGON BURNS OVER 43,000 ACRES, CREWS WORKING TO CONTAIN](#)

Roseburg Forest Products Co., a wood products company, said Wednesday it is investigating whether the Mill Fire was caused by the possible failure of a water-spraying machine used to cool ash at its veneer mill.

Although the investigation was incomplete, the company was planning to provide up to \$50 million for a community restoration fund to assist residents with temporary shelter, medical supplies and treatment, transportation, clothing, food and water, and child care services.

Hundreds of people fled as the fire spread, destroying 107 structures, and damaging 26 others. The blaze eventually grew to more than 6 square miles. The fire was 65% contained Wednesday, with minimal activity.

Near the Oregon border, the Mountain Fire – which began on September 2 – covered more than 18 square miles of Siskiyou County and was 30% contained.

The fires come amid a brutal heat wave that has pushed electricity demand in California to its limits. The state's grid operator warned residents this week to prepare for the possibility of rolling blackouts.

# [Greece warns another European war could be on the horizon as Turkey hints at the possibility of an invasion \(yahoo.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #rumorsofwar, #greece, #turkey

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- Greece is calling on the EU, NATO, and the UN to condemn Turkey over recent threats.
- Turkey's Erdogan has made veiled threats of an attack against Greece.
- "When the time comes, we can come suddenly one night," Erdogan said on Tuesday.

Greece is calling on its allies to condemn Turkey over recent aggressive rhetoric from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has hinted at the possibility of open conflict as tensions rise between the two countries.

In letters dated Monday and Tuesday to NATO, the EU, and the UN that were reported on [by the Associated Press](#), Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias called for all three institutions to rebuke Ankara over Erdogan's comments. Dendias said that allowing Turkey to continue threatening Greece would run the risk of yet another conflict in Europe, in an apparent reference to the war in Ukraine.

"By not doing so in time or by underestimating the seriousness of the matter, we risk witnessing again a situation similar to that currently unfolding in some other part of our continent," Dendias said. "This is something none of us would really wish to see."

In a letter to NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, the top Greek diplomat said, "The Turkish attitude is a destabilizing factor for NATO's unity and cohesion, weakening the southern flank of the alliance at a moment of crisis," per the Associated Press.

Though both countries are NATO members, Turkey and Greece have a historically contentious relationship and have a longstanding dispute over islands in the Aegean Sea — on top of disagreements over other issues such as maritime boundaries.

Erdogan over the weekend accused Greece of occupying demilitarized islands in the Aegean, warning that Turkey [will do "what's necessary"](#) when the time comes. In what was seemingly a veiled threat of an invasion or attack against Greece, Erdogan warned that Turkey could "come down suddenly one night."

"Look at history, if you go further, the price will be heavy," Erdogan said.

During a visit to Sarajevo on Tuesday, the Turkish leader doubled down on this threat.

"What I'm talking about is not a dream," Erdogan said after he was questioned about his earlier comments toward Greece, [the Associated Press reported](#). "When the time comes, we can come suddenly one night."

# [Pastors battle skyrocketing burnout amid politics, pandemic: 'Wearing on the soul' | Fox News](#)

#bibleprophecy, #church, #pastors, #burnout

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A staggering 42% of pastors have considered quitting full-time ministry, according to a recent study

Bitter divisions over politics and the pandemic have seeped into churches and led to increasing rates of [job burnout among pastors](#), multiple clergy members and those who counsel them told Fox News Digital.

"Our faith does not exempt us from anxiety, depression, temptation or COVID, so that's to be expected," said David Ferguson, executive director of the Great Commandment Network, which provides counseling initiatives to help pastors. "But in addition to that, we obviously are in a real divided, polarized, politicized world, where sadly at times pastors feel the pressure to take positions on every imaginable topic."

A [study of Protestant pastors](#) conducted in March by the faith-based research organization Barna Group suggested that unprecedented numbers are thinking about quitting the ministry. The poll showed that rates of burnout among pastors have risen dramatically during the past year, with a staggering 42% of ministers wondering if they should abandon their vocation altogether.

That number marked an increase of 13 percentage points since Barna's similar poll in January 2021, when just 29% felt that way. Such pastors named stress (56%), loneliness (43%) and political divisions (38%) as the top reasons they have wearied of the job, as well as the toll it has taken on their families (29%).

Ferguson, who has served in ministry himself, said "there's no doubt" rates of clerical burnout are increasing. The pastorate has always presented pressures potentially detrimental to relationships and mental health, he explained, but the cultural rifts that have deepened in recent years over politics and the pandemic "have pressed pastors to not stay in their lane, which is focusing on our faith and spiritual life."

Richard White, who has served 33 years as a pastor at [a Presbyterian church](#) in Montreat, North Carolina, said he and his staff first experienced "a flood of energy" as they scrambled to adjust to COVID-19 protocols they thought would only last for two weeks. They did their best to navigate the pitfalls of livestreams, cameras, uploading to the church website and other technical issues.

When the pandemic began to drag on indefinitely amid the nation's political firestorm, that energy waned and was replaced by what White described as "a grinding spirit" that



settled over him. About eight months in, he began to experience "decision fatigue," which he defined as fearing that "no matter what decision you make, there's a group that's not happy and is vocal."

"We have had people leave our church because we had to wear masks," White said. "And I've had people leave our church or contemplate leaving our church because we didn't wear masks, or we were inconsistent with mask-wearing and COVID protocols. And so here I am trying to navigate the course through this, and it's just wearing on the soul."

Many of his friends in ministry have expressed similar feelings to him. Of the 20 or so other pastors he has had conversations with, White said, "there isn't a one of them who hasn't taken a look at their retirement package and begun wondering, 'Do I have enough? How long can I last in this?'"

While relieved things have largely settled, White noted lingering anxiety that the pandemic's chaos could return. "It's like dry tinder, and it can flare up at any moment," he said. He credited his survival to God's presence and the prayerful encouragement of his staff and church elders, who he said were burdened with him beyond their strength and forced to "press into the Lord" to sustain them.

A strong spiritual support network is crucial for clergy struggling with burnout, Monsignor Stephen J. Rossetti, [a Roman Catholic priest](#) of the Diocese of Syracuse and a research professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., told Fox News Digital.

Rossetti, a licensed psychologist who specializes in the psychological and spiritual wellness of Catholic priests, pointed to his own yet-unpublished research showing that while rates of depression and anxiety rose among priests during the pandemic, they remained lower than the CDC rates among the general population. He attributed this statistic to several factors intrinsic to the priesthood.

"One is a strong personal network of friendships and personal support," Rossetti explained. "One is a strong community of faith; another is one's own strong religious beliefs. One also involves having a life that is personally rewarding and fulfilling, and priests as a group have this."

Even so, Rossetti acknowledged that parishioners can sometimes lay demands on their pastors that prove too burdensome for one person. "Some people are very supportive of their clergy, but people can be very demanding too, and sometimes they can have expectations that can be unrealistic," he said.

Drake Caudill, senior pastor of a Baptist church in Carmi, Illinois, told Fox News Digital that too often pastors are expected to perform more like the CEO of a church rather than its spiritual leader, which he said "is not a biblical approach to shepherding a congregation."

"I think the expectation should start from Scripture and using what Scripture expects from the pastor or pastors," said Caudill, who was moved [to pen an article](#) about pastoral burnout for Baptist Press in April after seeing pastors and their families struggle in his community.

"I would see pastors out in the back of a pickup truck, holding church services or adjusting video cameras and livestreaming their services," he said. "They were doing all that they could to try to inspire hope and bring about some normalcy. But at the same time, I was seeing them just get tired and exhausted. Their families were getting tired and exhausted."

Mark Dance, another Baptist, has spent 35 years in the ministry and discerned that many pastors burn out because they also expect too much from themselves.

Now the director of pastoral wellness at the faith-based financial company GuideStone, Dance was serving as an interim pastor when the pandemic hit. He counted himself among the clergy who strained to juggle politics and social issues while performing their other duties.

"The most unrealistic expectations come from us trying to be proficient in someone else's profession, especially in the last two years," he told Fox News Digital. "People want us to chime in on politics, on a pandemic and things we're not qualified to do. We're not economists. If we focus on what God's called us to do — pastoring, preaching, serving — we are less likely to face some of the challenges that are making pastors want to quit."

"We have to wake up every day and remember what John the Baptist said: 'I am not the Christ.' That takes a lot of pressure off when we're not trying to solve every problem," he added.