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Baba Baruch Reveals Dream From the Baba Sali — Trust God, Not Trump, as War of Gog and Magog Draws Near | Israel 365 News.com

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A dream delivered from the world beyond has surfaced in southern Israel, and it carries a warning for the nations along with a promise for the Jewish people. Baba Baruch Abuhatzeira, the Kabbalist rabbi of Netivot known as the son of the legendary miracle worker the Baba Sali, described a message his late father delivered to him in a dream. The message named names, addressed the war with Iran, and pointed directly at President Trump.

“We don’t need to be afraid. We are secure,” Baba Baruch said, opening his account of the message. “I said then in the previous interview, a war will break out. There will be a world war. Nothing will help. And this war is what will bring complete redemption to the people of Israel, and it is what will bring us to the war of Gog and Magog, from which our righteous Messiah will emerge.”

Asked where that security comes from, Baba Baruch did not point to world leaders. “The people of Israel need to be secure. In what? In the Creator of the world,” he said. “Not to rely on anyone. Not on Trump. Not in any country. Many countries.”

He then turned to history to make his point. “Whoever remembers what happened years ago during the Holocaust, the whole world was silent,” Baba Baruch said. “Hitler rose. They rose. They did to us what they did, and the world was silent. We are today, thank God, the people of Israel who trust in the Creator of the world and know that we have merits that no one else has.”

Baba Baruch then relayed a direct warning addressed to Trump himself, in the voice of the Baba Sali: “If you try to stray a little from the path you started on to protect the people of Israel and help the people of Israel, I will bring you trouble from another place you didn’t dream of.”

What does the Hebrew Bible say about relying on politicians rather than God? The Psalmist gave the answer three thousand years ago: “Put not your trust in princes, in mortal man, in whom there is no salvation” (Psalms 146:3). The verse does not merely caution against dependence on the powerful. It states as fact that no mortal ruler, however great his intentions, can deliver salvation. Salvation belongs to God alone.

Scripture and Jewish history are full of precedent for the pattern Baba Baruch described. Pharaoh enslaved the Israelites and drowned with his army in the sea. Haman plotted to destroy the Jews of Persia and was hanged on the very gallows he built for Mordechai, his decree annulled. Antiochus IV desecrated the Temple and died in disgrace on a failed campaign in Persia. Britain, which issued the Balfour Declaration promising a Jewish national home, later choked off Jewish immigration during the Holocaust under the 1939 White Paper, and the empire that once ruled a quarter of the globe dissolved within a generation of that betrayal. The Sages read this pattern as covenantal, not coincidental: nations and leaders are judged by their treatment of the Jewish people.

Baba Baruch's warning lands at a moment when American pressure on Israel is very much a live story. President Trump has pressured Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to move forward with elements of the plan, including handing portions of Gaza's administration to a technocratic committee. Israel has resisted. Trump has also pushed back publicly on Israel's conduct of the war, saying Israel had "gone too far" and voiced discomfort over conditions in Gaza. It is precisely this dynamic, an American president applying pressure on a sitting Israeli government, that Baba Baruch's message addresses directly.

Baba Baruch described a three-part formula his father conveyed through the first three letters of the Hebrew alphabet. *Aleph* stands for *emunah*, faith in God. *Bet* stands for *brachah*, praise directed to God rather than to men. *Gimmel* stands for *geulah*, the very act of redemption. Faith and praise are the *avodah*, the spiritual labor required of the Jewish people now, and *geulah* follows from that labor.

Asked directly whether Israel stands at the threshold of the messianic era, Baba Baruch answered without hedging: "We're at the very precipice. We're at the very end and it's coming very quickly."

Baba Baruch's account offers the Jewish people a framework that predates any administration. Pharaoh fell. Haman fell. The British Empire fell. Hitler fell. The pattern, as the Baba Sali reportedly told his son, holds regardless of who occupies the White House today. The fate of Israel rests in the hands of God, and no shift in Washington changes the outcome already promised in Jerusalem.

[Archaeologists may have found ruins that housed the Ark of the Covenant | MSN.com](#)

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For centuries, historians and treasure hunters have searched for any physical proof of the Ark of the Covenant, one of the most famous lost artifacts in history. Now, a new archaeological study at the ancient site of Shiloh may have finally uncovered its real-world home. Researchers have excavated the foundations of an ancient structure with dimensions and artifacts that closely match the biblical descriptions of the Tabernacle — the tent where the Ark was kept before it vanished. While the golden chest itself has not been found, this discovery provides concrete evidence that the biblical accounts may be historically accurate, raising an exciting question: Does this newly uncovered structure hold the clues needed to solve the thousands-year-old mystery?

Piecing together an ancient blueprint

The search for the Tabernacle has long occupied both historians and theologians. According to the Bible, this sacred sanctuary was the home of the Ark of the Covenant, the gold-plated chest containing the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments. Scripture notes that Moses placed the tablets inside, and the Ark remained the centerpiece of Israelite worship until it mysteriously vanished from the historical record before the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem in 586 BC.

Now, a team of researchers from the Associates for Biblical Research (ABR) believes they are closer than ever to mapping out exactly where that sacred history took place. Digging at Tel Shiloh, an ancient site in the West Bank known as Israel's first religious capital, archaeologists have uncovered the missing pieces of a massive, ancient building.

The breakthrough of the current digging season was the discovery of a critical southern wall. By finding this wall, the team can now see the building's full footprint, which runs precisely from east to west. Remarkably, the size and orientation of these ruins align closely with the setup of the Tabernacle described in the Bible.

While the team initially located parts of this large Iron Age structure in 2025, these new walls significantly strengthen the case that they have found a major religious complex. Dr. Scott Stripling, director of the Tel Shiloh excavation, explained the significance in a blog post for the Bible Archaeology Report:

“The discovery of the southern wall now enables our researchers to reconstruct the full dimensions of the building and better evaluate its function and significance.”

Clues hidden in animal bones and blue dye

It isn't just the stone foundations that have archaeologists excited; it is also the trash and treasures left behind by the people who lived there. Near the ancient building, the team uncovered a trove of ritual-related objects that point directly to ancient religious practices.

Among the finds are ceramic pomegranates, stone altar horns, and murex shells — sea snails that were highly prized in antiquity. The murex shells are particularly fascinating because they were used to produce a rare blue dye. In the Bible, this specific dye is explicitly associated with the sacred garments worn by the high priests.

Even the animal bones left behind at the site tell a story. Archaeologists found that a disproportionate number of the animal remains came from the right side of the body. This seemingly small detail mirrors instructions found in the biblical book of Leviticus, which dictates that the right side of sacrificed animals belonged exclusively to the priests for sacred offerings.

Reconstructing a city's final moments

Beyond the temple walls, this season's dig also exposed more of Shiloh's ancient defenses, including a heavily fortified gate system and several surrounding rooms. This layout gives researchers a much clearer picture of how the ancient city was built and protected.

The team believes this gate might even be the same complex mentioned in the biblical account of the death of Eli, a high priest who, according to scripture, passed away after hearing that the Ark had been captured by enemies. However, researchers are keeping their expectations grounded.

"These discoveries provide an important window into the earliest occupational phases of Shiloh and help us better understand the site's history before the Israelite settlement," Stripling said.

The team emphasizes that they have not found the actual Ark of the Covenant, nor do they have definitive proof that these ruins are the exact Tabernacle. What they do have is a growing mountain of circumstantial evidence.

Still, archaeology in the region continues to produce surprising discoveries. In one recent example reported by the New York Post, a three-year-old child discovered a 3,800-year-old scarab amulet while walking with her family at Tel Azekah, another well-known excavation site in Israel's Shephelah region. Such finds highlight how frequently new pieces of the ancient world are still coming to light — often in unexpected ways.

[As Iran fades, Turkey emerges as Israel's biggest strategic threat | The Jerusalem Post.com](#)

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History, Prime Minister Benjamin [Netanyahu](#) said in a recent Channel 14 interview, “teaches that when one regional power declines, another rises. Our task is to make sure Israel continues rising faster than anyone else.”

This explains why Netanyahu launched a public campaign in the US this week against President Donald Trump’s apparent willingness to sell the state-of-the-art [F-35](#) fighter to Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s Turkey, the state now furiously jockeying to replace Iran as the region’s dominant power.

Indeed, with the sun setting on Iran’s regional hegemony, despite diplomatic missteps that let [Tehran](#) off the ropes before a knockout blow, its military capabilities and web of regional proxies have been severely degraded, the sun is rising on Turkey’s ambitions.

Already entrenched in [Syria](#), steadily expanding an indigenous defense industry capable of producing sophisticated drones, naval vessels, and eventually advanced fighter aircraft, and seeking a foothold in Gaza, Ankara increasingly appears intent on filling the regional vacuum Iran leaves behind.

Turkey is interested in surrounding Israel with a Sunni ring of fire

As former national security adviser Giora Eiland observed this week, Iran sought to surround Israel with a Shi’ite ring of fire. Turkey, he warned, increasingly appears interested in building a Sunni one.

That explains why Netanyahu went on American television networks to lobby publicly against an administration policy still under consideration. If Iran’s decline is creating a regional vacuum, Israel fears Turkey is positioning itself to fill it, and that American F-35s, coupled with Trump’s embrace of Erdogan, might help it do so.

Trump, however, sees matters much differently.

Standing beside Erdogan during the [NATO](#) summit, the president again spoke warmly of the Turkish leader. “I like Erdogan,” Trump said. “He’s an extraordinary leader.”

Netanyahu, on CNN, disputed that assessment. Erdogan’s Turkey, he said, “has aggressive aspirations,” “is not a force for peace and security,” and F-35 planes in its hands would “destroy the power balance” in the region.

A day later, Trump appeared to temper his remarks, saying no final decision had yet been made regarding the aircraft.

The fact that Trump appeared to soften his position only a day later suggests the proposal may already have encountered headwinds in Washington. Netanyahu's intervention appears designed not to create those headwinds, but to make them considerably stronger. If the decision is still reversible, now is the moment to mobilize opposition.

The issue is sufficiently important for Netanyahu to do something he has generally avoided doing with Trump as president: publicly take issue with one of the president's policies in an attempt to get it overturned. This is no trifling matter.

Trump has repeatedly emphasized his close relationship with Erdogan.

Indeed, he has gone even further, portraying himself as the man who prevented Turkey from entering the recent war against Iran on the opposite side.

"He could have gone into the war," Trump said. "He didn't because of me."

Why the president would want to sell state-of-the-art weaponry to a leader who he himself said had contemplated joining a war against the United States and Israel is almost beside the point. The point is that Trump has made clear both where he stands and what he wants.

Netanyahu willing to take on 'the boss'

Netanyahu "knows who the boss is," Trump said on Saturday. That might be the case, but Netanyahu showed this week that he is willing to take on "the boss" over an issue that he deems cardinal to Israel's security: preserving qualitative military superiority over any potential regional rival.

"Turkey is a great country, but it is governed by a man who openly calls for the annihilation of Israel," Netanyahu said on Fox News, adding that it occupies half of Cyprus and regularly threatens Greece.

Netanyahu continued: "[Erdogan's] foreign minister, his number two, has said that the Jewish state has no place among humanity and, essentially, has to be wiped out. His interior minister has said that he looks forward to becoming the governor of Jerusalem. This is a regime infected by the Muslim Brotherhood, an extremist movement that hates America and chants 'Death to America' from that side [the Sunni side] of the [Islamic] ideological spectrum."

Selling them the F-35s or engines for their own fighter planes, he argued, would upset the balance of power in the Middle East, which is "ultimately guaranteed by Israel's air superiority."

Those are fighting words. Not so much against Erdogan, Netanyahu has minced no words in the past when it came to what he thinks of Turkey's president, but against a Trump foreign policy objective.

But here Netanyahu, at least at the start of the battle, appears to be doing what military strategists caution against: fighting the current war with the playbook from the last one.

In previous clashes over US foreign policy, Israel's strategy was to appeal over the administration's head to Congress and the American public, where for decades it could count on broad bipartisan support.

When Yitzhak Shamir battled President George H.W. Bush over loan guarantees in the early 1990s, he sought to take his case directly to Congress. When Netanyahu fought Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran two decades later, he again appealed over the administration's head, making his case directly to the American public and to lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

Neither effort ultimately succeeded. Shamir lost the loan guarantee battle. Netanyahu failed to stop the Iran nuclear agreement, and that was when public opinion and Congress were more favorably disposed toward Israel than they are today.

At first glance, Netanyahu appears to be returning to a familiar tactic: use American television to appeal directly to the US public, hoping to build enough political opposition on Capitol Hill to block, or at least complicate, the administration's plans.

But this time there is one crucial difference. Although Israel no longer enjoys the level of public and congressional support it could count on during those earlier battles, it may not have to fight this battle alone.

Why not? Because Turkey's ambitions are hardly viewed with alarm only in Jerusalem.

Turkey threatens regional, Mediterranean, stability

For Greece, Ankara's increasingly assertive posture is reflected in repeated airspace violations over the Aegean and long-running disputes over maritime boundaries. For Cyprus, it is embodied in Turkey's continued occupation of half of the island. For Armenians, opposition to a stronger Turkey is rooted in the national trauma of the Armenian Genocide and Ankara's continued refusal to acknowledge it.

The reasons differ. The conclusion does not: Turkey should not emerge from the current regional upheaval significantly stronger militarily.

That convergence matters because Washington is influenced not only by governments but also by constituencies.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is by no means the only influential lobby in Washington. Greek-American organizations have spent decades mobilizing

congressional opposition to Turkish policies toward Greece and Cyprus. Armenian-American organizations have done the same over the Armenian Genocide.

With characteristic arrogance, Erdogan, at the closing press conference ending the two-day NATO summit, dismissed objections to the sale registered by Netanyahu and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. These objections, he said, “have no place in my world.”

They should. The question is not whether Israel can defeat the sale alone. It is whether several different constituencies, approaching the issue from entirely different directions, can together create sufficient political resistance to scuttle the sale.

Interestingly, but by no means coincidentally, Netanyahu’s offensive against the sale comes just a couple of weeks after the cabinet voted to recognize the Turkish slaughter of Armenians at the onset of World War I as a genocide.

Why now, after so many years? many asked.

The conventional answer was that relations with the Israel-baiting Erdogan had deteriorated to such a low point that there was no realistic prospect of salvaging them. If that was the case, Israel had nothing left to lose by recognizing the genocide and little reason to remain concerned about Turkish sensitivities.

Seen within the context of the F-35 debate, however, there may be another layer to the timing of the Armenian Genocide recognition: what diplomats sometimes call “weaponizing history,” using historical memory in pursuit of political or military objectives.

The target audience here was not Erdogan. This was not Israel trying to get back at the Turkish leader for his implacably hostile rhetoric and actions. The audience was Washington.

Whether that was the government’s intention or merely a by-product, recognizing the Armenian Genocide has the effect of placing Israel alongside one of Washington’s oldest and best-organized ethnic lobbying communities. By recognizing the genocide, Israel is aligning itself with a powerful domestic constituency, most notably Armenian-American organizations, that have long opposed strengthening Turkey militarily.

The move also reinforces efforts by Israel and organizations already opposed to the sale to portray Turkey as an erratic, unrepentant human rights violator that cannot be trusted with fifth-generation stealth technology.

In addition, Congress has already passed a legally binding law barring Turkey from receiving F-35s due to its purchase of the Russian S-400 missile system, and the powerful Greek lobby can help use this to deflate the sale. It is unlikely to be a coincidence that a joint resolution to block a \$700 million sale of jet engines for Turkey’s homemade fighter plane was introduced last month by Dina Titus, a

prominent Greek-American lawmaker from Nevada and a leading voice in the Hellenic Caucus.

Netanyahu has spent years developing an alliance in the Eastern Mediterranean with Greece and Cyprus as a way to counterbalance Turkey. Cooperation between the countries also translates into cooperation between lobbying organizations in Washington.

Clearly, Israel is increasingly worried about Turkey's strength and ambitions. But, as Eiland said this week in his radio interview, "complaining is not a work plan."

His point was that Israel cannot simply warn about Erdogan's ambitions and hope Washington reaches the same conclusion. It needs partners. And in this case, it actually has some.

If Netanyahu is right that the Middle East is entering a post-Iran era, then stopping the F-35 sale is not the end of the story. It is merely the opening battle in what could become Israel's defining strategic competition over the next decade.

Top Democrat in US House says he won't support bill to cut off US aid to Israel | The Times of Israel.com

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House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries on Tuesday informed fellow Democrats that he will vote against an amendment that aims to cut off US military aid to Israel.

While the amendment to the fiscal 2027 spending bill for the State Department and overseas programs is certain to fail given overwhelming Republican support, it is seen as another bellwether of the Democratic Party's rapidly waning support for Israel.

A vote on the legislation could be held as early as Wednesday.

In explaining why he cannot support the amendment, Jeffries faulted it as "overly broad in that it prohibits or would limit the use of funds for longstanding initiatives related to humanitarian aid, refugee resettlement, peace-building and US Embassy operations."

He argued in a letter to colleagues that the amendment submitted by Republican Representative Thomas Massie would "restrict our country's ability to confront Hamas, Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations in the region who are sworn enemies of both the United States and Israel."

However, Jeffries said that House leadership would not whip members to join him in opposing the amendment because there are "good faith reasons that will result in Members voting in a variety of different ways," indicating that he is listening to shifting sentiment on Israel among Democratic voters and politicians. Jeffries's relatively moderate, pro-Israel stance has sparked some left-wing Democrats to call for his replacement as leader.

Moreover, Jeffries called for a "major reset" in US-Israel ties due to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies over the years.

"A meaningful change in direction is needed," the House minority leader declared.

The \$3.3 billion targeted by Massie, an anti-Israel Republican who lost his primary in May, is part of the \$3.8 billion that the US sends to Israel annually under its 10-year memorandum of understanding, which was signed by Barack Obama and expires in 2028. That aid is then used by Israel to purchase American-made weapons and equipment. Massie's proposed amendment would strip Israel of all of the allocated aid,

except the \$500 million designated for missile defense programs such as the Iron Dome.

“Minority Leader Jeffries opposes the Massie-Khanna amendment to cut \$3 billion of aid to Israel, but leaves members of his party to vote their conscience,” Massie wrote on X. “My conscience is clear. I will vote against using American tax dollars to fund genocide.”

Though Jeffries opposes Massie’s amendment, his letter suggested that the next MOU beginning in 2028 not include any military subsidies.

“Israel has an advanced economy and is capable of paying for its own sophisticated weapons, as the Prime Minister recently acknowledged,” Jeffries wrote. Indeed, calls for the United States to end military aid to Israel have come from both a growing swath of the American left, as well as from the Israeli government and some American conservatives.

Netanyahu has stated that he wants to begin winding down US military aid to Israel over the last two years of the Trump administration, transitioning the US-Israel relationship “from aid to partnership.”

Republican senator Lindsey Graham, who died suddenly this week, had been enthusiastically on board with the idea. He wrote in January that he’d like to “dramatically expedite the timetable” of Israel tapering off US military aid to become “more self-sufficient.”

Mike Huckabee, the US ambassador to Israel, wrote on X last month that the next MOU between the two countries “ends aid & will be based on trade.”

Multiple progressive Democrats who are critical of Israel have said they plan to vote with Massie to cut aid, including New York Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Texas Representative Greg Casar, despite concerns that the amendment will have an effect outside the bounds of military spending.

“I am aware that the amendment as written may cut off both military weapons (~\$3.3 billion) and some diplomatic funding (~\$50 million),” Casar wrote on X. “While I would prefer to vote on an amendment that stripped just military funding, I think opposing the billions in military funding is what’s most important here.”

The Institute for Middle East Understanding Policy Project, a pro-Palestinian advocacy group, said in a statement that the Democratic leadership ignored voters who the group says increasingly want their representatives to halt US military aid to Israel. “Yet again, they’ve missed the opportunity to stand with voters — and if they do not adjust course, they will repeat the disastrous mistakes of 2024 in 2028,” said Margaret DeReus, the group’s executive director.

Meanwhile, New York Representative Jerry Nadler, who is Congress' most senior Jewish member, told The Hill last month that he opposes the amendment and called it "poorly drafted." He added that it would have unintended consequences such as eliminating funding for US Embassy operations in the country. Democratic Representatives Greg Meeks and Adam Smith have also said they would vote no.

After Jeffries announced his intention to vote no during a closed-door caucus meeting on Tuesday, pro-Israel Democratic Representatives Josh Gottheimer and Richard Neal commended Jeffries for standing up to the party's growing pro-Palestinian wing, Axios reported.

Brian Romick, CEO of the pro-Israel group Democratic Majority for Israel, wrote in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he disagreed with some of the points Jeffries made in his letter, but was pleased by Jeffries's opposition to the amendment and urged other Democrats to follow suit.

"While we do not agree with every policy outlined in Jeffries' letter, we appreciate his commitment to ensuring that America's support for Israel's right to exist as a Jewish and democratic state remains ironclad," Romick wrote. He did not clarify where he specifically disagreed with Jeffries.

AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobbying group that has endorsed Jeffries and has become widely unpopular among Democrats, wrote to JTA that it supports Jeffries's vote against "Massie's reckless amendment" but did not address his remarks on the next MOU.

Jeremy Ben-Ami, president of the liberal group J Street, which also endorsed Jeffries, wrote that J Street backs Jeffries's decision and said the amendment is "being used by Republican leadership to divide Democrats rather than advance a serious debate about US policy." But he also offered support to members who plan to vote in favor of the amendment, saying that this is "one of the few opportunities to cast a recorded vote" expressing opposition to how the Israeli government is utilizing American military assistance.

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Moroccan soccer fans chant 'Jews to the gas' after World Cup loss in Netherlands | All Israel News.com

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Moroccan soccer fans gathered in The Hague's Schilderswijk District on Thursday evening and chanted antisemitic slogans calling for the murder of Jews after France defeated Morocco 2-0 to advance in the World Cup.

Videos shared on social media captured crowds chanting, " Hamas, Hamas, Jews to the gas," while others shouted, "All Jews are gay." Demonstrators also waved Palestinian Authority flags during the gathering. Community volunteers reportedly tried to disperse the crowd before a large number of police officers arrived less than an hour after the soccer match.

TERRIFYING: Moroccans in the Netherlands are blaming Jews for their defeat and gathering outside a place where they think Israeli tourists are staying. They chant:

"All Jews are fags! Hamas! Hamas! Send the Jews back to the gas chambers!"

pic.twitter.com/JKozGm5KPT

— Dr. Maalouf (@realMaalouf) [July 9, 2026](#)

Initial reports circulating on social media claimed the crowd had gathered outside accommodations housing Israeli tourists. However, video footage later showed the demonstrators had assembled outside a health clinic rather than a hotel or guesthouse.

In a separate incident, Moroccan soccer fans also sparked significant unrest in London. Metropolitan Police were dispatched to Edgware Road, an area with a large Middle Eastern population, after officers said the situation "escalated with the group throwing bottles and setting off fireworks."

One police officer was hospitalized with head injuries after reportedly being struck by a glass bottle. Police arrested four people on suspicion of violent disorder.

"We will not tolerate such disorder on our streets, or attacks on our officers," a Metropolitan Police spokesperson [said](#) in a statement. "We will be reviewing CCTV and video footage circulating on social media to ensure all those responsible are brought to justice."

Westminster City Council leader Paul Swaddle also condemned the violence, and had urged soccer fans "to be respectful throughout the tournament."

It remains unclear whether the incidents in the Netherlands and London were connected or coordinated.

The unrest follows another episode earlier in the World Cup tournament. After Argentina defeated Egypt 3-2 in a dramatic comeback, activists spread conspiracy theories [blaming](#) Jews and Israel for Egypt's elimination when Argentina's star Lionel Messi scored one late goal and assisted another goal.

"The entire Arab world is talking about how FIFA, controlled by the Zionists, knocked Egypt out because the coach waved the Palestinian flag after the last game," Dan Burmawi, the Jordanian-born CEO of the Ideological Defense Institute (IDI), said after Egypt's elimination.

Burmawi said online conspiracy theories alleged that the referee favored Messi because he and Argentine President Javier Milei support Israel, while claiming that anti-Muslim bias in the West contributed to Egypt's defeat. The claims also referenced Egyptian players' habit of prostrating after scoring goals.

The antisemitic scenes at the World Cup game echoed previous violence in the Netherlands. In November 2024, Muslim extremists in Amsterdam [attacked](#) Israeli supporters of Maccabi Tel Aviv following a soccer match. At least 10 Israeli fans were injured in assaults.

[Church of England urges study of Palestinian Christian document accusing Israel of genocide | The Times of Israel.com](#)

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The Church of England's legislative body voted Monday to encourage churches across England to engage with a document produced by Palestinian Christians that accuses Israel of genocide, despite requests from Jewish organizations and Britain's chief rabbi to reject it.

The document is titled "Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide" and is also known as Kairos II, after the Palestinian Christian movement [Kairos Palestine](#) that produced it. It describes [Israel's military campaign in Gaza](#) as a genocide, states that Israel is a "colonial enterprise built on racism," and says decades of "occupation," "apartheid" and "settler colonialism" are at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The vote on Monday does not adopt the accusations as church doctrine but says the church should [hear the documents](#) as "heartfelt expressions of the lived experience of Palestinian Christians," and to engage with them in order to better understand the conflict.

Ahead of the debate in York, several Jewish organizations expressed concerns, and [Chief Rabbi Sir Ephraim Mirvis](#) asked Synod members to reject the amendment. Mirvis called Kairos II "deeply concerning" and said it "risks undermining decades of careful relationship-building" between Christians and Jews.

"It is truly shocking that a document which purports to speak in the name of truth contains so much falsehood," he said.

Afterwards, the president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Phil Rosenberg, issued a statement calling the passage of the motion "highly problematic."

"Kairos Palestine may come from a place of genuine pain, but the falsehoods and distortions of Kairos II, including its erasure of Jewish identity and experience, is a prescription for more division and not the answer to conflict in the Middle East," he said.

The archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, [acknowledged](#) both sides in a speech opening the debate at the Synod.

“This document reflects the pain and trauma of the Palestinian people. As a pastor, I hear the cry of our Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers — a cry that rises from the ruins of Gaza, and from the violence and oppression of the West Bank,” she said.

She added, “I also hear the concerns of the chief rabbi, the co-leads of the Movement for Progressive Judaism, and the Board of Deputies, and I thank them for their honesty.” She said the church remained opposed to antisemitism and committed to safety for Israelis as well as Palestinians.

The Synod debate followed Mullally’s visit to the West Bank in June, where she met Palestinian Christian communities in Birzeit. During the visit she [said](#), “I will use my role as Archbishop to seek the peace you desire and the freedom you deserve.”

The Catholic Church’s Pope Leo XIV angered Jewish groups soon after being elected last year by endorsing an investigation into whether Israel committed genocide in Gaza during the military operation that followed the Hamas-led invasion of southern Israel.

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[Another magnitude 5.8 earthquake rattles the Pacific Ring of Fire yet again | Fox Weather.com](#)

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It's the latest earthquake to rattle the Pacific Ring of Fire, a region known for frequent seismic activity.

The Pacific Ring of Fire has been extremely active as numerous regions were rocked by powerful earthquakes. This activity can be typical for the area, as the Ring of Fire is known for frequent seismic and volcanic events during periods of heightened activity.

TONGA - A magnitude 5.8 [earthquake](#) struck off the coast of Tonga on Wednesday night.

The [U.S.](#) Geological Survey said that the earthquake struck at 10:57 p.m. UTC south of the Fiji Islands at a depth of about 211.4 miles.

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The Ring of Fire is a 25,000-mile belt of [volcanoes](#) and earthquake zones surrounding much of the Pacific [Ocean](#).

[UNDERSTANDING THE PACIFIC RING OF FIRE: WHERE EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES MEET](#)

The earthquake happened about 418 miles from Tongatapu, Tonga, and nearly 600 miles from the Fiji Islands, according to the USGS.

It follows Tuesday's [magnitude 6.2 earthquake](#) off the Philippines, and Monday's [magnitude 6.3 earthquake](#) west of the Loyalty Islands.

The eastern margin of the Australia plate is one of the most seismically active areas of the world due to high rates of convergence between the Australian and Pacific plates, according to the USGS.

[MAGNITUDE 6.2 EARTHQUAKE STRIKES OFF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES FOLLOWING SERIES OF RING OF FIRE QUAKES](#)

Since 1900, there have been 15 magnitude 7.5+ earthquakes recorded near [New Zealand](#). The largest recorded earthquake in New Zealand itself was the 1931 magnitude 7.8 Hawke's Bay earthquake, which killed 256 people.

North of New Zealand, the [Australia](#)-Pacific boundary stretches east of Tonga and Fiji to south of Samoa, the [USGS](#) said.

There have been no reports of shaking and injuries are highly unlikely.

Over 10,000 Christians Arrested in China as Xi Jinping's Communist Regime Escalates Religious Crackdown | The Gateway Pundit.com

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Christians across Communist China are being arrested, detained and effectively “disappeared” for worshipping outside state-controlled churches, according to a major investigation by The Telegraph.

The report details accounts from underground Christians who say police have raided homes in the middle of the night, separated families and imprisoned pastors as the regime intensifies its campaign against independent religious groups.

One Christian identified only as “TJ” recalled police smashing into his home before dragging away his wife.

“They grabbed my clothes and grabbed my hands so I couldn’t move. I could hear my daughter crying so much in the room next door but I couldn’t go to her, I couldn’t hug my wife.”

His wife remains in custody, according to The Telegraph.

China officially permits Christianity only through churches controlled by the Communist Party, where congregations are expected to display portraits of Xi Jinping and demonstrate loyalty to the regime.

Police have arrested thousands across China in a drive to shut down underground churches.

The Telegraph spoke to six Chinese Christians who have either been targeted by the CCP or have incarcerated relatives.

These are their stories <https://t.co/qCQwBUJZ5p> pic.twitter.com/1G9M63RYMZ

— The Telegraph (@Telegraph) [July 12, 2026](#)

Millions instead worship in underground churches, placing them at risk of arrest.

According to The Telegraph, ChinaAid founder Bob Fu estimates more than 10,000 Christians have been arrested during Xi’s rule.

Recent raids reportedly targeted Beijing's Zion Church and the Early Rain Covenant Church, with dozens detained.

Pastor Jun Yang told the newspaper authorities spent months attempting to build cases against church leaders before arresting members.

"They were trying to look for excuses to see if they could set a trap for me."

Yang escaped only because he was overseas when police raided his home. His wife was arrested instead.

China's embassy rejected allegations of persecution, insisting it "manages religious affairs in accordance with the law" and accusing "anti-China forces" of spreading disinformation.

But Christians see little hope while Xi remains in power.

"Once Xi Jinping is still the chairman in China, I don't think anything will be better and if the persecution is not better, that means we cannot have our church and we are in danger anytime," he added.

Harvard astronomer tapped to lead White House UFO council says US government 'baffled by what they are seeing' | Foxnews.com

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Avi Loeb, the Harvard astronomer chosen last month by the White House to lead a UFO advisory council, believes he was brought on because federal officials are "baffled" by the many unidentified objects the U.S. military has captured over the past several decades.

Loeb, known for arguing that alien spacecraft may have already reached Earth, said his newly formed team of more than a dozen scientists is combing through [four batches of public UFO sighting disclosures](#) released by the Trump administration in recent months.

His mission began in early June when an official from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) visited his home and asked him to form a group of experts to make sense of UFOs, now referred to by the U.S. government as unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP). This is an umbrella term that accounts for objects seen zipping underwater and in space.

"The U.S. government had me at hello," Loeb told Fox News Digital in an interview Saturday. "The fact that they are reaching out to scientists like myself indicates, in my mind, that they are baffled by what they are seeing, and they think that maybe it's not human-made."

NASA CHIEF CONFIRMS AGENCY HAS UNEXPLAINED UFO IMAGERY: 'WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS'

Loeb's council will report its findings to the UAP Governing Board, a recently established body under the direction of ODNI.

According to the [council's website](#), Loeb and his colleagues will only be reviewing already-declassified materials on UAPs.

However, Loeb told Fox News Digital he has asked the Pentagon and other agencies for 50 videos, images and other documents related to known UAP incidents. Those materials haven't been given to him yet, with the custodian agencies citing national security concerns.

"It's not so much the targets that are the issue. It's that the sensors that were used were for national security purposes. The U.S. government doesn't want to reveal to adversarial nations the kind of sensors being used. So, that's the main obstacle right now," Loeb said.

NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON DARES GOVERNMENT TO 'JUST SHOW THE ALIEN,' AS DISCLOSURE FERVOR CONTINUES TO GROW

Loeb's goal is to figure out whether UAPs that have been captured by the U.S. military originate from other nations or if they don't come from humans at all.

"In the second case, if it's not human-made, then that's the biggest discovery ever made by science, and the U.S. government has the privilege of ushering in this new realization that we have a neighbor visiting us," Loeb said.

Loeb sought to temper expectations, saying that many of the phenomena they are studying could turn out to be mundane. Often, he said, the strange looking objects people see in the sky are merely space junk or broken satellites.

"Unless they maneuver in ways that cannot be explained by gravity, you should assume that they are space junk," Loeb said.

Nonetheless, he praised the White House for its push for transparency on this issue. In February, President [Donald Trump](#) ordered the Pentagon and other agencies to declassify files related to aliens and UAPs because of "tremendous interest."

One of the most important aims of Loeb's council is to recommend better sensors so that the government can capture UAPs with more confidence in the future.

"If we are dealing with drones of some unusual qualities that the Chinese are using, it's good for the U.S. to have better sensors that can help it identify those. Right now, they are reported as orbs. They may not be drones, but I'm saying that, at the very least, we will help national security," Loeb said.

Loeb made the remarks after the Department of War on Friday released the fourth and latest batch of UAP materials to the public. Loeb commented on one of the most sensational releases from the first batch, which were photos from the Apollo 12 mission on the Moon in 1969.

One of the photos has five "unidentified phenomena," but Loeb said federal authorities have now officially concluded that those blue flashes are most likely cosmic rays.

Until 2020, Loeb headed up Harvard University's [astronomy](#) department, where he studied black holes, the formation of the universe's first stars and extraterrestrial life.

In 2017, when scientists discovered a remnant of a Pluto-like world in the solar system, Loeb disputed those findings, arguing that the object was possibly a light sail from an alien civilization.

After this claim earned him widespread respect in the UFO community, Loeb founded the Galileo Project at Harvard to search for artifacts from [extraterrestrial civilizations](#).

[30,000 Pack Angel Stadium to Hear Gospel as Greg Laurie Sees 'Hunger' for God | Crosswalk.com](#)

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More than 30,000 people filled a professional baseball stadium Saturday in Anaheim, Calif., for an evangelistic event that pastor Greg Laurie said reveals a deep hunger for the hope found in Christ.

The annual Harvest Crusade sold out its free tickets for the gathering at Angel Stadium, where Phil Wickham, Michael W. Smith, Kari Jobe Carnes, Cody Carnes and TAYA led musical worship before Laurie delivered a gospel-centered message.

Laurie said more than 4,000 descended on the field during the invitation. Organizers have not yet announced how many people made professions of faith.

Angel Stadium is typically home to baseball fans cheering on the hometown Los Angeles Angels. On Saturday, however, it was filled with thousands of worshippers singing praises to God.

"God is at work," Laurie said in a video posted Monday on his Instagram page, reflecting on Saturday's Harvest Crusade.

"We saw great response to the invitation to come to Christ. Over 4,000 people descended on the field, and the fire marshal stopped them in the aisles because they couldn't take any more. And we gave away 3,200 new believers' Bibles."

Another 250,000 people around the world watched the crusade online.

The Harvest Crusade, founded by Laurie in 1990, has drawn millions of people in person and online over the decades and has become one of the nation's largest annual evangelistic outreaches.

"God is at work, and what I saw in the crusade was this great hunger of people of every age, every demographic, every race, everybody wanting to have a relationship with God," Laurie said.

Laurie recounted a story from the late pastor Chuck Smith, who helped lead the Jesus Movement in the 1960s and 70s when countless young people nationwide came to Christ. Laurie said he asked him, "Do you think we'll ever see another Jesus movement?"

"And his response was, 'I don't know, Greg. I don't know if we're desperate enough.' I saw desperation on the faces of people at the crusade [Saturday]," Laurie said. "I see people wanting to encounter God. This gives me hope for the future of the United States."

Meanwhile, Laurie said there is a wave of encouraging news across the nation that often goes overlooked by the mainstream media. He noted that a flash-mob riot in Newport Beach over the Fourth of July weekend that resulted in more than 400 arrests received far more worldwide attention than the Harvest Crusade.

"They trashed things, they destroyed things, and they just created mayhem and chaos," he said. "Of course, that makes the news. But we just had an event at Angel Stadium, Orange County. Over 30,000 people were gathered there. God moved in a powerful way. That doesn't get the same kind of news coverage. And then we're going to be back in Newport Beach this coming Saturday for a baptism at Pirate's Cove. So you have a contrast: a riot in the streets creating chaos, or people gathering together, offering worship to God."

Laurie urged Christians to continue praying for spiritual awakening across the nation.

"Let's pray that new opportunities open up for the proclamation of the gospel."