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## FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

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# PRAY FOR ISRAEL



Israel's war with Hamas is front page news throughout the world. Apart from the Bible, it makes no sense that one of the tiniest nations would constantly be an international headliner. A wise man was once challenged to give evidence in one word that the Bible is divinely inspired, and he replied, "Israel." God created Israel and put her in the midst of the nations to be a light to a dark world. It was an act of God's love and unmerited favor. "Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries *that are round about her*" (Ezekiel 5:5). Through Israel, God gave the world the holy Scriptures and Christ the Saviour, gifts of infinite value. Israel is God's nation even in her rebellion to God, which is her present condition. The past 2,000 years of Israel's history was prophesied in detail in Deuteronomy 28 more than 3,400 years ago, before the 12

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## AVOID TRIVIALIZING THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN

When I think of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School lessons from my childhood, I think of the term "trivializing." The people and events seemed so unreal and the lessons so far removed from my daily life. The situation has gotten much worse since then. Most of the Bible materials for children today are cartoonish and sillified. I was reminded of this recently when I was searching for books as birthday gifts for some young grandchildren. Everything is geared to lighthearted entertainment. It doesn't produce sobermindedness about the things of God. I don't believe this is a small thing. It is a great error. It is a product of a Laodicean age. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Ti. 3:5). For example, many Sunday Schools present lessons such as Noah's Ark and David's slaying of the giant almost as fairy tales. The Ark is depicted as a silly-looking cartoon thing that could not possibly have held all of the animals or survived the raging storms. David is depicted as a boy, whereas he was actually a young man who could put on Saul's armor. Jesus is depicted as an effeminate, long-haired individual, whereas He was an ordinary-looking, short-haired Jewish man. A *real* Man! Scripture says if a man has long hair, it is a shame unto him (1 Co. 11:14). The only men who had long hair in ancient Israel were Nazarites like Samson or narcissistic rebels like Absalom.



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tribes even entered the Promised Land. Deuteronomy 30 and many other Scriptures prophesy Israel's spiritual conversion, which has not yet occurred. Israel will not have peace until she receives the Prince of Peace as her Messiah. We don't know how this present war will turn out, but we know from Bible prophecy, which has never been wrong, that Israel's greatest trouble lies ahead. In her zeal for peace, Israel will receive a false messiah, the anti-christ, the man of sin, the son of perdition, who will come upon the scene in desperate times as an awe-inspiring figure, a magnificent peace-monger, a world-class problem solver. He will make it possible for the third temple to be built as we read in Revelation 11, but he will show his true character when he sets himself up *in that very temple* as God. "... and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). Regardless of Israel's apostasy, Israel is still Israel, and God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) is still true. "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Genesis 12:3). When God says something, the wise heed His words, knowing that God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We bless Israel, because God has instructed us to do so. Woe be unto those who curse her.

## DISNEY'S HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA



The following is excerpted from "You Won't Believe How Much LGBTQ Content Disney Produced Last Year," *PJMedia*, Oct. 3, 2023: "On Tuesday, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) released its annual 'Studio Responsibility Index' which tracks how much LGBTQ content various movie studios are pumping out each year. **Of all the studios, in 2022, Disney topped them all. ... 'Walt Disney Studios included LGBTQ characters in all five of its Disney theatrical releases...'** GLAAD writes in its summary of Disney. ... By GLAAD's count, Disney released 59 films last year, 24 of which they designated as 'LGBTQ inclusive.' ... Sadly, GLAAD knows the power they have over movie studios, pressuring them to push this grooming content on children. 'Over the last decade, the percentage of LGBTQ-inclusive films grew by 50 percent, or 1.5 times, in large part due to GLAAD's annual study, alongside work with studio leadership and creatives,' writes GLAAD president and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis. ... It's all part of the plan to groom your children."

## JUDGE SIDES WITH PARENTS OVER SCHOOL IN TRANSGENDER CASE

The following is excerpted from “Judge Sides with,” *Christian Headlines*, Oct. 4, 2023: “In a major victory for parental rights, a judge ruled on Monday that a Wisconsin school violated the state constitution when it defied the wishes of a female student’s father and mother by allowing her to identify as a male. The case involved a 12-year-old female student in the Kettle Moraine School District who began experiencing anxiety and depression and told school officials she wanted to change her name and pronouns in order to transition to a boy socially. Her parents objected to the change, yet the school said it would follow the wishes of the student over the opposition of the mom and dad. The parents then pulled her from school, after which her demeanor changed, and she decided she wanted to continue using her birth name and female pronouns. The parents sued the school district, alleging it violated their parental rights guaranteed within the Wisconsin Constitution. Another family also joined the suit. Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge Michael P. Maxwell sided with the parents on Monday. ‘The School District could not administer medicine to a student without parental consent. The School District could not require or allow a student to participate in a sport without parental consent. Likewise, the School District cannot change the pronoun of a student without parental consent without impinging on a fundamental liberty interest of the parents,’ Maxwell ruled. A school district, he ruled, cannot ‘supplant a parent’s right to control the healthcare and medical decisions for their children.’ Doing so ‘violates parents’ constitutional right to determine the appropriate medical and healthcare for their children,’ he wrote. ... Social transitioning, he noted, ‘can lead them to use puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, which carry known risks.’ ‘Thus, informed consent from the parents must be obtained before socially transitioning a child,’ he wrote. The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty and Alliance Defending Freedom represented the child.” “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

## THE LANGUAGE OF HABITUAL LATENESS



The following is by Pastor Stacey Shiflett, Calvary Baptist Church, Dundalk, MD:

“Being habitually late is more than a character flaw. Constantly being late speaks volumes, whether you realize it or not. Here are just a few of the things you’re saying to people if you are always late: 1. This appointment was not a priority. 2. I’m not capable of planning ahead. 3. My time is more important than yours. 4. I’m not in control of my life. 5. I don’t know how to manage my time. 6. I’m a victim of circumstances. 7. This meeting was an inconvenience. 8. This was a bad time to meet with you. 9. I don’t really want to be here. 10. I have more important things to do. On the other hand, when you are on time for an appointment, you are also speaking volumes. Here is what you’re saying to people

just by arriving a few minutes early. 1. This meeting is important to me. 2. I value your time. 3. My life is under control. 4. I can manage my time well. 5. I’m thrilled to be here. 6. I’m anxious to contribute. 7. I respect what we are about to do. 8. I can plan and manage my life. 9. This is not an inconvenience. 10. I’m here. I’m ready. Let’s do this!!”

# THE INTERNET: EVERY HERETIC AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

There are great dangers with the internet: There are moral dangers, and there are heretical dangers, to name just two of the major categories. The following is a testimony that was sent to us by a pastor: "It is my observation one of the greatest dangers of the internet technology is that it brings (literally) thousands of teachers into your home. Any church member now, in the absence of serious biblical

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study, can hold forth on any topic by putting the verses in question in Google and then quoting his favorite teacher. The speaker has no knowledge of the subject, no knowledge of the teacher. I had a man in our congregation who got involved with many different online 'Baptist' teachers. He adopted all kinds of silly doctrines (amillennialism, no eternal security, etc.). He was, at best, a baby Christian, with no time in the Word of God, but because he read all these people, he considered himself an expert. He was shocked when I told him to stop reading all

those teachers. It is shocking to Americans to tell them that. Right away they say you are trying to hide something from them. Everything is a conspiracy. 'We have the right to read and learn from anything we want.' It used to be you had to put effort into finding other teachers, and a pastor who had been saved for decades and approved by a sending church which had standing. But now, thanks to the internet, you can find all kinds of experts to tickle all your fancies. With the man in our assembly, it got to a point where he was bringing his smart phone and computer to church and looking up the texts we were using in real time. Then he would raise his hand and contradict me by quoting the internet teacher. Even though I could answer the childish and shallow arguments, he gave more credence to the online teachers. We threw him out. **You want booze, we have a teacher for that. You want to be a pastor without meeting the qualifications, we have a teacher for that. You want to have women leaders, we have a teacher for that. You want to stop separating, we have a teacher for that. You think your pastor is a bad guy, we have a teacher for that. Anything you want, we have a teacher for that. This is one of the worst parts of new technology. It puts every heretic right at your fingertips."**

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