

Vermont Pays Christian School After Federal Court Sides With Biblical Beliefs

The state of Vermont's athletic association has agreed to pay \$566,000 to Mid Vermont Christian School after the school was banned from state competitions for refusing to play against a team with a transgender athlete. The settlement closes one chapter in a legal battle that became a national flashpoint over religious liberty and women's sports.

The dispute began in 2023 when Mid Vermont Christian School forfeited a girls basketball playoff game because the opposing team included a biological male competing in the girls division. Vermont officials responded by banning the school from all state-sponsored athletic and academic competitions, including spelling bees and science fairs.

According to WCAX, the Vermont Principals' Association claimed the school violated the state's anti-discrimination policy.

The school, represented by Alliance Defending Freedom, sued Vermont officials and argued the punishment violated the First Amendment and targeted the school's biblical convictions regarding male and female distinctions. A federal appeals court later ruled in favor of the Christian school and ordered its reinstatement into Vermont athletics while the case continued.

"This settlement is a giant win not only for the 1st Amendment but obviously for the school itself," Alliance Defending Freedom attorney David Cortman told WCAX.



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Cortman also told VTDigger that Vermont officials “denied Mid Vermont Christian School a public benefit available to all other schools in Vermont just because it stood by the widely held, biblical belief that boys and girls are different.”

Fox News reported the school endured two years of exclusion from both sports and academic activities, forcing students to travel out of state to compete. Coach Chris Goodwin described the emotional toll on students after the school chose to stand by its beliefs.

“We were all in agreement that the right decision was to not compromise our beliefs,” Goodwin told Fox News Digital.

The Vermont Principals’ Association denied wrongdoing but agreed to the settlement following the appeals court ruling. Executive Director Jay Nichols said the organization “will continue to follow Vermont law and advocate for all Vermont children,” according to WCAX and VTDigger.

The broader legal fight is still ongoing. Mid Vermont Christian School continues challenging Vermont’s exclusion of religious schools from certain public tuition programs, arguing the state is discriminating against Christian institutions because of their faith-based beliefs.

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10 Signs You've Fallen Into a Demonic Trap and Don't Realize It

The world is not preparing for the end. It is making dinner reservations.

Families are planning vacations. Couples are posting engagement photos. Teenagers are scrolling endlessly through short videos while millions argue politics, sports and celebrity scandals online. Cities glow late into the night with restaurants packed and music blaring through crowded streets.

Normal life rolls on.

And according to John Bevere, that is exactly what should concern us.

In a recent episode of "The John Bevere Podcast," the longtime Christian author and minister warned that the final moments before Christ's return will not resemble the apocalyptic chaos most people imagine. Instead, he said society will appear stable, distracted and spiritually numb until sudden destruction arrives without warning.

"Jesus said the end wouldn't look chaotic," Bevere said. "It would actually look quite normal."

The message centered on Christ's words comparing the last days to the days of Noah and Lot. People were eating, drinking, marrying, buying and selling right up until judgment suddenly

fell.

“For when they say peace and safety, then sudden destruction comes upon them,” Bevere said while quoting from 1 Thessalonians.

The warning cuts against the popular image of the end times as an obvious collapse visible to everyone long before it arrives. Bevere argued many people wrongly assume they will have time to get serious about God later, after unmistakable prophetic events begin unfolding across the world.

“No, no, that’s not the attitude you should have,” he said. “We are to be ready for a sudden catching away.”

But while the surface of society may appear calm, Bevere argued the deeper spiritual condition of the world already resembles Noah’s generation.

He pointed to what he described as exploding corruption, sexual immorality, occult fascination and rising violence spreading throughout modern culture. He referenced the growing popularity of witchcraft, crystals and spiritual practices once pushed to the fringes of society. He spoke about human trafficking, moral confusion and what he called a dangerous effort to redefine humanity itself.

“It was a time of dark spiritual activity,” Bevere said while discussing Genesis 6. “There’s definitely a rise in this today.”

The conversation became even more intense as the discussion turned toward transhumanism, artificial intelligence and modern fascination with UFOs and interdimensional beings. Bevere connected modern disclosure narratives surrounding unidentified aerial phenomena to the biblical account of the Nephilim in Genesis.

Then the atmosphere of the podcast shifted.

What began as a theological discussion turned deeply personal.

Bevere stopped speaking broadly about culture and instead addressed listeners directly, warning Christians living in hidden sin that spiritual compromise hardens the heart and separates people from fellowship with God.

“There’s still time to change,” he said. “Jesus is so patient. God is so patient.”

He warned against sexual immorality, greed, addiction and lukewarm Christianity, pleading with listeners to repent while mercy is still available.

“God will come running to you,” Bevere said. “But you have got to stop sinning because your heart is being hardened.”

The emotional centerpiece of the episode came when Bevere described the coming tribulation in explicit detail, quoting passages from Isaiah, Hebrews, Acts and Revelation that describe worldwide devastation, cosmic shaking and mass death unlike anything humanity has ever experienced.

“The Day of the Lord is coming,” he said while reading from Isaiah. “The terrible day of His fury and fierce anger.”

He described a future so catastrophic that Scripture says human life will become “more rare than fine gold.”

Throughout the discussion, Bevere repeatedly emphasized that his message was not rooted in fear but urgency. His son, Ardan Bevere, said the teachings had transformed his own view of the end times from anxiety into expectation.

“It builds an expectation and excitement into me,” Ardan said. “It doesn’t build a fear.”

Near the end of the podcast, Bevere said his burden comes from what he described as a father’s heart for the church and for younger generations who are spiritually drifting and asleep in

a distracted culture.

“The time really is short,” he said.

And perhaps that is the unsettling core of the entire warning.

The days of Noah did not end with people hiding in bunkers watching the sky.

They ended with people living ordinary lives until the rain began.

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California Earthquake Warning: Scientists Say Dangerous Fault Is Overdue for Major Quake

Scientists are warning that one of California's most dangerous fault lines is overdue for a devastating earthquake that could shake the San Francisco Bay Area far harder than previously expected.

Researchers from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory said the Hayward Fault, a 74-mile fracture running through the

Bay Area, poses a major threat to nearly eight million residents living in the region. The warning comes after new 3D simulations revealed future shaking could be up to 50 percent stronger in several heavily populated communities.

“The fault is overdue for an earthquake that could cause extensive damage to such a dense population zone,” the research team said in a statement.

The Hayward Fault is part of the larger San Andreas Fault system and is capable of producing earthquakes stronger than magnitude 7.0. The last major rupture along the Hayward occurred in 1868. Scientists estimate the fault typically ruptures every 95 to 183 years.



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The new study, published in Seismological Research Letters, simulated 50 realistic earthquake scenarios using updated underground geological maps of the Bay Area. Researchers examined how seismic waves would move through California's underground basins, hills and shoreline mud deposits.

The findings showed areas including Oakland, Berkeley, Hayward and Livermore could experience significantly stronger and longer shaking than older earthquake models predicted.

Researchers warned that when the Hayward Fault ruptures, seismic energy often focuses in one direction “like a lens,” intensifying the shaking and increasing the danger for tall or flexible buildings.

Deep geological basins including the Livermore Basin, the East Bay Hills and shoreline “Bay Mud” regions were identified as especially vulnerable because they can trap and amplify seismic waves.

In a Daily Mail report, Arben Pitarka said, “With this new

database, not only can we provide better estimates of the expected ground motion from this type of earthquake, but we can also locate areas that are susceptible to very strong shaking in the San Francisco Bay Area.”

According to the United States Geological Survey, there is a 95 percent probability that a magnitude 6.7 or larger earthquake will strike somewhere in the Bay Area by 2043. Researchers said the Hayward Fault is the most likely source of that future disaster, with a one-in-three chance of rupturing by that same year.

The LLNL team also plans to conduct similar simulations for the San Andreas Fault, which caused the catastrophic 1906 San Francisco earthquake that killed more than 3,000 people.

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500 Police Raid Islamic Sect as Human Trafficking and Slavery Allegations Explode

As tensions continue to erupt across the Middle East, Iraq is rapidly transforming into a major maritime and economic hub through massive infrastructure projects near the historic site

of ancient Babylon. The Bible warned thousands of years ago that Babylon would rise again in the last days, and the developments unfolding now are drawing renewed attention to prophecies found in Revelation 17 and 18.

In a recent discussion, Pastor James Kaddis and Dr. Andy Woods said the geopolitical and economic shifts taking place in Iraq align directly with Scripture's warnings about the future rise of Babylon.

"The Bible says so much about the last days," Kaddis said. "One of the many things it tells us is about the coming city of Babylon. Folks, make no mistake. We're embarking upon the construction of that great city."

The discussion centered heavily on the Strait of Hormuz, ongoing tensions involving Iran and the rapid development of Iraq's maritime infrastructure, particularly around the Al-Faw Peninsula in southern Iraq.

Woods explained that Revelation 18 describes Babylon as a powerful maritime city tied directly to global commerce.

"Babylon is looking more and more like it has the potential of being a maritime city," Woods said. "The people that weep and wail over its destruction are the sea merchants that became wealthy."



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The two pointed to recent reports highlighting Iraq's aggressive investment in ports, floating docks, shipping lanes and logistics corridors connecting the Persian Gulf to Turkey. Iraq's government has also announced new investment initiatives involving digital infrastructure, economic cities and transportation projects designed to transform the nation into a regional logistics powerhouse.

Woods said the developments mirror the framework laid out in Revelation.

“Iraq is gradually transforming into an economic powerhouse with the economy and with the maritime environment that is starting to look more and more like what Revelation 18 anticipates for the end of the age,” he said.

The conversation also explored the biblical origins of Babylon beginning in Genesis 11 at the Tower of Babel under Nimrod.

Woods described Babel as “Satan’s grand project,” explaining it was the first attempt at a one-world political, economic and religious system.

According to Woods, prophecies in Isaiah 13-14 and Jeremiah 50-51 were never completely fulfilled during Babylon’s historical fall to Persia in 539 B.C. because those passages describe a catastrophic destruction similar to Sodom and Gomorrah.

He argued those prophecies point to a future rebuilt Babylon that will eventually become the headquarters of the Antichrist’s global system described in Revelation 17 and 18.

“And once that city falls, heaven ... just explodes into praise because Satan’s great project that he’s always lusted after and finally had a chance to bring to fruition ... has been destroyed,” Woods said.

The two also rejected interpretations claiming Babylon represents Rome or the United States, insisting Scripture repeatedly points to literal Babylon in modern-day Iraq.

Kaddis warned that the pace of developments in the region is accelerating rapidly.

“I think it’s going to happen a lot faster than we think,” he said. “Babylon will rise in prominence.”

As headlines continue emerging from Iraq, Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, the warnings found in Genesis, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah and Revelation are moving from the pages of Scripture into the center of global events.

At a time like this, we must know the Word of God, stay spiritually awake and recognize the prophetic significance of the days unfolding before us.

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Christian Man Tortured in Crucifixion Position After Refusing to Deny Jesus

An Egyptian Christian convert is facing severe persecution after authorities imprisoned him on terrorism-related charges tied to his conversion from Islam and his efforts to change the religious designation on his identification documents.

According to Christian Daily International, Said Mansour Rezk Abdelrazek appeared before Egypt's First Criminal Terrorism Circuit in Badr last week as international religious freedom advocates raised alarms over his treatment behind bars.

Prosecutors accused Abdelrazek of "promoting ideas and beliefs

deemed 'harmful to national unity and social peace,'" along with charges including contempt for Islam and joining an unlawful organization.

The case has drawn global attention because of the brutal treatment Abdelrazek reportedly endured while in custody. Advocacy groups stated he was deprived of adequate food, clothing and medical care while being suspended for hours in a "crucifixion" position inside Cairo's 10th of Ramadan Prison.



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The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom designated Abdelrazek a religious prisoner of conscience, stating he was targeted because of his Christian faith and religious activity.

"During detention, authorities and inmates physically and psychologically abused Abdelrazek for his conversion," the commission stated.

Abdelrazek converted to Christianity in 2016 after what human rights advocates described as years of personal reflection. The conversion triggered years of escalating persecution in Egypt, eventually forcing him to flee to Russia in 2019 seeking asylum.

After Russian authorities deported him back to Egypt in 2024, Egyptian officials allegedly interrogated him over his Christian beliefs and pressured him to abandon his faith.

"When communication resumed, Egyptian authorities interrogated him about his religious beliefs and pressured him to reconsider his faith, monitor other converts, and asked him to delete his social media accounts," USCIRF reported.

Despite the pressure, Abdelrazek continued publicly expressing his Christian beliefs online and sought legal help to

officially change his identification documents. Egyptian authorities arrested him again in July 2025.

Human rights organizations now are urging Australia to intervene and grant him humanitarian protection because his fiancée is an Australian citizen.

An international coalition of rights groups warned that his imprisonment exposes a broader pattern of persecution against Christian converts in Egypt.

“His experience starkly contradicts Article 64 of Egypt’s Constitution, which states that ‘freedom of belief is absolute,’ yet in practice denies that right to those who leave Islam,” the coalition wrote.

Abdelrazek’s suffering serves as a sobering reminder that many of our brothers and sisters still face imprisonment, torture and isolation simply for following Jesus Christ. While those of us in the West often worship freely, countless Christians elsewhere endure persecution that rarely makes global headlines.

We should continue praying for Abdelrazek’s protection, strength and release, while also lifting up persecuted Christians across the globe who remain steadfast in their faith despite unimaginable suffering.

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