

# Breaking: Major Red Heifer Update Sends Shockwaves Through Temple Preparations

A newly born red heifer in northern Israel has been disqualified from use in the biblical purification ceremony outlined in Numbers 19, but Jewish leaders involved in preparations for a future Temple say the birth still marks progress in their ongoing breeding program.

According to a report published by The Times of Israel, the calf, named Tamima, was born last month in the Galilee after a breeding program using semen imported from the United States. Although the calf was born completely red, experts removed her ear tags shortly after birth.

Rabbi Azariah Ariel, one of Israel's foremost Temple scholars and leader of the Temple Institute's Red Heifer Project, determined that the calf cannot be used for the purification rite because of the resulting blemish.

*"She is disqualified for the current rite due to the ear tag blemish."*

The report noted that while Tamima cannot provide the ashes required for the purification ceremony, she could still play a role in future breeding efforts if she remains free of additional blemishes.

The announcement comes as Temple preparation efforts continue to expand in Israel. Organizers say government-backed educational initiatives have trained approximately 150,000 Israelis toward a goal of 200,000 participants, with particular emphasis on preparing kohanim (priests) and Leviim (Levites) for future Temple service.

Temple leaders also outlined a broader six-part strategy that includes breeding a qualified red heifer, preparing ritually qualified priests, identifying a suitable location for the purification ceremony east of Jerusalem, resolving remaining questions of Jewish law, expanding public education and securing long-term funding for Temple-related projects.



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## **Why the Red Heifer Matters**

For us as Christians, the significance of the red heifer extends far beyond the birth of a single calf. Scripture teaches that the ashes of a qualified red heifer are necessary for the purification rites described in Numbers 19. Those rites are foundational to restoring the full sacrificial system prescribed under the Mosaic Law.

Temple leaders believe a qualified red heifer is one of the final requirements for restoring ritual purity for the priesthood. That purification would allow preparations for renewed Temple services to move forward, making the search for a qualified red heifer one of the most closely watched developments surrounding plans for a future Temple in Jerusalem.

The rebuilding of the Temple carries global prophetic significance because Scripture teaches that the Antichrist will one day enter the Temple, exalt himself above every object of worship and proclaim himself to be God.

The apostle Paul wrote that the "man of lawlessness" will take "his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thess. 2:3-4). Jesus likewise warned of the coming "abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (Matt. 24:15), pointing to a

future event connected to the Temple in Jerusalem. Daniel also foretold that a coming world ruler would bring Temple sacrifices to an end midway through a seven-year covenant (Dan. 9:27).

For these reasons, Christians around the world continue watching developments surrounding the red heifer, the Temple Mount and preparations for renewed Temple worship. These events do not determine the timing of Christ's return, but they demonstrate how the prophetic framework described in Scripture continues to come into sharper focus.

While this latest red heifer has been disqualified, our mission remains unchanged. Jesus commanded us to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). As we fulfill the Great Commission, we are also called to remain spiritually alert and to discern the signs of the times through the lens of God's Word.

We do not watch these developments out of fear or speculation, but with confidence in the promises of Scripture, ensuring our hearts are prepared for the return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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# Israeli Officials: Hezbollah Has Fired More Than 7,000 Rockets at Israel While Operating From Christian Villages in Lebanon

Israeli officials say Hezbollah has launched more than 7,000 rockets, missiles and drones into Israel since early March while embedding military infrastructure inside civilian areas and Christian villages in southern Lebanon.

The claims were made by Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar during MUNI EXPO in Tel Aviv as Israel, Lebanon and the United States continue negotiations aimed at securing Hezbollah's disarmament and a lasting peace agreement.

"Since March alone, Hezbollah has launched more than 7,000 rockets, missiles and drones from Lebanese territory into Israel," Sa'ar said. "What country can accept this and not act to restore security to its citizens?"

Sa'ar said Hezbollah launched the current conflict under Iranian direction and argued that both Israel and Lebanon share the same enemy.

"We and Lebanon have a common enemy," he said. "This is the enemy of Lebanon's future, sovereignty, and independence, and it is also the enemy of Israel's security. That enemy is Hezbollah."



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According to the Israel Defense Forces, Hezbollah has used

Christian villages, including Qawzah, to launch rockets and anti-tank missiles while operating from civilian infrastructure in violation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1701. The IDF also said it released drone footage in March showing Hezbollah fighters entering a building in a Christian village before it was struck.

Lebanese Christian MP Ghassan Hasbani also criticized Hezbollah's actions.

"Hezbollah decided single-handedly to reenter the war triggered by the events in Iran," Hasbani said. "This is a suicide action by Hezbollah, taking the whole country, the whole of Lebanon, into a regional conflict, into the unknown."

Sa'ar has urged the United Nations to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, press Lebanon to disarm the group and recognize Iran as a threat to international peace.

Israeli officials say Hezbollah still possesses thousands of rockets despite months of fighting, and Defense Minister Israel Katz said military operations will continue until northern Israeli communities can safely return home.

As this conflict continues, we are reminded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122:6), for the protection of innocent civilians, and for our Christian brothers and sisters in Lebanon who remain caught in the middle of the fighting.

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# Temple Momentum Builds: New Red Heifer Ignites National Push Toward Restoring Worship

A newly born red heifer in Israel is doing more than capturing headlines. It is fueling what organizers describe as a nationwide movement to prepare for the restoration of biblical Temple worship, adding fresh momentum to developments that continue to draw global attention to the prophetic significance of events unfolding in Jerusalem.

The announcement follows several major milestones over the past year. Support for rebuilding the Holy Temple has reached a majority among Israeli Jews. Tens of thousands of men are now reportedly training for Temple service. Now, a red heifer born in the Galilee has become the centerpiece of what leaders say is a coordinated national effort to restore the biblical laws of ritual purity.

Israel365 News reported the calf was conceived using imported American semen and born to a black-coated Angus cow in northern Israel. Organizers believe its birth represents far more than a rare agricultural event.

“This is not a private event or private issue,” Yehuda Ben Tzvi, head of programming at the Mikdash Educational Center, said during an interview with Joseph Good of Hatikva Ministries. “The calf,” he said, “is only one piece of a six-point national strategy” that “must become ‘a national historical event’” rather than the work of a small group.

For Christians, these developments carry enormous prophetic weight. Scripture reveals that a functioning Temple will once

again stand in Jerusalem before the return of Jesus Christ. Every new step toward restoring Temple worship reminds us that the stage continues to be set for the fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

## **Six pieces organizers say are needed**

Ben Tzvi said the red heifer alone is not enough. The organization has spent the past year building what he described as six essential components needed to restore the purification ritual.

### **1. A qualified red heifer**

The centerpiece of the effort is a calf named Tamima.

“Fascinatingly enough, a beautiful red heifer was born around a month ago, and she was, funnily enough, discovered by one of our team members from the National Red Heifer Institute,” Ben Tzvi said.

He added, “A red heifer born from a black Angus, but she was tip to toe 100 percent pure.”

The calf must now remain free from disqualifying blemishes while keeping an entirely red coat until it reaches the required age.

“We named her Tamima in a prayer that she will remain Tamim, whole, both in body and in redness of her coat,” Ben Tzvi said.

One immediate concern involved the calf’s identification tags.

“I said to Shahi, immediately get those tags out of there,” Ben Tzvi recalled. “The next day... she already didn’t have any tags, and we are now waiting to see if the blemish will heal

100 percent.”

Another challenge lies ahead.

“He has to keep it 100 percent red coat until it’s two years of age,” Ben Tzvi said.

## **2. A ritually pure priest**

Ben Tzvi described this requirement as even more difficult than producing a qualified red heifer.

“Any kohen today, at least the people in the synagogue, is considered a kohen,” he said, “but a pure kohen is nearly unheard of, because he has to be born outside the hospital.”

He explained that contact with death or locations associated with death renders a priest ritually impure, requiring extraordinary care throughout life.

Despite those challenges, Ben Tzvi said the institute has identified one candidate.

“Thank God, there is a pure Cohen who we definitely keep in secret,” he said.



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## **3. The correct location for the ceremony**

The ritual cannot be performed just anywhere.

“The Cohen stands facing this point, where his eye can see clearly the place of the temple,” Ben Tzvi said, “and there he sprinkles seven times in the blood of the heifer, and only

there can the ritual be done.”

Because of that requirement, organizers have focused on the Mount of Olives and have even proposed constructing a platform overlooking the Temple Mount if necessary.

## **4. National rabbinic consensus**

Organizers have assembled 20 rabbis to answer practical questions surrounding the restoration of the ritual.

“They are taking 10 or more important selected dilemmas, which we need to reach conclusions to give practical guidance to the program, and they are step by step reaching conclusions by democratic resolution,” Ben Tzvi said.

One of those conclusions addresses whether a restored Sanhedrin must exist before the ceremony can proceed.

“Although until the Sanhedrin are reestablished in Israel, it is not obligatory to have their presence recreating the red heifer ritual,” Ben Tzvi said, “but a great effort must be done to make it a national event.”

## **5. Public awareness**

Ben Tzvi said education has become a major part of the campaign through media outreach, public interviews and an expanding educational center.

“It was 100 percent far from being anything up to standard,” he said while dismissing reports of an alleged rehearsal that circulated last year. “It was far away from Jerusalem, nowhere close.”

He emphasized the importance of accurately informing both Israelis and those following developments around the world.

## 6. National funding

The final piece is financial support.

“We are not asking for funding from any non-Jewish pocket,” Ben Tzvi said, “because we believe that first and foremost the Temple and our covenant with God stems from the relationship between the Jewish people and God.”

He said the effort begins with Israel before ultimately extending blessing outward.

“Once its temple is built, the circles can resound. Once we’ve made the inner circle, it can stand to the outer circle, all creating God’s presence within the Jewish people, bringing blessing to the nations... around the world.”

### Growing momentum

The birth of Tamima comes as enthusiasm surrounding Temple preparations continues to grow.

Israel365 News recently reported that 150,000 men have enrolled in Temple service training as part of a broader goal of preparing 200,000 participants. Another recent survey found that 55% of Israeli Jews now support rebuilding the Holy Temple on the Temple Mount.

Viewed together, the developments paint a picture of increasing national momentum surrounding preparations that, for generations, remained largely on the fringe.

The birth of another potentially qualified red heifer is more than a headline—it is another marker along the prophetic timeline laid out in Scripture.

God’s Word has already revealed what lies ahead, and these developments remind us that His promises are unfolding exactly as He said they would. Rather than fueling speculation, they

should stir us to examine our own hearts. Jesus warned us not to be like the five foolish virgins whose lamps had no oil when the bridegroom arrived. We are called to remain filled with the Holy Spirit, faithful to His Word and ready for the return of our King, because the day is drawing ever closer.

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## **Catholic Nun Says UFO Encounters May Be Demonic, Weeks After Priest Was Removed for Similar Claims**

Deliverance minister and revivalist Isaiah Saldivar says too many Christians are unaware of how demons operate, how they gain access and how Jesus has given believers authority over the powers of darkness.

In a recent teaching titled "10 Demons Every Christian Should Know About," Saldivar said the goal is not to glorify demons, but to expose darkness and point believers back to the authority of Jesus Christ.

"We're not magnifying darkness," Saldivar said. "We're

magnifying Jesus. But, we are going to expose darkness.”

## **1. The spirit of fear**

Saldivar said the spirit of fear is one of the enemy’s primary tools to paralyze Christians and keep us from obeying God.

“God has not given us the demon of fear,” Saldivar said. “You could use that translation. It’s a spirit.”

He said this spirit often works through intimidation, panic, irrational fear and constant dread. For believers, he said, fear can keep us from preaching, praying for the sick, evangelizing or stepping into the calling God has placed on our lives.

“The enemy doesn’t need to physically chain you down if he can keep you intimidated not wanting to do what God told you to do,” he said.

## **2. The lying spirit**

Saldivar pointed to 1 Kings 22 and John 8:44 to explain what he called the lying spirit, saying Satan’s strategy is not always an obvious lie, but a believable distortion of the truth.

“It’s not obvious lies,” Saldivar said. “It’s a strategy to make lies sound believable.”

He said this spirit works by attacking what God has spoken, just as the serpent did in Genesis when he asked, “Has God indeed said that?”

“The lying spirit whispers, ‘God doesn’t love you. You’re never going to change. You don’t need to repent. You’re the exception. It’s fine. God isn’t speaking. You’re not really saved,’” he said.

### **3. The spirit of infirmity**

Saldivar said not every sickness is caused by a demon, but he also warned that Christians should not ignore the biblical connection between some sickness and demonic oppression.

“The Bible clearly teaches that not all sickness is caused by demons,” he said. “But at the same time, the Bible clearly teaches that some sicknesses and infirmities are connected to demonization or having a demon.”

Pointing to Luke 13, he noted that the woman who was bent over for 18 years was described as having a spirit of infirmity.

“Whether your problem’s physical, whether your problem’s spiritual, whether your problem overlaps and is both, the answer will always be Jesus,” he said.



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### **4. The deaf and dumb spirit**

Saldivar said Mark 9 shows Jesus directly identifying a “deaf and dumb spirit,” proving that Scripture names specific demonic spirits.

“Jesus names the demon, and specifically calls it out by name,” Saldivar said.

He said this spirit is not only about physical hearing or speech, but also spiritual hearing and spiritual silence. It seeks to stop believers from hearing the Word of God and speaking the truth of the gospel.

“Satan loves that you’re silent,” he said. “He loves when a Christian doesn’t share their faith.”

## **5. Unclean and sexual spirits**

Saldivar described unclean and sexual spirits as among the most common demonic bondages facing people today.

“There seems to be a category in scripture, at least in the New Testament, where there’s an unclean spirit, not just a demon,” he said.

He connected these spirits to lust, pornography, sexual addiction and perversion, saying the enemy takes what God created as pure and corrupts it.

“God wants you to have a pure sex life,” Saldivar said. “But an unclean spirit wants you to have a perverted sex life.”

He warned that sexual sin can become a spiritual doorway and said Jesus does more than forgive sexual sin; He breaks its power.

“Jesus didn’t just die to forgive sexual sin, he died to break the bondage of sexual sin,” he said.

## **6. Legion, torment and self-destruction**

Using Mark 5, Saldivar said the account of Legion shows how demons seek isolation, torment and destruction.

“This is Satan’s ultimate goal, it’s a spirit of legion, torment, self-destruction,” he said.

He said this spirit can manifest through despair, self-harm, addiction, reckless behavior and suicidal thoughts. Its purpose is to destroy what God has created and sabotage what is good.

“Whatever’s good, you can find you destroy it,” Saldivar said. “That spirit is strong, it’s evil, it’s vile.”

## **7. The spirit of divination**

Saldivar said Acts 16 identifies a spirit of divination and warned Christians to reject occult practices that seek supernatural guidance apart from God.

“Not every spiritual experience comes from God,” Saldivar said. “Not every manifestation from God, not every prophecy from God, not every voice is from God.”

He listed tarot cards, psychics, mediums, horoscopes, spirit guides, channeling, Reiki, manifestation practices and Ouija boards as spiritual doors Christians must avoid.

“Divination is seeking supernatural guidance apart from God,” he said. “It’s saying, ‘God, I don’t trust you to lead me. I’m going to find another source to lead me.’”

## **8. The religious spirit**

Saldivar acknowledged that the Bible does not use the exact phrase “religious spirit,” but said the spirit is seen in the pride and hypocrisy Jesus confronted in the Pharisees.

“There is a religious spirit that’s just always denying God and fighting and asking questions and rebellious and replacing relationship with Christ with religion,” he said.

He said this spirit produces spiritual pride, judgment, performance-based Christianity and outward holiness without inward transformation.

“I don’t want people to think I’m Christian,” Saldivar said. “I want to actually be a Christian.”

## **9. The spirit of jealousy**

Saldivar used Saul's jealousy of David to show how envy can corrupt the heart and turn friends into enemies.

"Jealousy disguises itself as discernment," he said. "Jealousy disguises itself as criticism and competition and offense."

He said jealousy destroys churches, ministries, marriages, families and friendships because it causes people to see another person's blessing as a threat.

"One of the fastest ways to identify the spirit of jealousy, and this is a spirit, is to ask yourself this question: Can I celebrate someone else's success?" he said.

## **10. The Antichrist spirit**

Saldivar closed by warning about the Antichrist spirit, which he said rejects Christ's authority, lordship and exclusivity.

"The spirit of the antichrist rejects Christ's authority; it rejects His lordship; it rejects His exclusivity," he said. "It's a lying demonic spirit."

He said this spirit promotes false gospels, denies repentance, twists Scripture and treats Jesus as one option among many.

"The many ways to God, all roads lead to heaven, it's antichrist," Saldivar said.

The issue is not fear of demons, but confidence in Christ. Every spirit he described works toward bondage, confusion and destruction, but Jesus came to bring freedom, truth and abundant life. We must stay rooted in Scripture, walk in discernment and remember that the focus of the gospel is not the power of darkness, but the victory of Jesus Christ.

"Never forget this," Saldivar said. "The focus of the gospel is not demons. The focus of the gospels is Jesus."

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# **This Radical New Consciousness Theory May Be Conditioning the World for the Coming Deception**

A new theory reported on by the Daily Mail attempts to answer one of humanity's oldest questions: Why are we conscious?

University of Edinburgh Professor Igor Rudan argues that consciousness is not simply our awareness of the world but an evolutionary adaptation that allowed humanity to mentally simulate possible futures before acting. His proposal goes even further, suggesting consciousness may be so fundamental that our experience of space and time emerged from it.

It is a fascinating hypothesis, but it also reflects a growing trend to explain humanity's deepest mysteries without the Creator.

Scripture answers the question of origins before humanity ever enters the picture. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Space, time and the physical universe are not products of consciousness. They are part of

God's created order. Consciousness itself is one of God's gifts to humanity, not the force from which reality emerged.

## **Created in God's Image, Not by Consciousness**

The theory assumes consciousness evolved because it gave humanity a survival advantage. By mentally simulating future outcomes, our ancestors supposedly became more successful than competing species.

God's Word presents a completely different account.

Genesis 2:7 tells us, "Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being." Adam did not gradually become self-aware through evolutionary development. He became a living person because God intentionally created him and breathed life into him.

That distinction shapes everything else Scripture teaches about humanity.

Rudan's theory also suggests consciousness exists on a spectrum, with some animals possessing greater levels of awareness than others. While the Bible acknowledges that animals display remarkable intelligence, it establishes a clear distinction between mankind and every other living creature. Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that humanity alone was created in God's image.

Our worth is not determined by intelligence, planning ability or evolutionary success but by the God who made us.

The theory also attempts to explain morality by suggesting consciousness evaluates future possibilities through emotions, risks and rewards. While those factors certainly influence our decisions, they do not explain why people instinctively

recognize justice, guilt, sacrifice and evil. Romans 2:15 says God has written His law on our hearts, and our conscience bears witness to it. Human beings possess moral awareness because we answer to a moral Creator.

## **The Search for Humanity Without the Creator**

Perhaps the greatest weakness of theories like this is not simply what they claim about consciousness but what they leave out. There is no Creator, no soul and no eternal purpose. Humanity becomes the product of natural processes rather than God's intentional design.

Yet Scripture tells us that God "has also set eternity in their hearts" (Eccl. 3:11). Our longing for meaning, truth, beauty, and eternity cannot be reduced to an evolutionary advantage, for we were created to know the One who placed those desires within us.

This illustrates a broader trend that has become increasingly common across modern culture. Whether the discussion revolves around neuroscience, artificial intelligence, transhumanism or consciousness studies, many of today's theories begin with the assumption that humanity can ultimately explain itself without God. They may differ in their conclusions, but they often arrive at the same destination: replacing the Creator with creation.



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## **How Consciousness Is Shaping the Disclosure Narrative**

That larger shift also helps explain why discussions about

consciousness have become increasingly connected to the growing disclosure movement surrounding unidentified anomalous phenomena and alleged non-human intelligences.

While many questions remain about unexplained aerial phenomena (UAPs), a growing number of researchers, authors and public figures within the disclosure movement argue that the phenomenon is not simply technological but deeply spiritual.

Increasingly, they suggest humanity must undergo an expansion of consciousness or a collective awakening before it can fully understand or interact with alleged non-human intelligences.

That language should sound familiar.

Terms such as “raising consciousness,” “awakening,” “higher awareness,” “expanded perception” and “human evolution” have become common themes throughout New Age spirituality.

More recently, many of those same ideas have found their way into disclosure discussions, where consciousness is presented as the key that unlocks humanity’s next stage of existence.

Whether intentional or not, theories that elevate consciousness as the foundation of reality help prepare people to embrace that broader worldview. If consciousness becomes the ultimate source of truth, purpose and even existence itself, it becomes much easier to accept spiritual claims that encourage people to look inward for so-called enlightenment rather than upward to the God who created them.

Scripture repeatedly warns us that deception often begins by replacing God’s truth with an alternative explanation for reality. Romans 1:25 says people “exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creation rather than the Creator.” That warning is just as relevant today as our culture increasingly looks to human consciousness instead of God’s revelation to answer life’s greatest questions.

This does not mean Professor Rudan is promoting New Age spirituality or that every scientist studying consciousness shares those beliefs. His work is presented as an attempt to explain consciousness through evolutionary biology. Yet ideas rarely remain confined to academic journals. They often become the philosophical foundation upon which broader cultural and spiritual movements are built.

Our greatest need has never been expanded consciousness. Our greatest need is redemption through Jesus Christ. Sin has darkened humanity's understanding, but Christ came to reconcile us to the Father and renew our minds through His truth. Consciousness is one of God's most extraordinary gifts, but it was never meant to replace the One who gave it. The more we discover about the remarkable design of the human mind, the more it should lead us to worship its Designer.

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**Ahead of America's 250th,  
Rare Founding Artifacts  
Reveal the Bible's Enduring**

# Influence on the Nation

As Americans prepare to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday this week, a new exhibit invites visitors to look beyond modern debates and examine the nation's founding through the words and artifacts left by those who lived it.

The Museum of the Bible in Washington has unveiled a special collection featuring original founding-era documents, family Bibles and historical artifacts that trace Scripture's influence on America's earliest years.

Among the exhibit's centerpiece items are the first Bible printed in English in America, family Bibles belonging to several Founding Fathers and an original letter from Thomas Jefferson discussing religious liberty.

The exhibit arrives at a significant moment. As our nation approaches a milestone birthday, it offers an opportunity to reflect not only on America's political history but also on the biblical ideas that shaped many of its earliest conversations about liberty, human dignity and public life.

## Original documents tell the story

Rather than asking visitors to accept a particular interpretation, museum officials say the collection centers on primary historical sources.

"The Bible has been an integral part of this nation's founding and history," Anthony Schmidt, the museum's director of collections and curatorial, told Fox News Digital.



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"That's not a theological claim; it's what the documents show. The founding fathers referenced Scripture, argued from it, and

built political frameworks on its language about human dignity and liberty.”

The exhibit explores how biblical language appeared throughout the founding era and influenced discussions surrounding education, government and individual freedom.

## **More than church history**

One section highlights the role Scripture played in everyday colonial life, displaying family Bibles owned by several Founding Fathers and other prominent Americans.

“These objects show the Bible’s impact not only on religious life, but on early American art, education and politics,” Schmidt said.

The collection also includes Revolutionary-era publications that helped unite the colonies, documents tracing early Jewish civic life in America, portraits of George Washington and other colonial figures, a hand-colored lithograph honoring Abraham Lincoln and busts of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

Another section examines the relationship between faith and government through Jefferson’s writings on religious liberty and one of America’s earliest published arguments for resisting tyranny.

## **Let the evidence speak**

Schmidt said one of the exhibit’s primary goals is to encourage Americans to study original historical documents rather than relying solely on modern interpretations.

“We want visitors to encounter the history of this country and see, in the primary documents, what impact the Bible actually had on the people who built it,” he said.

He also acknowledged that America's founders did not agree on every religious point.

"Many of the founders disagreed about religion, and disagreed sharply, but they were still shaped by the Bible's language and arguments," Schmidt said. "We want people to engage with that evidence and come to their own conclusions."

## Looking toward America's next chapter

As preparations continue for America's 250th anniversary celebration, the exhibit serves as a reminder that the nation's earliest leaders frequently turned to biblical language when discussing liberty, justice and human dignity. While historians continue to debate the degree of that influence, the original documents themselves remain an important part of America's story.

The approaching anniversary is also an opportunity to pray for our nation, to thank God for His faithfulness throughout our history, and to ask Him to guide America toward another generation that honors Him.

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# **Daniel Adams: 8 Biblical Ways to Prepare While Waiting on a Prophetic Word**