

Charismatic and Other Faith Leaders React to Passing of Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg

Editor's Note: Watch for updates to this story from Charisma News as more charismatic and other faith leaders respond to Ginsburg's death.

With the presidential election only weeks away, the passing of long-time Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Friday night will certainly spark both major spiritual and political implications for America.

Some kingdom leaders believe that the fact her death occurred on Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish New Year and the first of the Jewish High Holy days, gives it special significance. The first Jewish woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court, Ginsburg died Friday of metastatic pancreatic cancer at age 87. She served 27 years on the high court.

Author, radio host and speaker Dr. Michael Brown, a Jewish believer in Jesus, tweeted of Ginsburg's death:

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– Dr. Michael L. Brown (@DrMichaelLBrown) September 19, 2020

Prophet James Goll, the founder of God Encounters Ministries and host of God Encounters Today on the Charisma Podcast Network, believes the timing of Ginsburg's death is most compelling.

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While he didn't specifically refer to Ginsburg, prophet Dutch Sheets says he believes God is moving mightily in this time, despite the evil that has prevailed in our nation, especially over the past year. Sheets says believers should cling to the hope that the light is on its way.

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– dutchsheets (@dutchsheets) September 19, 2020

Senior Pastor Ché Ahn, whose church, Harvest Rock Church in Pasadena, California, has come under persecution by the state of California for continuing to meet despite COVID-19 restrictions, says Ginsburg's death will only elevate the already heated issue of abortion in the United States.

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– Ché Ahn (@che_ahn) September 19, 2020

The day after Ginsbug's death, John Hagee, senior pastor of Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, tweeted: "A constant theme of goodness must run deep in all of us in order to set ourselves up as representatives of Christ in the political and social arenas."

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Notable Jews drew upon a tradition that holds that a person who passes on Rosh Hashanah is blessed with a special significance. In a story on on Friday, book critic Ruth Franklin is quoted in a tweet as saying, "According to Jewish tradition, a person who dies on Rosh Hashanah, which began tonight, is a tzaddik, a person of great righteousness."

The story also included a tweet from NPR reporter Nina Totenberg, who wrote, "A Jewish teaching says those who die just before the Jewish new year are the ones God has held back

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– Nina Totenberg (@NinaTotenberg) September 19, 2020

Jemar Tisby, a Christian African American historian, writer and speaker, tweeted that Ginsburg spent her judicial life seeking justice for the downtrodden in America: "MLK said, 'It may be true that the law cannot change the heart, but it can restrain the heartless.' Many of Ruth Bader Ginsburg's decisions helped restrain the heartless and promote justice for the oppressed. Condolences to her loved ones and prayers about the future of the Court."

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– Jemar Tisby (@JemarTisby) September 18, 2020

The leader of the liberal wing of the court, Ginsburg took pride in her Jewish heritage, as she expressed nearly a quarter century ago. *The Jerusalem Post* reported Friday, quoting Ginsburgh in a speech she made to the American Jewish committee in 1996: "'I am a judge, born, raised and proud of being a Jew,' said Ginsburg. 'The demand for justice, for peace and for enlightenment runs through the entirety of Jewish history and Jewish tradition. I hope in all the years I have the good fortune to continue serving on the bench of the

Supreme Court of the United States, I will have the strength and courage to remain steadfast in the service of that demand.'” {eoa}