

From Israel to New York: Jewish Pride March Comes After Israel's Controversial Dead Sea Celebrations

Thousands of people filled the streets of Manhattan for the 56th annual New York City Pride March on Sunday, one of the world's largest LGBTQ celebrations, drawing an estimated 75,000 participants and roughly 2 million spectators under the theme, "For All of Us."

According to reporting by The Jerusalem Post, citing the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA), multiple Jewish LGBTQ organizations participated in the march, including Jew York Pride and Zioness.

The Jerusalem Post reported that members of Jew York Pride were greeted with applause and cheers in portions of the route, while participants marching with Zioness later encountered anti-Israel chants from some spectators. The publication noted that security personnel accompanied Jewish groups during the event amid heightened concerns surrounding demonstrations connected to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.



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The New York City march comes right after thousands gathered for the annual Pride Land festival near the Dead Sea in Israel, an event held in close proximity to the biblical region traditionally associated with Sodom and Gomorrah. Ahead of the celebration, Israeli police announced an expanded

security presence to protect Pride Month events across the country. Tel Aviv also hosted its annual Pride celebrations.

While these celebrations have generated significant cultural attention, they point to something profoundly disturbing: the sins that God clearly destroyed cities for in the Old Testament are back at the forefront of the news.

In Genesis 19, the Bible records God's judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah after describing the cities' pervasive wickedness and rejection of His ways. Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, those cities are repeatedly referenced as enduring examples of divine judgment against persistent rebellion and immorality.

The prophet Isaiah likewise issued a sobering warning to societies that blur the distinction between righteousness and sin: "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness" (Isa. 5:20).

As Pride events continue to unfold around the world—from New York City to Tel Aviv and the shores of the Dead Sea—Christians are reminded that God's standard of truth does not shift with culture.

While public opinion may change from generation to generation, Scripture calls believers to stand firmly on His Word, discerning right from wrong according to His unchanging truth.

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