

‘Most Sacred and Precious’: Jewish Community Reeling After 12 Torah Scrolls Are Stolen

The theft of 12 Torah scrolls from a historic synagogue near Paris is stirring grief, outrage and renewed concern as Jewish communities across Europe continue facing rising threats against their faith, heritage and places of worship.

According to The Jerusalem Post, burglars stole a dozen Torah scrolls from the Grand Synagogue of Levallois in Levallois-Perret, a suburb northwest of Paris. French authorities have opened an investigation into the break-in, but as of this writing, no suspects have been publicly identified, and the scrolls have not been recovered.

This was not simply a robbery.

For the Jewish people, Torah scrolls represent generations of devotion to God’s Word. Painstakingly handwritten by specially trained scribes over many months, each scroll contains the first five books of the Bible and serves as the spiritual centerpiece of synagogue worship. While some scrolls may be valued at tens of thousands of dollars, their greatest worth is not financial—it is sacred.

That is why this theft has struck such a deep nerve.

Levallois Mayor Agnès Pottier-Dumas condemned the burglary, saying she learned of the news with “shock and anger,” according to The Jerusalem Post. She said the synagogue had been attacked in what was “most sacred and precious” to the Jewish community and pledged the city’s full support as investigators work to recover the stolen scrolls.



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The incident also comes at a time when antisemitic acts have continued to alarm Jewish communities throughout the Western World. Although investigators have not announced a motive in this case, the burglary is another reminder that houses of worship remain vulnerable and that attacks against religious communities continue to make headlines around the world.

This story should not simply provoke concern—it should provoke prayer.

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly calls His people to honor what is holy. The theft of objects dedicated to the worship of God is more than a criminal act; it is a sobering reminder that spiritual darkness often manifests itself through hatred, desecration and attempts to intimidate people of faith.

Psalms 122:6 calls believers to “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you prosper.’” While the stolen Torah scrolls were taken from a synagogue in France, that biblical command extends beyond a geographic location. It reflects God’s heart for His covenant people wherever they may be.

This is the time to intercede for Jewish communities, pray for the protection of places of worship and ask God to expose those responsible for crimes motivated by hatred or hostility toward faith.

Authorities continue searching for the missing Torah scrolls, but the greater story reaches beyond a criminal investigation. It is a reminder that in an increasingly divided world, God’s people are called to stand against hatred, defend religious freedom and pray with unwavering faith that what has been stolen will be restored.

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