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Israel: Almost every pantry has bottles of olive oil because it is monounsaturated and the most healthful type of oil available. Its popularity in the Middle East, however, is far from being new. Now, the earliest evidence – from about 6,600 years ago – for the production of olives for table food and not only for oil has been discovered by Israeli archaeologists at a site that is now underwater off the

southern coast of Haifa. Throughout the Mediterranean basin, the olive tree is considered an emblematic and economically important species. To identify the use of the olive pits – most of them intact – that were found, a study was conducted by a multidisciplinary team of archaeologists and botanists from 11 research institutions in Israel and abroad. The evidence was found at the flooded Chalcolithic site called Carmel Forging. The

Israeli-led researchers have just published their study in the prestigious journal Scientific Reports under the title “Early production of table olives at a mid 7th millennium BP submerged site off the Carmel coast,” which is called that because it is located in front of the plant of the same name. The olive pit remains were located from the shoreline to about 120 meters into the Mediterranean and to a depth of up to four meters below sea level.

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NEVER GIVING UP LIKE JOB!



Rev. Manuel Joseph Th.M.
Sub-editor, End-Time News

Job had lost everything in his life, the family and his wealth. Suffering physically and enduring the harsh words of his friends, Job had to survive a lot! Even when the situations were ruthless, thankfully, Job did not give up on his God. He didn't curse God and die as his wife had advised (Job 2:9). He didn't run away from everyone and everything. He kept choosing to fear God and avoid evil (Job 1:1). At this excruciating juncture, Job cried unto God and questioned Him "Why did I not die at birth? Why did I not perish when I came from the womb?" (3:11). At this painful point in time, Job poured out his soul to God: "I have had my fill of tossing till dawn" (7:4). "Have I sinned? What have I done to You, O watcher of men? Why have You set me as Your target?" (7:20). "Does God subvert judgment? Or does the Almighty pervert justice?" (8:3). "How can a man be righteous before God?" (9:2). "Why do You hide Your face, and regard me as Your enemy?" (13:24). Those are some difficult statements and very tough questions. But God could—and can—



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K. VARGHEESE

Just as the noble good power of the Holy Spirit exists, so also an opposite evil power subsists in this world. This dark power comes from the fallen angels, the devil and his army of demonic spirits, who now work against God and His Kingdom. When the Creator uses His power to accomplish upright and honorable purposes in the universe, the demonic world uses its power for immoral and destructive purposes. The Bible acknowledges that the evil spirits have power, but it is the power of darkness. Jesus Christ spoke about “all the power of the enemy” and compared it with poisonous power of deadly reptiles, such as “serpents and scorpions” That harm people (Luke 10:19)

There exists an invisible spiritual battle between the Saints of God and the world. Satan’s hierarchy - Principalities, power, rules of darkness, and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places works relentlessly to

POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT VERSUS POWERS OF DARKNESS

control the world’s affairs and challenge true Christians (Eph 6:12). Just as the saints are led by the Holy Spirit, the people of the world are controlled by the invisible demonic power of darkness. In order to understand and discern the nature of this spiritual battle, it is important to contrast God’s power with that of satanic power.

GOD’S POWER VS. DEMONIC POWER

1. God’s power is sovereign and almighty power that remains eternally in Him and is dispensed into creation according to His divine will.
Satan’s power is limited and corrupted

power. God gave divine power to His cherub and a group of angels, and their power became corrupted into evil after their transgression against their Creator and fall from heaven.

2. God’s Power is dispensed through the Holy Spirit according to divine will for His righteous purposes.
Satanic power comes from the devil and demonic spirits who use them for wicked and evil purposes among people.
3. God’s power, which is the power of

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MARCIA FORD

No Expiration Date

*The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever (Isaiah 40:8)*

In the verses preceding this one, the prophet Isaiah compared people to grass: Just like vegetation, people are destined to wither and die. People are transitory, generation come, generation go; an individual may be here today and gone tomorrow. But the word of God, he says will stand forever. Its permanence is guaranteed; its promises are secure; it will endure long after everything else fades into insignificance.

That guarantee, that promise wouldn't mean anything if we did not believe what the word of God says. Think about that for a while. Would it make any difference to you if, say, the writings of some cult leader suddenly disappeared? Of course not. You never believed what he wrote anyway, so you don't care if his writings survive the year, let alone eternity. In fact, you'd probably mutter a "good rid-

dance" to celebrate.

God's Word has lasting value whether you believe its contents or not of course. But it has value to you only when you wholeheartedly embrace the precious truths it contains. Knowing it will "stand for ever" then becomes far more than just a nice promise. The endurance of the word of God means that he will not suddenly change the program on you. You'll never hear him say, "Oops! You know that whole plan of redemption? You can forget that now. I've decided that we'll just hold a lottery to determine who gets to spend eternity with me."

The permanence of God's Word also means that every single promise in the Bible will endure. Not one carries an expiration date this side of eternity, there's no chance that you'll ever claim a promise that no longer holds. You don't

have to worry that one day, when you finally begin to believe God's promise of an abundant life, he'll pull a fast one on you and rescind it." John 10:10? No, no, child; that was good only through the term of the last millennium. Sorry!"

There are many things in our lives that we can consider permanent. Jobs, friends, our favorite brand of toothpaste, even churches come and go. And the wisdom of the world, well, that seems to change on a daily basis; what was politically correct today may not be tomorrow, depending on which way the wind blows.

But when it comes to God - to his promises, his character, his Word, his existence, his nature - we have the assurance of knowing that none of that will ever alter or disappear. In an uncertain world,

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FIVE CHURCHES BURNED DOWN IN KENYA



Kenya: From Jan. 20 to Jan. 24, arsonists in western Kenya destroyed a total of five churches and threw feces on the remains. According to Morning Star News, the buildings were located in Kisii County and included St. Monica Church, a Worldwide Church with a Congregation of 100, a Seventh-day Adventist church, a 250-member Pentecostal Church, and a Legio Maria independent church.

“Apart from setting the churches ablaze, the arsonists also committed the heinous acts of scooping human feces onto the buildings to discourage the faithful from attending their ruined churches,” a source told the Morning Star News.

Total damages to the churches are estimated to reach in the millions of Kenyan shillings, with costs needing to cover both structural repairs and damages to church items.

The Church and Clergy Association of Kenya released a press statement demanding that investigating authorities find and prosecute those responsible. Church leaders also appealed for an

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that can make all the difference in the way we live our lives.

Lord, I believe that every promise you made and every word you spoke in scripture will stand forever. Thank you for providing us with something of permanence in the midst of the uncertain word in which we live.

increase in area security. A pastor of one of the affected churches, withholding his name for security reasons, stated: “Evil should not overcome the good that the gospel of Christ brings.”

While Kenya is a predominately Christian nation, there are several areas with a dense Muslim majority in which local governments do little to protect the rights of believers. Islamic extremism mostly occurs in the north and east of the country, and can extend as far as Nairobi in the south. We ask that you join us in praying for the continued perseverance of churches in Kenya as they face attacks, as well as for the strengthening of government leaders to stand against Islamic extremism.



ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS ATTACK CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, KILLING OVER 100

Democratic Republic of the Congo: A majority of the 100 people killed by Islamic extremists last month were Christians, reports the persecution watchdog Open Doors. Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a rebel group whose primary aim is to assault, kidnap, and kill Christians, is believed to be responsible for the series of attacks in January.

On January 14th, roughly 46 people belonging to the Pygmy ethnic group in Ituri province were killed by militants. The night of January 4th, in the village of Mwenda, the Beni region of neighboring North Kivu province, approximately 22 people were killed with guns and machetes. Earlier that day, an additional 25 people were murdered at the hands of extremists in the nearby village of Tingwe. One week prior to these attacks, at least 17 people in a surrounding village had been assaulted with machetes and killed.

“These predominantly Christian communities are attacked by an Islamic extremist group with a clear Islamic expansionist agenda,” said IlliaDjadi, an Open Doors spokesperson. According to the organizations 2021 World Watch List, violence against Christians in the DRC is among the worst in the world. While 80- 90% of the population is Christian, extremist groups such as the ADF have increased the intensity of their attacks, causing violence to steadily worsen throughout the country. Please join us in praying for our brothers and sisters in the DRC, for the end of such heinous acts of violence, and for the souls of those who perpetrate them.



Pastor Shibu Thomas
Oklahoma, USA

We are living a temporary life on earth. Hence, nothing should bind us here. This life will pass away even more faster than a sprinter does. Neither be mad about nor covet anything in this passing world. Do not make hatred, animosity and bitterness your close companion. You have to walk with God knowing what His will is. If we are not fulfilling what He has called us for, our life with God and for Him can be less fruitful. The eminent English poet, Robert Frost, wrote in his poem, Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening, "And miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep." Complete all your work for the day and do not keep them away for

MAKING USE OF YOUR TIME IN A PASSING WORLD!



Raise the signal to go to Zion! Flee for safety without delay! For I am bringing disaster from the north, even terrible destruction."
Jeremiah 4: 6

another day or time. Work hard and do not procrastinate. May this be your prayer for the day! Father in heaven, thank you for making me see a

work and perform all my responsibilities, in punctuality and with untiring dedication. Lord, fill me with your strength and power. Give me your grace to overcome the temptations and evil thoughts that I may concentrate on you. Father, help me love everyone whole heartedly and help me be nice and act kindly with whomever I come across that I may be in peace with all. Lord, straighten my path that I may come before your footstool with a clean heart and a spotless conscience when the sun sets this day. Forget about what happened and instead press towards what is ahead of you. Then you will be able to say that strong testimony "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4: 7). May the Lord bless you!

Prayer – Lord, help me live a life for you running the race in full.

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handle them. Maybe you've thought questions like these in times of agony but never had the courage to set them before God. Or you've argued with God rather than sought to learn from Him. Maybe some of Job's questions seem irreverent to you. Or maybe these questions reveal the faith of a loyal follower who knows God personally. After all, asking a question means you trust the recipient to have the answer. Through all the questions, hurt, doubt, and struggle, Job clung to God. He knew only God had the answers. He knew only God could provide solutions. This confidence of his on God was revealed in his proclamations throughout the book. Job said: "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). "Though He [God] slay me, yet will I trust Him"

(Job 13:15). He also proclaimed: "I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth" (Job 19:25). Job was totally unaware of the conversation God had with Satan and still he gave God the benefit of doubt. More precisely, he realized who was the potter and who was the clay. He knew that he was in the hand of the potter who would crack, batter and make him a vessel of His choice. He trusted that he was still in God's hands, never giving up on God!

Then at the end of the book, we read the rest of the verses 42: 12-17, The LORD blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters. The first daughter he named Jemimah, the second Keziah and the third Keren-Happuch. Nowhere

in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this, Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years.

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THE BIBLE IS WORSHIPPED IN A TEMPLE IN INDIA



Karnataka, India: Ajata Nagalingaswami temple in Navalgund town of Dharwad district has a unique practice of offering flowers and 'arti' and lighting oil lamps before a copy of the Bible. Nagalingaswami, a yogi who lived in the 19th century, is the presiding deity here. Temple head Veerendra Swami told The Hindu that the copy of the Bible in Kannada was published by a Committee of the Missionaries of Germans, London, and Wesleyan Missionary Societies, and printed at Mangalore in 1865. Mr. Swami has an interesting story to relate about the origin of the temple. Kallappa, from Mushtigeri village of Bagalkot district, was a devotee of the

mother goddess. A group of Christian missionaries gave him a copy of the Bible. Once when Nagalingaswami came to meet Kallappa, he hid the book from the yogi for some reason. However, in the course of their conversation, Nagalingaswami told him about his next birth and asked Kallappa to show him the Bible. The yogi pulled out a hook and drilled a hole in the book. He then dropped a Victorian silver coin into the hole, which came out from the other end. Nagalingaswami told Kallappa that he would take the rebirth when the hole filled on its own over a period of time. The story is part of the biography of the yogi published by the temple. Mr. Swami claimed that the hole had been shrinking over a period of time and the missing words on the perforated part had reappeared. The temple authorities have been recording the radius of this hole regularly.

One can see circular lines around the hole, which the temple authorities drew at different point in time. Anyone can access the Bible with prior permission before the morning puja. Even a 'panja' and a 'sidgi' brought here by the mystic have been preserved here.

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the Holy Spirits, is divine and proceeds from the Kingdom of light.

Demonic power, know as the powers of darkness, is unholy and comes from the kingdom of darkness.

4. God grants His Spirit of power to the believers in His Son Jesus to Guide them in the path of righteousness and use them to fulfill His noble plan on earth and in the Church.

Satan gives his evil power to the wicked people who carry out his evil agendas to deceive humanity and thereby enslave gullible people.

5. The faithful Christians are give divine power by the Holy Spirit to carry out their God - given holy assignments on earth.

The rest of humanity is influenced knowingly or unknowingly by the powers of darkness to participate in the evil agendas of the demonic world.

6. The spirit of power in saints helps them to live a triumphant Christian life on earth and inherit eternal life with the Lord.

The evil powers of darkness fill the unbelievers with spiritual misery, emptiness, and no hope of redemption, leading them to eternal death and condemnation.

BIBLE BURNED IN SOUTHERN INDIA AFTER ATTACK ON PRAYER MEETING BY NATIONALISTS



India – According to local sources, a Christian prayer meeting in southern India was attack by radical Hindu nationalists in Late-January. Survivors of the attack report the nationalists beat the Christians gathered for prayer and publically burned a Bible as a symbol of erasing Christianity from the village. The attack took place on January 31 in Sarakonda village, located in India's Telangana state. According to local Christians, a mob of

ten nationalists attacked a prayer meeting being held inside the home of a Christian. "Without saying a word, they rush towards me and started to beat me," Pastor Zachariah told International Christian Concern (ICC). "They punched me and I fell to the ground. They also took the Bible I was holding." Other Christians were also beaten by the nationalists, some wielding chairs. The nationalists also damaged a keyboard, a speaker system, and a microphone.

After the assault, the nationalists warned Pastor Zachariah that he was no longer allowed to lead Christian prayers in Sarakonda. They warned Pastor Zachariah and other Christians of severe consequences if their demands were not met.

The nationalists then took Pastor Zachariah's Bible to the village square and burned it publically. The nationalists claimed it was a mark of erasing Christianity from Sarakonda. Pastor Zachariah serves as the head pastor of Pentecostal Prardana Madiram in Sarakonda. In the past, the church has faced numerous threats from nationalists attempted to shut down the church's activities.

Pastor Zachariah reported the incident to police and police registered a First Information Report (FIR no. 11/2021). In response, police arrested ten individuals accused of participating in the attack and sent them to jail. Other Christians in the district organized a peaceful rally in response to the attack. More than 2,000 participated in the rally calling for local authorities to better protect Christians and their places of worship.



JESSY SAJU

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another.” Matt 24:9-10 When we read about Apostles martyred in the days of Domitian Caesar, they are our heroes. When we read about thousands of those burnt for their faith during the inquisition, we blame the Catholics for their ignorance of the revelations God gave to protestant leaders. When we read about religious persecution in the Soviet Russia and Rumania, we take it as an opportunity to protest against the communists in India! When it was about the persecutions in Orissa, we question

Martyrdom or Suicide?

the tolerance of the so-called Hindus... When it reached Karnataka and, as it crosses over and spreads to Kerala, We do not plan on ending it all with a protest. We fear and tremble! Now we begin feeling the pinch of what persecution is... What will we do if (sorry! not ‘if’ but when) it reaches us? We were in constant touch with our mission leaders in Orissa during the days of their persecution. We were worried about them and feared whether they would be able to withstand the

onslaught. It was our prayer that they should never quit their faith. We thank God, that they showed extraordinary (I call it supernatural) strength and courage in their trials and they stood firm for the Lord. Even threat of life failed to weaken their loyalty to their LORD. All “ultimata” of the fanatics failed to take their faith away. They confessed that Jesus is their only God! These poor Oriya believers are not learned... They never could theologially

FULL STORY ON - 10

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SARASWATI PUJA SHOULD BE HELD IN SCHOOLS: CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION AGAINST DAMAN GOVERNMENT'S CIRCULAR

Daman, India -An Indian human rights group that monitors atrocities against Christians has expressed opposition to a directive by Daman's administration requiring the mandatory veneration of the Hindu goddess of knowledge.

The New Delhi-based United Christian Forum (UCF) has also urged the administration and the Directorate of Education of Daman to immediately withdraw the circular.

The circular issued on Feb. 11 directed all government, government-aided and private schools to conduct prayers and veneration of goddess Saraswati and to submit compliance reports and photographs by Feb. 17.

The circular stated: "We know that the Vasant Panchami is celebrated as the birthday of goddess Saraswati, who symbolizes knowledge, wisdom, purity and truth."

All principals and educational heads of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu are requested to celebrate the festival of Vasant Panchami on Feb. 16. and organize programs at school level.

"The directive gravely impinges on the right to freedom of religion and freedom to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice as guaranteed and protected in the constitution of India for all minorities," A.C. Michael, convener of the UCF, said in a press note on Feb. 15.

"It is pertinent to note that the secular ethos of this country places a constitutional embargo on the government from giving preferential treatment to any one religion.

"Even in 2019, the same administration of Daman and Diu, as well as Dadra and Nagar Haveli, attempted to cancel Good Friday as a gazetted holiday. However, the Christian community approached Bombay High Court and succeeded in reversing the order. The community sees this present order as yet another way of restricting the practice of their faith as well as the right to administer their institutions.

"In the case of SR Bommai versus the Union of India, the Supreme Court held that religious tolerance and equal treatment of all religious groups and protection of their life and property and places of worship are an essential part of secularism enshrined in our constitution."

Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖ "The prime reason the Savior personally acts as the gatekeeper of the celestial kingdom is not to exclude people, but to personally welcome and embrace those who have made it back home." **Tad R. Callister**
- ❖ "When we learn to read the story of Jesus and see it as the story of the love of God, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves – that insight produces, again and again, a sense of astonished gratitude which is very near the heart of authentic Christian experience." **N.T. Wright**
- ❖ "Spending time with God is the key to our strength and success in all areas of life. Be sure that you never try to work God into your schedule, but always work your schedule around Him." **Joyce Meyer**
- ❖ "I realized that all my life, my values were based upon typical middle-class American values: hard work, doing good, living well, owning things, following the rules & being the best I can be... but God clearly says, 'those are not MY values. I value justice, mercy, and humility.'" **John Green**
- ❖ "He who lays up treasures on earth spends his life backing away from his treasures. To him, death is loss. He who lays up treasures in heaven looks forward to eternity; he's moving daily toward his treasures. To him, death is gain." **Randy Alcorn**
- ❖ "Who should we be trying to make the proudest? Our family? Our friends? Our teachers or bosses? What about the one who molded us out of the earth itself, who formed us like clay, and instilled within us the very breath of life that shaped the universe?" **James D. Maxon**
- ❖ "God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." **Max Lucado**
- ❖ "If you can see it, you can achieve it. God helps those who help themselves. Power is in the act of humility." **Patricia Amis**
- ❖ "Jesus is the starving, the parched, the prisoner, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the dying. Jesus is the oppressed, the poor. To live with Jesus is to live with the poor. To live with the poor is to live with Jesus." **Jean Vanier**
- ❖ "If you obey God with your whole heart, you'll usually scare off the folks who want you to obey them." **Meg Moseley**



Abigail Thyvilayil John

FULL STORY ON - 08

analyze the process of bearing the cross. They do not even know the Greek for persecution. They are simple believers, but even while facing death point-blank, they boldly confessed the authority of Jesus. Think of what the response of many of our traditional believers in Kerala would be, if they were given a choice between a bullet and their faith? I fear many of us would say... "After all faith is an issue of our heart... Isn't it brother..? God knows our heart, brother... True we need to confess Jesus... but ... our denial is only with our mouth... Our heart is with Jesus... He knows it... We will confess brother, later. We are ready to cry brother... like Peter. Now, it is a matter between life and death. How would my death benefit God? I was thinking and praying. Suddenly, a strange thought flashed through my mind - What if my daughter, who is in Karnataka, faced a situation like this. I went into something like a trance... In my inner eye, I saw some thing I dreaded... The fanatics have captured my daughter in the act of sharing gospel with the slum children... "Mom, they will kill me if I confess Jesus. They say I am free if I deny Jesus... What shall I do?" What shall I say? I could not think of losing my child. Shall I say that it is just a matter of words... Be wise... You are a young girl... God wants you to live for many more years daughter... come on... it is only with your lips... Right? I didn't say anything. What will happen if she denies Jesus? May be she can remain alive. However, she is now a betrayer. To save her life, she has betrayed Jesus, who gave her the very breath of life. She has betrayed her savior who gave His life to redeem her from her eternal death. She has just emulated Judas Iscariot. How long can she live like Judas! Only for a few hours! That too, in shame and agony. Look At Judas. He is running to a point of no return! The only thing he could do was to hang himself. If she doesn't deny Jesus, She will die... True, we'll lose our child in this world. But she would be

PASTOR YONGGI CHO'S WIFE, SUNG-HYE KIM PASSED AWAY



as the vice-president of one generation and from 2001 to the present.

The bereaved are Senior Pastor Cho Yong-gi, the eldest son Hee-joon, the second son Min-je, the chairman of the Kookmin Daily, and the third son Seung-je, a generation director.

South Korea -President Kim Seong-hye passed away on the 11th. Age 78. The deceased, the wife of Senior Pastor Cho Yong-gi of Yeouido Full Gospel Church, died from a chronic disease at the Seoul National University Hospital in Daehak-ro, Jongno-gu, Seoul. Until recently, the deceased was hospitalized and treated at Seoul National University Hospital.

The deceased is the daughter of the late Pastor Choi Ja-sil, who founded the Yoido Full Gospel Church with Pastor Cho. Born in 1942 in Sinuiju, North Pyongan Province. In 1965, when he graduated from the Department of Piano at EwhaWomans University, he married Pastor Yonggi Cho. He received a master's degree from the Manhattan College of Music in 1995 and a Ph.D. in ministry from Oral Roberts University in 2008. In 1999, he served

honored by God! She would become like the many who "loved not their life even unto death." "Daughter, do not give up. Do not deny Jesus like Judas. How long can you live the life of a betrayer? Stand firm for your convictions like John the Baptist. Better be beheaded like John, rather than commit suicide like Judas. Stand for the faith, daughter; Even if you die, you will be with Jesus forever." I was aware it was all in a trance. Nonetheless, I was determined to tell the same to my children if something similar happened... Friends, times are fast approaching when we would need to choose between life and death. When it is between faith and life... May God help us – me and you- to choose faith, even if it means death. If we choose life it is eternal death and if we choose death for the cause of Jesus, it is eternal life! May God bless you.

The burial was prepared at the funeral hall of Seoul National University Hospital. The funeral is held as the Yoido Full Gospel Church President on a 5-day market. The worship service will be held at 8 am on the 15th at the Daejeon of Yeouido Full Gospel Church in Seoul. Funeral services are offered online in accordance with the Corona 19 Prevention Regulations. Only 50 people, including the bereaved family, will attend the Daeseongjeon. Jangji is the cemetery of Choijasil Fasting Prayer Center in Osan-ri, Jojo-eup, Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do. The lower house service is held at 10 am on the 15th at the prayer center.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY: EVIDENCE OF OLIVES CONSUMED IN ISRAEL OVER 5,000 YEARS AGO



It is estimated that about 6,600 years ago, the sea level was about three to four meters lower, and the shoreline was about 200 to 300 meters away from its current location, so the site is located near the ancient shoreline. No evidence of dwellings was found at the site, as these are 1.5-meter-round round installations, built of composite stones, which the researchers estimate were used as wells or storage pits. During the underwater surveys, researchers found two oval stone structures with thousands of water-saturated olive pits, most of them intact. The archaeologists come from the University of Haifa, Tel Aviv University (TAU), the Volcani Institute, and other research institutions. Their discovery predates the ancient evidence that was known until now about the production of edible olives by about 4,000 years. "The latest discovery completes for us the sequence of use of olive wood, from the use of this wood for heating, through the production of oil about 7,000 years ago to our findings, in which olive was used for food," said lead researcher Dr. Ehud Galili of the Zinman Institute of Archeology at the University of Haifa.

The olive is a basic ingredient in the human diet, culinary culture and Mediterranean economy. Archaeological finds and written documents indicate the widespread use

of olive oil for food, lighting, worship, hygiene and cosmetics in ancient times, but the date of the beginning of the consumption of edible olives remains a mystery. "Historical documents attribute the beginning of the consumption of edible olives in Europe to the middle of the first millennium BCE and in Egypt to the classical period, after the conquest of Alexander the Great – so the evidence so far is from the first half of the first millennium CE," said Dr. Liora Kolska Horwitz of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"As soon as we found the pits, we saw that they were different from crushed pits from which olive oil was produced," said TAU's Dr. Dafna Langgut. "The the ones we found were intact." They compared the olive pits with those found by Galili in another underwater site off elsewhere off the Haifa coast several years ago.

In 2014, an archaeological team headed by Galili and Dr. Deborah Cvikel, found a well belonging to a Neolithic village at a site known as Kfar Samir. It was exceptional because unlike most archaeological sites in Israel, the village is about 200 meters (218 yards) offshore and located about 16 feet underwater. The site was older – between 7,000 and 7,500 years old – than

Carmel Forging site and about 1,800 meters away.

The remains discovered at Samir were crushed olive pits, along with olive peels and were identified as waste of olive time production and included pollen grains from olive trees; no such powder was found in the facilities now found at the Carmel Forging site.

Another characteristic that tipped the scales in favor of the determination that the facilities were intended for the production of edible olives was the proximity to the beach. The Carmel Forging site was, as mentioned, close to the beach. The proximity to the beach does not allow storage of olives due to the high humidity that causes mold to form in a short time, so, according to the researchers, it does not make sense that the facilities were used to store fresh olives.

But the proximity to the sea could provide access to essential ingredients for the process of pickling olives, such as seawater and sea salt. During the study, the researchers conducted a controlled experiment in the Food Research Laboratory at Haifa's Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and succeeded in pickling olives in seawater. "The pickling of the olives in the discovered facilities could have been done only after repeated rinsing in seawater to relieve the bitterness and then soaking in seawater," said Prof. Ayelet Fishman of the Technion. "We did not find any residential buildings at the forging sites of Carmel and Kfar Samir," concluded Galili, "but we did find wells, round installations, filters made of twigs and now the olive production facilities. It is possible that these sites were a kind of 'industrial area' of the Carmelite inhabitants, who started producing olive oil about 7,000 years ago and edible olives about 6,600 years ago."

CHINA'S SHANDONG BANS SHARING OF SERMON VIDEOS ONLINE



China— China's Shandong province is tightening up cyberspace for Christians, as the pandemic continues to prevent Christians from gathering in person. According to China Aid, on January 29, the Three-Self Patriotic Association and Christian Council of Qingdao City, Shandong Province, published a copy of the notice relating Restrictions on Churches in China's

Shandong Province: A ban on live broadcasts as well as releases of preaching audios and videos.

The notice stated that groups are to adhere to the unified instructions of the United Front Work Department's provincial and municipal party committees—and regulate the security of internet public opinion in the Christian sector; prohibit all publication and spread of

preaching videos/audios in the post-pandemic period, to prevent illegal missionary activities on the internet to be exploited.

Two days earlier, the United Front Work Department of the Shandong Provincial Party Committee also issued a notice banning Christians in the province from using the internet to broadcast Christian activities.

In order to address the latest COVID-19 outbreak in various regions, Shandong Qingdao's authorities already ordered all Christian churches and gathering venues in Qingdao to be closed on January 14, and all church activities were suspended.

The further restrictions on sermon audios and videos indicate the government's ongoing crackdown on Christianity. With the internet, it is easier for Christians and seekers to access sermons from churches that are not vetted by the state, which concerns the government. The Chinese Communist Party is only comfortable with the state-approved Three Self churches, as they pledge alliance to the country.

NEW WAVE OF PERSECUTION SWEEPS ACROSS INDIA'S MADHYA PRADESH STATE



India — "It was like a cyclone hit our state," a pastor from India, who wished to remain anonymous, recently told International Christian Concern (ICC). A resident of Madhya Pradesh state, this pastor, and thousands of other local Christians have witnessed a dramatic escalation in their faith community's persecution in the past month. This new wave of persecution began on January 9, 2021, when the Madhya Pradesh state government enacted a new anti-conversion law. This ordinance, officially entitled the Madhya Pradesh Freedom of Religion Ordinance, was promulgated by the

state government to regulate religious conversions and strictly criminalize forced conversions.

According to the new law, individuals seeking to change their religion will need to apply to the district administration 60 days in advance. Religious leaders facilitating religious conversions also need to inform the district

administration 60 days in advance. If the provisions of the law are not followed, individuals could face a sentence of three to five years in jail and a financial penalty of 50,000 rupees.

The new law also criminalizes forceful religious conversions with a jail term of one to five years' imprisonment and a fine of 25,000 rupees. Section 3 of the law increases these punishments to two to ten years' imprisonment and a fine of 50,000 rupees for individuals forcefully converting minors, women, or individuals belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe.

The enactment of the new anti-conversion law has incited radical Hindu nationalist groups in Madhya Pradesh to scale up their persecution of local Christians aggressively. "We are experiencing a dangerous situation," a pastor from the Ratlam District, who wished to remain anonymous, told ICC. "We are not allowed to have fellowship, worship, or share our faith. We read in the news that this is part of making India a Hindu nation by 2021."

"I have not led any worship service for my congregation for the last four weeks," the pastor continued. "There are 30 other pastors in the area where I serve, and none of them are conducting worship for their congregations as well. We read in the newspapers that pastors are being charged under this new law for conducting worship. These pastors are repeatedly denied bail." the pastor continued. "They are being victimized for merely conducting worship services."

in the Alirajpur District of Madhya Pradesh. The assailants attacked the Christians and then turned their rage on the church's instruments, chairs, and other properties.



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