

Figtreewatchers Podcast Episode 129: Increase in Antisemitism, Israeli Bill to ban Gospel, J.P. Morgan's Biometric Payment, and Digital Dollar

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Episode Summary: In this episode we went over the Israeli bill that was introduced to ban the sharing of the gospel, increase in antisemitism in the US, Israel and Russia's deteriorating relationship, J.P. Morgan's new face and palm scanning payment technology, and preparations for a CBDC here in the United States.

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Current Events

Antisemitism

- [Israel365News](#) | New ADL 'audit' finds 2022 had highest levels of antisemitism in 44 years | March 24th, 2023

Christian Persecution

- [Allisraelnews](#) | Evangelical leaders in US, Israel praise Netanyahu for stopping legislation to ban the Gospel in Israel | March 23rd, 2023
- [Allisraelnews](#) | EXCLUSIVE: Two Knesset members propose legislation to outlaw sharing the Gospel in Israel and send violators to prison – could it become law? | March 19th, 2023
- [Allisraelnews](#) | FULL TEXT: Read the English translation of the newly proposed legislation to outlaw sharing the Gospel message in Israel | March 19th, 2023

Financial

- [Fox Business](#) | Study finds 186 banks vulnerable to SVB-like collapse | March 18th, 2023

Middle East

- [Allisraelnews](#) | Jerusalem reportedly fears growing Russian hostility over Israeli air strikes in Syria | March 19th, 2023

Technology

- [J.P. Morgan](#) | J.P. Morgan to pilot biometrics-based payments for merchants | March 23rd, 2023
- [Fox News](#) | Politicians are quietly preparing for a digital dollar. It's not good for your freedom | March 20th, 2023

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Encouraging Passages

- Titus 2:13
- James 5:7-8
- 2 Peter 3:10-13
- 1 John 3:2-3
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Philippians 4:6-8

The Gospel Presentation

Revelation 19:10 tells us that the essence of bible prophecy is Jesus Christ. These things were revealed to us so that we ultimately believe in Christ (John 13:19). We've all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23). Because God is Holy he must judge sin.

The penalty of this sin is death and ultimately the Lake of fire (Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:11-15). There's nothing we can do to save ourselves (Isaiah 64:6).

But God, in his love has provided a way to escape his wrath through Christ (John 3:16-18, John 14:6). Jesus paid for our sin penalty by taking God's wrath in our stead on the cross (Romans 5:8). He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again 3 days later (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

You can accept this free gift of salvation by believing in Christ (Acts 16:30-31, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9). Make sure you've made the right decision about Jesus today (2 Corinthians 6:2)! It will be the most important decision of your life, for eternal life.