

# 'God chose Trump': president reads Scripture at MAGA Bible marathon

The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal gained entrance to a gathering of evangelical Christian Trump supporters called America Reads The Bible. Hosted at Washington DC's Museum of Bible, the week-long Bible-reading marathon featured members of Congress, cabinet secretaries and pastors reciting carefully curated sections of scripture before what's left of the MAGA faithful. Despite not identifying as a Christian and his notorious past and present as a sinner, Trump was the star of the show, reading from Chronicles 7:11. Blumenthal asked participants about the significance of Trump's reading, and whether they believed he was a divine instrument. He also probed their views about everything from the Iran war to Israel's destruction of Christian communities in southern Lebanon. ||| The Grayzone ||| Find more reporting at <https://thegrayzone.com> Support our original journalism at Patreon: <https://patreon.com/grayzone> Facebook: <https://facebook.com/thegrayzone> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/thegrayzonenews> Instagram: <https://instagram.com/thegrayzonenews> Minds: <https://minds.com/thegrayzone> Mastodon: <https://mastodon.social/@thegrayzone> #TheGrayzone

## **#Max**

On April 21st, evangelical Christian supporters of Donald Trump gathered at Washington, D.C.'s Museum of the Bible for a week-long Bible-reading marathon featuring pastors, presidential cabinet secretaries, and members of Congress called America Reads the Bible. The star of the show was the president himself, who was assigned to read verses from the Book of Chronicles, despite not identifying as a Christian and being notoriously steeped in sin. Participants in the event insisted to me that by arranging for Trump to read from the Bible in public, they were helping to redeem him so he could be used by the Lord.

## **#Josh Brecheen**

To love our fellow man. So what's so great about the word of God is no matter where anybody is in their state of life, God's heart for that person is to redeem them for an ultimate eternity, but so that they don't have to live in the hell and misery of bitterness and hatred and just the yuck that the alternative is. How do you come to know the Lord if it's not by spending time reading his word and giving his presence? But does Trump read the Bible privately? These are all questions you need to ask the president.

## **#Max**

Has he spent more time with Jeffrey Epstein or the pastor?

## **#Josh Brecheen**

I'm not going to play into this, still.

## **#Bob Mcewen**

First of all, those that fear God. There are only two options: either you think you're God—"my truth"—or you believe that he's God. The first thing you want is somebody who is willing to submit to God.

## **#Max**

Didn't Trump compare himself, in a way, to at least the Son of God?

## **#Bob Mcewen**

How's that?

## **#Max**

The Jesus meme. And Paula White, his prayer advisor, said he's like Jesus. Do you agree with that, in the way that he's been persecuted?

## **#Bob Mcewen**

Let me tell you, that meme was done over a year ago by a young man who's an immigrant to this country, who was glad that he was healing the country. It didn't have a thing to do with Jesus.

## **#Max**

Okay. He was a doctor.

## **#Bob Mcewen**

It was like the Red Cross. You should look him up and ask him about it.

## **#Speaker 1**

David also hamstringed all the chariot horses, but reserved for them a hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, king of Zobah, David killed of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men.

## **#Speaker 2**

He was so good. We are so grateful that our president read the Bible to the public.

**#Max**

But does President Trump read the Bible at home?

**#Speaker 2**

I think so. He has. I think so.

**#Max**

You think he's a good Christian man?

**#Speaker 2**

Yes, I think so. I know God chose him. I know.

**#Max**

God chose Trump.

**#Speaker 2**

Yes. God always chooses the people who are... Think about David. Think about Moses. God never chooses the perfect person. He always chooses kind of different, wicked men. And then he uses that person and does his work.

**#Donald Trump**

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes shall be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.

**#Speaker 3**

I don't know where the president is in his heart until he confesses his faith in a way that makes sense to him. But I believe him reading this scripture is—I think he's authentic and real. And I don't think he would have read it if he didn't mean it.

**#Max**

Pope Leo said, "Enough war, enough idolatry of wealth and power," referring to President Trump. What do you think of that?

### **#Speaker 3**

There's war throughout the Old Testament. There's war throughout the scriptures, biblical. I'll just leave it at that.

### **#Max**

So it wouldn't be a sin for Trump to call forth, promise the destruction of a civilization as he recently did? It's like, biblical.

### **#Speaker 3**

No, I mean, war is—there's war and peace throughout scripture. And it's the end. The Constitution and the purpose of government are for government to protect the people of the United States. That's the purpose of government. It's different than normal citizens. Government is to protect the people of the United States.

### **#Max**

Do you think it's a just war that Trump is waging against Iran?

### **#Speaker 3**

I have no comment on that. That's not our part here.

### **#Max**

Do you stand with Israel?

### **#Speaker 3**

A hundred percent.

### **#Max**

Do you support Israel's destruction of Christian villages in southern Lebanon right now?

### **#Speaker 3**

I support the Jewish people, and I believe that God has chosen their land, blessed them, and made them faithful.

**#Max**

This is what Israeli soldiers are currently doing in southern Lebanon. Have you seen this photo?

**#Speaker 3**

No.

**#Max**

What do you think of that? I... with our weapons.

**#Speaker 3**

I think all the destruction and everything is... is it like the Bible?

**#Max**

Yeah.

**#Max**

Do you think Trump should repent for killing 170 schoolgirls in Minabiran in one strike? One strike. Should he repent?

**#Donald Trump**

So he did that?

**#Max**

Yes, the U.S. military, under his orders, did that. He did that—an entire school of kids, 170.

**#Donald Trump**

Again, look, Jesus is Lord.

**#Max**

I know. Okay, so should Trump repent for that?

## **#Donald Trump**

Yeah.

## **#Max**

Should he get on his knees and repent to Jesus?

## **#Donald Trump**

Once again, your question proceeds. God bless you guys. Seriously, though, I appreciate what you're doing. It's the premise of your question—it's just the premise. But it's a fact that that happened.

## **#Max**

It's the premise. But it's a fact that it happened.

## **#Donald Trump**

Hey, by the way, I do have to ask you.

## **#Bob Mcewen**

Yeah. What's your YouTube channel so we can see it? The Grayzone. The Grayzone.

## **#Speaker 4**

Bring every stronghold, shine through the shadows.