

## **Bible and the Headlines: Rosemary's Baby**

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Bell bottoms aren't the only '60's relic making a comeback this week. On the entertainment front, the zombie from the Age of Aquarius is Rosemary's Baby. The current rehash of cross-breeding between demons and humans is called "KPop Demon Hunters." This anime version of the extreme odd couple is climbing the charts for film and music.

Across the pond, the Telegraph on Aug 7 announced, "You Haven't Heard of It. Your Children Are Obsessed by It. And It's Giving Disney Nightmares." The article is written for folks who have never heard of "KPop Demon Hunters." The author describes the plot, "It draws a lot from Korean mythology and pop culture and then merges them, like a K-pop Hannah Montana meets Buffy the Vampire Slayer in Frozen." The female superstars represent "good" and they are pitted against a rising boyband consisting of demons. Spoiler alert: The lead singer of the female band is secretly half demon. She is also in love with the leader of the demonic boyband. The result, "... all hell breaks loose."

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, pop culture magazine The Honeypot featured, "These Idols Are Just as Obsessed With K-POP Demon Hunters as We Are!" The 'idols' mentioned are real life K-pop celebrities who are making covers of the songs from the animated NETFLIX release. The author comments on Ghost9's video of the film's main dance number, "Honestly, if this is how they [the film's female K-pop band] hunt demons, the Saja boys [the demon boyband in the movie] better watch their backs."

The August 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Billboard magazine declared, "KPop Demon Hunters' Merch Featuring Saja Boys Is Currently on Sale at Amazon." The emphasis on the Saja Boys has two parts: 1) The Saja Boys are anime creations and do not actually exist as a band; 2) The Saja Boys are demons. Billboard has never had a demon band that, "... has three Billboard Hot 100 entries (and a top 40 hit to boot)." In a case of life imitating art, one of the most popular merch items is the Heartthrob Hoodie that features all five of the Saja Boys. Now real humans can show their love of these anime demons.

The predecessors to the Saja Boys are found in Genesis 6, "It was at this time that beings from the spirit world looked upon the beautiful earth women and took any they desired to be their wives" (v. 2). The children from these unions are found throughout the Old Testament (Gen 6:4; Num 13:33; Deu 2:20-21, Deu 3:11; 1Sa17:4; 2Sa 21:20-22 ). The concerning aspect is that the threat of these "Saja Boys" did not end with the Old Testament. The ancient church in Corinth was warned of this demonic danger to their congregants, "For this reason it is right for the woman to have a sign of her husband's authority on her head, because of the angels" (1 Co 11:10).

Rosemary's Baby ends on a dark note for humankind as Satan gets to keep his kid. K-POP Demon Hunters ends with the barrier between demons and humans temporarily repaired. The Bible has a more authoritative response to these unnatural relationship pirates, "Now God has them chained up in prisons of darkness, waiting for the judgment day" (Jud 1:6). I like that ending better.