

Morning Rundown: Man Who Spent 23 Minutes in Hell: 'Not Everyone Goes to Heaven'

Here's a quick summary of the top stories on :

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Holy Spirit Moves at AG University in Pennsylvania

The University of Valley Forge, an Assemblies of God institution in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, has a storied and miraculous history.

In 2013, Charisma Media Founder Stephen Strang reported Valley Forge, founded in 1939, won a Supreme Court case in 1978 that allowed it to keep its beautiful 106-acre campus, and it has been churning out godly community leaders since its founding in 1939.

And now, Valley Forge has joined the growing list of universities, high schools, grade schools and churches where

the Holy Spirit has overwhelmed these campus and where nationwide revival—if not an awakening—is becoming more and more evident each day. It all started with Asbury University nearly three weeks and, the fire is spreading.

The Hallmarks of the Asbury Awakening and What Comes Next

- ❌ Humble repentance before the Father. Passion to worship Jesus. Hunger for God's Word. The peaceful presence of the Holy Spirit. The hallmarks of the Asbury Awakening.

On Thursday night, during the final public event of this outpouring at Asbury University, broadcast directly from the school's auditorium, those hallmarks were all on display as students publicly shared life-changing Scripture verses, worshipped with all their might, prayed fervently and received the commission to go out into the world to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven.

So many sovereign God-incidences have been evident throughout this awakening. From the 1970 Asbury Revival connection, to the release of a Jesus Revolution movie that had been in the works for years, to the coincidence with the Collegiate Day of Prayer, no earthly power could have timed it all so perfectly. {eoa}

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Humility is a Force That Works With Honor

This article first appeared on Curt Landry Ministries.

**Note: This is the second in a two-part series. You can view the first part [here](#).*

Honor and Humility Are the Currencies in Heaven

Similar to honor, humility is also a currency in Heaven. So keep this in mind as we pray today. I want you to take into consideration what you learn in these prayers. They are touchpoints from the Holy Spirit about areas you may need to repent of. Maybe I need to repent of some places where pride has seeped in because it's part of life. We'll do it together, praying and asking the Spirit to guard us against it consistently.

Things to Remember When Battling in the Courts of Heaven

There are keys we must remember when we're battling and praying in the Courts of Heaven.

1. Walk in humility.

We have to walk in humility when we start having a lot of victories because pride can creep in, and you start thinking, "Well, maybe I'm the one doing this."

So we have to walk in humility because God's Word says, "The Lord resists the proud. He gives grace to the humble." We see that in the Bible in James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5.

Humility is essential to spiritual warfare. It impacts the victory and the verdict that you receive. We need to understand that we only receive it because of the power of the blood of Jesus. Humility leads to repentance and wisdom.

2. Live a lifestyle of repentance.

So I always try to encourage people. I don't want to focus on

negative things. But here's the key: you must have a lifestyle that's quick to repent. That is the beginning of wisdom, understanding the longer you leave an offense or wound uncovered, the worse it will get. Repentance covers the offenses and wounds in our lives with the blood of Yeshua.

Christie and I have three grandchildren, and they all are little daredevils. These are fearless little people who like to jump off of anything. I mean, they love to swim. Praise God, two of them are swimming. We got one more to go. But in the process of being healthy and loving all that activity, they get wounds, scrapes and bruises.

When they get a boo-boo, you pray for them and kiss the boo-boo. Then you got to clean it off with some antiseptic and put Neosporin and a Band-Aid on it. So the sooner you can get it covered, the better.

So why is that important? The reason it's important is that the wound is going to become an issue if it gets infected. If it gets cleansed immediately and treated appropriately to get rid of the germs, and it doesn't get infected, then the body has a natural way of healing itself.

And the little people, and praise God, I'm one of them too, heal very quickly because we have strong immune systems.

Understanding How Repentance Works in the Spirit

But you need to understand that in the Spirit when you get a cut, it is a picture of sin. If you just let it fester, it's going to get infected. Then, all of a sudden, you're going to have to get on antibiotics, and you have a bigger battle on your hands.

It's just better to immediately repent once the sin is there. Don't wait and let it fester. Immediately cleanse it and then immediately put the Neosporin, so to say, the blood of Jesus. Put a Band-Aid on it and cover it and let it heal.

3. Stand in agreement with God's Word.

When you stand in agreement with God's Word, you adopt His mindset and truth, which empowers you. So it's not enough just to speak His Word. It's about adopting them as your own words. It's embracing and having a faith mindset that you believe what His Word says about you more than what you have thought in the past.

If the Lord has said something is wrong, then it's wrong. Why fight the Lord? A lot of people think, "Well, maybe this is a sin." Listen, it's really quite simple: Right is right, and wrong is wrong.

And the thing is, especially if you're sensitive in the Spirit, you'll know what you're doing because you'll feel conviction, not condemnation. If He has said something is righteous, then it is righteous. And then, if something is righteous, find righteous behavior and habitually do that versus bad behavior.

Because when you make that conscious decision, you're going to have different results in your life. Come into agreement with God's Word and bring Him glory, which releases restoration to you. So one of the biggest keys to walking in humility is to say, "I surrender to God's ways, and I agree with God's ways because that is wisdom," and that humility will open many doors and heal your body.

4. Extend forgiveness.

If you're battling unforgiveness in your heart, it blocks Heaven's powers in your life. The Lord gives you the divine power to forgive because you have been forgiven. And that's really the key to the Lord's prayer: the need to forgive others.

Probably one of the strongest things you can do is ask the Lord to show you the other person's heart. This can be


painful. My wife is the one that does the intercession in our family for this. If we're having a challenge with an employee, we're having a challenge with a relationship or someone is suffering, she's like quick to this. She'll pray, "Lord, show me their heart. Why are they behaving this way? What wound is in their past?"

She'll start interceding for them, and the Lord will show her, "This happened, and this is why they can't trust. This is why this rebellious behavior is coming. This is why they aren't able to respond correctly at this touchpoint that we're intersecting within their life."

And then she starts to intercede for it and pray, and I'll intercede with her and pray as well. But many times, I'm the one that will have to speak with them. And when I do, I feel safe bringing it up after we've interceded and prayed, knowing how to come as a father in love and, through a series of questions, say, "Hey, could it be this?"

When the disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, will you teach us to pray?" Jesus responded with a prayer recorded in Matthew 6:9–13. Jesus taught His disciples to pray by addressing their Father where He was—in heaven. And to ask Him for His will to be done, not theirs.

So the Lord's saying, "You need to say first of all, 'Lord, let Your will be made known to me and let Your will be made manifest to me that I might say yes.'" And that's what we have to do. {eoa}

 [Click here to view Rabbi Landry's book on spiritual warfare!](#)

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Jewish roots of the Christian faith. Together, their passion is to empower families to live and leave Kingdom legacies and understand their own personal heritage.

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Wiese refers to British evangelist John Blanchard's book, "Hell on Trial," to explain the origin of universalism.

"It's when Satan brushed aside God's warning and said to Eve, 'You will surely not die,'" Wiese says. "But Jesus said in John 11:25-26, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, yet shall he live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.'"

Jesus said in Luke 13:3: "I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

Wiese says many universalists use five specific scriptures to support their beliefs and teaching. But, he says, they don't incorporate the verses around those scriptures to get the full meaning of what is being said. "You can't just pick out the one verse. You have to read all around it."

Those scriptures, which Wiese explains thoroughly in this video, include: 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Corinthians 15:22; Ephesians 1:10; Colossians 1:20; and Romans 5:18.

- ☒ Those looking for further proof, Wiese says, should seek no further than Acts 4:12, which reads:

"There is no salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Also, Matthew 7:13-14, which reads, "Enter at the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who are going through it, because small is the gate and narrow is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

"These Scriptures are pretty clear," Wiese says.

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A Message to Silence Asbury University Critics

When the Jesus movement took off in the late 1960's, hippies with long wild hair and bare feet came together to worship God on college campuses. Many Christians were critical of their rhythm, drums, electric guitars and funky style.

Later, many of those critical Christians came to accept what God was doing during that movement. Now with the Asbury revival, it's important to take a look at history to determine how Christians should respond.

I sat down with Mario Murillo to talk about the "holy peer pressure" taking place across the nation.



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Top of the Week: Is Asbury University Making the Right Decision?

Following are snippets of the top stories posted over the past week on . We encourage you to visit the links to read the stories in full.

Is Asbury University Making the Right Decision?

Asbury University has announced that the location of the ongoing revival at the school will be moved to a new central location in Kentucky. While the details of that location have not yet been released, Dr. Michael Brown is encouraging Christians that this move of God can sustain itself around the country.

On Jan. 30, Brown was speaking on his "Line of Fire" radio show when he felt prompted to share publicly the first wave of revival was here. Eight days later on Feb. 8, revival broke

out at Asbury University in Hughes Auditorium.

Over the weekend 25,000 people gathered in front of Asbury in the sleepy town of Wilmore, Kentucky. State Troopers blocked entrances to the city, only allowing the 6,000 residents who live in the town, in on Sunday evening. "They are making the right decision in decentralizing so quickly," Brown says.

Christian Teacher Fired for Refusing to Participate in 'Lies From the Devil'

Backed into a corner, Christian teacher Jessica Tapia faced a moral dilemma—and knew she just couldn't compromise.

And for that, she was fired. Plain and simple.

Tapia, a teacher in the Jurupa Unified School District in Southern California, told Fox News Digital that she refused to comply with the district's gender policies, which instructed her not only to hide students' gender transitions from parents but also to keep them in the dark through lying.

Jeremiah Johnson: The True Assignment of the Devil at Asbury University

All who have attended the Asbury University revival have talked about the authenticity of the move of the Holy Spirit. God's love and tenderness is bringing many to repentance and revival is spreading to other college campuses across the nation. Prophet Jeremiah Johnson is warning Christians about some of the responses and perspectives being posted online.

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Holy Spirit Moves Charlotte Church Members to 'Shout to the Lord'

Editor's Note: The Gate Senior Pastor John Matthews begins speaking at the 42:41 mark on the video.

While it may not be continuous like the outpouring of the Asbury University, many churches, like The Gate in Charlotte, North Carolina, are experiencing a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit in recent days.

After 42 minutes of heartfelt worship to begin a service Friday night at the nondenominational church, Senior Pastor John Matthews declared, "as we were worshipping, I just kept hearing ... there is a Scripture [Ezek. 43:5] that says, 'The glory of the Lord fills the temple. That word 'fills' means 'to continually fill.'

"And as much as glory is already in this room, there's more," Matthews said. "There's more. As I was over here worshipping, and the Lord brought a Scripture to my mind. And it says in 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 'The Lord will come down with a shout.' ... In the shout there is freedom. People are going to be set free. ... [For] some of you, the hardest part's going to be not trying to overthink it and over-pray it and let God just do it.

Jim Garlow Gives Eyewitness Report on What's Happening at Asbury Revival

Jim Garlow was one of the first people to post about the Asbury University revival on social media when it started 13 days ago. In a follow-up interview, he explains what sounded like waves of an ocean as he stood in the wooden pews worshipping God in Hughes Auditorium.

In my first conversation with Garlow, we talked about the tie between the Asbury revival and the Third Great Awakening. Now he is sharing his eyewitness view of what happened right

before Asbury University announced the revival would stop on campus Wednesday, Feb. 22.

“Just continual worship and praise. Bunch of students standing on the stage, and the auditorium is packed,” he says. {eoa}



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Former Satanist John Ramirez Exposes After School Satan Clubs

Former Satanist John Ramirez has been on a mission to expose the kingdom of darkness since he gave his life to Jesus. His heart is for everyday Christians to understand and be aware of what's happening in the spirit realm around them. Now, with After School Satan Clubs being introduced in schools, he is exposing the lie that they claim they don't actually worship Satan.

“These clubs, these Satanism people, how they dress things up, how they introduce things to people, how they finesse it and say they don't worship Satan. They are a bunch of liars,” Evangelist Ramirez says.

He equates their lie to someone saying they are a Christian, yet they don't believe in Jesus. “In the foundation of whatever you follow, there has to be a deity,” he says.

In schools across the country, there are Satan Clubs popping up with the aim of giving an alternative to a Christian club.

In a Chesapeake, Virginia school board meeting one parent spoke out on the matter saying, "We can't be so afraid of being mocked or called names or canceled that we open the door wide open to evil in our community and most importantly to our children."

But, the fear of being mocked is exactly what has kept so many people from speaking out. Ramirez is sounding the alarm on the danger of the theology they are presenting. In the beginning they claim not to worship Satan, then Ramirez says once you are accepted in through ceremonies and contracts with the dark side they start to be honest.

"The more ingrafted you get in, the more you see," he says.

It's no surprise there is a war going on right now against the young generation. An outpouring just started at Asbury University with a few hungry students seeking the Lord. The world was impacted by their hearts for Jesus. Satan is after that generation. He wants to snatch them from God's calling and purpose for their life and bring confusion and chaos.

"We see what's going on in Kentucky right, the move of God. Who's there? All young people. Satan is a copy cat, he wants to copy anything that is original," Ramirez says.

At eight-year-old Ramirez was brought into the Satanic church. He went to meetings from 7PM to 5AM the next day being trained by witches and warlocks. In his new book coming out March 7th "Fire Prayers: Building Arsenals That Destroy Satanic Kingdoms" Ramirez gives a practical manual for every Christian.

✘ "The Holy Spirit said 'why don't you write a manual for spiritual warfare prayers and how to destroy satanic kingdoms,'" he says. Not only does he share how to destroy plots, schemes, entrapment, delay and blockages but the satanic kingdoms themselves. "Who called fire from heaven? Elijah. It's called 'Fire Prayers.' Destroy every demonic

altar that's got your family bloodline on it," Ramirez says.

Pray for this nation. Pray that God would set a part this generation for His glory and all plans of the enemy would be broken. Watch the rest of the interview to hear more on fighting the enemy with spiritual warfare prayers. {eoa}



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Barry Meguiar and God's Better Business Blessing

God often uses people from non-traditional backgrounds to make a kingdom impact.

Sometimes people get into the mindset that they aren't called into ministry because they are a banker, lawyer, doctor or some kind of profession other than an ordained minister.

For Barry Meguiar, he was a third-generation business leader who had no idea that the Lord was going to use his business as a form of ministry.

"We were selling [car wax] to body shops and car dealers, when God inspired me back in 1969 to take the business into retail," Meguiar shared in a *Charisma News* exclusive interview.

"I didn't know what I was doing but I came out of a Christian college with Proverbs 3:5 in my heart."

Proverbs 3:5 reads: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."

"I said 'God, that's easy. I have no intelligence! I don't have a clue what I'm doing in retail.'" Meguiar recalled. "So, I just trusted Him, and I've done that for 50 years. We're the number-one selling car wax in America, and in countries all over the world."

Yet even as Meguiar was leading a successful business with God at the center, he had no idea what God had planned for him as far as ministry went. He was even willing to leave his business if it meant remaining obedient to the Lord.

One day, when Meguiar was praying about going into full-time ministry or not, he had a fateful encounter with someone the Lord sent his way.

"A guy walked into my office from my church, he was a missionary kid about my same age. I never talked to him, never exchanged a glance with him, but I recognized he'd been around the platform a couple of times," Meguiar recalled.

After catching up briefly and explaining to the man, David Nutt, that he had been sharing his faith with people recently, Nutt exclaimed, "Boy! God's given you a wonderful ministry here, hasn't He?!"

Meguiar was caught off guard with the statement, not seeing how his business in the automotive world had anything to do with ministry.

"The people you're reaching, a pastor couldn't reach," Nutt explained. "But as a businessman, you can. It's obvious your business is your pulpit."

Taking this stranger at his word, Meguiar has lived a life from his pulpit: the automotive industry, with Jesus at the center of it all.

“This is what life is all about. Life is about redemption! And so, He gives us an opportunity to understand who He is, [and] in the rest of our time it’s to get on His team and find your position and play it out to the best of your ability,” Meguiar revealed.

“Then everything else works. It’s not like my business failed because of that. But it’s also secondary to living for God’s purpose. And when you do that, it ignites your life.” {eoa}

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What’s Coming for America? Listen to Rick Joyner’s Prophetic Insight

The Bible tells us, “Surely, the Lord God does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7).

✘ Rick Joyner is respected and looked up to by multitudes throughout America and abroad as a senior prophetic leader who has faithfully served the body of Christ for decades. He led MorningStar ministries for years and is the author of over 50 books.

At the recent Roundtable leadership summit in Fort Mill, South Carolina, Rick provided guidance to senior leaders from throughout America who came together for the annual gathering that has taken place for over three-and-a-half decades.

For this special edition of the “Week in Review” video

commentary, I sat down with Rick and encouraged him to take 10 minutes to share personally with all of us inspiring prophetic insights during this turbulent time in our history. Take advantage of this opportunity and pass it along to others.
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Does Bible Prophecy Say Earthquakes Far Worse Than Those in Turkey, Syria, Are Coming? Yes, and Israel Isn't Ready

Are earthquakes—massive, deadly and destructive—signs of the End Times?

Are they part of the “birth pangs” of what Jesus spoke?

And does Bible prophecy say the worst is yet to come?

In light of the horrific quakes that just hit Turkey and Syria and left more than 100,000 people dead and wounded—and millions without homes—these were the questions we tackled on THE ROSENBERG REPORT last week.

To set the context let me take you back to 2006. That's the year I wrote my first non-fiction book, EPICENTER: Why The Current Rumbings in the Middle East Will Change Your World.

I laid out 10 specific headlines that the world would one day

read.

Chapter 11 was called, "FUTURE HEADLINE: New War Erupts in Middle East As Earthquakes, Pandemics Hit Europe, Africa, Asia."

That was 12 years ago, and sure enough these are headlines we've been reading ever since.

To be clear: I'm not a prophet, a psychic, or a "modern Nostradamus." I don't have any unique ability within myself to see the future.

Rather, as I explained in EPICENTER, I'm writing about what God says is coming.

Bible prophecy is an intercept from the mind of the all-knowing, all-powerful, all-sovereign God of the universe.

God doesn't tell us everything He is going to do—or all He is going to sovereignly allow Satan to do—in all countries and all regions of the world at all times in history.

But He does tell us some of the things that are going to happen in some countries and some regions at some periods of time in the future.

Unfortunately, too many Christians ignore Bible prophecy.

But I take it seriously.

And when I write books about prophecy, or teach about it, I encourage people to study the Scriptures carefully, take the prophecies literally and consider how to walk with Christ more faithfully in light of what God says is coming.

WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT SAY ABOUT EARTHQUAKES—AND WHAT ARE WE SEEING HAPPEN IN OUR TIMES?

In the New Testament, for example, Lord Jesus warned His disciples that in the "last days" terrible wars, earthquakes,

and infectious plagues and diseases would spread across the globe, just to name a few of the “signs” – the “birth pangs” – that Jesus said would precede His Second Coming.

In Luke chapter 21, for example, our Messiah prophesied that “when you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven” (Luke 21:0-11).

When I wrote EPICENTER based on this and related prophecies, many critics and skeptics called me loony. One anchor on CNN called me the “Mayor of Crazy Town.”

But just look at what’s happened since 2006. Not only did we see the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq intensify and devastate the Middle East, we saw the rise of the Islamic State—and its genocide against Christians—and then the war to destroy ISIS and dismantle its Caliphate.

Last year, Russia launched the biggest land war in Europe since World War II. More than 200,000 people are dead. And now, Vladimir Putin is poised to escalate. He’s massing more than a quarter of a million additional troops on the borders of Ukraine and threatening to use nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, in 2020, we saw Communist China unleash the Wuhan virus—the COVID pandemic—the deadliest plague in a century, killing nearly 7 million people.

Also since 2006, we’ve seen one horrific earthquake after another strike around the world, including those in Turkey and Syria just last week, the deadliest series of earthquakes to hit the Middle East in nearly 100 years.

The images are heart-wrenching.

Death. Destruction. Shrieking, orphaned babies. Shattered, despondent parents.

The initial quake registered 7.8 on the Richter scale.

Then came two more quakes, nearly as bad.

These were followed by dozens of aftershocks.

Witnesses in Turkey told reporters it “felt like the apocalypse.”

An aid worker in Syria’s war-ravaged city of Aleppo told the BBC,

“We were in hell before the earthquake—we’re now in the deepest level of hell.”

The U.S. has sent billions of dollars’ worth of rescue equipment, tents, blankets, medicine, clothing, and other emergency assistance, as have other governments.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—whose government has worked hard in recent months to reconcile relations with Turkey—immediately sent nearly 400 rescue workers, doctors, nurses and other emergency response specialists to help the Turkish government deal with the crisis.

CHRISTIANS ARE MINISTERING TO THOSE DEVASTATED BY THE QUAKES

Christian ministries are also providing desperately needed aid.

Franklin Graham’s ministry—Samaritan’s Purse—immediately sent an Evangelical Christian medical team and a mobile field hospital to Turkey.

A man who runs an Evangelical ministry in Turkey told Christianity Today magazine that Christian doctors and engineers have rushed to the frontlines, eager to love their neighbors and care for those who are suffering, just as Christ

commanded.

“This is the test of the church,” he said. “And I’m proud of my brothers and sisters in Christ.”

Amen—I’m also encouraged by how the Church is responding.

WHAT IS THE BIGGER PICTURE?

At the same time, we need to see the bigger picture.

These earthquakes are not simply tragedies—they’re End Times prophecies coming to pass, and we need to prepare ourselves because far worse is coming.

Now, some of you watching may be skeptics, thinking, “Joel, come on, these earthquakes were terrible—yes—but you’re blowing them out of proportion. They’re not prophetic. They’re not a fulfillment of Bible passages, telling people to watch for earthquakes to become more numerous and more catastrophic as the world approaches ‘the return of Jesus Christ.’ Don’t be ridiculous, Joel. These quakes are just random acts of nature.”

I hear you, but look at the facts.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, 19 of the 20 biggest earthquakes in human history have occurred since 1900.

In fact, the U.S. government says the world is now experiencing some 20,000 earthquakes a year, or about 55 a day.

Given increasing urbanization around the globe—the fact that more and more people are leaving the countryside, moving into big cities to find work, and thus becoming so concentrated in big cities—even less “intense” quakes can now do horrific damage.

Take the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, for example.

It “only” registered 7.0 on the Richter scale.

That’s why it’s not in the top five, top 10 or even the top 100 most intense earthquakes in history.

Yet it was the deadliest earthquake in nearly 500 years—and one of the deadliest in all of recorded history—killing more than 300,000 people.

Look, I know it’s not popular to say this—but I have to say it—and you need to hear it.

We are seeing more earthquakes than ever before in human history, with greater frequency, horrific destruction and massive casualties.

YES, THE WORST IS YET TO COME

Unfortunately, Bible prophecy tells us that far, far worse is coming.

One such prophecy is found in the Old Testament, in the book of Ezekiel.

The other is found in the New Testament, in the book of Revelation.

Let’s start with Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39, where the Hebrew prophet describes an eschatological conflict known as the “War of Gog and Magog.”

Ezekiel explains that in the “last days,” an evil dictator will rise to power in a region known in Bible times as “Magog” and today known as the Russian Federation.

This dictator forms a military and political alliance with Persia, the country we know today as Iran.

Together, they recruit Turkey, Libya, Sudan and a range of other countries into their alliance.

Then, they order their military forces to surround, invade and conquer the prophetically revived and reborn State of Israel.

And yet, the Hebrew prophet Ezekiel—writing more than 2,500 years ago—does not describe the Israeli military defending the Jewish people.

Nor does Ezekiel describe other countries coming to Israel's defense.

Instead, just as Israel is about to be swallowed whole by this Russian-Iranian alliance, Ezekiel tells us that the God of Israel moves supernaturally to judge and destroy Israel's enemies, with the whole world watching.

Ezekiel 38:18-20 indicates that "on that day, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," the Lord God says, "My fury will mount up in My anger. In My zeal and in My blazing wrath, I declare that on that day there will surely be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence."

The earthquake's epicenter will be in Israel, but its shock waves will be felt around the world, and that's just the beginning of the judgment.

"I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains," declares the Lord God in Ezekiel 38:21. "Every man's sword will be against his brother."

In other words, in the ensuing chaos, the enemy forces will begin fighting each other.

Then, in verse 22, God says: "With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him"—that is, against the Russian dictator known as Gog. "And I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a

torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone.”

When it’s all over, Ezekiel tells us the devastation is so catastrophic that it will take seven months to bury all the bodies—and that it would take longer but “the birds of the air and the beasts of the field” will eat most of the bodies of the enemies.

It’s a grim scene—and the most dramatic judgment of God upon mankind since the days of the exodus out of Egypt when the 10 plagues fell upon the Pharaoh and his people.

Now, let’s go back to the earthquake.

God tells Ezekiel that “the be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and every wall will fall to the ground” (Ezekiel 38:20)

Does that mean that literally every wall on the planet will fall?

Or just that every wall in Israel and the Middle East will fall?

Does the prophecy mean that literally every person on the planet will be physically shaken?

Or does it mean that the destruction will be so great throughout the Middle East that everyone on earth will be emotionally shaken by fear, higher gas and oil prices and by other less physical but no less powerful forces?

I’ll let you chew on that and we’ll discuss it further on a future show and a future column.

But at the very minimum, it’s clear that a massive, devastating and apocalyptic earthquake is coming, far worse than anything the world has seen before.

And Israeli officials admit, they are woefully unprepared for

future quakes.

WHAT DOES THE BOOK OF REVELATION SAY ABOUT FUTURE EARTHQUAKES?

The final book of the Bible speaks of an earthquake even worse in the End Times.

The apostle John writes, "I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?'" (Rev. 16:12-17).

In the same chapter, the apostle tells us that one out of every four people on the planet will die during this time of judgment, known as the "Great Tribulation."

If it happens in our lifetime, that would mean that upwards of 2 billion people will perish because they've repeatedly and callously rejected—and kept rejecting—God, His Word, His ways and His Messiah.

IS THERE ANY HOPE?

These are sobering prophecies—we ignore them at our peril—but there is hope.

Let's start by asking two questions.

First, why does God send earthquakes?

Second, is there any hope?

The answers are interconnected.

God says through the Hebrew prophet Haggai, "For this is what the Lord of armies says: 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. I will shake all the nations'" (Hag. 2:6-7).

Then God speaks through the Hebrew prophet Amos, "For behold, I am commanding, and I will shake the house of Israel among all nations" (Amos 9:9).

God, in His mercy, vows to shake every nation. Why? To get people's attention, to persuade them to let go of every religion, philosophy or ideology other than faith in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to save them.

There are lots of examples in scripture, but here's one.

Remember what God did in the book of Acts?

"[A]bout midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer awoke and saw the prison doors opened, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!' And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and after he brought them out, he said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' And they spoke the Word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his

household" (Acts 16:25-34).

This is one reason God sends earthquakes—to wake people up and draw them to Christ.

But there is a second reason: God also sends earthquakes to judge those who reject Him and stubbornly refuse to repent.

God told the prophet Isaiah, "Thus I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their , I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken from its place at the fury of the Lord of hosts in the day of His burning anger" (Isa. 13:11-13).

And Isaiah also wrote, "From the Lord of hosts you will be punished with thunder and earthquake and loud noise, with whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire" (Isa. 29:6).

Judgment? Yes.

But also mercy.

This is why God sends earthquakes.

And the Scriptures are crystal clear—yes, there's hope in this broken, chaotic world.

Every man, woman and child on earth has the opportunity right now to be adopted by God into His royal family, to have their sins forgiven and to spend eternity with God and with all believers.

As Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

But that hope is only available until we breathe our last breath on this earth—or until Christ actually comes back to judge the living and the dead.

- ❌ So, as we experience one “birth pang” after another warning us that we are living in the “last days,” I encourage, today is the Day of Salvation.

Right now—not later—is the time to get right with God. {eoa}

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ISIS is Back and Looking for Revenge Against Christians Following Quran Burnings

If you thought the Islamic State terror group had gone away, think again. Despite military defeat in Syria and Iraq, ISIS still has thousands of fighters with 25 affiliate groups around the world.

Now, western intelligence agencies are bracing for terror attacks after the group called for revenge against Christians. They're angry after a Danish activist publicly burned a Quran in Sweden last month.

Protests erupted throughout the Islamic world after that Quran burning. Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said while the burning

was deeply disrespectful, it was protected under freedom of expression.

The Islamic State is pushing for payback on social media. The Muslim holy month of Ramadan begins March 23rd and last year's observance saw 42 ISIS terror attacks in just three days.

The threat from ISIS is as real as ever, and intelligence agencies are on the lookout.

Security expert Eric Caron says that in the Middle East and Asia, ISIS never went away.

"They have approximately 16,000 fighters between Iraq and Syria. They control 6 million people in that region. They have franchises throughout the world. We're talking probably around 25 franchises throughout Africa and Europe," Caron says.

A recent United Nations report also shows the ISIS threat increasing. Africa has been called the world's fastest-growing terrorist hotspot.

Terrorism expert and retired U.S. Army Colonel Sargis Sangari says while the U.S. had to defeat ISIS on the battlefield, that alone wasn't enough to stop the movement.

"Look, you have to kill folks on the battlefield to take ground. But I don't think we ever fought against the ideas that really resonate between the six inches of people's foreheads," Sangari said. "So, (ISIS) will continue to fight and will continue to take territory. It will continue to force individuals to convert or basically, die in the process."
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