

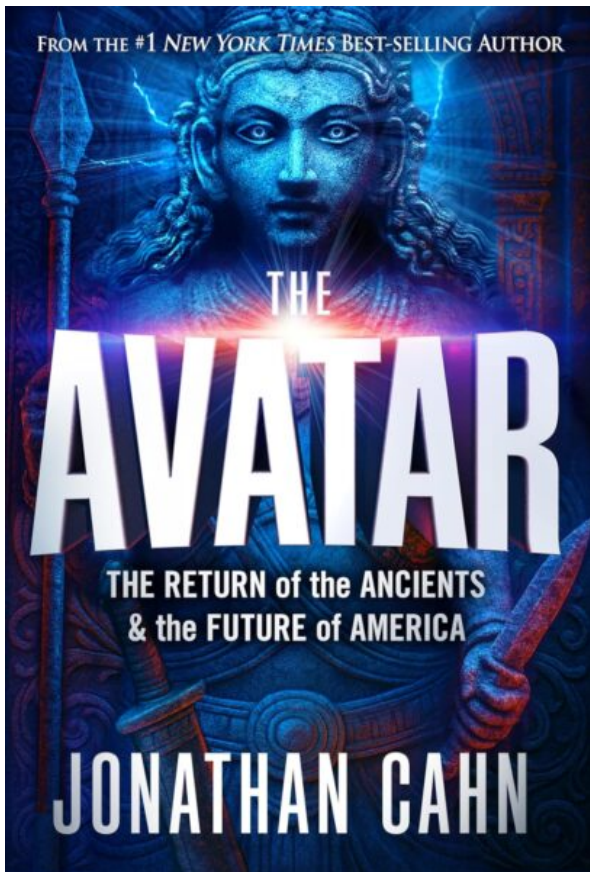
# California Legislation Prompts Faith Leaders to Urge Pastors and Parents to Step Up

The California Bill AB-495 Family Preparedness Plan Act is currently stirring controversy and worry among Christian believers and parents for fear that once passed, practical strangers could take custody over their children. Now that this bill is in motion, California faith leaders are speaking out against the state's controversial and anti-family legislation.

[Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills](#) talked at the Turning Point USA's Faith Forward Pastors event last week about why this bill calls for pastors to speak up.

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According to the Christian Post, Hibbs said, "This state is the greatest state in this nation, and that's why I think it is the absolute target of the enemy...some of the greatest movements in the church have happened in California."



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They also noted that Hibbs acknowledged the spiritual battle that is happening within the church in California. "...when I look across the landscape of the American pulpit, the California pulpit, if we don't get this next argument right in showing up during the battle, then I don't know how it's going to go for California."

Hibbs is not the only pastor who is fighting for state of California. Pastor Ché Ahn of Harvest Rock Church located in Pasadena recently [announced his candidacy for the California Governor's race.](#) One of the key issues Ahn is desiring to tackle is the safety of the family unit.

On X, Ahn wrote: "[Every child deserves an education](#) that prepares them for the future. Higher standards. Stronger parental involvement. Freedom to live out their values. I'm ready to restore excellence to California's schools.

Ahn also noted that proper border security is essential for safe and productive families.

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“Every parent deserves to raise their children without fear. Every community deserves to be secure. This isn’t a partisan issue – it’s a human one,” [he writes.](#)

Along with Hibbs and Ahn, Let Us Worship leader [Sean Feucht](#) also has concerns about the direction that California is heading regarding the family unit.

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“I love to mobilize worship and prayer across California, but there are times as a parent we need to hold the line,” [Feucht says in a social media video.](#)

During this time, pray for the state of California and for its leaders to choose the path of righteousness, instead of the path of darkness.

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# 7 Billion People May Be Touched by September’s Rare

# Blood Moon Eclipse

Could the entire world witness a powerful eclipse all at once?

According to IFL Science, this [incredible eclipse](#) is set to happen on September 7 and 8, and will be noticed from Oceania to Brazil. The eclipse length, from partiality to total coverage to partial covering again, will take a total of 3 hours, 29 minutes and 24 seconds.

Most of the continent of Asia, western Australia and part of Eastern Africa will have the chance to see the blood moon eclipse in totality. IFL Science calculates that 60 percent of the world's population will see the full eclipse, and 87 percent will have the chance to see it in part.

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From a biblical and end-times perspective, celestial events like the upcoming blood moon eclipse serve as powerful reminders of God's sovereignty and the prophetic signs written in Scripture. Joel 2:31 warns, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes." This prophecy connects unusual astronomical phenomena, [such as eclipses](#) and blood moons, directly to God's revelation of judgment, calling His people to awareness, repentance and preparation.

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Matthew 24:29-30 also emphasizes the [cosmic disturbances](#) that

will precede Christ's return: "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven." The widespread visibility of this eclipse could serve as a partial foretaste of these end-time celestial signals, reminding believers that the heavens themselves declare the glory and warning of God.

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For believers, this event is more than a scientific spectacle—it is a call to spiritual vigilance. Just as ancient prophets and apostles urged God's people to watch the skies and discern His signs, today's global observance of a blood moon can inspire prayer, repentance and proclamation of the Gospel.

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## **Sid Roth and Mario Murillo Expose Spiritual Battle Surrounding Obamas and Clintons**

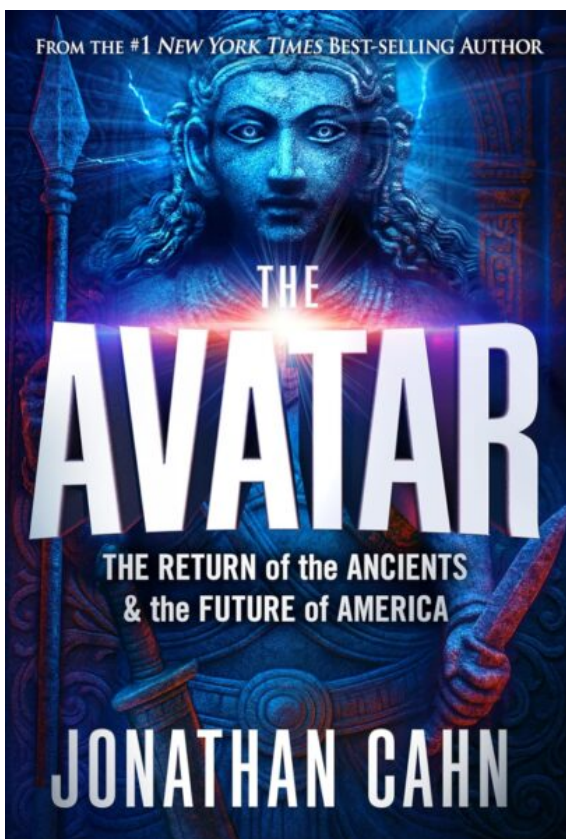
In a dramatic unfolding of events, prophetic voices Mario Murillo and Sid Roth are warning that America is entering a season of divine reckoning—one that could bring the downfall of some of the most powerful political figures in modern

history, including [Barack Obama and the Clintons](#).

The message asserts that what is being exposed is not simply political corruption, but spiritual rot at the heart of America's leadership. According to Murillo, the nation is at a tipping point where God is pulling back the veil to reveal decades of deception, power plays and ungodly alliances.

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When asked to comment on [Tucker Carlson](#)'s recent statement that "Israel is a joke" and cannot survive without U.S. support, Murillo rejected the notion outright. " Hamas has made its point very clearly. They don't want Israel to exist," he said, stressing that a two-state solution is impossible. "Any nation that is trying to recognize two states is going to find out it is absolute folly." Murillo tied the current hostility toward Israel to biblical prophecy, calling it part of a demonic deception predicted for the last days.



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Quoting Isaiah 60:1-2, Murillo said the present darkness in world politics is a setup for God's glory to be revealed. He believes judgment has already begun – not just on nations but on political leaders, specifically naming Bill and Hillary Clinton and former President Barack Obama. According to Murillo, recent indictments and whistleblower revelations mark the beginning of their public downfall. "I cannot imagine that there won't be an indictment of [Obama]," Murillo asserted, adding that even without a conviction, the disgrace will be lasting.

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He also pointed to Rep. Adam Schiff, accusing him of leaking classified information to damage Donald Trump. "This shouldn't happen to [any American leader](#)," Murillo said. "What he did was treasonous as well."

While exposing corruption, Murillo emphasized that God's motive is redemption. "God loves all of these people so much that He wants their sin exposed now rather than when they die and it's too late," Roth added, citing biblical examples where public exposure led to repentance. Murillo agreed, urging believers to examine their own hearts in this season of shaking.

But judgment is not the only thing Murillo sees ahead. He prophesies a coming move of God unlike anything in church history. "Christianity will literally glow in the dark in the glory of God," he said. This "final harvest of souls" will be marked by miracles of resurrection, creative healings, and a tangible weight of God's presence that stops entire gatherings in awe.

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Murillo believes this outpouring will restore holiness to the church and serve as an incontrovertible witness of God's reality to the world. "Millions, tens of millions will be affected by it," he said. "It will be the best time for those with experiential knowledge of God and the worst time for the world."

He ended the program by leading viewers in a prayer to receive Christ, declaring, "The greatest evangelist is the Holy Spirit. Break down barriers... Fill them with hope... Cleanse their heart of iniquity by the blood of Jesus Christ and the power of the resurrection."

For Murillo, the message is clear: The shaking has begun, the glory is coming, and every believer must be ready.

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# **Star of David Controversy: Jonathan Cahn Responds to Candace Owens' Claims**

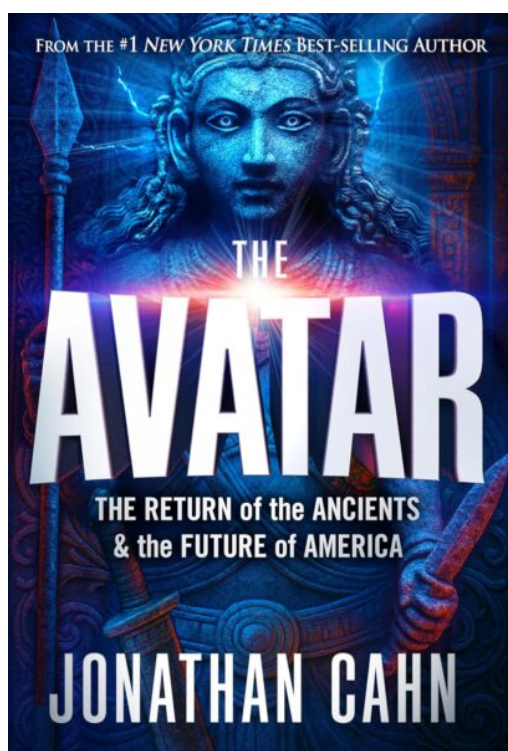
In recent videos, conservative commentator Candace Owens has propagated misleading claims about the Star of David, accusing Israel of harboring cultic or occultic symbolism. However, these accusations are not only unfounded but also reflect a [misunderstanding of history and symbolism](#).

One of the reasons Owens labeled Israel as a "cult nation" is because the Star of David has six points, like a hexagram. Owens claimed:

*They're even lying about the history of the Star of David. It's a hexagram. It's a cult. You can't just wipe that away. It's not even a long time ago. There's tons of books. It's showing you that that's a hexagram. What are you pretending? It's a cultic.*

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Yet, this claim fails under basic scrutiny. Jonathan Cahn recently [addressed Owens' statements](#), highlighting the error clearly. Cahn points out that the term "hexagram" – comes from the Greek word hexa, meaning six, simply describing a six-pointed star shape. "The word hexagram has nothing to do with the word hex as in a cult," says Cahn. That comes from the German word in the 19th century. Hexagram comes from the Greek hexa, which simply means six. It's a six-pointed star."



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This basic geometric shape has existed for thousands of years and appears across numerous cultures and religions. Far from

being unique to Judaism or Israel, the six-pointed star has been found in Babylonian, Indian and Egyptian artifacts. Within Jewish tradition, the Star of David is associated with King David and Solomon, symbolizing heritage and faith rather than any cultic activity.

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This point dismantles the idea that ancient symbols automatically indicate occult or cultic practices. The cross, central to Christianity, also has origins in pagan cultures—yet no one equates Christianity with occultism for that reason.

Cahn further points out the inconsistency in [targeting the Star of David](#) while ignoring other common symbols: “...you could accuse all the nations by this logic that have a five-pointed star on their flag which is the outline of the pentagram and the pentagram is used in Satan worship.”

Countries like the United States, China, Cuba and Venezuela prominently feature five-pointed stars in their flags, which some associate with the pentagram – a symbol historically linked to occult and satanic practices. Yet no one seriously claims these nations are cultic based on their flag’s star design.

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In conclusion, Cahn emphasizes that Owens’ accusations are baseless. “What does Owens’ charge mean? Absolutely nothing. Just as most of what she says regarding any of these things.”

The misinformation around the Star of David reveals more about the spread of anti-Semitic and anti-Israel conspiracy theories than any historical or symbolic truth. Symbols, especially

ancient geometric shapes, carry varied meanings across cultures and cannot be weaponized to unfairly target nations, people groups or religions.

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## **Tonight's Perseid Meteor Shower Peak: A Sign from Heaven?**

The Perseid meteor shower will hit its incredible peak this evening, Tuesday, Aug. 12, through the morning time of Wednesday, Aug. 13. Here is what you need to know about seeing these spectacular signs from heaven.

According to Space.com, there will be a free livestream by the Virtual Telescope Project starting at 5:00 p.m. eastern time. The site also noted that the Perseids are most notable for “producing consistent [meteors and occasional fireballs](#) – ‘shooting stars’ that blaze more brightly than Venus in the sky.” This happens due to the earth making its way through Comet Swift-Tuttle’s debris.

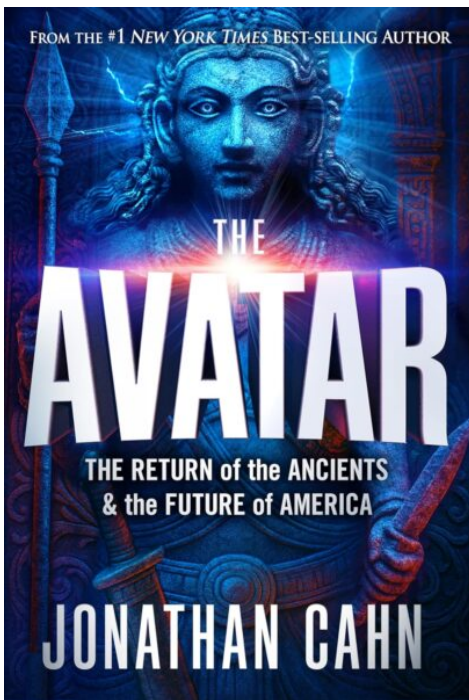
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What’s fascinating about the occurrence of this meteor shower is that it is happening in between the last [full moon that took place](#) on Aug. 9 and the new moon that is set to occur on Aug. 23.

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This awe-inspiring display of the Perseid meteor shower serves as a vivid reminder of God's incredible handiwork in creation. These moments invite us to pause and reflect on the majesty of the heavens, which Scripture declares as "the work of His fingers" (Ps. 8:3), proclaiming the glory of the Creator.



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As we gaze upward and see these signs from heaven, we are called to worship and acknowledge our Heavenly Father whose fingerprints are visible in every star and every shooting light.

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In a world often filled with chaos, these celestial wonders reaffirm that God remains intimately involved in His creation, orchestrating beauty and order that points us back to Him.

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# Dallas Jenkins: Top 10 Best Scenes From 'The Chosen'

In a candid walk down memory lane, "The Chosen" [creator and director Dallas Jenkins](#) has revealed his top 10 favorite moments from the series so far – not necessarily the most popular scenes with viewers, but the ones that hold the deepest personal and creative significance for him.

"These aren't the best scenes per se," Jenkins explained. "They're the ones that mean the most to me as a filmmaker – moments where the writing, acting, cinematography and story all came together in a way that left a lasting impact."

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## 10. Nathanael Meets Jesus

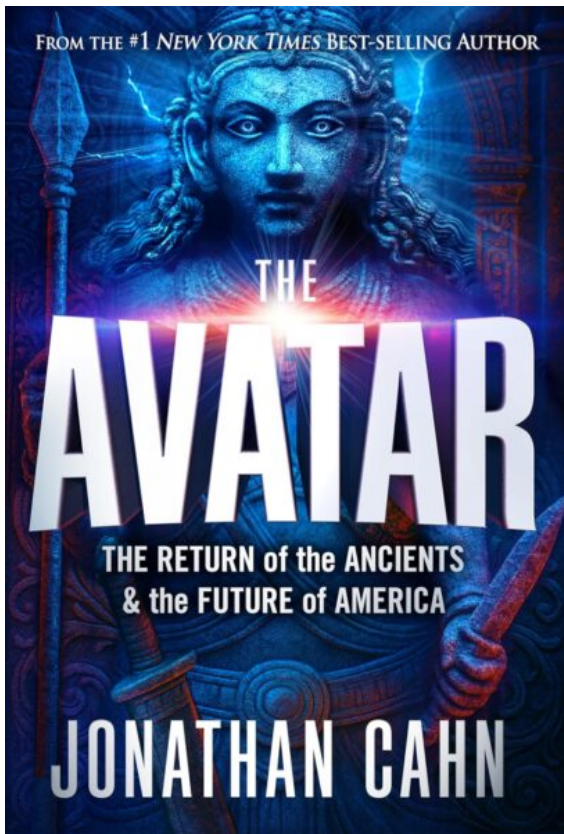
Filmed at night on the Utah set, this moment paralleled Jenkins' own journey through failure and doubt. Jesus telling Nathanael, "I saw you when you were under the fig tree," resonated with Jenkins as a reminder of God's intimate knowledge of each person's struggles.

## 9. The "One-Shot" Healing Scene

This was a 14-minute, unbroken take showing Jesus healing crowds while the disciples wrestled with their calling. Pulled off with only minutes of daylight left, Jenkins recalls "bursting into tears" when they nailed the shot.

## 8. Lazarus and Jesus Talk About Suffering

This quiet exchange between Jesus and Lazarus detailed what it truly means to be the Messiah. Jenkins treasures it as “quintessential ‘Chosen,’” blending intimacy with theological depth.



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## 7. Jesus and Little James

This scene recounted a heartfelt conversation between the characters of Jesus and Little James about why some followers are not healed. Jenkins says the scene “felt downloaded” as he wrote it, and many viewers shared it helped them [reconcile faith with suffering](#).

## 6. “I Am the Law of Moses”

Jenkins noted that this scene was a dramatic synagogue confrontation inspired in part by a John MacArthur sermon. The

slow shift from Jesus' hometown support to rejection captures both the heartbreak and inevitability of His mission as the Savior of the World.

## **5. The Death of Ramah**

This scene was a polarizing but, in Jenkins' view, artistically powerful sequence. From music to cinematography, he calls it "our best work" in terms of technical execution.

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## **4. Nicodemus on the Rooftop & The Calling of Matthew**

Jenkins highlighted two powerful moments as his number four top favorite scene. The first, which is the intimate John chapter three conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, followed by Matthew's life-changing invitation to follow the Messiah. For Jenkins, these scenes represents "the culmination of season one."

## **3. The Miracle of the Fish**

The next scene that Jenkins discussed was pulled together against impossible odds, which helped him to realize that "The Chosen" was bigger than him. Jonathan Roumie's idea for Jesus to meet Simon "eye to eye" added unexpected emotional weight to [this cinematic moment](#).

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## **2. Walking on Water**

Jenkins talked about how this sequence blends epic visuals

with deep, personal stakes as Peter wrestles with grief and trust. The parallel moment of Eden praying, “Don’t let him go,” brought Jenkins to tears.

## **1. “You Are Mine” – Mary Magdalene’s Redemption**

The first appearance of Jesus in the series remains the most important scene for Jenkins. If it didn’t work, Jenkins believes the show might never have found its audience. “That scene is the reason why many people watch ‘The Chosen,’” he said, noting its lasting impact worldwide.

Jenkins also offered honorable mentions, including the healing of Veronica, the lowering of the paralytic through the roof, the Beatitudes, the feeding of the 5,000 and Eden’s miscarriage reveal. While each holds a special place for him, the ten scenes above represent the heart of “The Chosen’s” storytelling so far.

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## **Fascinating Discovery from Abraham’s Era Offers Unique Glimpse into Biblical Past**

An intriguing discovery from Abraham’s era just may be provide clues into what it was like to live in the days of old.

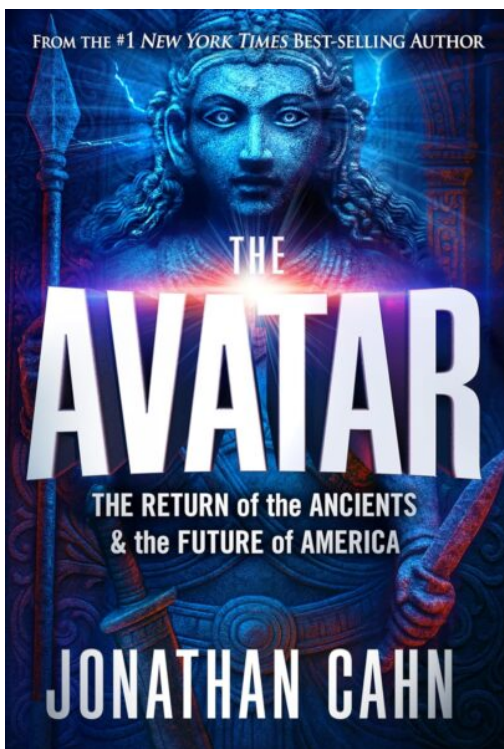
According to Fox News, a Canaanite blade factory [was unearthed in Israel](#), dating back to 5,500 years ago. The workspace as found in Kiryat Gat, which is located about 40 miles from Tel

Aviv. No other space like this has been uncovered in Israel.

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As Fox pointed out, this news was shared with the world by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA).

“The [most impressive findings](#) discovered at the site are large flint cores, from which extremely sharp, uniformly shaped blades were produced,” the IAA wrote. “The blades themselves were used as knives for cutting and butchering, and as harvesting tools, like sickle blades.”



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The factory was discovered within an archaeological site that has hundreds of underground areas that are believed to have been used for storage and craft production.

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The IAA further noted that this discovery is “...clear evidence that already at the onset of the Bronze Age, the local society here was organized and complex...”

It is also believed that these [newly discovered tools](#) correlate with the Canaanite time period and culture of when the father of the Christian and Jewish faiths, Abraham, lived.

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This remarkable discovery serves as a vivid reminder that the events and cultures described in Scripture are not distant myths, but part of a real and tangible history. For believers today, such finds encourage our faith, affirming that the biblical record is rooted in actual places, people and times.

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## **Nephilim, Enoch and the Seed War: Why These Giants Matter Now**

The biblical story of the Nephilim—giant hybrid beings born from the union of supernatural “sons of God” and human women—is often misunderstood or dismissed. Yet, as Mondo Gonzales from Prophecy Watchers explains, the text is “so crystal clear” about these creatures existing as “nonhuman beings.”

This phrase “sons of God” appears in Genesis 6, Job and other passages, and consistently refers to these supernatural

beings. These sons of God saw the daughters of men, found them beautiful, and “came down and mated with human women, producing these hybrid offspring, [which are called Nephilim](#),” Gonzales explains.

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The concept of a “seed war” introduced in Genesis 3:15 adds another layer to this narrative. Here, God declares, “there’s going to be enmity between you and the woman and between Satan’s seed and the woman’s seed.” The seed of the woman refers to the coming Messiah, Jesus, but there is also a literal offspring of the serpent, representing evil spiritual offspring. Gonzales points out, “the seed of the woman, which is Jesus... but you’d also have offspring of the serpent in a physical way.”

After the flood, giants and hybrids reappear, as Moses recounts in Deuteronomy and Joshua. “The land of Canaan is filled” with these giants—Raphaim, Anakim and others. God commands Israel to destroy these giant clans to claim their promised inheritance. The story culminates in the familiar encounter of David and Goliath, showing that these beings [persisted throughout biblical history](#).

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Importantly, Jesus’ statement in Matthew 24 that His return will be “like the days of Noah” was marked by “supernatural intervention into humanity genetically and other things. It was complete chaos,” Gonzales notes.

The ancient understanding of this supernatural corruption is reflected in New Testament references in Jude and 2 Peter, which quote from or allude to the Book of Enoch, a widely known text at the time describing angelic rebellion and judgment.

What about today? The biblical narrative offers a framework to interpret modern phenomena such as cryptids, UFOs and transhumanism. These “strange creatures” and technological efforts to alter humanity can be seen as echoes of that ancient “seed war” and [spiritual corruption](#).

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Gonzales notes, “when Jesus said like the days of Noah, don’t read this like a 21st-century American Christian... think of it as a time when supernatural beings were mingling with humans.” The lessons are clear: spiritual deception and [genetic corruption](#) preceded judgment then—and may be happening now in different forms.

As believers, this calls for discernment and awareness of the cosmic battle playing out in history. The “days of Noah” remind us that spiritual chaos is not just ancient history but a present reality, demanding a firm stand in faith as we await Christ’s return.

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## **4 Practical Steps to Stand**

# Firm in Life's Storms

Storms come to everyone. Whether emotional, spiritual or physical, trials reveal the foundation upon which we are building our lives. Matt Cruz, a full-time minister with over a decade of experience, shares how God used storms in his life to expose shaky foundations and lead him into deeper healing and maturity.

Cruz began preaching at 19 and went full-time around 21. Early on, doors opened, his social media presence grew and he experienced great influence. Yet, despite the outward success, his foundation was unstable. In an interview with Charisma Media, he explains how [Jesus compares those who build on rock](#) versus sand. When storms hit, only the house on the rock stands.

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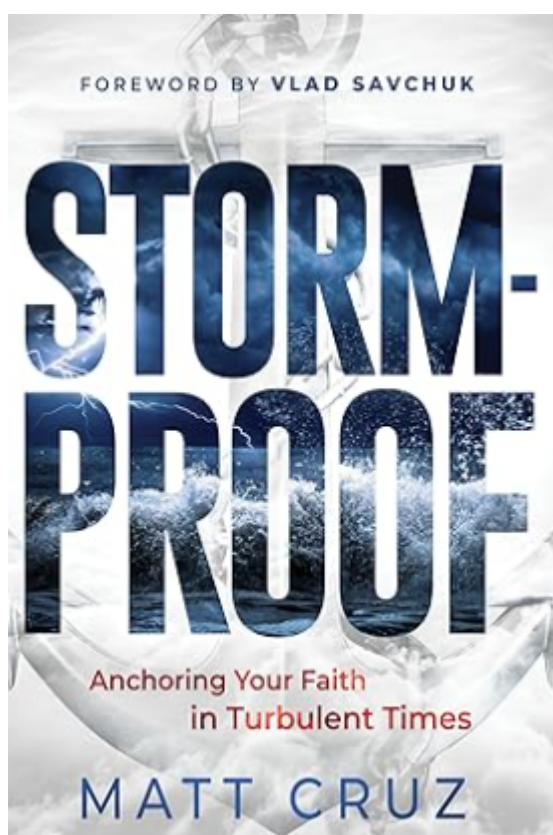
“My foundation was shaky,” Matt admits. “I was leading while leaking—broken inside and bound by rejection.” It was a painful season, but it drove him closer to Jesus and healing. Without that pain, he says, he would never have found his true strength.

Because of the hardships he endured, Cruz is now able to give practical advice for weathering storms, such as:

- Recognize God's relentless pursuit of you.
- Building your altar in private through daily prayer and repentance.
- Respond to conviction, not condemnation.
- Stay alert and sober-minded, avoiding isolation and distraction (1 Peter 5:8).

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Storms often lead to seasons of waiting, which many find hard. “I used to get mad at God for delays, but now I thank Him for protecting me,” Cruz says. Waiting seasons are God’s way of maturing us and aligning our desires with His will. “He doesn’t give us what we want; He gives us what we need to want.” Over time, our desires shift toward something greater: His presence.



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Cruz also warns of the danger of “cheap substitutes” – lesser loves and temporary solutions that fill the void when we drift from God. He uses King David’s fall with Bathsheba as an example: even a mighty worshiper became vulnerable when he distanced himself from God’s presence.

To avoid this, he emphasizes [cultivating a vibrant relationship with God.](#) “Keep the fire on the altar burning,

never letting it go out," he urges, quoting Leviticus 6:12. This requires daily intentionality, repentance and fellowship.

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At one point, Cruz realized he was working hard for God without truly sitting with God. He lacked the "burning bush" encounter Moses had before his assignment. "God was calling me back to the burning bush—to recharge spiritually," he explains. The church can be a charging station, but real power comes from private time with God.

In life's storms, God reveals what our foundation truly is. Spiritual maturity isn't about external success but about who we are to God. Waiting seasons transform us and align us with His perfect will. Keeping the fire of God burning in our hearts through intimate fellowship, repentance and vigilance enables us to stand firm—built on the rock that is Christ.

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## **The Truth About Demons in the Modern Church: Why Deliverance Ministry Is Rare**

If you've ever wondered why modern churches rarely show the kind of dramatic encounters with demons that Jesus and the apostles faced in the Bible, you're not alone. Everywhere Jesus went, Scripture records demons shrieking through people and being cast out. Yet today, especially in many churches across the United States, it often feels like [the demonic is](#)

barely discussed, much less confronted. So, is the Bible wrong? Are demons just not active anymore?

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Mike Signorelli, featured on Kap Chatfield's Directed Life podcast, offers one of the best explanations for this puzzling reality. "It's like this weird fear of they're going to think that I'm 'that guy,'" he says, referring to pastors and church leaders avoiding the topic of demons. But he challenges this silence head-on: "If you're a Christian, you're already in on psychopathic level crazy. You believe that a teenage girl was impregnated by a spirit and conceived a human named Jesus."



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Signorelli points out that the ministry of deliverance was not just a part of Jesus' work but continued through the apostles. "It was predominantly this stuff," he says, emphasizing how much of the gospel narrative revolves around healing and

spiritual warfare. For instance, he cites Acts 19: “They’re praying over handkerchiefs because they don’t have phones... When they touched the handkerchiefs, they were healed of [diseases and unclean spirits](#) came out of them.”

He warns against reducing these accounts to mystical superstition or novelty. “I truly believe the heart behind it wasn’t ‘let me get some kind of mystical object that holds power.’ I really believe the point was we believe so much that people need to be [free from the influence of demons](#) and that they can be healed that we will do whatever we can to get a point of contact to them.”

One reason for the lack of visible deliverance in many churches today is that they have “cut out 95%” of the Bible’s supernatural content. “They became almost like self-help gurus minus the supernatural,” Signorelli explains. But he encourages believers to return to the full biblical narrative: “What if we just actually teach the scriptures no matter how awkward it gets? It produced a lot of fruit.”

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Signorelli also shares powerful testimony of healing through modern ministry, including online platforms. He recalls praying for a woman with multiple sclerosis (MS) during a YouTube livestream. “Immediately, she feels mental clarity, pain subside from her body. She felt like she was healed.”

Importantly, Signorelli balances faith and medicine: “I encourage you to go to your doctor to get the verification of what I believe could happen right now.” He stresses that healing and deliverance were “normal occurrences” in the early church, [grounded in faith and God’s power](#), not on the minister.

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Ultimately, Mike Signorelli's insight invites the church today to embrace a fuller understanding of spiritual ministry – one that includes healing, deliverance and confronting the demonic, just as Jesus and the apostles did. The supernatural is not a relic of the past but a living reality, waiting for believers with faith and boldness to step into it.

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