

Why Damascus Matters in Bible Prophecy: The Spiritual Battle for the Middle East

The unthinkable is unfolding in Syria. On July 14, violence erupted in the Suwayda region—home to the Druze minority—leading to a wave of mass killings that has claimed over 500 lives. More than 200 confirmed Druze were slaughtered in what James Kaddis called “undoubtedly” a genocide.

“We’ve been talking about it all week,” Kaddis said. “Starting on July 14... over 500 people have been killed, tortured. They’ve suffered immense loss. We know for a fact that over 200 of them are confirmed to be Druze. And we know based on every single definition out there, this has been an attempt... at a genocide.”

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The perpetrators include Syrian government-aligned forces such as the Fifth Corps and tribal militias, who entered Druze villages and carried out execution-style killings. “The Sweida National Hospital was completely overwhelmed,” Kaddis noted. “We know this to be the truth. We know that there’s been tons of sectarian violence against the Druze. And it has been horrendous.”



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The Druze, a monotheistic ethno-religious minority, have long defended their territory. “They’ve been there for a very, very long time... defending since 1925,” he added.

Israel's response came swiftly, with the IDF launching airstrikes on militias and Syrian regime targets near Damascus and southern Syria. Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called for the assassination of HTS leader Ahmed al-Shara (Abu Muhammad al-Julani), saying, "Eliminate El-Golani... get rid of him. He's a jihadist. Why are we letting him live?"

Kaddis explained that Israel's intervention was based on multiple urgent factors. First and foremost, under the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) doctrine: "Israel had what was called an immediate R2P obligation... When a state is unable or unwilling to stop the atrocities, the international community has the responsibility to intervene."

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Second, there was a legal and moral precedent. "Netanyahu created a public red line. He said, 'No forces south of Damascus. No harm to the Druze,'" Kaddis said.

Third, Kaddis explained how the region is of immense strategic importance. "Jabal al-Druze overlooks Israel's Golan Heights... If it is not guarded, then it will allow hostile armor to go along that side and attack them."

Finally, Israel sought to deter Iranian expansion. "Syria has always been... a cesspool of proxies of Iran who seek to destroy Israel by expanding in that region," Kaddis said.

The situation is further complicated by shifting alliances, including Turkey's movements and America's diplomatic hesitations. "The United States of America knew the hornet's nest that it was walking into," Kaddis said. "It is ugly."

Yet even in the chaos, this is the moment that prophecy is being fulfilled. "We have watched Israel become a praise among the nations," Kaddis declared. "Isaiah 62 says that in the

last days, Israel will become a praise among the nations. And it's happening."

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He concluded with a sobering spiritual reflection: "All of these things relate to the land of our Lord... this whole area becomes ground zero for what the Bible says will be the last days."

As tensions escalate near Damascus and prophetic markers continue to align, the urgency for spiritual clarity and readiness has never been greater. These are not just political headlines—they are signals pointing to a greater unfolding narrative foretold in Scripture. In the midst of conflict and shaking, God is calling His people to discern the times, stand in faith and lift their eyes to what He is doing both in Israel and across the earth.

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PRAY: 40 Christians Slaughtered at Church

Pray for the Christians facing turmoil after 40 people were killed at church.

In a post on X, Pastor Travis Johnson shared the grave news about the loss of these brave and bold followers of Christ.

"Breaking: 40 Christians killed at church in DR Congo," Johnson wrote. "40 Christians were SLAUGHTERED by ISIS linked-ADF terrorists as they worshipped at church today in Komanda,

DRC.”

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As Johnson shared, the Christians were killed by firearms and machetes after ISIS stormed the inside of the church.

At least 40 dead in the attack carried out with firearms and machetes.

The attack in Komanda, eastern DRC, involved ISIS-affiliated ADF rebels storming the church during a prayer vigil killing with guns and machetes, while burning homes.

This is a silent genocide that has taken millions of Congolese lives.

Now, in the wake of tragedy, Johnson is calling the church to rise up in prayer together for the people of Congo.

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– Pastor Travis Johnson (@BasedPastorTrav) July 27, 2025

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He also noted that “We are at the threshold of peace and prosperity for Congo.”

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As the blood of the innocent cries out from the ground in Congo, the global Church must not remain silent. This is more than an attack—it is a spiritual war against God’s people and a genocide too long ignored. Now is the time to rise, to pray, to speak and to act.

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Amanda Grace and Kap Chatfield: AI, the Occult and the Prophetic in America

In a compelling and wide-ranging discussion with Kap Chatfield on the Directed Life podcast, prophetic voice Amanda Grace opened up about the spiritual dynamics shaping current events—from the rise of artificial intelligence and UFO phenomena to the legacy of political leaders like Barack

Obama.

Drawing from Scripture, history and prophetic insight, Grace emphasized how misunderstood the prophetic can be, particularly when it's confused with the occult.

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"A lot of people mistake the prophetic for the occult," Chatfield said.

"Psychics, mediums and individuals involved in that world are actually prophets gone rogue," Grace explained. She drew a clear line between true prophecy—anchored in God's voice—and divination, which taps into familiar spirits: demonic entities that mimic knowledge through generational familiarity. "The words may be right," she warned, quoting Kim Clement, "but the breath is wrong."

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Using pop culture as a metaphor, Grace likened the supernatural realm to the "Star Wars" concept of "the Force"—good and evil tapping into the same power but from different sources. True prophets seek the instruction of the Lord, while the occult accesses information for manipulation, often through demonic deception.

This deception, she said, infiltrates modern systems. Grace pointed to examples of "disaster capitalism," referencing how riots in 2020 saw suspicious stacks of bricks conveniently placed at protest sites. She likened it to the biblical story of Naboth's vineyard, where Jezebel orchestrated false accusations to devalue and steal land. "The enemy breaks people down," she said. "Then offers power in exchange for servitude."



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The conversation pivoted into technological warfare and spiritual influence, where Grace made bold claims about the origin of AI. She noted that biblically, Joshua battled a city named Ai, and historically, the Assyrian gods Asher and Ishtar form the acronym AI. "These are ancient spirits repackaged," she warned, asserting that demonic entities are behind much of modern technology—including weaponry and governmental systems.

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Grace referenced declassified government programs like Project Stargate, in which the U.S. government employed psychics and remote viewers to gather intelligence—at times allegedly summoning demonic entities for information. "Certain gates were opened in America," she said, connecting the timeline of those programs to major moral shifts, such as the legalization of abortion.

When asked about President Obama, Grace called him a "Saul"—the king the people asked for, echoing 1 Samuel. "The people were crying out for a king, and God gave them what they asked for," she said. She believes Obama's presidency marked a turning point in American morality and was prophesied even in symbols like the 2015 Kentucky Derby, where a horse named "American Pharoah" won the Triple Crown.

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From political transitions to spiritual warfare, Amanda Grace and Kap Chatfield paint a sobering picture of a nation at the crossroads of divine justice and demonic deception. This message is to urge believers to discern the true source behind signs, wonders and systems—and to anchor themselves in the

voice of God.

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Hulk Hogan's Lasting Legacy: A Life Changed by Christ

Right before what would be his final chapter of life, wrestling legend Hulk Hogan—born Terry Gene Bollea—made his most powerful move of all: he rededicated his life to Jesus Christ.

While fans around the world remember Hogan for his decades of iconic moments in the ring, it was his more recent public baptism that marked what he called “the greatest moment of my life.”

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Though Hogan accepted Christ as his Savior at age 14, he admits he strayed from the faith over the years. But before his death, he made a bold and public return, breaking down spiritual walls and choosing to live fully surrendered to Christ. “Once I was baptized, I knew it was a major pivot in my life,” he said. “It set me free.”

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In a deeply personal interview with CBN, Hogan reflected on separating his larger-than-life persona from his walk with God. At home, he lived simply as Terry—a dad, husband and

believer. But stepping out into the world, the world still wanted “Hulk.” Through it all, he remained firm in his faith, saying, “If I’m with my Lord and Savior, I’m all the way in.”



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Ozzy Osbourne and Hulk Hogan: Two Icons, Two Eternities?

Two of pop culture’s most recognizable figures—Ozzy Osbourne and Hulk Hogan—made global headlines not just for their careers but for how they approached matters of faith in their final years.

After the two passed away just days apart, their stances on God have come to the forefront of their deaths. One left behind questions. The other, a clear confession. Together, their stories present a striking contrast in legacy, redemption and eternity.

Osbourne, long known as the “Prince of Darkness,” built his brand on shock and rebellion. His performances included infamous moments like biting the head off a bat and lyrics referencing occult themes and real-life Satanist Aleister Crowley. Yet, behind the theatrical chaos stood a man who, by

his own admission, feared eternal judgment.

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“I do believe in God,” Osbourne once said. “I think I try to do the right thing by my standards.” In another interview, he added, “If there is a hell, I’m probably going there.” The iconic rocker frequently wore crosses—not as a fashion statement, but for what he described as protection. Though often accused of glorifying darkness, Osbourne repeatedly rejected claims of devil worship.

Despite his controversial image, Osbourne expressed personal ties to Christianity, referencing his christening, time in Sunday school and identity as a member of the Church of England. His support for Israel also stood out. In 2023, he was awarded the Friend of Zion Medal, saying, “Israel has always had a special place in my heart.”

Still, his public statements revealed spiritual tension. Osbourne hoped he had “done enough” to make it to heaven, a sentiment that speaks to a works-based understanding of salvation—one at odds with the message of grace found in the gospel.

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In contrast, wrestling legend Hulk Hogan took a bold and public step in his faith journey. After a career marked by fame and later scandal, Hogan experienced a personal transformation. In 2023, he was baptized and made a clear profession of faith: “I’ve surrendered everything to Christ. He is my Lord and Savior.”

Following that moment, Hogan became increasingly vocal about

his relationship with Jesus. He frequently quoted Scripture, including Romans 8:28, and used his platform to encourage others in their spiritual walk.



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Both men shared experiences of brokenness, regret and redemption. However, as observers reflect on their legacies, the distinction becomes evident. One expressed fear and uncertainty. The other declared faith and peace.

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The stories of Ozzy Osbourne and Hulk Hogan serve as a sobering reminder: fame cannot save, and legacy alone does not determine eternity. What matters most is where a person places their trust. For these two icons, their final words about faith may say more than their careers ever could.

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Joseph and Heather Z Release Urgent Prophetic Word for America and the Church

In a bold prophetic message rooted in Matthew 24, Joseph and Heather Z issued a strong warning to the body of Christ: deception is increasing—and it's not always what people expect.

“Just because someone says Jesus is Lord,” Joseph warned, “doesn’t mean they’re leading people toward Him. Deception doesn’t always mean you fall away. Sometimes you just wander off.”

Referencing Matthew 24:11, Joseph pointed to Jesus’ words that “many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.” He said believers must be alert, especially within prophetic circles, where constant predictions can take precedence over the finished work of Christ. “People are addicted to prediction,” Joseph cautioned. “They want their ears tickled. They want more and more prophecy, but they’re not anchored in the Word.”

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The couple also prayed and prophesied over those who have been facing immense struggle physical, emotionally and mentally.

“God is realigning relationships and releasing clarity,” Joseph added. “Many of you have faced torment in the night. But we speak peace. We speak healing. We say in Jesus’ name, you are free.”



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The two then began to release specific prophetic insights: a four-year window of “redemptive instability” that will culminate around 2028, including economic volatility and major exposure in political and church leadership. One of the keys during this time that they highlight is for Christians to pray for the president. “Don’t curse the president. Pray for him. Call him out of darkness into light,” Joseph said.

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A strong call went out for bold believers to rise up. “Young lions are coming,” Joseph declared. “They won’t bow. They won’t bend. They have fire in their eyes and the truth in their mouths.”

Heather also gave a powerful charge: “I believe for you as you are obedient and you’re you have the courage to move forward the courage to say, ‘yes Lord whatever you have for us,’ or ‘whatever you have for me,’ as you let go of those things that maybe that season’s come to a close the Lord is looking to flourish you.”

This prophetic message from Joseph and Heather Z calls the Church to awaken with renewed clarity and purity in a time of great spiritual challenge. As nations face turmoil and the spirit of deception seeks to sow confusion, the call is clear: believers must separate themselves from fear, confusion and unhealthy ties, standing firm in faith and spiritual authority.

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The coming days demand a bold, united response grounded in prayer, righteousness and a deep reliance on God’s guidance. This moment marks a pivotal turning point where the Church can rise as a powerful, purifying force to impact the world and bring forth a lasting awakening.

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Dallas Jenkins Injured on Set as 'The Chosen' Season 6 Prepares for Crucifixion Finale

Filming for "The Chosen" season six has officially passed the halfway mark. As production ramps up toward the dramatic crucifixion finale, viewers are getting a look behind the scenes at returning cast members, crucial biblical locations, surprise cameos—and even an unexpected on-set injury.

In a video by The Chosen Sleuth's Brandon Snipe, behind-scenes videos were shared, including an update on Dallas Jenkins after he injured his head.

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As Snipe shared, director Dallas Jenkins revealed he sustained a head injury on set. Posting about the aftermath on social media, Jenkins described the incident: "I was sending off a voice note and as I was clicking send, I just walked directly into a big machine and just drilled myself—went flat on my back."



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Although the injury resulted in a deep gash, Jenkins reassured fans that there were no serious complications. "Didn't see stars, didn't black out, no concussive symptoms, so I was fine," he said. After noticing blood on the floor, he called for medical attention. "The doctor showed up and gave me stitches in between one of our shots, and I'm fine. I will be

fine. I promise.” He added with humor, “Just didn’t want to lose too much hair for my daughter’s wedding coming up.”

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Snipe also shared posts and additional footage about the show’s filming for season six. Several disciples—including Thomas, Andrew, Simon the Zealot and Matthew—have been featured in recent shoot days. One emotionally charged scene shows the disciples in heated discussion about how to respond to the danger looming over Jesus and those close to Him. While some urge caution and prayer, others push for immediate action, particularly out of concern for the women who are courageously following Jesus even as the threat of persecution increases.

As Snipe shared, Nicodemus is also set to return. Actor Eric Avari was seen on the Texas set for the first time this season, joining scenes filmed in what appears to be his character’s study—an ornate room last seen in season five. A cart filled with incense, spices and precious burial items was also spotted, suggesting preparations are underway for Jesus’ burial. This strongly implies the involvement of Nicodemus and Yousef in these sacred final moments.

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As season six presses forward and eyes turn toward season seven and the resurrection story, the creators continue to call on fans to help bring the vision to life. With cast members back, powerful scenes unfolding and production still going strong despite challenges, “The Chosen” is setting the stage for its most profound season yet.

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Hulk Hogan's Final Days: Ray Comfort Reveals Wrestler's Journey Back to Christ

Professional wrestling legend Hulk Hogan, known worldwide for his larger-than-life persona and charismatic presence in and out of the ring, has died at age 71.

While fans remember his decades-long wrestling career and cultural impact, many like Evangelist Ray Comfort, are now reflecting on a more recent—and far more eternal—chapter of his life: his decision to publicly rededicate his life to Jesus Christ.

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Evangelist Ray Comfort, founder of Living Waters Ministry, said Hogan's story echoes a larger message for those paying attention.



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"Every passing celebrity reminds us of the same truth," Comfort said. "It is appointed unto man once to die, and after this, the judgment."

Hogan, born Terry Gene Bollea, rose to fame in the 1980s as the face of the World Wrestling Federation. But after years of personal struggles, moral failures and public controversy, the wrestling superstar appeared to experience a spiritual transformation.

"I just totally surrendered, man," Hogan said in a past interview. "I started going back to church every weekend and got baptized... And now I just tell my big God about my little problems."

Comfort said Hogan's faith decision is part of a broader wake-up call to Christians and non-believers alike.

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"People are dying. Eternity hangs in the balance," Comfort said. "We're all on death row, metaphorically speaking. This life may have air conditioning and a nice roof, but it's still a holding cell. Death is proof that God is deadly serious about sin."

Hulk Hogan's passing is more than the end of a public figure's story—it is a reminder of life's most urgent truth. In a world gripped by fame, distraction, and fleeting success, his final chapter points beyond the spotlight to the only legacy that truly matters: eternity.

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His late-in-life surrender to Christ serves as a powerful call to examine our own hearts. No one escapes the reality of death, and what lies beyond it demands our attention now. Will we experience eternity with Jesus or an eternity separated from God? The decision, truly, is ours.

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Spiritual Portals Opening? 3 Supernatural Gateways Revealed

Is 2025 the year for the supernatural gates of heaven to finally open?

In a prophetic word, Mike Thompson shared how 2025 was the year that three major supernatural portals would be opened.

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“The Lord told me this year there would be three main prophetic portals that are opened,” says Thompson. “April, July and then late October and early November.”

Thompson points out that while God is always speaking to us, this would be a time when there would be an increase in revelation to the body of Christ, especially for those here in America.

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“...it was times that He would be leading the body of areas of revelation, increased revelation and leadership and wisdom and spiritual dynamics,” says Thompson.

He further urges the body of Christ to open our hearts specifically for what God has for each of us as individuals.

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“Receive what the Holy Spirit has for you,” Thompson says.

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As 2025 continues to unfold, the anticipation of these three major supernatural portals opening invites believers to prepare their hearts and minds for a fresh wave of divine revelation and spiritual breakthrough. This year may well be a pivotal moment for encountering God's presence more powerfully—if we remain open and receptive to all He has in store.

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Prophetic Warning to Obama: Kim Clement's 2010 Word Resurfaces

As reports of treasonous plots and political exposure swirl around former President Barack Obama, previous prophecies given by the late Kim Clement have resurged with a renewed urgency.

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In 2010, Clement gave a word in Detroit that seemed to expose the spirit behind President Obama's administration. He spoke of manipulation, betrayal and false alliances: "They shall say, 'We have a friend in the White House.' But the Spirit of God says, 'It is deception. Do not be fooled by the words and smiles, for the enemy has crept in through a Trojan horse.'"



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Clement also gave another urgent warning for the Obama administration: "If you do not have a captivating love for Israel and a desire for My people to be protected, then your candle shall be removed, and your lampstand will no longer stand in the White House."

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Kim Clement further rebuked the idea of placing trust in government as a source of provision or power. In a prophetic word, he declared, "You have said, 'Government, you are our God. Government, you are our provider.' But I say, 'No!' I shall break the bondage of this dependency and raise up voices that shall say, 'God alone is our source!'"

In light of newly unearthed documents implicating Obama was part of a post-election sabotage operation against Donald Trump—Clement's words ring louder than ever. Donné Clement Petruska, Clement's daughter, noted, "My dad never had peace about Obama. He always said something wasn't right. But he called the church to pray, not panic."

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As July unfolds with political drama, spiritual warfare and national upheaval, Clement's warnings are not just echoes of the past—they are directives for today.

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