

# Texas Flood Disaster Turns Eyes to the Empty Cross in Kerrville

On July 4, what began as a celebratory weekend in Kerrville, Texas quickly turned into a devastating tragedy. Overnight, torrential rain gave way to a deadly flash flood along the Guadalupe River, sweeping through beloved Christian camps, including the historic Camp Mystic, and leaving many dead and dozens missing. However, amid the heartbreak, one local Christian leader says God is moving in the midst of the storm.

Max Greiner, a sculptor and founder of The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Gardens in Kerrville, recounted the events firsthand in a recent interview on the Strang Report podcast with Charisma Media founder, Stephen Strang.

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Pastor James Kaddis, known for his deep biblical insight, is pointing out the seriousness of us “undoubtedly living in the last days.” According to Kaddis, the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple on the Temple Mount is not just a speculative theory—it’s a real and imminent event unfolding before our eyes.

In a recent Bible teaching, Kaddis laid out a compelling case for why believers should expect to see a new temple in Jerusalem. “The rebuilding of the temple isn’t something we made up,” he said. “There’s biblical precedent, prophetic consistency and even physical preparations being made in Israel.” Referencing Ezekiel chapters 40 through 48, Kaddis pointed out the detailed vision of a future temple, complete with measurements, ordinances and priestly duties. “This

temple has never existed in history," he explained. "It clearly points to something still to come..."

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Kaddis also references how Matthew 24:15 when Jesus speaks about the 'abomination of desolation' standing in the holy place," Kaddis said. "That should get our attention. There will be a functioning temple in the last days."

He also cited the Apostle Paul, who described the Antichrist as "the man of sin" who will sit in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God (2 Thess. 2:4). "This didn't happen in any of the previous temples," said Kaddis. "This is a future event. Paul clearly refers to a literal temple that will be standing."

Kaddis turned to Revelation 11, where John is told to measure the temple, the altar and the worshipers. Since John received this vision decades after the destruction of Herod's Temple in A.D. 70, it can only refer to a future temple. "Even liberal scholars agree—this is a literal, end-times temple," he said.

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And it's not just Scripture pointing toward this prophetic fulfillment—real-world events are lining up. "There is a supernatural zeal in Israel to rebuild the temple," Kaddis noted. "The Temple Institute already has everything prepared—priestly garments, temple instruments, even the red heifers." In a significant and recent development, Jewish worshippers are now allowed to ascend and move freely around

the Temple Mount—something unimaginable just a few years ago.

Kaddis challenged his audience with a simple question: “If Jesus could return at any moment, why wouldn’t you live fully for Him?” The signs are all around us, he said, and the world is rushing headlong toward the fulfillment of end-time prophecy. “We need to look up,” he said. “Our redemption is drawing near.”

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He concluded with a powerful reminder from Matthew 16, where Jesus rebukes the Pharisees for being able to read the weather but ignoring the signs of the times. “You can tell the weather by looking at the sky, but you act like you can’t read the signs laid out so clearly in the Word of God,” Kaddis said. “Let’s not be like them. Let’s take the signs seriously and be ready.”

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## **Jenny Weaver’s Prophetic Declaration: ‘Josiahs are Here’**

During the 2025 Mantle Conference hosted by Joshua Giles Ministries in Orlando, Florida, prophetic voice Jenny Weaver gave a powerful word about the Lord raising up the next generation of Josiahs.

“We’re tired with these little games,” says Weaver. “We want the real thing. We want the real Jesus back in the church. We

want the real Word of God. We want the real power. This is why God is saying, 'Oh, the Josiahs are here.'"

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Weaver points out that these Josiahs care less about prestige and influence and more about the glory of God coming down from heaven to earth.

In a stirring message rooted in Joshua 1, Pastor Donnie Swaggart delivered a word of encouragement, reminding believers that "God is still in control," even when leadership changes or challenges arise.

This message is especially critical at this time for the Family Worship Center as beloved televangelist and ministry leader, Jimmy Swaggart, passed away on July 1, 2025.

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Preaching from the story of Joshua's succession of Moses, Donnie Swaggart declared, "The work of God never stops. God buries His workers, but the work continues on." He explained that while Moses' death marked the end of an era, "God didn't stop and say, 'Well, I'm going to stop My plan'—no, His plan continues."

Swaggart emphasized the unique call of Joshua: "Joshua, you're going to pick up where Moses left off." He reminded listeners that God equips each person for the assignment He gives. "God will never call you to do something that He has not already prepared you for," he said. "Joshua had been prepared for this day."

Drawing attention to God's repeated command to Joshua to be strong and courageous, Swaggart quoted the Lord's words: "Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage." He added, "Faith doesn't cower. Faith doesn't whimper. Faith doesn't run and hide. Faith stands up."

Swaggart warned against complacency and compromise, stressing the power of the Word of God. "The Word of God is the only authority," he said. "There is no authority outside of the Word." He referenced Joshua 1:8, quoting, "This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth."

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As believers face adversity, Swaggart urged them to look to God's promises. "God said to Joshua, 'Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you.'" He added, "We can claim what God has already provided."

He addressed those struggling with fear or feeling unqualified. "Some of you watching me—you feel like a Joshua. You're overwhelmed," Swaggart acknowledged. "But let me remind you—God is still in control."

He challenged the Church to walk in victory: "There's no devil big enough to stop what God has ordained." In a bold declaration, he exclaimed, "We're not supposed to be beat down and defeated. We're supposed to be victorious!"

Swaggart closed with a heartfelt appeal to faith and boldness in the face of transition or fear. "As I look across the horizon of the Church, I don't see weakness—I see strength. I see a remnant rising up who will say, 'God, use me.'"

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The message was clear: whether in seasons of leadership change, personal challenge or cultural upheaval, the Word of the Lord to Joshua still rings true today—“Be strong and of a good courage...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

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## **Guard Your Tongue: How Everyday Speech Reflects Your Spiritual Life**

In a recent devotional, Rabbi Schneider reflected on a bold statement from Jesus in Matthew 12:34, challenging believers to consider the spiritual weight of their words.

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“You brood of vipers. How can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart,” Schneider quotes from the passage.

“Obviously, Yeshua is condemning the Pharisees and their unrighteousness,” Schneider explained. “But there’s a real nugget there for you and I to meditate on today.”

He emphasized that many Christians speak carelessly, without realizing their words reflect the state of their hearts. “The

gossiping about one another, the speaking ill of brothers and sisters... we start sharing stories that really aren't the full picture," he said.

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Schneider urged listeners to apply a simple test to their speech: "Number one, is what's coming out of our mouth good? Secondly, is it true? And thirdly, is it helpful?"

Quoting James 3, he added, "The Bible tells us that our mouth is like the rudder of a ship. The way that we speak is going to determine the trajectory of our soul."

Schneider concluded with a word of caution and encouragement: "The Lord has given us two lips to guard our tongue. So watch your words. And as you do, you're going to be drawn deeper into the realm of eternal life."

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Watch Schneider's full video below.

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## **Vampires and Demonic Beasts: The Nephilim Legacy Explained**

Grace then pointed to prophetic warnings she had received earlier in the year. "Back [on] Jan. 2, 2025, I did a

broadcast and the Lord had me sound the alarm about July of 2025.” Then, “June 30th, 2025, the Lord had said to me, ‘It’s going to be a jolting July.’” She emphasized that the word jolt—meaning to move or dislodge with a sudden hard blow—was not part of her regular vocabulary.

Adding to the prophetic weight, Amanda revealed a striking pattern: “If you add up [the date] July 4, 2025, you get 911.” She detailed several national events from 2025, ranging from a Cybertruck explosion to a helicopter crash and a “no kings” protest, when the dates numerically equaled 9-1-1. “We have a pattern here, a prophetic pattern here, an alarm being sounded right now to the nation and to the church.”

She also drew attention to Genesis 7:4 as a spiritual parallel: “‘For after seven more days, I will cause it to rain on the earth 40 days and 40 nights...’ Genesis 7:4 talks about the flood.” Grace suggested the enemy was attempting to “counterfeit something to attempt a similar result,” mirroring what God once did in righteousness.

Kerrville’s location is also notable. It lies in the path of two recent solar eclipses and near Eagle Pass, Texas. “That’s how you can tell there is a spiritual war happening over this area,” Grace warned. “There are very serious spiritual implications.”

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Ultimately, she urged the church not to remain passive. “When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him... We are the standard.”

She exhorted believers to “armor up, buck up, get on the wall, be the watchman and spiritually fight back because it affects the natural.”

In a passionate prayer, Grace petitioned God to send angels to aid rescue efforts, expose any evil at work and bring healing and restoration: “Let miracles, Father God, come forth out of this area, out of the rubble, out of the flood... Let a banner and a standard be raised for the nation out of this area.”

As the broadcast ended, she concluded, “The second half of this year is going to be way more bumpy and explosive than the first half was... We need to be praying and we need to be ready.”

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The Kerrville flood stands as both a heartbreaking tragedy and a sobering spiritual signal. As the nation processes the devastating loss, Amanda Grace urges believers to recognize the prophetic patterns, stay alert and respond with prayer and repentance.

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## **Megachurch Pastor Escapes Harrowing Texas Floods**

A Texas megachurch pastor and his family were among those who found their way out of the trenches of the devastating floods that hit Texas over the July 4 weekend.

As the Christian Post reported, Pastor Michael Oakes is the

outreach pastor for Oak Hills Church located in San Antonio, where Max Lucado acts as the teaching pastor. Going about their July 4 plans, Oakes and his family went to their home in Hunt river where the rain soon turned deadly. However, things soon took a terrifying turn.

On Instagram, Oakes shared the heartbreaking photos and story of how God protected his family in the middle of this situation.

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*We went to bed Thursday night to light rain. Heavy storms woke me about 1am and by 2am water was flooding our dining room. Our Hunt river house is across Hwy 39 from the Guadalupe, just up from the River Inn, probably 200 feet from the river and 15 feet above the normal river bank.*

*At 2:30am, Liliana and I could see the water rising quickly through flashes of lightning. We saw headlights of cars lining up on the road as people evacuated the River Inn and nearby homes, stuck with nowhere to go. I woke up the family. We tried to fill the gaps in the doors where water was rushing in, but it was a losing battle. By 3:30am we were ankle deep inside and the water outside was up to our window sills. We needed to get out.*

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After Oakes and his family knew they were in danger and had to get out as quickly as they could, they crawled out of the

window, finding themselves in chest-deep water.

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