

# 5 Things To Know From the State of the Union Address

What did you miss from the State of the Union address? Here are the five things you need to know.

1. The president discussed the assault on freedom and democracy overseas and here in America. He insinuated that Donald Trump and Republicans hid the truth about the events that took place on January 6. He also poked at Trump for not being a good sport about how the 2020 election turned out.

“Not since President Lincoln and the Civil War [has] our freedom and democracy been under assault as there are today,” Biden said.

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2. Biden defended abortion and condemned the overturning of Roe v. Wade. He gave a forewarning to the Supreme Court justices that things could be changed by the power of the female vote.

“With all due respect, justices, women are not without electoral power,” Biden said. “Those bragging about overturning Roe v. Wade have no clue about the power of women.”

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president touched on border issues while digging at conservatives for their efforts. At the prompting of Marjorie Taylor Greene, Biden discussed the death of Laken Riley, whose arrested murder is an illegal immigrant.

“We can fight about fixing the border or we can fix it,” Biden said.

4. Biden discussed Israel and Gaza, saying that Israel needed to protect those living in Gaza, while mentioning Israel’s right to defend itself against Hamas, sending a mixed message.

“Israel has a right to go after Hamas,” Biden said. “Israel also has a fundamental responsibility, though, to protect innocent civilians in Gaza.”

5. Biden believes that old ideas will prevent America from moving forward.

“The issue facing our nation is not how old we are,” Biden said. “It’s how old are our ideas.”

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## **Government Websites Go Down During State of the Union Address**

Are digital outages becoming part of the norm for 2024?

After seeing Meta social media platforms and LinkedIn go down earlier in the week, the latest sites to experience problems are none other than official government websites. The timing of these outages was impeccable, as the government sites went

down during the State of the Union address.

The websites for the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Secret Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency all went down. This comes just weeks after a nationwide phone service outage through network providers like AT&T.

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There was not a known cause for why the sites went down, with a Department of Homeland Security official stating that there was “no indication of malicious action” in the occurrence.

This website outage happened as President Biden gave his remarks to the nation which included many remarks aimed at former president Donald Trump.

“My predecessor and some of you here seek to bury the truth about January 6,” Biden said. “I will not do that. This is a moment to speak the truth and bury the lies. Here’s the simple truth; you can’t love your country only when you win.”

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The president also touched on the death of Laken Riley during the speech, after Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene prompted him to do so.

While both those who liked and disliked Biden’s address had much to say, the true question isn’t what was happening on stage, but rather, why this next round of digital platforms went down at that particular time.

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# **Greg Locke: The Truth of Christ's Affliction Before the Cross**

For many Christians, the immediate pain of what Jesus felt upon the cross comes to mind when they think of His crucifixion. Yet, the reality is He experienced an excruciating amount of pain before He ever found His way to the cross.

In a message on the brutality that Jesus went through, Pastor Greg Locke of Global Vision Bible Church in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, discussed the physical torment Christ went through on our behalf.

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Reading from the American Medical Journal, Locke said, "When the whips would strike the flesh instead of leaving a nice clean laceration, they would dig deeply into the flesh, and they would stay. The flogger would then have to pull the whips out and tore chunks of flesh off with it when it sections of flesh are completely torn off of the bone. After several blows, the back would be so shredded that parts of the spine would be exposed."

As this flogging would continue, even the bowels would be open

for all to see.

This flogging matches up perfectly with the 39 lashes that Jesus received on our behalf. “By His stripes, we are healed,” isn’t just some mantra to be sung because we want to receive healing for something. It’s the kind of flogging, and torture, that Jesus went through before the cross that any one of us would have died on the spot from the pain of having our internal organs exposed to the elements, our flesh being torn and ripped out.

Not only did Jesus experience the torment of this flogging, but He was mocked and made to wear a crown of thorns that pierced through His skull.

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John 19:2-3 reminds us, “The soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put a purple robe on Him. They said, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ And they hit Him with their hands.”

This brutally beaten Jesus was beyond physical repair. And through this torture, the people screamed for Him to be crucified, allowing—wanting—a murderer to run free instead. The reality is this: Jesus was beaten mercilessly without reason. God Himself was mocked and murdered all for the sake of the world. Yet, this image of a God who went through torture on our behalf is not one that we readily see American Christianity.

“We have been so damaged by our little pictures that we hang on our wall,” Locke said. “Our little graven images of a fake, silly Jesus, an Americanized Jesus, a Westernized, white hippie on a cross. Nonsense. What blasphemy we’ve taught the church.”

As we head into the Easter season, let us pause and reflect on

the entirety of the sacrifice that Jesus offered up for us. He received the brutal beating, the one that would lead to the certain death that we deserved. Praise be to Him for giving us the victory we didn't, and could never, earn.

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## **5 Signs Someone is Practicing Witchcraft in Your Church**

Has witchcraft seeped its way into the church?

In one of his latest messages, prophetic voice Troy Black shared the signs you can look for to determine if someone is using witchcraft principles and manipulation.

**1. They discuss sexual trauma from a dark spot instead of through the lens of freedom and forgiveness.**

With this particular attribute, Black says that instead of bringing forth the truth and exposing the darkness, someone involved in witchcraft will want to stay in the darkness, reveling at just how dark it is instead of shining the light in it.

“Sometimes they even think they’re doing good in the moment, but a lot of times it will cause people to reach back into the trauma of their own past, and begin to tell people how dark the darkness is, but it’s satisfying a need in their own heart to expose what was done to them,” Black says.

Instead of spreading light, Black says these actions spread the darkness.

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**2. There is a great fascination for spiritual things, but not for the foundational tenets of the faith.**

With these types of actions, the person will be very detailed about performing spiritual things on the outside, but they ignore the very basic tenets of what it means to live a life built on the foundational truth of Scripture and knowing Jesus as the way, the truth and the life. There is little effort to teach the justice and mercy which the Lord holds so dear.

“Someone who’s operated out of a different realm—who’s hijacked the church, who’s hijacked a position in the church because they have to talk about spiritual things in order to look spiritual,” Black says. “They’re going to neglect the most important, the most weighty parts of the law of Jesus Christ.”

**3. The Word of God gets twisted to fit their agenda.**

Black points out there are times when God asks us to support different causes or organizations that fit His kingdom purpose. However, when this purpose gets twisted and becomes more about the cause than the One who put the cause on your heart, it’s no longer about Jesus but about human efforts.

“The fastest way to rid the church of the glory of God is to replace the Word of God with a human agenda,” Black says. “Jesus has got to be the agenda, and then His glory is going to be there too.”

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**4. Righteousness is preached, but there are no practical solutions given for how to live righteously, creating the pathway for a faith based on performance instead of the finished work of the cross.**

While Black points out that not all who find themselves in this category are necessarily witches and warlocks, this is in error to the Word of God, and it can be a sign of someone using witchcraft in the church. The idea of control and manipulation is, in essence, witchcraft.

“It’s just like the Pharisees who wanted control,” Black says. “They wanted control and they wanted to manipulate God, apart from a real relationship with God.”

**5. They focus on fueling people’s hatred for one another and their past instead of restoring them and their relationship with Christ.**

Black says this is like a broken record, replaying the same hurts and anger over and over instead of focusing on God’s restorative power to bring healing and forgiveness.

“His heart for His people is forgiveness and redemption and reconciliation, not just between us and God, but between us and our fellow members of the body of God,” Black says.

While some of these signs are subtle, it’s important to keep them in mind when interacting with others to see if the fruit of their life is positively or negatively shaping your relationship with Jesus.

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# More Network Outages? LinkedIn Goes Down Day After Meta

What do AT&T, Meta and LinkedIn all have in common?

All have experienced mysterious, widespread outages in the last couple of weeks, sending users across the nation into a frenzy.

In a message to customers, AT&T stated, “We recognize the frustration this outage has caused and know we let many of our customers down.”

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Yet, this phone service outage wasn't isolated alone to AT&T. Verizon, T-Mobile, Boost Mobile, Straight Talk, Cricket and Consumer Cellular all experienced issues as well. And now two weeks later, social media has become the next digital entity to go dark.

On Super Tuesday, Meta platforms like Facebook and Instagram mysteriously went down. Meta houses apps like Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Instagram, Threads and WhatsApp, experienced issues with their connectivity, creating a problem for a variety of social media consumers.

This led to Meta's Communications Director, Andy Stone, to take to X where he said, “We're aware people are having trouble accessing our services. We are working on this now.”

X owner, Elon Musk, discussed the outage by writing, "If you're reading this post, it's because our servers are working."

Yet, the social media problems didn't stop there. The day after Meta experienced what they called a "technical issue," LinkedIn went down.

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"It's not you, it's us," LinkedIn Help posted on X. "You may be experiencing issues when you try to visit LinkedIn. Our teams are working to resolve this..."

So, what's the cause of all these digital outages? Are these just "technical issues?"

While a clear-cut and dry answer hasn't been given, there are some with concerns about what this could mean for the future.

In a recent prophecy, Joseph Z said that cyberattacks would continue, largely also because of the candidates running for president.

"They know who's the forerunner, they know who's shutting down the others. They know who's out ahead of the pack right now, and they don't want it," Z said.

As this year continues, let us prepare and move forward, realizing that our line to the digital world, while important, can be put on pause at any moment.

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# Did Madonna Truly Have a Heavenly Visit?

Did God speak to Madonna?

The pop singer says she heard from God while hospitalized for a “serious bacterial infection” last summer.

As Fox News reported, Madonna claims to have had a near-death experience where she was in a coma for a bacterial infection. She says her awakening with the word “no” was her reply back to God after being asked if she wanted to be with Him.

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“I’m pretty sure that was God saying to me, ‘Do you want to come? Want to come up with me?’” Madonna said.

While the pop star admitted that she did not want to go with God, her experience placed her in a position where she could not control every detail about her life. She continued to feel sick, leaving her to call her doctor frequently.

“It was strange to finally not feel like I was in control, and that was my lesson, to let go,” she said.

She also reflected on using expletives when her manager asked her what recovery timeframe she hoped for before heading back on tour.

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“He said, ‘Well, when do you think you want to go back on tour?’ I took the oxygen out of my nose. I looked at him, and I said, ‘in two (expletive) months!’” Madonna said.

She further noted that there are times you have to say things “out in the universe” for them to happen.

As USA Today also reported, the singer mentioned back in December how it was a ‘miracle’ that she was still alive after genuinely believing she would not survive from the infection.

While Madonna has certainly not been known for her faith or belief in God, she clearly believes something exists and is grateful to be alive. Perhaps this is the moment to press in and pray that she would come to fully know and understand the love of Christ.

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## **The Anointing Comes From the Blood of the Cross**

The secret behind every person who clearly has the favor and the anointing of the Lord upon them is that none of this power is derived from their own strength.

It comes from the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

In his brand-new feature article of Charisma Magazine Online, Pastor Benny Hinn shares what it means to truly be anointed.

“When we are empowered by the oil of the Holy Spirit, we are freed from the chains of bondage,” Hinn writes.

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It is through the power of the blood of Christ that we come to know His Holy Spirit and can experience the true goodness and saving power of God’s presence. When we come to understand the holiness of God, the greatness of the sacrifice He made for us on the cross, then we can experience and appreciate his holiness.

As Hinn explained in a Beyond The Article video discussing the “Mysteries of the Anointing,” the anointing that someone has on their life has nothing to do with them, but it has everything to do with God’s grace and mercy.

“There were times when my spiritual life was really in a bad place,” Hinn says. “I would see the anointing work in such a way I could not figure it out. So, finally, I came to the conclusion the anointing that comes on me when what I preach has nothing to do with my life.”

Hinn shared how the anointing as mentioned in Scripture is about the love and power of the Holy Spirit, as well as a demonstration of consecration unto the Lord which marks what a life of victory looks like.

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“It is essential to understand that God anoints what the blood has covered,” Hinn writes. “The anointing of the Holy Spirit follows the blood...I believe the anointing of the Holy Spirit multiplies and expands the benefits of the blood, enabling the believer to live an overcoming, victorious life.”

After accepting Christ and turning from the wicked ways of the world, the Holy Spirit can guide us into a depth of communion with Himself that not only transforms our lives, but fills it and sets us apart to do good works for the Lord. It's through this constant growth with the Holy Spirit that God's anointing begins to take shape, forming us into the image of Christ.

"God wants to cover us totally from head to toe with the oil of His Spirit—our thoughts, our sight, our words and our entire lives," Hinn writes. "Not only do we have the atonement of the blood, but we have the anointing of the Holy Spirit."

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## **Joseph Z: Super Tuesday and the Prophetic Facebook Outage**

The Meta outage that occurred for both Facebook and Instagram impacted people worldwide, and it suspiciously happened on Super Tuesday of all days. While there's no direct evidence that this outage was caused to disrupt anything people may see about elections, the Spirit of the Lord has been downloading some prophetic insights into Joseph Z about what this occurrence means for our future.

"When there's big news you've got to watch the small news," Z says. "You're going to keep seeing disruptions until they get their way, but they're not going to get their way because I have a sense that even with what's going on in this narrative

is that we're going to see the former have a really good opportunity to come right back in, and I think the Lord is doing everything He can..."

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Z points out that this mysterious outage is just a test for something more to come. As we recently saw the AT&T phone network outages as well, this is a warning worth heeding from Z.

"I think we're gearing up for something they want to launch into the spring, summer and certainly right before we get into the time where we pick our leaders," Z says.

Z prophesied that it's not only social media outages we should be on the lookout for going forward, but water crises, cyber warfare and solar flare narratives that will emerge. He says we should be on the lookout for a shaking coming to the airlines as well.

"The airlines are coming with a great shaking and a tremendous trembling," Z says. "The airlines are going to get more and more chaotic because they want to induce chaos."

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Z further warns that the cyberattacks will continue as artificial intelligence usage also skyrockets, and that what we saw happen with this Meta outage is being off-set so that the truth behind it doesn't come out.

"They know who's winning," Z says. "They know who's the forerunner, they know who's shutting down the others. They know who's out ahead of the pack right now, and they don't want it."

Amid these attempts to bring down the nation through fear and false narration, Z believes that there is hope in the middle of all of these scenarios. He suggests that we are approaching a two-year period ripe for revival.

“I believe we’re on a two-year revival pathway, a two-year turnaround, a two-year American renewal, a two-year American right-sizing,” Z says. “And the Lord is helping you with this.”

This also comes, as Z proposes, during a time of a watchman anointing where God is putting people in place who are able to discern the times, the signs of the times and know who they are with. This is to be a time of recompense for those who have humbly paid the price in past seasons for the Lord to do mighty works through them now.

Only time will tell how this Super Tuesday prophecy along with some of Joseph Z’s other prophecies will play out as 2024 continues to unfold.

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## **France Adds Right to Abortion to Their Constitution**

France has become the first nation in the world to add the right to abortion in their constitution.

The vote was largely backed by MPs and senators with a vote of

780 against 72, according to Reuters.

After the vote passed, the Eiffel Tower was lit up with “#MyBodyMyChoice.”

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Part of the reason why this amendment was added goes back to the overturning of Roe v. Wade here in America back in 2022.

As the Associated Press reported, this amendment was added for the “freedom of women to have recourse to an abortion, which is guaranteed.” This follows Macron’s promise to French citizens that abortion rights would not be rolled back in France the way it was in the United States.

The French Prime Minister, Gabriel Attal, spoke to lawmakers saying, “We have a moral debt to women.”

Abortion is largely accepted by the citizens of France with prior surveys showing more than 80% of people in favor of abortion rights. Female legislators and abortion rights activists cheered over the final vote.

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This news comes at a time when abortion continues to be a hot topic subject matter. Recently, pop star Olivia Rodrigo has decided to give part of her concert proceeds to different abortion providers, including one known as the ‘Lilith’ fund.

Abortion is one of the prime examples of something celebrated by the world that God has decidedly prohibited. He calls His children “fearfully and wonderfully made” and Scripture is very clear about not sacrificing up children for the sake of pleasing pagan gods.

Leviticus 18:21 says, “You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.”

While most people today wouldn't consider their abortion to be a sacrifice to a pagan god, convenience, self-centeredness and pride are all idols that unborn children are being aborted for. They are the things that women are choosing instead of the precious life that God has granted them to be stewards over.

Instead of teaching women to rid of their unborn children, perhaps reaching out to them with compassion and resources to take care of their child or providing them help to find a loving home for that child is what our society actually needs.

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# **Jonathan Cahn Battles Dark Forces in Unprecedented Spiritual Warfare**

Is there a 3,000-year-old mystery that holds the key to the Hamas invasion on Israel? Are we living in the end of days? And what does the future hold?

In a major announcement, Jonathan Cahn revealed his big news for 2024: the upcoming release of his latest book, “The Dragon’s Prophecy: Israel, the Dark Resurrection, and the End

of Days.”

“This is the first glimpse of what’s coming,” Cahn says in the announcement video.

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Cahn has been working tirelessly on “The Dragon’s Prophecy,” and this next prophetic masterpiece is unlike anything he’s ever done before as he goes into a whole new realm he has yet to write about: the end of the age.

“This is going to be the first book I’ve ever written that is directly going into the end of the age,” Cahn says. “I’ve never seen so much warfare over a book. I mean the second I started writing it, everything happened. I believe it’s going to be powerful.”

The spiritual battle against Cahn intensified when he began writing about the dragon and the flood in his book. His physical surroundings literally started to flood, not once, but three times. Following these bizarre occurrences, thieves broke into his church building, all pointing to the reality that this message about the end times is one Satan does not want to get out.

In spiritual warfare against Jonathan Cahn’s latest groundbreaking book, the confrontation follows his preceding eight New York Times bestsellers. With “The Dragon’s Prophecy,” Cahn is unveiling even more mysteries that show exactly what is happening in our world today and how it affects all kinds of elements in your life. This book goes to the next level, opening up revelations of what is yet to come.

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“I’ve never quite written a book like this. It goes from ancient mysteries to the book of Revelation,” Cahn says.

By unleashing these explosive mysteries, Cahn is preparing readers for the spiritual battles they will face as our times become darker and more perilous.

What is the dark resurrection? What is the return of the sea peoples? What are the colors of the apocalypse? And what is the day of the dragon? It’s these ancient mysteries and many more Cahn is profoundly and purposefully unlocking, along with the strategies currently being planned against God’s people. Yet, his message is one of hope, of how Jesus as the Messiah will ultimately overcome.

“It’ll change the way you see the events of your times and your world, and it’ll give you the power to overcome,” Cahn says.

To pre-order your copy of “The Dragon’s Prophecy,” you can visit [www.charisma.com](#), Amazon, or any of your other favorite retailers.

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