

Rolling Stone Slams Men of Faith Jim Garlow, Mike Johnson

In a recent Rolling Stone article, Pastor Jim Garlow and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson were brought to attention for speaking about the need of prayer and ignition to renew America's spiritual condition. While the media could not fathom the actual spiritual implications of the growing culture around us, Garlow and Johnson were brave enough to actually discuss what the ongoing issues are from a Christian perspective.

Johnson questioned whether or not the Lord would allow America to continue on its current pathway without judgment.

"The only question is: Is God going to allow our nation to enter a time of judgment for our collective sins?...or is He going to give us one more chance to restore the foundations, return to Him? This is going to be a shaking that might help answer that question."

While this sentiment that America could actually deserve punishment perplexed the media, Johnson's statement went further with a hope-filled message.

"Look, I believe God is about to do something," Johnson said. "I'm an optimist...I believe that there's a remnant of faithful people and He'll guide us through; I don't think God is done with America yet."

Johnson and [Garlow's](#) conversation took place prior to Johnson's nomination as Speaker of the House. In this conversation, whether Johnson knew it or not, he foreshadowed his own nomination.

“I can’t think of any one figure who could unify this small group,” Johnson said. “The time is so perilous you could not bring someone in who’s not, pardon the pun, well-versed in the rules of the House and where we are in policy and everything else. So, it almost has to be somebody within the body, and we’ll see who the Lord allows or raises up or appoints for the time of judgment. Here we go.”

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Since then we’ve seen that God has appointed none other than Johnson himself to be the person in that position. And even more, is it possible that we knew this was coming?

In September, [Kent Christmas](#) gave a prophecy about a shaking that God would bring through the end of the year in Congress. Part of this shake-up would include a “Spirit-filled, Holy Ghost, tongue-talking preacher to open Congress,” and that God would “confuse the so-called experts.”

Not only has Johnson been criticized for his own faith, but because of the support and praise that other Christians have offered up, including [Garlow](#). NPR criticized [Dutch Sheets](#) for his approval of Johnson’s election, and Rolling Stone for best-selling author [Jonathan Cahn’s](#) involvement with the National Gathering for Prayer and Repentance.

While only time will continue to tell if Johnson is the man from Christmas’ prophetic word, there is one thing that is certain: the experts in the media field have been confused, and the name of Jesus is being glorified publicly in the governmental sphere that no one saw coming.

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Lecrae Shares Testimony of Deconstruction to Find Greater Faith in Christ

In a newly released video, Christian rapper and music artist Lecrae shared his powerful testimony of deconstruction and how he ultimately found his way to a greater and more in-depth relationship with Jesus.

After struggling with the sentiments of evangelicalism during varying cultural events, Lecrae realized that some topics are more politically-charged and polarizing than what he believes should be. He also began to notice that religiosity is, in many ways, a bigger stronghold over the Christian community than actual fear or desire for the Lord. Instead, he warns that many times what people are after instead is a production.

“We see people showing up on Sunday to come to a play or a Broadway presentation,” Lecrae said. “They’re disconnected from one another. There’s not really genuine fellowship; you don’t know if you’ll see the same people from week-to-week.”

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Lecrae says that while churches try to institute community groups to help bring believers together, they don’t always serve the proper purpose that the early church had in mind when they earnestly came together in fellowship.

“There’s no real connectivity or genuine relationships, so a lot of churches’ institutions have had to create these things called community groups hoping to facilitate some community, but that even becomes awkward because now you’re forcing people to connect and like, jive together instead of like, an authentic way of living amongst each other...it’s not about, ‘Oh man, I haven’t been to the institution with a good speaker in a long time,’ no; but are you connected to people who love Jesus?”

Lecrae shared that while he did try for a period of time to completely wander away from God, it was his friends and family who were able to build him up through his healing process back to the foundation of Christ. He does warn that while there are certain things that need to be [altered](#) from our thought process about Christianity, he doesn’t advocate for people to try to find morality outside of Jesus.

“When most millennials say ‘deconstruction,’ what they’re saying is they have decided to tear down their belief system. Many of them are saying, ‘hey, what does [life without Jesus](#) look like? What does morality, what does marriage, all these particular things look like if I do away with this faith that I had in Jesus,’” Lecrae explained. “What I believe is healthy deconstruction is keeping Christ as the foundation. He says He’s the cornerstone, and then tearing down these walls around Him that have been built by our societies and civilizations that have way more culture and tradition than they have truth in them.”

[As many Christians are deciding to leave the faith](#), Lecrae’s message comes at a powerful time for Christians to reflect on the reasons why young adults and others are choosing to follow after the world instead of Christ. May we root ourselves on the foundation of who Jesus is and who He is presented to us in Scripture as so we can be the light of the world instead of simply chasing after the next big Sunday event.

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God's Power of Restoration is for Everyone

In the middle of life's busyness and chaos, it can be easy to miss out or believe that God's plan for our lives has been forgotten about or abandoned. What can be even worse is when we face tragedy or hardship, and the Lord seems to stay quiet. And yet, through the silence we can begin to see God do miraculous works so long as we stay still and allow Him to do what only He can do.

In the Bible, there are two stories in particular that show God's restorative power as He took two very broken people and brought healing and redemption to their lives. The first is Naomi's story from the book of Ruth.

Naomi, an older Israelite woman living in the foreign nation of Moab, lost her husband and later both of her sons. She told her sons' widows that they no longer must stay with her as she returns back to her hometown of Bethlehem. However, one of her daughter-in-laws, Ruth, refused to leave Naomi's side.

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Instead, she pledged to stay with her and worship the one true

living God, only allowing death to separate them. So, Ruth went back home with Naomi where she found favor with one of Naomi's relatives, Boaz, who allowed her to glean the grain from his field, while promising her safety among his young men and women. Eventually, Ruth and Boaz married, preserving Naomi's family line. Ruth and Boaz's son, Obed, was the grandfather of David, the lineage of which the Messiah would come to the world.

Sometimes when we cry out because of the circumstances we face, we have little to no idea of what God is about to do. Instead, He just needs us to act out in [faith](#) and believe that He will use all things together for our good. Naomi lost her family, yet God was able to not only restore her, but use the circumstance to bring the Savior to the world.

Another story we see in Scripture about the power of redemption and restoration is Job's story. Job was a man who was completely devoted to the Lord in every way. In fact, Scripture refers to Job as a "blameless and upright man who feared God."

Yet, Satan told God that the only reason Job was faithful was because God had blessed him. Knowing Job's heart, God allowed Satan to test Job. Job ended up losing everything—his family, his livestock, his physical appearance—everything that you can imagine. Job experienced pain at the highest level. He was tested beyond belief with His experience. He felt suffering and the reality that God had allowed this kind of turmoil to happen. And through all of these losses, Job repented before the Lord. He knew God was the creator of all, and His divine wisdom far exceeded Job's own human [knowledge](#).

God used the pain and brokenness of Job's circumstances to draw him in. God gave him a new family, a new life, and he was blessed after this repentance. Scripture says that: "Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons and their sons to the fourth generation. So Job died, being old and full of

days,” (Job 42:16-17).

While we all experience tragedy, pain and heartbreak, the Lord is still good, He’s still on the throne, and we can still trust that His sovereign will is perfect.

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Frankie Mazzapica Unveils The Power of Miracles, Spiritual Warfare Battles

In an interview with Sid Roth, Pastor Frankie Mazzapica shared how building his faith upon the solid foundation of Christ led to him not only simply believe that Jesus was his Savior, but how he saw himself as able to perform the miracles that Jesus’ disciples did.

After praying for a single mother to overcome her battle with cancer, Mazzapica was sure that she would be healed. However, the mother still passed away. After this, Mazzapica decided to learn more about the key concepts of faith and prayer.

“I thought to myself, ‘God, I am tired of asking You to guide the hands of a doctor. I’m tired of asking You for that. I know You can heal them. Where is the gap?’” Mazzapica implored of the Lord. “And then I realized at that moment that there’s a difference between being a Christian and having the power of God in you as a Christian that can ignite [miracles](#). And that’s

when I said, 'I am going to pursue this power and do exactly what the disciples did.'"

This led Mazzapica to wait on the Lord for His Holy Spirit to fill him up with His power. After this, Mazzapica went down to Brazil with Randy Clark where his life was forever transformed after experiencing what it was like to pray for people and see physical healings take place. One of these [miraculous](#) events included a blind man who received his sight. After praying for the man three times, Mazzapica finally declared that the man was healed in the name of Jesus. When this happened, the man finally blinked his eyes open and was amazed at how Jesus had healed him.

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"All of a sudden, he starts blinking," Mazzapica said. "I said, 'Can you see?' He goes, 'No, I can't.' And I said, 'Well, you're about to see in one minute.' And faith just burst up. He couldn't see, but I said, 'You're about to see right now in the name of Jesus, our Messiah, now!'"

After this, the man was able to see, giving credit to Jesus. It's this kind of faith that can literally heal someone through the power of Jesus' name that Mazzapica was able to bring back to his team.

While miracles, signs and wonders have been a catalyst to help people of no faith come to know Christ or have led many to restore their faith, there are dangers when believers unleash other spiritual entities into their life. In a Q&A Mazzapica and Evangelist John Ramirez discussed how there is a spiritual element to everything around us whether we want to admit it or not.

"The devil has avenues to introduce himself to culture, to music, fashion," [Ramirez](#) told Mazzapica. "He knows that these

are the avenues of the bridges...the devil believes in systems and components, even in the church. That's why Jesus was born outside of the system in the manger...so we don't have to belong to the system."

For Christians, it is imperative to stay vigilant about what we allow into our lives and feed our souls with. As we spend more time with the Lord we have the opportunity to build up our faith in Christ, similar to how Mazzapica did, so God can use us for His glorious purposes.

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Rabbi Schneider's Antisemitism Prophecy Has Come to Pass

In a July 7th live video on YouTube, Rabbi Kirt Schneider described a [revelation](#) he received from the Lord about the coming antisemitism that would forever rock Israel.

"The Lord spoke to me in early July as I was up one morning doing my devotional reading from the book of Esther," Schneider said. "And when I read that it was like a bomb of revelation and prophecy filled me and dropped right into my [heart](#), and instantly with no thought involved I knew that Jewish people were about to face the greatest attack that they had ever faced since the Holocaust."

Schneider said that he knew this wouldn't be like any other attack the Jewish people had known in recent years. Instead, it would bring about an international antisemitism.

"It was just instant revelation. It was just a divine knowing. I also knew when I read that Israel was about to defend themselves against terror attacks and that the media was going to show them dropping bombs on those that had attacked them and the way that the media was going to portray it is that Israel was this terrible oppressor and tyrant and they were taking out a disproportionate revenge on those that had attacked them, and that the devil was going to use this to turn the whole world against Jews with an antisemitism that we have not witnessed since Nazi Germany," Schneider said.

The first critical part of the prophecy is that Israel was not only going to be attacked, but that this enemy attack would forever change the core of the Israeli people.

"The first thing that I prophesied there is that Israel was about to be attacked," Schneider said. "It was the biggest attack from this type of enemy that Israel had ever experienced. They had experienced terrorist attacks before, but this was unprecedented. As they were attacked by terrorists by land, by air, by sea coming into Israel, slaughtering, kidnapping, murdering, raping 1,400 men, women and children. It was such an unfortunate, tragic event that not only has affected people that were in direct line of the terrorist attack, but the whole country right now is mourning, feeling vulnerable and it will forever mark their psyche."

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The second part of Schneider's prophecy focuses on how the rest of the world would perceive Israel. This too has come to pass, that the world would decide not to stand with them, but

instead turn their backs on the people of [Israel](#).

“The second thing that I prophesied was that Israel would respond to this attack, and of course Israel is even as I speak,” Schneider said. “And when Israel responds to the attack I prophesied the world was going to turn against them, accusing them of being a tyrant and a bully, accusing them of war crimes having no concern for humanity.”

In an exclusive interview with [Charisma News](#), Rabbi Schneider also said that it is human emotions that has allowed the media to overrule what the word of God has to say about the Jews.

“The Lord says, ‘I will bless those that bless you, I will curse those that curse you,’ and God’s truth about the nation of Israel is an everlasting promise to Jewish people about the land of Israel,” Schneider said.

As devastating as it is to see this prophecy come to pass, Schneider shares how a world growing darker is just as much about the fact that as we draw nearer to the end times, apostasy will continue to grow and believers will experience a growing persecution.

“As things get darker and darker and darker, I believe that God’s going to shine His light and that many will come to faith, but that does not take away from the fact that the world is going to become more and more dangerous and violent and it’s going to be harder and harder to live here until we’re going to be aching in our heart, crying out in desperation for Jesus to return,” Schneider said.

As we get closer and closer to the end times, we can expect to see more people turn their face away from truth and goodness. However, as Christians, we are called to keep our eyes locked on Jesus no matter what as we await His return.

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Upperroom Shares Gen Z's Hunger for an Authentic Relationship with Christ as Salvations Abound

Gen Z is not lost as some may have said. Instead, they're seeking out an impactful relationship with God.

Upperroom Pastor and founder Michael Miller recently shared with the Christian Post how the ministry is seeing Gen Z reach out for authentic experiences in their prayer lives and relationships with Christ. While many modern churches have watered down the truth of the gospel for seeker-friendly experiences, Miller says this isn't the reality of what the next generation is looking for.

"I think the church, in the name of being relevant, has placated. We've actually built communities that the purpose of them is to attract people," Miller says.

Instead of physical church expansion, Miller shared that Upperroom's ministry is focusing on knowing and experiencing a deep and meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit.

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"Gen Z is looking for Jesus. They're hungry for Jesus, and

they're tearing down the scaffolding that we put around Jesus," Miller says.

It's through the power of prayer that this next generation is seeking out the presence of God. With Upperroom alone, about 400 volunteers spend 80 hours a week in prayer. These times have helped to drive many to go deeper with Jesus.

"A lot of them are coming in and actually getting saved," Miller said. "They're rediscovering their faith...I think hosting God's presence and building communities marked by this reality is really resonating with them."

Just as we saw at [Asbury](#), the next generation has not been forgotten about by God's Spirit. Instead, He is igniting them to know Him in an intimate way. This past winter, Asbury students and many others from across the country saw the glory of God poured out. Charisma Magazine reported on one young man's testimony from TikTok and how he declared that [revival](#) is already here. There's a profound truth in this; God's Holy Spirit is here right now, ready to speak to His children.

The upcoming generation isn't shallow or inherently worse than any previous generation; many are simply in need of guidance and desire to cling onto something real. Not only does Gen Z benefit from the truth of the gospel being preached, but all other generations do as well. The [spread](#) of the gospel and the fire of the Holy Spirit wasn't just meant to be a one-time event or experience, but something every single person can encounter.

In Acts 2 during Peter's speech that brought the masses in to know God, he said, "For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call," (v. 39). To commune with God and experience His presence is a promise that we all, Gen Z included, can cling onto for a future filled of hope.

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Kat Von D on Leaving Behind Alcoholism, Throwing Away Occult Books and Baptism

Kat Von D is breaking her silence on how she became a Christian and her journey of leaving behind alcoholism, throwing away occult books and her baptism that left the entire world in awe struck.

On the Relatable podcast with Allie Beth Stuckey, [Von D](#) explained that she grew up learning about God, but that the concepts of Christianity didn't stick with her.

"I ended up straying," Von D says. "I ended up like being a pretty wild teenager and leaving home at the age of 14 running away and putting my parents through a literal hell that I have made amends for now...I had a lot of questions as a kid and I don't think my parents were equipped with the answers."

Von D shares how as she strayed away from God, she found herself deep into alcoholism while simultaneously discovering that she wasn't just a good tattoo artist, but that she was good enough to end up on reality TV.

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"I started drinking not for fun. [It was] to cope with some of the trauma, and I didn't understand that was like kind of the beginning of my addiction. I came back home and tried to work it out, it didn't really work out. At that point my parents and I agreed this isn't good for any of us, you should probably go on your own...then I fell in love with tattooing, you know I really saw that as a calling," Von D says. "From there I just got on TV."

As Von D reached for sobriety, she may have found her battle with alcoholism waning, however, she was still on a path of self-help and new age discovery.

"That's when I started getting into a lot of the new age stuff, like a lot of self-help books you, that's kind of that was kind of like the gateway into like law of attraction type stuff...into meditation, a lot of meditation."

Eventually, Von D threw out her occult books because of the clutches it kept her in and turned her eyes toward God.

"I don't want these crutches in my life anymore," Von D explains. "I just want Jesus and it's a very narrow road...all these things it's like they're crutches; they're not really like my answer, and so for me I would rather eliminate any distractions."

Von D shared that it was during the 2020 lockdowns that she really started to question what she believed about an array of topics. It started off with her husband pointing out that some of their political views may not have matched up with the reality of what was going on. This led Von D to reflect on her political and eventually her spiritual beliefs.

"I started just kind of like re-evaluating, kind of going down the list of what I'm doing with my life and like what my perspectives are, and then it got to the part of like my spirituality and that's where I started really re-thinking a lot of things." Von D shares.

Von D says that she and her family watched online sermons and her hunger for Scripture grew more and more.

“I just desired more and more and more, and so I just started studying the Bible,” Von D says. For her, learning about Jesus as an adult has been exceptionally meaningful for her relationship with Jesus.

Her newfound faith led Von D to desire a [public display](#) of her faith by getting baptized and having it recorded. However, she’s received backlash from anything from being accused of not being genuine to her hand not being fully submerged in the water. Yet, Von D expected the criticism and is still continually seeking to grow her faith.

“When you start looking at like, there’s so much evidence that it’s so undeniable, I mean it’s so cool...this isn’t just about blind faith...no there’s like actual evidence and information that’s like so exciting and inspiring.”

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Are Half of This Influencer’s Followers Really Christians?

In one of his latest [videos](#), Christian influencer Apostle Alexander Pagani questions whether or not half of the people following his online ministry are actually born-again Christians because of the commonality in today’s society to

mix half-hearted devotion to God with worldly customs that does not produce biblical fruit.

“I can say this boldly,” Pagani says. “Sometimes I wonder if half the people that follow our ministries online if you guys are born again truly, or are you just following the newest Christian fad of Christianity. I’m here to tell you that if your [faith](#) is not anchored in Christ alone, by faith alone, in the Word of God alone and you didn’t repent of your sins—not just believe in the cross, did you repent of your sin and believe that Jesus died on the cross, was buried three days later and resurrected from the dead?”

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Pagani says the problem with today’s Christianity is that the message of repentance of sins isn’t being preached. Instead, he warns that only a feel-good message has become the main focus of many platforms.

“Are you a Christian groupie?” [Pagani](#) asks. “Where you’re following this new version of Christianity. Let me tell you something man: it’s repent or perish.”

Pagani points to the truth that we all have fallen short of the glory of God and are in need of Christ to be Lord and savior. There is absolutely no other way that we can be saved.

“You need to repent of your sins, turn from your sin and ask Christ to be your savior and make Him Lord and live this thing for real,” Pagani continues.

Pagani believes one of the issues plaguing the American church today is an attitude much like Solomon. While Solomon was the wisest person who ever lived, he also did not follow the Lord with his entire heart. Instead, he intermarried hundreds of women who turned his heart away from God.

“There is an epidemic of Solomon’s in the churches. You want to know what mantle is dominating the Christian church? Solomon—who is deep because Solomon never lost his wisdom. Read the book of Ecclesiastes. But he was deep, but he was mixed,” Pagani said.

This warning against becoming like [Solomon](#) doesn’t go just for those who are attending church; it is equally important for those in positions of leadership as well. It is possible for anyone to fall into the dangerous trap of becoming mixed, not following God with their entire hearts.

“You got these pastors that are deep, but they’re not [preachers](#) of righteousness. They’re motivational speakers inflating the ego of their congregates and scratching their itchy ears. Repent of your sin and flee,” Pagani said.

Pagani’s warnings ring true for much of what we see in the church today. As we see cancel culture and indoctrination creeping its way into the pulpits, we also see the message of a watered-down grace finding its way there. However, with Scripture, prayer and direction from the Holy Spirit, believers can seek out churches where the truth of the gospel is preached to all creation.

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The Crisis Pregnancy Call that Saved a Life and Launched a Ministry

For Angela Harders, one phone call of faith completely changed and altered her life, saving her daughter and would pave the way for her to someday launch Pax Ministries.

Sharing her story with Fox News, Harders says that after she became pregnant through sexual assault, making the decision to keep the child dramatically altered the course of her life. As a Christian, she had always believed in the right to life. However, this pivotal moment made her seriously consider getting an abortion.

“You can imagine my horror when I, the girl who had never dated before, the good Christian girl, found myself pregnant,” Harders said.

Because her father was the vice president of her local pregnancy center, Harders didn't believe she could call any of the centers nearby. So, instead, she decided to reach out to a crisis pregnancy center in New York. While she never knew the name of the woman on the other end of the phone line, she credits the stranger for providing her with the comfort and the peace she needed to stay strong and go forward with her [pregnancy](#).

The stranger on the other end of the line reminded her that God is the one who provides children, and for some reason, He had chosen her to become this baby's mother.

“For some reason, God is choosing to give you a life out of this terrible circumstance,” Harders recounted.

When Harders canceled her appointment at Planned Parenthood,

however, the person there decided to use Harders' Christian faith as a way to lure her into getting an abortion.

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"She knew that I was a Christian because it was something that I shared with her when I booked the appointment in the first place," Harders said. "She said, 'Angela, you know that if you go through with this you will never be able to travel again or be a missionary or be any of those other things you said that you wanted to do. We can take care of this problem for you so you can live your life and fulfill all the dreams that God has given you.'"

Harders decided that instead of limiting what God is capable of, she would press into Him and fulfill her calling while also becoming a mother. Today, she is a co-founder of Pax Ministries as she advocates for homeschooling and for biblical womanhood.

While Harders saw her daughter as a blessing and not a hindrance to the plans and purposes that God had for her, there is little question that today many women feel pressured to go through with abortions, whether procedural or chemically induced. Dr. Ingrid Skop shared with [Charisma News](#) that human traffickers and abusers are frequently the ones to provide women with abortion pills to keep their charades of darkness.

"We know that sex traffickers are getting these pills, incestuous abusers, coercive boyfriends, we know there's already an epidemic of unwanted abortions in our country," Skop said.

In a world where abortion has even been normalized even by the [church](#), it's stories like Harders' that provide hope that God created people to do great things for His glory, and that families and children are included in this plan.

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Has This Kent Christmas Prophecy For 2023 Been Fulfilled?

Back in September, Kent Christmas shared some very clear and specific prophecies that would come to pass in the last few months of 2023. The question now is whether one of these prophecies has already been fulfilled.

One of the specific [prophecies](#) that Christmas spoke over was that God was going to do something to shake up Congress.

“I’m going to so confuse the so-called experts,” Christmas said. “I’m going to show up in places nobody thought that I could show up. ‘Before I’m done,’ says the Lord, ‘They will allow a Spirit-filled, Holy Ghost, tongue-talking preacher to open Congress.’”

With the election of Mike Johnson as Speaker of the House, we may ask if this prophecy has or will come to pass with a Bible-believing Christian as himself in this position. Johnson has not been ashamed of his faith and has made no attempts to hide it. Instead, he’s put himself at the forefront of the political world as an advocate for the gospel.

“I don’t believe there are any coincidences in a matter like this,” Johnson said to Congress. “I believe that Scripture and

the Bible is very clear that God is the one that raises up those in authority. He raised up each of you, all of us. And I believe God has ordained and allowed each one of us to be brought here for this specific moment and this time. This is my belief.”

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Johnson also encouraged members of Congress to live and use the gifts that they’ve been given by God as a way to serve the fellow citizens of America.

This outright statement in support of the gospel has left the liberal-leaning media outlets up in a fury, including former White House press secretary Jen Psaki, according to Fox News. The election of Johnson has, if nothing else, confused those who consider themselves experts.

The rest of [Christmas’](#) prophecy spoke directly to the glory of God and how the Holy Spirit would be made manifest in Congress in such a way that it would overwhelming.

“And God says that ‘as My servant begins to pray, that as it was in the days of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln...the glory is going to begin to settle in the chambers, that men who truly didn’t believe in Me, are going to begin to say, “I was wrong; what is this?” And my servant will stand up as my servant did on the day of Pentecost, and he will say, “This is that.”’”

Johnson has already been prayed over very publicly with his nomination as Speaker of the House. Back in the summer he also shared about his time of prayer with [Christians Engaged](#) which seeks to bring the light of the gospel into the world through means of political engagement across America.

With time, we will be able to see clearly if Mike Johnson’s

nomination as Speaker of the House was the fulfillment or the beginning of the fulfillment of Kent Christmas' powerful prophetic word.

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