

Teens Laugh Demonically in Police Car After Allegedly Plotting to Kill Classmate in 'Blood Ritual'

There truly is a spiritual battle happening all around us.

Two teenagers from Altamonte Springs, Florida, Lois Lippert, 14, and Isabelle Valdez, 15, were arrested after being found plotting to murder one of their classmates for a "blood ritual," according to ABC News.

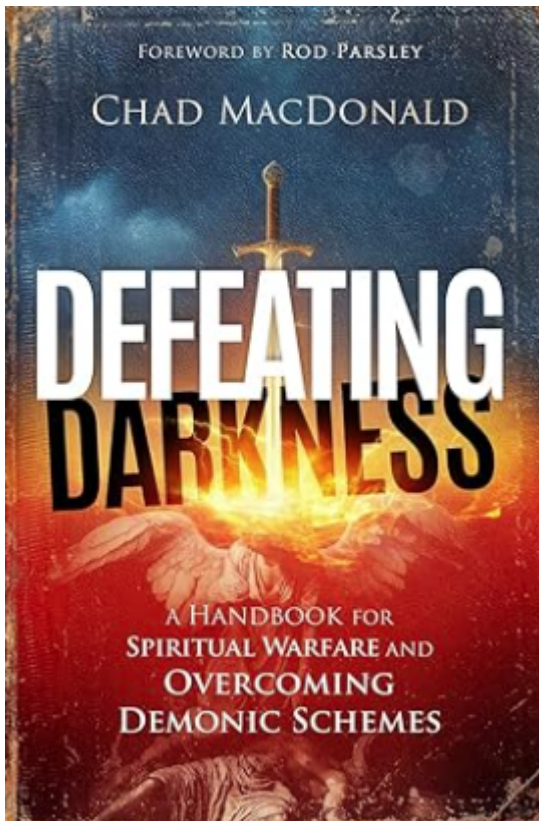
In a police recording, Valdez can be heard saying, "Dude, I was going to do my makeup this morning, for the mug shot, but I couldn't find anything."

"Think they'll be able to fix my hair?" Lippert asks. "Or you think I'll be in prison handcuffs?"

She went on to say, "[I'm probably not gonna like...my involvement's not that long](#), so I'll be out before you. And I'm probably not even gonna get like to go to jail...My parents are gonna get me."

"I started crying because I thought she was gonna feel bad like and send me to the psych ward 'cause I was like, 'I thought I was hurting someone...I thought about hurting this boy,'" Valdez said.

According to ABC News, the two were charged as adults with attempted felony murder and attempted premeditated murder charges.



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Valdez brought a knife to school back on Jan. 23, which she had decided to use to either “cut the victim’s throat or stab him in the stomach,” as ABC noted.

It was also reported that the victim “reminded Valdez of Adam Lanza,” who was the school shooter at Sandy Hook. Valdez thought that “...if she killed the victim, she would have a blood bond with Adam Lanza, which would resurrect him from the dead,” and was going to “leave flowers at the scene and smoke a cigarette after the homicide was complete,” according to prosecutors.

Lippert also brought to school the flowers and cigarettes, gloves, chocolate and sharpened the knife that was going to be used. She further created “graphic and disturbing sketches” of the scene.

Seminole County Public Schools released a statement on the matter, writing: “We are deeply grateful to the individual

whose courageous tip allowed law enforcement to take swift action. The situation was resolved safely thanks to the seamless collaboration between our school and law enforcement partners.”

According to Fox News, Valdez was identified by the tipster as “Jimmy,” and the two also discussed becoming a “lesbian couple in jail.” Valdez was considered to be obsessed with both the Sandy Hook and Columbine shooters.

Cases like this remind us that [spiritual warfare is not just a theological concept](#)—it is a reality playing out in the lives of people every day. When violence, darkness and twisted ideologies begin to take root in young hearts and minds, it reveals how powerful spiritual influences can be. Scripture reminds us in Ephesians 6:12 that “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.” Situations like this are sobering reminders that the enemy seeks to steal, kill and destroy, often targeting the most vulnerable. What appears on the surface as fascination with violence or evil can often point to a deeper spiritual battle raging beneath it.

This reality should drive us to vigilance, prayer and intentional discipleship within our homes. We must guard our own hearts, ears and minds from the influences of darkness that constantly compete for our attention.

Just as importantly, we must help our children do the same. What they watch, listen to and absorb spiritually matters more than we often realize. Parents and families must create environments where truth, prayer and the presence of God are central, equipping the next generation to discern good from evil.

In a world where darkness is increasingly bold, the call for Christians is clear: stay spiritually alert, cover our

families in prayer and raise children who know how to stand firm in the light.

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Is Ezekiel 38 Next? Rabbi Jason Sobel Says Iran War Could Be Setting the Prophetic Stage

As tensions escalate between Israel and Iran, some believe the conflict unfolding in the Middle East may reflect patterns first recorded thousands of years ago in Scripture.

During a recent segment on The 700 Club, Rabbi Jason Sobel pointed to striking biblical parallels he believes are connected to the current geopolitical moment.

Gordon Robertson opened the discussion by referencing Israel's recent military actions against Iran and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's warning about the growing threat posed by the Islamic regime.

"When Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced the attack

on Iran, he said, ‘If we do not stop them now, they will become invulnerable,’” Robertson said. He added that some believe “the seeds of this war were sown far earlier than that.”

Robertson suggested that what the world is witnessing today could be “a continuation of a story that began thousands of years ago.”

A Biblical Pattern Reappearing?

Sobel believes the timing of recent events is remarkable [when viewed through the lens](#) of the Hebrew Scriptures.

“The day that the bomb dropped upon the government leaders, the Supreme Leader, the Ayatollah... Jewish people were reading a special reading from Deuteronomy that talks about blotting out the name of Amalek from under heaven and not forgetting what Amalek did,” Sobel explained.

He connected that reading to the story of Esther, where Haman—who plotted genocide against the Jewish people—came from Persia, the ancient region that corresponds with modern-day Iran.

“Haman, the first person in the Bible who wanted to commit genocide against the Jewish people, was from Persia, modern-day Iran,” Sobel said. “So they took out the modern-day Haman in the same country where he was from in ancient times.”

Sobel also pointed to what he described as a striking modern parallel involving Israel’s current prime minister.

“Who took out Haman? Who did God use? It was Mordecai and Esther. They were from the tribe of Benjamin,” he said. “Who

is it today that took out the modern-day Amalek and is fighting against the modern-day Amalek in Persia? It is Benjamin Netanyahu. Another Benjamin.”

“This is not by coincidence,” Sobel added.

Prophetic Implications

Looking ahead, Sobel believes the region could experience a period of stability that may align with prophetic passages in Ezekiel.

“What I see shaping up is this: we’re going to head into an unprecedented time of peace and prosperity in the Middle East,” he said.

According to Sobel, such a season of relative peace may be necessary to fulfill the conditions described in [Ezekiel 38, where Israel is portrayed as dwelling securely before a future conflict.](#)

“That has never happened,” Sobel noted. “So there has to be a time of unprecedented peace and preparation for that.”

Trusting God’s Plan

Even when world events appear chaotic, Sobel emphasized that believers should remember God’s unseen hand at work in history.

“The name of God is not written in the book of Esther,” he explained. “It’s teaching us when you can’t see the hand of God, trust the heart of God.”

Sobel ended ultimately with a message of hope for believers watching events unfold in the Middle East.

“No matter what’s going on in the world... God is in the details,” he said. “We don’t need to fear, but we can have faith because Jesus–Yeshua won the victory.”

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Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church Witnesses Something No One Saw Coming

Something shocking has happened at Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church.

In a powerful interview by Fox News' Steve Doocy, he discussed how Lakewood Church is experiencing a revival among Gen Z and Millennials.

"Does the message ever seem like, 'I heard that last week; I don't need to go back'?" Doocy asked one young man.

"No, you never run out of needing it. You never go to a place where you say, 'I've graduated from needing inspiration...if you've met that person, please introduce them to me,'" he stated.

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“Have you always gone to church?” Doocy asked another.

“I have. My mom made sure of it..We had no other option..We have a lot of people who, they were going to church when they were younger because their parents said to do so, fell out of faith, and now they’re coming back and [regaining their faith and rebuilding the foundation,](#)” he said.

Another young man shared that he started going to church after his girlfriend asked why he wouldn’t.

“She was like, ‘Are you going to go to church?’ And I’m like, ‘Probably not.’ She goes, ‘Why not?’ And I didn’t have a why not.”

Someone else pointed out that this generation first looked to many other things and places before turning toward God.

“A lot of your friends who’ve never been to church, but suddenly they’re interested in church,” Doocy commented.

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“They’ve looked to other things, and nothing’s really fulfilled them. Nothing’s really satisfied them. And they’re longing for more, they’re longing for the truth,” he stated.

“This is a place [where you’re going to feel embraced](#), find friends, find out who God is and find out that God has a plan and a purpose for your life,” a final interviewee said.

In a culture saturated with distractions, entertainment and endless substitutes for truth, young people are discovering that none of it satisfies the deepest hunger of the soul. Their return to church speaks to something far greater than a trend—it reflects a renewed search for purpose, identity and the presence of God.

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Ramadan at City Hall? Zohran Mamdani's Celebration Sparks Strong Reactions

New York City's new mayor, Zohran Mamdani, has sparked quite the outrage online after hosting an iftar at City Hall.

In videos circulating online, the Ramadan celebration [can be seen with Muslim prayer mats](#) overtaking the office as members eat and pray to Allah.

"When leftists say 'keep religion out of politics,' they only mean Christianity," Christian actor Kevin Sorbo wrote on X.

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– Kevin Sorbo (@ksorbs) [March 13, 2026](#)

Conservative X account End Wokeness wrote, "Imagine telling someone on 9/12 that this is how NY City Hall will look in 2026."

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– End Wokeness (@EndWokeness) [March 11, 2026](#)

Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville also took to social media, where he said, “The enemy is inside the gates.”

The enemy is inside the gates. <https://t.co/YSNHIpDnds>

– Coach Tommy Tuberville (@SenTuberville) [March 12, 2026](#)

This comes as Mamdani also hosted a Palestinian activist, Mahmoud Khalil, for Ramadan dinner at the Gracie Mansion, according to Fox 5 New York.

In his post on X regarding his hosting of Khalil, he stated, “For Mahmoud Khalil, this past year has been marked by profound hardship—and by profound courage.”

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A year ago, Mahmoud was walking home through our city after sharing an iftar with his wife Noor when he was detained by federal agents, flown to Louisiana, and then held in an ICE..
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– Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani (@NYCMayor) [March 10, 2026](#)

There’s no question about it: Islam isn’t coming to take over America. It’s already here. Scripture reminds believers that spiritual battles are not fought [merely in the realm of politics or culture](#), but in the unseen realm. As the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 6:12, “we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against

the rulers of the darkness of this world.”

Now is not the time for the church to retreat into silence or apathy. It is a moment for believers to humble themselves before God, seek His wisdom and cry out for the preservation of truth and righteousness in America. If the church fails to pray, history shows the vacuum will be filled by other voices and other values. However, if Christians rise up in unified prayer—asking God for mercy, revival and boldness—the story of this nation is not finished yet.

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Amanda Grace Warns of ‘Double Decrees of Destruction’ as Prophetic Timeline Intensifies

Prophetic voices are increasingly pointing to world events as signs that biblical timelines are accelerating, and Amanda Grace says believers should pay close attention to what is unfolding.

“If this is not an alarm and a wakeup call, I don’t know what is,” Grace said in a recent interview with Charisma Media.

Grace believes the developments surrounding Iran, Israel and global politics are part of a larger spiritual timeline that believers are now witnessing unfold.

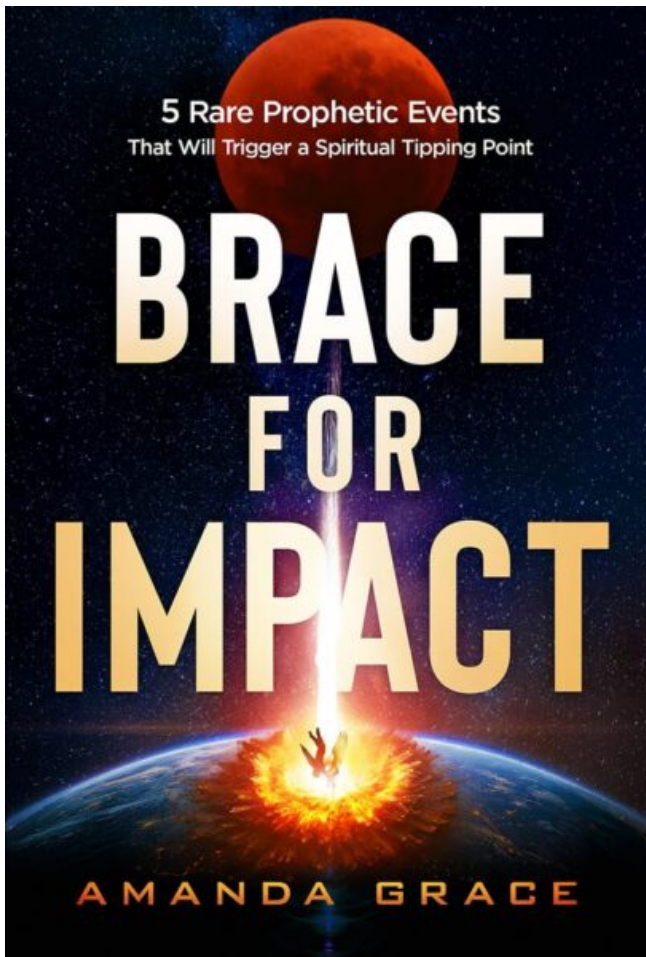
“This is a battle over a prophetic timeline,” she said. “We’re watching these biblical events be established with these timelines right now within the earth.”

The 9/11 Prophetic Pattern

One of the most striking patterns Grace highlighted involves the repeated appearance of the number 911 across historical events, [biblical passages and current geopolitical developments.](#)

Grace pointed to Isaiah 47:9–11, which speaks about sudden judgment and the downfall of a wicked power.

“But these two things shall come to you abruptly in one day—loss of children and widowhood,” Grace read from the passage. “They will come on you in full measure in spite of your many sorceries.”



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She then connected the scripture to Iran's modern history, noting that the Ayatollah's regime began after the Iranian Revolution on Feb. 11, 1979.

"911 is hidden within that date because it's the 11 from Feb. 11th, and then 1979—you have the nine in there," she said.

Grace also pointed to additional connections, including President Donald Trump's State of the Union beginning at 9:11 Eastern Time, which she says occurred shortly before military developments involving Iran.

She believes these numerical patterns are not coincidence but rather a signal.

"It's not always related to Sept. 11 specifically," she explained. "It's a prophetic wakeup call from the Lord."

A 'Double Purim' and Coming Conflict

Grace also warned about what she believes is a significant prophetic marker approaching in 2027, connected to the Jewish calendar.

"That double Purim is coming in 2027," she said. "You have Adar 1 and Adar 2. It's called the Jewish leap year, otherwise known as a pregnant year."

Because of this, Grace believes Christians should prepare spiritually for what she described as intensified spiritual conflict.

"If we are watching a double Purim, we then have to brace ourselves for double decrees of destruction that are going to attempt to go out—[and double divine reversals](#)," she said.

Grace emphasized that prayer and intercession will play a key role in countering these threats.

"As the people of God intercede," she said, "they intercept those decrees of destruction."

Aligning With God's Timeline

Grace also believes global shifts in leadership and alliances are occurring as part of God's larger plan.

"The movement we're seeing in the Middle East is meant to shift things globally in order to bring into alignment with God and His word for the latter events that are going to be setting up," she said.

Referencing the prophetic progression of Ezekiel 36 through Ezekiel 38, Grace said believers are now watching the early stages of those events.

"We are actively watching this incredible event happen in this time," she said.

For Grace, the church's response must be spiritual readiness.

"We are in a very real spiritual war that has gone to another level," she said. "It's time for the church to wake up... understand our role in this time and step into that right now as soldiers in the army of the living God."

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Is This the Prophetic Tipping Point? Rabbi Says Israel Crisis Points to the Last Days

As tensions intensify in the Middle East, questions about Israel, Iran and the fulfillment of biblical prophecy are once again taking center stage in Christian conversations.

On a recent episode of The Jesus People Podcast with Ryan Miller, Rabbi Jason Sobel joined the show to unpack why he believes the modern state of Israel and the current conflict with Iran are deeply connected to the prophetic timeline of Scripture.

Host Ryan Miller opened the conversation by framing the urgency of the moment, saying, “We’re seeing a war in Iran. We’re seeing so many of the birth pains that Jesus talked about would increase in the end times.”

Why the Modern State of Israel Matters

A major focus of the interview centered on whether the current nation of Israel is prophetically significant. Sobel answered with a firm yes.

“Absolutely,” he said [when asked whether Ezekiel 38 refers to the modern nation-state of Israel.](#)

Sobel pointed to Ezekiel 37 and the vision of dry bones as a picture of Israel’s return to the land before spiritual revival. “The bones coming back together is Israel coming back to the land in unbelief,” he said. “There’s coming a future revival where once the majority of Jewish people are back in the land, they will believe.”

He also rejected replacement theology, emphasizing that God’s covenant promises to Abraham still stand. Quoting Romans 11, Sobel said, “As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of the patriarchs.”

Iran, Persia and a Prophetic Pattern

Sobel also argued that modern Iran—ancient Persia—holds a

unique place in the biblical story. “Whenever we see God at key moments in history, of redemptive history, the Persians show up,” he said.

In his view, the current conflict could become a turning point that sets up the conditions for Ezekiel 38 and 39. “This is the domino that is leading to that,” Sobel said, referring to the unprecedented peace Israel must experience before the Gog and Magog conflict.

He suggested that Iran’s weakening could pave the way for greater regional stability. “There’s going to be an unprecedented time of peace in the Middle East,” he said. “And when it seems like everything is going great, that’s when the end-time war of Gog and Magog begins.”

A Call to Discern the Times

Throughout the interview, Miller repeatedly emphasized that these discussions should do more than stir fascination. [They should awaken believers spiritually.](#)

“Would you listen with an ear and an attitude of asking the Holy Spirit, ‘Lord, how do You want me to keep oil in my lamps right now?’” he said.

The message of this day and age couldn’t be clearer: The world is once again looking at Israel, Iran and the pages of biblical prophecy as the clock is moving closer to midnight.

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Benny Hinn: 3 Chilling End-Times Signs Jesus Said Would Happen

As global uncertainty intensifies, one message from Scripture stands out. In a recent teaching, Benny Hinn pointed believers back to the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke chapter 21, highlighting what he calls three prophetic “headlines” Christ Himself told believers to watch for as the end of the age approaches.

“The Lord gives us three headlines to look for,” Hinn explained. “Now throughout the ages there’ll be deception... there’ll be wars... and there’ll be frightful happenings like earthquakes, pestilence and famines.”

According to Hinn, these three signs [form a prophetic framework Jesus laid out for His followers.](#)

Headline #1: Deception

The first warning Jesus gave concerns spiritual deception.

Quoting Luke 21:8, Hinn emphasized Christ’s caution to believers: “Take heed that ye be not deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I’m Christ.’”

Hinn explained that deception has been a consistent pattern throughout church history and will continue to increase.

“Throughout the ages, there’ll be deception,” he said. “We’ve seen the deception, and we’re still seeing it.”

The antidote to deception is a deep knowledge of Scripture and an authentic relationship with Christ. Hinn urged Christians to immerse themselves in the Word of God so they can recognize false teaching when it appears.

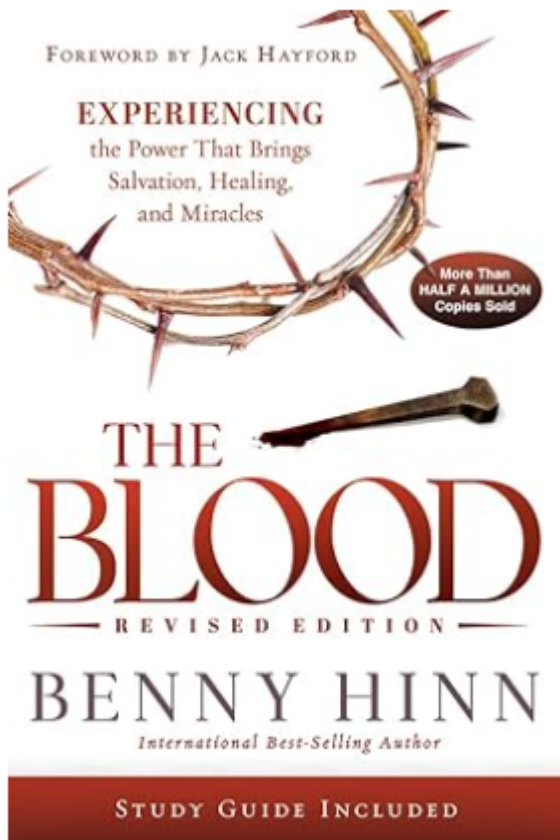
“The answer is get to know the Lord through His Word,” he said. “When you read the Word of God and behold the glory of the Lord, you are changed.”

Headline #2: Wars and Global Conflict

The second prophetic headline Jesus gave is the rise of wars and international turmoil.

Jesus said, “When you shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified, for these things must first come to pass.”

Hinn noted that conflict among nations has marked human history, but Jesus specifically predicted a time when “nation will rise against nation, kingdom against kingdom.”



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"We've seen the wars and we're still seeing it," Hinn said.

He also pointed to modern Middle East events and the restoration of Jerusalem to Jewish control during the 1967 Six-Day War as a prophetic milestone connected to Jesus' words that "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

Headline #3: Natural Disasters and Signs in the Heavens

The third headline Jesus warned about involves dramatic events affecting the earth and the skies.

Jesus foretold "great earthquakes... famines, pestilences, fearful sights, and great signs from heaven."

Hinn explained that while many of these events have occurred

throughout history, Scripture also points to increasing intensity leading up to Christ's return.

"We've seen the earthquakes, the famines. We're still seeing it," he said. "The only part we haven't seen yet that we will see [is the fearful sights and great signs in the heavens.](#)"

According to Hinn, these signs ultimately lead to the moment described in Luke 21:27: "Then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

A Call to Be Ready

Rather than causing fear, Hinn said these prophetic warnings should motivate believers to live with urgency and spiritual readiness.

"The time has come for you to put everything that is unimportant aside and focus on finishing better than when you began, because our time is getting shorter by the day," he urged.

Hinn says the message is clear: stay rooted in Scripture, remain spiritually alert and keep your eyes fixed on Christ.

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Pete Hegseth: Iran's New Supreme Leader 'Wounded and Likely Disfigured'

Tensions in the Middle East continue to escalate as Secretary of War Pete Hegseth provided an update on Iran's military infrastructure and leadership.

In a fiery statement addressing the ongoing conflict, Hegseth declared that Iran's strategic military network—including production lines, defense plants and innovation centers—has been heavily damaged.

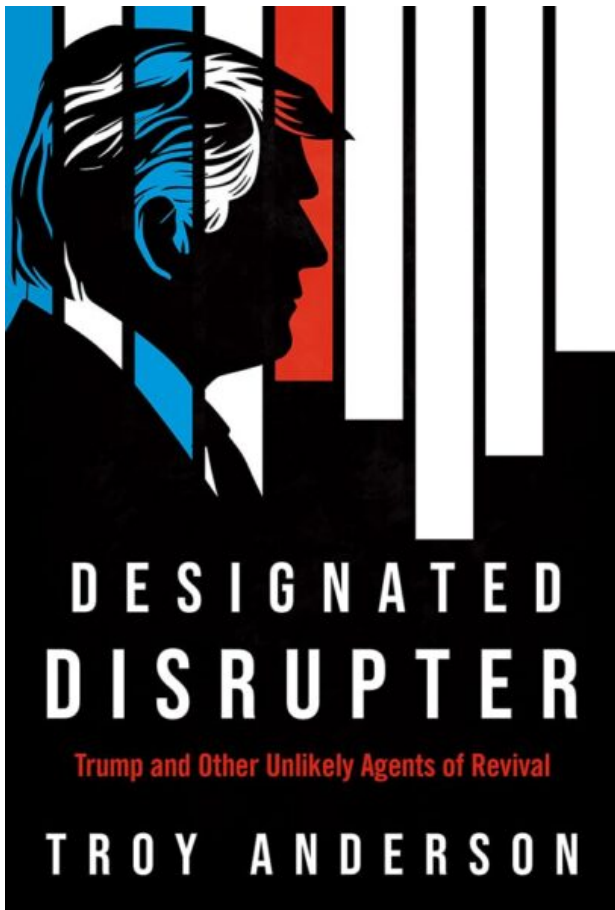
"Their production lines, their military plants, their defense innovation centers—defeated," he said, arguing that Iran's ability to sustain coordinated [military operations is rapidly deteriorating](#).

A 'Disfigured' Leader

One of the most explosive comments by Hegseth concerned the alleged condition of Iran's newly installed Supreme Leader, Mojtaba Khamenei. According to Hegseth, Khamenei may be physically wounded and unable to appear publicly as the conflict intensifies.

"We know the new so-called, not-so-supreme leader is wounded and likely disfigured," Hegseth declared.

Khamenei released only a written statement, but did not appear publicly in audio or video form, which quickly raised questions about his physical condition.



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“He put out a statement yesterday—a weak one, actually—but there was no voice, and there was no video,” Hegseth said. [“It was a written statement.”](#)

The absence of any visual confirmation fueled curiosity about why Khamenei would avoid appearing publicly at such a critical moment.

“Iran has plenty of cameras and plenty of voice recorders,” Hegseth continued. “Why a written statement? I think you know why. He’s scared, he’s injured, he’s on the run and he lacks legitimacy.”

Military Capability ‘Crumbling’

Hegseth further stated that Iran’s internal command structure may be facing growing confusion and instability as the war

intensifies.

“It’s a mess for them. Who’s in charge? Iran may not even know,” he said. “With every passing hour we know—and they know—that the military capabilities of their evil regime are crumbling.”

“They can barely communicate, let alone coordinate. They’re confused and we know it,” he continued.

Pressure to Continue

“Our response? We will keep pressing. We will keep pushing, keep advancing,” Hegseth declared. “No quarter, no mercy.”

This moment serves as a reminder of the importance of prayer, discernment and seeking God’s wisdom during times of global uncertainty. As we race closer to the end of time, believers are called to stand firm in faith, interceding for God’s purposes to prevail.

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Church Suspends Pastor After

Discovering She Worked for Jeffrey Epstein's Private Island

A United Methodist pastor in Missouri has been suspended from her clergy duties after church leaders learned she previously worked for convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, which has now prompted a formal review by denominational leadership.

An article in the United Methodist News (UM News) noted that Bishop Robert Farr of the United Methodist Church's Missouri Conference confirmed that the Rev. Stephanie Remington, an ordained elder in the conference, has been placed on suspension while the matter is investigated.

According to a statement from the conference, the action follows standard church procedures while [leadership evaluates the circumstances.](#)

"The individual has been placed on suspension while the episcopal office reviews the matter," the Missouri Conference said.

How the Connection to Epstein Came to Light

The situation reportedly surfaced after the Rev. Elizabeth Glass Turner, a writer and editor, reviewed the Epstein files. Remington reportedly worked for Epstein in 2018 and 2019 before his second arrest.

According to reports, Remington's duties included overseeing logistical matters such as guest travel arrangements and facility projects, including renovations to the island's kitchen.

At this time, no criminal accusations have been made against Remington.

Timeline of Remington's Employment

As UM News noted, Remington served as an administrative assistant from August through December 2018. She later worked as a temporary property manager on Epstein's private island from January until May 2019, before he was arrested again in July 2019.

Remington told United Methodist News she never witnessed anything inappropriate while working in the role.

"I never saw anything," she said. "I knew him for the last nine months of his life, well after he served time for the things that he was accused of doing."

Church Investigation Focuses on Reporting Requirements

While no criminal wrongdoing has been alleged, the church's review centers on whether Remington properly informed denominational leaders about her employment.

Under the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline, clergy working in "extension ministries"—positions outside traditional pastoral roles—must submit annual reports to church leadership outlining their work and ministry setting.

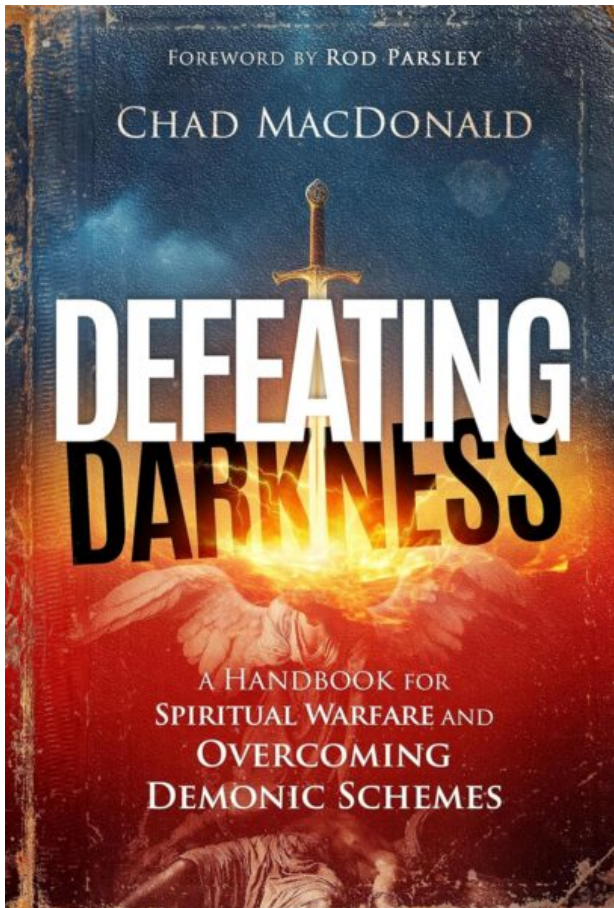
"The Missouri Conference had no knowledge of the individual's association with Mr. Epstein," they said in a statement.

Remington, however, said she later mentioned the job during a conversation with her district superintendent and believed she had fulfilled the required reporting.

Remington Explains Her Decision

Remington has also addressed the ethical questions surrounding her decision to work for Epstein.

In a 2019 blog post written under the pseudonym Jerusha Moon, she explained that she wrestled with whether it was appropriate to accept the job.



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She ultimately concluded that her Christian beliefs about grace influenced her decision.

“And I felt that if I withheld relationship from this man because of his past, then I would be turning my back on every message of hope I have ever preached, every invitation to God’s unconditional love I have ever extended, and my calling to be a healing presence in the world for all people,” she

wrote.

She also compared her association to that of Jesus and those He kept in His circle, stating:

Jesus got into a lot of trouble for the company he kept, but he didn't let that trouble pressure him into rejecting the people who, by their standards, did not deserve to be human...Social death is just another kind of murder. He opened his heart and his mind to them, and they opened their tables and alabaster jars to him. Is Jeffrey not among their kind?...Of course he didn't deserve a second chance. None of us do. But that's not how grace works.

Remington also defended Epstein, stating that:

Half of America wants to tie him to the Clintons. The other half wants to tie him to Trump...their hunch is correct. Jeffrey was very proud to have direct lines to all his presidents. If association with sinners makes one guilty, then the church is in an awful state. I have heard the confessions of the people in my pews. I know their stories. We're just people. The human kind.

Confronting the Evil of Epstein's Crimes

While the current investigation focuses on a church leadership matter, it is important to clearly state the moral reality surrounding Jeffrey Epstein's actions. The crimes connected to Epstein were heinous, deeply disturbing and devastating to countless victims. His trafficking and abuse of children represent some of [the darkest expressions of human depravity and the misuse of power.](#)

There can be no minimizing or excusing such evil. Scripture

repeatedly calls believers to defend the vulnerable and to bring darkness into the light (Eph. 5:11). The suffering of Epstein's victims is not a political talking point or a passing news story—it represents real lives harmed by exploitation and manipulation.

The gospel proclaims that God's grace is available to all people, but it also makes clear that there is no way to God without the repentance of sins. The Bible teaches that true repentance involves turning away from sin and humbling oneself before God. As Acts 3:19 declares, "Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out."

In Epstein's case, there was no clear public evidence that he ever expressed genuine repentance for the atrocities tied to his name. Instead, the case left behind a trail of unanswered questions, shattered lives and a global scandal that exposed how wealth and influence can be used to hide great evil.

For the church, this moment serves as a sobering reminder. While Christians are called to extend grace, they are also called to stand firmly for truth and justice.

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Fox News' Tyrus Says Alien Encounter Mysteriously Healed His WWE Injury

Former WWE wrestler and Fox News television personality Tyrus is sharing an extraordinary story about a mysterious encounter he believes may have healed a serious injury that once threatened to end his wrestling career.

During a recent conversation with Dr. Steven Greer, Tyrus recounted an experience that began years earlier when he was a child fascinated—and somewhat frightened—by the idea of extraterrestrial life.

“When I was probably 12 or 13, there was this special that came on,” he said. “I remember the guy... talked about the aliens, and I remember he said their favorite food or snack was strawberry ice cream or something like that.”

The strange program stuck with him.

“That never left my mind,” Tyrus said. Years later, [the topic resurfaced in a way he says changed his life](#) physically.

While wrestling in WWE in Tampa, Florida, Tyrus suffered a devastating injury during a televised feud with fellow wrestler Big Show. In the heat of the match, a move involving the announce desk went wrong.

“It was supposed to hit me up on my shoulders, and it hit me in my lower back right above my tailbone,” Tyrus explained. “My sciatic was done.”

The injury left him in severe pain and dramatically limited his mobility. Despite standing around 6' 7", he said he was hunched over from the discomfort.

"I was walking around about 6'2 like I was just in a lot of pain," he said. "They were talking maybe surgery."

Even with elite training and rehabilitation, his recovery was uncertain.

Then one night after returning home from being out with friends, something unusual happened.

As he stepped out of his truck near his Tampa townhouse, Tyrus said he suddenly felt a strange sense of awareness.

"I just was looking at the top of the house," he recalled. "My hair was up on my arms. I literally felt like I was being watched."

He eventually went inside and went to bed—but what happened next still leaves him stunned.

Within minutes, he said he experienced something that felt far beyond a normal dream.

"It wasn't like falling asleep," Tyrus said. "It was this weird movement... almost like there's an out-of-body experience."

Suddenly, he found himself on what he described as a table surrounded by figures with large, reflective eyes.

"All I could really see was eyes," he said. "They were black, reflective."

At first, he resisted, using his strength to push against what felt like a film holding him down.

"I'm a big strong dude," he said. "I kept pushing everything

off me.”

But then something changed.

“There was almost a calming... like, ‘We’re not going to hurt you. We want to help,’” Tyrus explained.

As he relaxed, he said one of the beings began examining his body.

“He was feeling over my abdomen area with his hands,” Tyrus said. “Then the table kind of moved to my back... down to where my back was.”

Moments later, [the experience abruptly ended.](#)

When he woke up, he said he was drenched in sweat.

“It was the most sweat I had ever had,” he recalled. “I woke up screaming like I was in the middle of a fight.”

Initially, he dismissed the event as simply an intense dream.

But the next morning told a different story.

When he arrived at training, something surprising happened: he stood fully upright again—something he hadn’t done in weeks.

“I hit my head on the door,” Tyrus said. “I hadn’t hit my head on the door in a long time because I was always hunched over.”

His trainer immediately noticed the change.

“He’s like, ‘Oh, you’re standing good today,’” Tyrus said.

Even more surprising, the swelling in his injured back had vanished, and his strength returned almost instantly.

“The swelling’s gone,” his trainer reportedly told him.

Within weeks, Tyrus said he was lifting heavy again and even setting personal records.

Looking back, he still wrestles with how to explain it.

“I have always said it was a dream,” Tyrus admitted. “But either it’s real and they fixed my back... or I had the craziest dream and just willpowered it.”

Whatever the explanation, he believes the experience altered his future.

“That changed the course of my life physically,” he said. “Probably added another five years onto my lifting and wrestling career.”

To watch Tyrus’ full video, you can [click here](#). (Editor’s note: Strong language)

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