

The Military Is Turning to the Chaplain Corps More and More: 'God's Working in This'

From a pier in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Coast Guard crews launch into some of the branch's toughest assignments. For Chaplain Genesis Guerrero, the focus goes beyond the mission itself, to the people carrying it out.

"My job is to help the operator complete the mission, and one of the ways I do that is just to care for the operator, whatever that might look like," Guerrero told CBN News.

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Sometimes that looks like early morning walks around base, praying over each cutter crew, small boat mission, and command decision. Daily workouts become connection points, meeting service members where they are. It's recognizing new faces, remembering injuries, celebrating milestones, and honoring loss. Guerrero says those seemingly small moments often grow into something much bigger.

"A lot of my ministry happens kind of in the margins. It happens when I'm passing by, I'm walking by someone on the boat or in the hallways, or really even just serving food. Just not too long ago, a guy was just telling me about, 'Hey, I'm, you know, getting over divorce, and this is kind of what's happening,' and so that would have never happened had I not been serving alongside that Coastie...That's what makes this ministry unique...A lot of it is not planned," Guerrero said.



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Crews from Sector San Juan handle everything from maritime safety to the border mission, and what they see on the job isn't always easy to process. Guerrero provides a rare safe space to talk, with conversations that remain 100 percent confidential.

"When they can let go of that weight, like, 'Chap, I've been holding this in for months. I have not been able to talk to anyone, not even my spouse,' my hope is that, when they can unburden, so to speak, that way, it'll free them to do their job better, to be a better spouse, to be a better teammate, to be a better shipmate, to be a better friend. Whatever it might be," Guerrero explained.

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Military chaplains wear many hats. They can provide grief counseling, marriage support, suicide prevention, or even just a quiet moment away from command. They constantly bear witness to the hidden cost of service, offering connection as a lifeline.

"Honestly, that's one of the reasons why I love this job, is because it's special, it's sacred. I know I'm getting emotional, but people invite you into their lives, and usually when I meet with them in that context, it's the hardest part of their life, the hardest season, and the fact that they would invite me into that, it's sacred...I honor and I treasure, cherish, that they would trust me with that information," Guerrero said.

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Recognizing that value, the Defense Department wants to increase the number of chaplains across the armed services. Navy chaplains cover all sea services, which include the

Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

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Critics Warn Unrest in the UK Could Boil Over into Civil War

As the war in Gaza captures headlines, there's another battle over land in the so-called occupied territories of Judea and Samaria, which much of the world considers the West Bank. Some in this region see their grapevines as a key weapon in their battle.

Just south of Jerusalem, in the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria, sits Tekoa, where the ancient prophet Amos lived and foretold that the mountains shall drip with wine.

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CBN News traveled to Tekoa, to the vineyard of Yoni and Gadi Afik. They're answering the prophetic call of Amos to replant the vines in the hills of Judea.

However, modern-day Tekoa stands on the front lines of a very different kind of battle, a battle for the heart and soil of the land of Israel.

Yoni Afik told us, "Agriculture and farms, trees and vineyards at the border – they are like the border between us and our neighbors."

His brother Gadi asserted, "If you're not planting, you're losing your ground."

The brothers are strengthening Israel's frontiers, one vine at a time.

Yoni encouraged us, " Look around you. We are right on the border between the village, Tekoa, and the new vineyard."

The brothers believe that the biblical heartland of Judea and Samaria was given to Israel by God, to settle it peacefully by cultivating the land.



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Gadi explained, "Every day (we) work here to guard and keep and watch our lands."

Yet, on October 7th, 2023, both brothers were called up to the Israel Defense Forces to join the war against Hamas and Hezbollah, trading pruning forks for rifles.

"I got a call from my unit, and they said, 'We need you,'" Yoni recalled. "We didn't want it, and we wanted to do agriculture."

During Gadi's 230-day military service, his wife Chava and their five children kept the frontline vineyards alive.

She admitted that they were terrified and exhausted, but the children learned farming, living out what the prophet said.

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Last month, Israel's government approved a symbolic resolution to once again take control of Judea, Samaria, and the Jordan Valley, which have been under an Israeli military administration since the victory in the 1967 Six-Day War.

The brothers believe they're partnering with prophecy, according to Amos 9:14:

"I will bring back the captives of My people Israel. They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them. I will plant them in their land, and they shall no longer be pulled up from the land I have given them, says the Lord your God."

Every vine they plant is more than agriculture. It's rooting Israel's future deep into the land.

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Gadi contended, "It's a very deep and spiritual relationship between the grapevine and the people of Israel."

Our nation was divorced for 2000 years," Yoni noted. "You can't divorce from your land. You can't divorce from your story."

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Another Blood Moon Arrives Sunday at Midpoint of 4 Celestial Signs That Could Have Prophetic Impact

A series of four remarkable celestial signs kicked off this year, which may hold prophetic significance for our world, and the next one arrives on Sunday night, Sept. 7, in the form of a blood moon.

This grouping of significant heavenly events could portend a message about Israel as the Jewish state enters what could be the final stage of its military campaign to defeat Hamas and free Gaza from its terrorist rulers. It has already been an eventful year since the first blood moon arrived and Israel launched an effort to end the Iranian nuclear threat, as U.S. President Donald Trump launched stealth bombers against Iran on Israel's behalf.

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Near the beginning of 2025, skywatchers had a chance to see the first blood moon, landing right on a special Jewish holy day about Israel's deliverance from her enemies. It was visible across the U.S. for about an hour, and parts of Latin America, Africa, and Europe also caught a glimpse of the phenomenon.

That first lunar eclipse on Mar. 13-14, 2025, fell directly on Purim as the Jewish people were celebrating the biblical account of Esther in which they were delivered from annihilation at the hands of an enemy named Haman in the Persian Empire, which is modern-day Iran.

The series of four heavenly phenomena includes three lunar events, capped off by a major solar event in 2026. The next sign is set to arrive Sunday night, September 7, 2025, as the Jewish people prepare to celebrate their New Year later in the month.

reports, "The total lunar eclipse will begin globally at 11:28 a.m. (1528 GMT) on Sept. 7, with totality occurring at 1:30 p.m. ET (1730 GMT) and stretching on for a staggering 82 minutes before the deepest part of Earth's shadow begins to slip from the surface of the lunar disk." The eclipse will not be visible within the continental U.S.

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But this second blood moon is only the halfway point. A third blood moon is ALSO set to fall directly on Purim in 2026.

Bible prophecy experts say lunar eclipses, known as "blood moons," are tied to events that affect Israel. And with antisemitism spiking around the globe, the ongoing chaos with Hamas in Gaza, Israel's operations to cripple Hezbollah in Lebanon, the regime change in Syria, and the general massive Middle East shift that has followed the Oct. 7 massacre in Israel, the two Purim blood moons certainly come during a pivotal, historic time.

And just as CBN News forewarned in early 2025, Israel took historic, decisive action in June to neutralize the existential threat posed by the Iranian regime in Tehran. Israel felt compelled to act swiftly as rumors abounded that Iran was close to completing a nuclear weapon that could be deployed to achieve Iran's stated goal of annihilating the Jewish state.



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A blood moon is a full lunar eclipse in which the moon can appear to be an eerie, blood-red color. Blood moons occur when Earth passes directly between the moon and the sun, preventing the sun from reflecting off the moon and casting a reddish shadow over it.

In the first such event on , 2025, the moon turned red for more than an hour over North and South America. The second one on Sept. 7, 2025, will last 82 minutes and will be visible over Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. It lands two weeks before the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which is a time of prayer and repentance.

Then, the third blood moon will arrive on Purim on Mar. 3, 2026. It will be visible for nearly an hour from Asia to parts of North America.

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Christian leaders who study biblical prophecy, like Pastor John Hagee and Pastor Mark Biltz, have contended for years that blood moons portend significant events for Israel and the Middle East and, therefore, the entire world.

Hagee wrote a best-selling book about it called Four Blood Moons. "The heavens are 'God's billboard.' He's been sending signals to Earth, and we haven't been picking them up," Hagee explained a decade ago when talking about a particularly remarkable series of blood moons called a tetrad – that's four blood moons within a span of two years.

The last time a tetrad took place was from 2014-2015, and all four of those eclipses landed directly on Jewish holidays, coming as the world endured the shocking and horrific rise of ISIS, the highly controversial Iran nuclear deal, and the previous Israeli war with Hamas.

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Rudy Giuliani Seriously Injured in Car Crash: ‘Your Prayers Mean the World’

Rudy Giuliani is recovering from a fractured vertebra and other injuries following a car crash in New Hampshire in which he was a passenger, a spokesperson for the former New York City mayor said Sunday.

Giuliani was being driven in a rented Ford Bronco by his spokesperson Ted Goodman when their vehicle was struck from behind by a Honda HR-V driven by a 19-year-old woman late Saturday evening, New Hampshire State Police said in a statement.

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Troopers witnessed the crash, which caused both vehicles to hit the highway median and left them “heavily damaged,” state police said. Goodman and the 19-year-old suffered “non-life-threatening injuries” and were taken to hospitals for treatment, the agency added.

State police said they are investigating the crash and no charges have been filed.

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Giuliani, 81, was taken to a nearby trauma center and was being treated for a fractured thoracic vertebra, multiple lacerations and contusions, as well as injuries to his left arm and lower leg, according to a statement posted on X by Michael Ragusa, Giuliani's head of security.

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Giuliani "sustained injuries but is in good spirits and recovering tremendously," Ragusa said, adding: "This was not a targeted attack."

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Hundreds Choose Christ in Mallorca Party Zone: 'There Is Such a Tangible Presence

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