

Ex-Wizard's Encounter With Jesus Reveals Power Over the Occult

A surprising biblical connection

Joel Rosenberg is asking a question many Christians and political observers are watching closely: Does Bible prophecy say the Saudis will make peace with Israel?

In a recent YouTube exclusive for The Rosenberg Report, he explained, "There's no specific prophetic passage anywhere in the Bible, Old Testament or New, that says there will be peace between these countries in any type of specific way. But...when you read Ezekiel 38 and 39, particularly chapter 38, it strongly implies it."

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Rosenberg pointed back to Scripture's history, reminding viewers that Arabia and Israel were not always at odds. "Think of the story of the queen of Sheba," he said. "She was so impressed by King Solomon's wisdom and the favor of God on him that she gave him all these treasures and she effectively said, 'Let's make peace.' And they built a relationship. They built a peace treaty. Go read it."

What prophecy actually says

While the Bible never names Saudi Arabia in a modern sense, Rosenberg argued that Ezekiel's prophecy of the Gog and Magog war offers important clues.



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"When you read the beginning of Ezekiel 38 about this coming prophetic attack on Israel, the prerequisite of that prophecy is that Israel is living securely in the land," Rosenberg said. "The Jews have come back after exile, rebuilt the ancient ruins, made the deserts bloom. Things are going really well in Israel. Things are peaceful. They're prosperous. And Israel has quiet on all sides."

That sets the stage for Gog, identified as a Russian leader, to lead Iran, Turkey and others against Israel. But Arabia is not included in that list. Instead, the passage notes that "Sheba and Dedan," ancient names Rosenberg identifies with Arabia, will stand on the sidelines.

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"That doesn't tell us definitively that the people of Sheba and Dedan have a peace treaty with Israel," Rosenberg clarified. "It does strongly imply that the people of Sheba and Dedan aren't in the conflict. They're not in the coalition with Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya, Sudan and these other countries. They're outside."

Prophecy in motion

For Rosenberg, the prophetic implications are significant. The fact that Arabia could stand outside a coalition against Israel would have been unthinkable for most of the past century.

"That would have been impossible to imagine for the last 80 or 100 years," he said. "It's much easier to see now because the United Arab Emirates, which is also part of the Arabian Peninsula, they have a peace treaty with Israel. So does Bahrain. So does Jordan. So does Egypt. The Saudis don't have

the deal. Not formally, but effectively they want calm, quiet, and even peace with Israel.”

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While he emphasizes that no direct prophecy guarantees a Saudi-Israeli peace treaty, Rosenberg believes today’s developments are aligning closely with Ezekiel’s picture of a secure and prosperous Israel, setting the stage for events that point to the last days.

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China’s Disturbing Push for Pregnancy Robots Raises Alarming Ethical Questions

Prophecy Watchers host Gary Stearman and author Jonathan Brentner recently discussed the uniqueness of the rapture and how today’s world events point to prophecy unfolding.

Brentner stressed that the rapture is distinct from the second coming of Christ. “It’s not part of the Second Coming. It’s different from the Second Coming,” he said. The difference comes down to timing. “When the rapture happens in 1 Thessalonians 4, Jesus raises the dead in Christ first. At the Second Coming... it might not even be the same day. It might be several days later.”

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He added that the groups raised are not the same. "He raises the dead in Christ. But when at the second coming, it's just a subset of believers as tribulation saints."



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The conversation also touched on global turmoil, especially the Oct. 7 invasion of Israel and the alarming rise of antisemitism. "Antisemitism... as we speak, and you know the Palestinians are perfectly willing to kill all the Jews," Brentner warned. He noted the disturbing calls to wipe out Jews "from the river to the sea."

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Both Stearman and Brentner said these events reflect deeper spiritual forces at work. "We see that the same today in Iran. It's almost as though that spirit is alive and well," Brentner said, connecting current hostility to the ancient enemies of Israel.

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Despite the dark outlook, Stearman reminded believers that Scripture also promises hope. "The world is preparing for something unspeakable," he said, but added that the Bible provides assurance for those in Christ. Brentner agreed, saying the rapture points to "something that's going to happen to Christendom... at the very near future. And it's a beautiful thought to be having at this time in history."

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Eric Metaxas: What Dietrich Bonhoeffer Can Teach the American Church Right Now

The Bible warns us of a coming seven-year tribulation, a time when God's wrath will be poured out on a world that has rejected Jesus Christ. For many, it's easy to pass over that phrase quickly, "seven years of tribulation," without truly grasping the weight of what it means. But when you stop and think about the length of that time, and the suffering described in Scripture, it becomes clear why the Bible says it will be unlike any other period in human history.

On a recent episode of the Watchman River podcast, host Tom Cote shared how the reality of this hit him powerfully. "Last night, I was really thinking about this and something hit me like a freight train," Cote said. "I've never literally thought about how long that seven years is for the people that are here. I don't know why. I just kind of always say seven-year tribulation, seven-year tribulation. Yesterday, I think the Lord gave me a glimpse where He put it in my heart to realize how long that seven years is."

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Cote explained that while Christians often focus on the rapture and the marriage supper of the Lamb, it's easy to forget what those left behind will endure. "We talk about the shock that will happen to the world a day or two after the rapture," he said. "But what about a month after the rapture? What about two months after the rapture? What about a year or

two after the rapture?... It's terrifying. It's a long time."

He went on to describe what life may look like in those years. "Probably no toilet paper during the seven-year tribulation. Probably no clean running water. It's a different world. God is showing his wrath to a Christ-rejecting world," he said. "It's a nightmare. You don't want to be here for the seven-year tribulation. War, famine, pestilence, death, inflation."



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Turning to Revelation 6, Cote highlighted the third seal, where a black horse rider brings food scarcity so severe that a full day's wages would only buy a small amount of bread. "I just think, 'Oh, that day would be really bad. You got to work a whole day for a loaf of bread.' It's every day. It's a seven-year tribulation," he said.

Cote added that for those who come to faith in Jesus during the tribulation, persecution will be brutal. "People who believe in Jesus during the seven-year tribulation will be hunted down and basically beheaded for their faith," he warned. In his view, martyrdom may even seem merciful compared to trying to survive the full seven years.

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Ultimately, he reminded listeners that Jesus Himself said if He did not return at the end of the tribulation, "there'd be no flesh living. Nobody would be alive. It's a horrible time."

A Call to Repentance

The sobering reality of the Great Tribulation gave Cote a renewed sense of urgency to call people to Christ. "When you

start understanding how long that seven-year tribulation is, you just want to tell everyone about Jesus today,” he said. “It gave me an urgency last night thinking about this of just sharing the gospel with everyone and just trying to get as many people on that ark, trying to get as many people to repent, meaning turning from unbelief to belief in the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. I don’t want anyone to be left behind.”

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“Seven years is a long time. Please keep listening and believe in Jesus today because what’s coming to this world, and it’s coming soon, that seven-year tribulation is speeding toward us right now.”

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Flesh-Eating Bacteria and Bubonic Plague Resurface in US, Echoing Bible Warnings

From new plagues to pestilences, outbreaks of strange and deadly diseases have long been seen as part of the signs Jesus warned would appear before His return. A rise in flesh-eating bacteria along the Gulf Coast and the reemergence of pneumonic plague in Arizona are the latest reminders that even in an age of modern medicine, the world remains vulnerable to ancient scourges described to us in the Bible.

As reported by Israel365 News, “a recent surge in deadly

infections, including flesh-eating bacteria along the Gulf Coast and a rare case of pneumonic plague in Arizona, has drawn eerie comparisons to the biblical plagues of Egypt and prophetic descriptions of the end-of-days War of Gog and Magog.”

While Jewish scholars have noted parallels to Zechariah, we as Christians can also point to Jesus’ words in Matthew 24:7 that “there will be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in various places” as signs of the approaching end of the age.

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Public health officials have confirmed a sharp rise in cases of *Vibrio vulnificus*, a dangerous strain of bacteria commonly found in warm saltwater and brackish environments. “So far in 2025, at least eight people have died and 22 others have been infected by the bacteria, which thrives in warm coastal waters,” the report said.

The Louisiana Department of Health noted that 17 cases required hospitalization, with four deaths, more than double the state’s annual average for the past decade. Florida reported 13 cases and four deaths as of late July.



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The Cleveland Clinic warns that infections can progress quickly and cause “blistering skin lesions, fever, sepsis, internal bleeding, organ failure, and in some cases, necrotizing fasciitis, a severe infection that kills flesh around an open wound.” Health officials urge beachgoers to take precautions, such as avoiding raw shellfish, not entering the water with open wounds and using protective footwear.

Alongside the Gulf Coast outbreak, plague has also resurfaced

in the American Southwest.

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“A person died from pneumonic plague in Arizona last week, the first death from the disease in this region in nearly two decades,” according to the report. The bacterium, *Yersinia pestis*, was the cause of the Black Death in the Middle Ages, killing tens of millions. The World Health Organization now categorizes it as a re-emerging disease, with nearly 50,000 human cases worldwide in the past two decades.

We must use biblical discernment to see such events as reminders of the brokenness of creation since the fall of man in Genesis 3 and warnings of the times to come. Scripture speaks of pestilence as part of God’s judgment, yet also as a call to repentance and faith in Jesus before the fullness of the Great Tribulation unfolds. Revelation describes devastating plagues that will strike the earth during the end times (Rev. 6:8; 16:2-21).

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While medical experts emphasize prevention and treatment, we must interpret these “wake-up calls” as opportunities to return to the hope of the gospel message. As pestilences reappear even in an age of advanced science, believers are reminded that Christ’s words remain true and that His return is drawing near.

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