

What Does the Bible Say About the Silver Cord and Spiritual Warfare?

The Bible speaks of a mysterious race of giants who walked the earth in ancient times. From the “mighty men of renown” in Genesis 6 to the towering warrior Goliath who faced David in battle, Scripture records the existence of men whose size and strength were far beyond ordinary. These accounts have long stirred both fascination and debate among researchers: Did giants truly exist, and could evidence of them still be discovered today?

Evangelist Perry Stone believes we may be closer than ever to answering that question. In a recent video, he pointed to discoveries that could shed light on this biblical mystery.

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“When you read the book of Genesis chapter 6, it says that there were mighty men of renowned giants that were in the earth back in the time of Noah, both before the flood and after the flood,” Stone explained. He reminded viewers that the Bible names giants slain by David and his men, Goliath, Ishbibenob, Saf and others, standing at an estimated nine to ten feet tall.

Stone noted that unusual archaeological finds may be pointing back to these ancient giants. “There was a pit found in Egypt with these real... right hands of giant bones. The hands were enormous and that may have been one proof of that,” he said.



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More recently, archaeologists unearthed oversized leather shoes at a Roman fort. While most shoes from that period were standard in length, some measured over 12 inches. Stone questioned the simple explanations given by researchers: "If... it was just a shoe that was made in the winter and they put extra socks on, you should have a whole bog full of hundreds and hundreds of these shoes... That's just my opinion."

He suggested the possibility that the shoes could belong to "perhaps Rephaim or giant-sized men that were kind of a... DNA mix that still existed at that particular period of time." This speculation ties directly to Jesus' warning in Matthew 24:37: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the time of the coming of the Son of Man."

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According to Stone, the link between the days of Noah and modern discoveries is too important to ignore. "I do believe that at some point... because the days of Noah were connected to giants, that you may find some kind of evidence," he said.

Stone closed his message with encouragement for believers: "We are in the time of Noah and Lot, parallel seasons which remind us that the Lord is coming. Keep your faith. Keep your head up and keep on looking forward."

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The fascination with giants will continue to spark curiosity, but as Stone reminded, the focus must remain on Scripture. The Bible itself is the surest foundation, "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16).

As new discoveries surface, Christians are called to view them

through the lens of God's Word, finding wisdom and discernment in the truth that has stood unchanged for thousands of years.

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Prophecy Unfolds on the Temple Mount as Thousands Gather on Tisha B'Av

The eyes of the world are once again drawn to the Temple Mount, a place where history, faith and prophecy converge.

On the Jewish fast day of Tisha B'Av, which mourns the destruction of the First and Second Temples, extraordinary events unfolded that highlight both the rising hunger of the Jewish people to worship on the Mount and the undeniable march of biblical prophecy toward fulfillment.

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National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir ascended the Temple Mount on Sunday, joining thousands of Jewish visitors expected to come throughout the day. Under his policy, Israeli police allowed Jewish visitors to do something unprecedented: "sing, pray in the eastern section of the mount, and even prostrate," a significant departure from the long-held restrictions that prohibited overt Jewish worship.

According to i24 News, videos captured the moment as "dozens of Jewish worshippers [were] singing and dancing openly on the mount," with police making no effort to intervene. Associates of Ben-Gvir hailed the moment as "a monumental change that

hasn't happened in a thousand years," affirming his belief that there can be "no law permitting racist discrimination against Jews on the Temple Mount or anywhere else in Israel."



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At the same time, the Temple Institute reported a powerful surge in Jewish participation. In their words: "More than 4,000 Jews made their way to the Temple Mount on Tish'a b'Av, despite the limited hours of permitted entry. Meanwhile, at the foot of the Temple Mount many tens of thousands of Jews gathered in the Western Wall Plaza to pray for the rebuilding of the Holy Temple."

In today's culture, tolerance is often praised as a virtue. But what happens when tolerance crosses the line into allowing compromise in the church? Scripture warns that the acceptance of false teaching and worldly practices can subtly erode intimacy with God. The danger is not always obvious, it creeps in quietly, cloaked in the language of grace, until believers find themselves far from the holiness Christ calls them to.

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Author and Bible teacher John Bevere explored this in a recent discussion on the message to the church of Pergamum in Revelation. Quoting directly from Jesus' words, Bevere highlighted, "But I have a few complaints against you. Jesus said, you tolerate. Remember the word tolerate. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam... He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and committing sexual sin."

Bevere emphasized that the heart of the problem wasn't simply

the sin itself but the church's willingness to put up with it. "Repent of your sin. What sin? The sin of tolerance. This is interesting. It's not the sin of teaching them actually teaching idolatry and sexual immorality. No, he said you are tolerating those who teach this."



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For Bevere, this cuts to the very core of spiritual compromise. He explained why Jesus introduces Himself in Revelation as the one with the sharp two-edged sword: "I personally believe this is because what he's about to do with this church is cut something out that is very deadly, and that's called tolerance." Tolerance of false teaching, he warns, doesn't just allow sin to flourish, it robs believers of what they most desire: closeness with God. "The very thing that most people cry out for they give up, and that is intimacy with God."

Bevere also connected this with the destructive message of the Nicolaitans in the early church, noting how their distorted view of grace mirrors modern trends. "We have developed a grace message, which is exactly what the Nicolaitans did. They developed this grace message that permits a very ungodly, worldly, fleshly lifestyle." This so-called grace may sound appealing, but it quietly undermines the very relationship with Christ it claims to uphold.

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It should be clear to all Christians that silence and compromise are not pleasing to God. As Bevere said, "Remaining silent on these very critical matters is not pleasing." The call of Christ is not to tolerate teaching that leads people

into sin, but to confront it, with both boldness and compassion, so that believers can walk in purity and true fellowship with God.

Bevere's reminder is firm but necessary. It challenges us to examine our lives and our churches: What are we tolerating that Christ would confront? The words of Revelation are timeless. The call is not to bend with culture but to stand firm in truth. As Bevere makes clear, our response must be decisive: "We refuse to compromise, we don't tolerate, we don't tolerate in our own life, we don't teach it, we don't tolerate the teaching of it, but we expose it."

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Now is the time for believers to stand guard against the sin of tolerance and pursue the intimacy with God that only comes through holy living, obedience and uncompromising devotion.

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Israeli Hostage Forced to Dig His Own Grave in Chilling Hamas Propaganda Video

The seven deadly sins have long been a way of describing patterns of brokenness that turn hearts away from God. While each sin takes a different form, whether through pride, anger or greed, they all point to the same root problem: humanity's need for redemption through Jesus Christ.

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In a recent video, Joe Kirby of Off the Kirb Ministries used a creative approach to explain these sins, pairing them with emojis to help modern audiences visualize them. But more importantly, he reminded viewers that every one of these sins, though destructive, can be defeated by Christ's power on the cross.

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Here's a closer look at each of the seven deadly sins, with Kirby's insights included:

1. Pride

- Pride is often considered the root of all sin because it exalts self above God and others. It convinces people that they are good enough on their own and blinds them to their need for mercy. Scripture shows pride was the sin that caused Lucifer's fall and continues to keep many from seeking Christ.
- "The big one. The sin that says, 'I am the main character and everyone else is just background extras.' It's often called the queen of sins because it's where all the others sprout from. It's the sin that got Lucifer kicked out of heaven. And it's the sin that very often stops people from coming to Jesus because they believe that they are already good people."

2. Greed

- Greed is an insatiable craving for more, whether money, possessions or power. It promises satisfaction but never delivers, leading to a

cycle of discontentment and spiritual emptiness.

- “The one that whispers, ‘Just a little more and then I’ll be happy.’ But spoiler alert, you won’t. Do me a favor. Do not drink from that cup. I promise you, there is not enough money and power on earth for you to be satisfied.”

3. Envy

- Envy is resentment toward others for what they have, coupled with dissatisfaction over one’s own blessings. It breeds bitterness, steals joy and prevents gratitude for the gifts God has already given.
- “Jealousy turns you bitter real quick and it makes it nearly impossible to see the current blessings that God has placed in your life. Because as President Theodore Roosevelt once said, ‘Comparison is the thief of joy.’”

4. Lust

- Lust is a distorted desire that seeks pleasure outside God’s design for love, marriage, and purity. It promises thrill but leaves emptiness, growing strongest when hidden in secrecy.
- “It’s the one that promises thrill but leaves you empty. It’s the sin that never satisfies and the one that no one ever likes to talk about. But we must bring this one to light because out of all of these deadly sins, this is the one that grows in the dark.”

5. Gluttony

- While often thought of as overeating, gluttony extends to overindulgence in anything—whether food, entertainment, or even social media. It places appetites above discipline and allows

consumption to rule life.

- “We often think of overeating, but it’s more than that. It’s anything that we consume in excess, even Netflix or scrolling on videos all day long. The Bible does warn about those whose god is their belly and whose appetite rules their lives.”

6. Wrath (Anger)

- Not all anger is wrong, even Jesus displayed righteous anger at injustice. But wrath refers to uncontrolled rage that lashes out over minor offenses, causing harm to self and others.
- “You probably know that not all anger is wrong. For instance, being angry at an injustice is actually a good thing. And Jesus Himself showed righteous anger when He drove the money changers out of the holy temple. So, what type of anger are we talking about? We’re describing an anger which is out of control, like losing your temper over minor things.”

7. Sloth

- Sloth goes beyond laziness, it’s neglecting to do the good and necessary things God calls us to. It wastes time, avoids responsibility, and robs a person of living out their God-given purpose.
- “Sloth. This isn’t just laziness, though. It’s ignoring the good things that we should be doing. Like when you procrastinate for three hours instead of doing your homework or your chores. We sometimes go easy on this sin and even find it funny. But if you think it’s a joke, just read the book of Proverbs because God’s word calls this person a sluggard and shows us that the slothful person effectively achieves nothing with their life.”

The Struggle and the Hope

Kirby reminded his viewers that sin grows like a seed into a destructive tree, but Jesus has the power to cut it down. "Your heart is like a garden. And there are seeds that were planted... which eventually one day would grow into a monstrous tree. But the Lord Jesus Christ took his strong axe and he did chop it down for me."

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The good news is that the cross of Christ paid for every sin: past, present and future. "It's not just seven of the deadly sins that were paid for at Calvary, but thousands and thousands, millions and billions. Every sin that was ever committed was nailed to that cross with Jesus Christ. And he paid the price for those sins with his very blood."

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For those who feel burdened by guilt, Kirby emphasized the new identity believers receive through Christ: "When God looks at us, he doesn't see our daily failures anymore. He sees us as pure as snow because Christ's blood has washed us clean and has made us righteous in God's eyes."

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How Genesis and Revelation

Connect: the Beginning and the End

Few topics in Scripture stir up more fear and confusion than the question of the “unpardonable sin.” Many people wrestle with nagging thoughts like, “Did I mess up too badly for God to forgive me?” or “Have I committed the unforgivable sin that Jesus spoke about?” These questions can weigh heavy on the heart, leaving believers trapped in shame and fear. But Scripture offers clarity, and hope, on what Jesus really meant when He spoke about blaspheming the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Kap Chatfield recently addressed this subject in a video teaching, reminding viewers that the context of Jesus’ warning in Mark 3 was directed at the Pharisees who had witnessed His miracles and still declared that He was working by Satan’s power.

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“It wasn’t just bad doctrine,” Chatfield explained. “This was actually willful, hard-hearted rejection of the Holy Spirit’s testimony about Jesus. It was witnessing a miracle, seeing the hand of God at work and saying, ‘That’s the devil.’”

Chatfield encouraged his audience not to live in constant fear that they’ve accidentally crossed the line. In fact, he said the very opposite is true: “If you’re worried, that’s actually proof that you haven’t done it. The unforgivable sin is not an accident. It’s not something that you slip into unknowingly. It’s repeated, willful, deliberate rebellion. So if you’re afraid that you’ve gone too far, that fear is proof that your heart is still soft. And that’s a gift from the Holy Spirit.”



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The difference, he explained, is between conviction and condemnation. "Conviction is from God. And conviction draws you closer. Condemnation on the other hand pushes us away from God. Condemnation is from the enemy. And it drives you and me away." God's character, Chatfield reminded, is one of mercy and forgiveness. Pointing to Psalm 86:5, he said, "For you, Lord, are good and ready to forgive and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon you."

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To illustrate this, Chatfield reflected on the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15. "The father wasn't waiting with crossed arms. He was running towards his son. That's how God responds to you when you return to him." He also shared Jesus' own words from John 6:37: "The one who comes to me, I will by no means cast out."

Chatfield closed with an encouraging reminder that God's grace outweighs every failure. "Grace is still greater. You might be watching this thinking, 'I don't know if I can be forgiven.' But if you're reaching for Jesus, he's already running towards you. Remember that fear that you had at the beginning? Let it turn into reverence. And let reverence lead you into relationship, full of conviction, but 100% without condemnation."

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The truth is simple yet powerful, if your heart longs for God, He has not turned His back on you. His forgiveness is abundant, His mercy is ready and His arms are always open.

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