

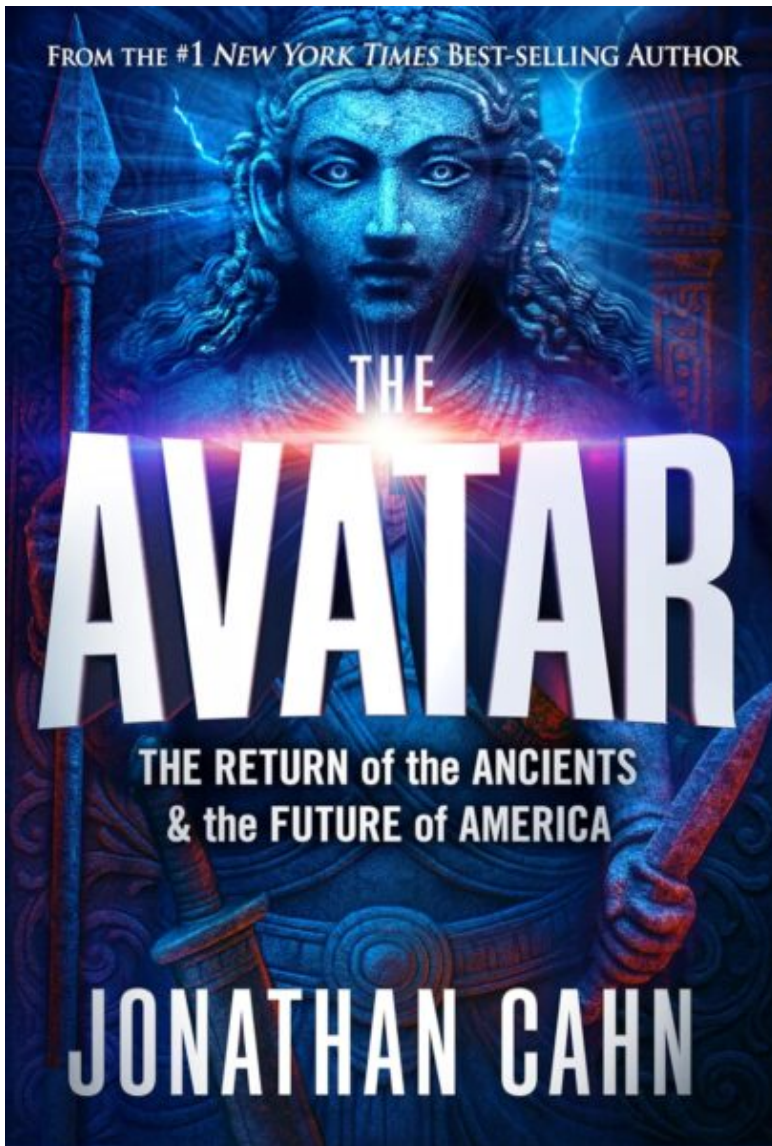
# Unraveling the Nephilim Mystery: Why Genesis 6 Led to the Flood

Many of us have wrestled with the strange references in Genesis 6 to [beings called the Nephilim](#) and wondered why the Flood followed so soon after. What exactly was the problem God addressed, and how does Noah's story fit into His broader plan? By exploring these questions, we gain fresh insight into our origins, the depth of human brokenness, and the hope God extends through redemption.

On Prophecy Watchers, host Gary Stearman and guest Lee Brainard unpack this passage. Stearman explains that Genesis 6 "opens with this dramatic arrival of ... the ones who came to corrupt mankind, and then it works its way into the great flood of Noah." Brainard then highlights Noah's unique role: "Noah was perfect in his generations. ... He was able to be used of God to bring forth the messianic line untainted with the serpent seed."

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They explain that the Flood wasn't simply a response to human rebellion but addressed a deeper crisis: "if we don't see that there was a tampering and a tainting of the human DNA ... we're going to have a difficult time comprehending why God was faced ... to wipe out the entirety of humanity except for Noah, his wife, and his three sons and their wives."



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Stearman and Brainard also point out that ancient cultures worldwide recorded similar accounts of cataclysmic floods and "super beings" living among humans: "there's some long television programs out there on ... the flood except not from the biblical point of view ... chronicled ... in what became the European countries, Greco, Roman, they all have their histories of the megalithic world and the time when super beings came and lived among men."

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Yet many believers embrace dragon and flood legends as validating Scripture, “there’s flood stories all around the world. Harmonizes with the Bible,” [but shy away from the Nephilim](#): “when we come to the Nephilim, it’s like the blinders are on.” That contrast only underscores how pivotal this topic is for understanding the full scope of biblical history.

Turning to prophecy, they note how Daniel 2:43 signals a revival of this hybrid line at the end of the age: “as the iron doesn’t mingle with the clay ... it’s referring to the kings don’t mingle with the seed of men.” Those 10 kings in Revelation, along with the Antichrist and False Prophet, are portrayed as the final Nephilim rulers, cast into the abyss and later released.

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Rather than leaving us in despair, this revelation points us firmly to Christ’s redeeming work. As Brainard emphasizes, humanity’s deepest need isn’t just moral correction but full restoration from every form of corruption. Because Jesus came to heal both our sin and our spiritual DNA, we can face the future with confidence, fully assured that God’s plan, woven from Genesis through Revelation, secures our redemption and renews all creation.

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## **End Times Apostasy: Warning**

# Signs of the Great Falling Away

Hostility toward key end-times truths is rising, even among those who once championed them. Across congregations and online forums, doctrines about biblical prophecy, the rapture and Israel are increasingly met with scoffing and outright rejection.

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“The scoffers and [the mockers are increasing](#) from within the church,” Pastor Tom Hughes warns, citing the very words of 2 Peter 3 that such mockery would mark the last days. Both Hughes and guest Lee Brainard have felt the sting personally: “I have never seen my emails filled with the type of hate mail I get now,” Hughes admits, underscoring just how widespread the backlash has become.

In their conversation, Hughes and Brainard trace this surge of apostasy to a departure from Scripture in favor of cultural trends or entrenched tradition. They unpack how replacement theology has quietly “de-Judaized” the Bible, rewriting every promise to Israel as if it now belongs to the church.



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Brainard observes that many critics “have gone on YouTube, they’ve gone down a black hole, they’ve been led astray,” demonstrating how easily well-meaning believers can abandon plain biblical teaching. Both men stress that reading the whole Bible “cover to cover,” rather than cherry-picking or overlooking prophetic passages, is the first line of defense against deception.

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They also explore the critical distinction between Israel's prophetic timetable and the church's calling. Drawing on Daniel's "70 weeks" and Revelation's assurances, Brainard lays out why a pre-tribulation rapture remains the best fit for the text: the church is "kept from" the coming trial on earth, while Israel endures the final week of judgment in order to be turned back to her Messiah.

Hughes and Brainard confront the perennial temptation to set dates, cautioning viewers that every prediction to date has "gone belly up," and remind us that [prophecy unfolds on God's timetable, not ours.](#)

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Ultimately, this interview equips believers to answer growing skepticism with clear, text-based teaching rather than sound bites or social pressure. Viewers will learn practical steps for standing firm—whether explaining why Israel must remain distinct, defending the rapture promise or simply choosing God's approval over man's applause. "It's gonna increase [apostasy]. It's gonna increase," Brainard insists. Yet the cure lies not in spirited debate alone but in humble engagement with the plain statements of Scripture.

If you'd like to watch the full interview, please see the video above.

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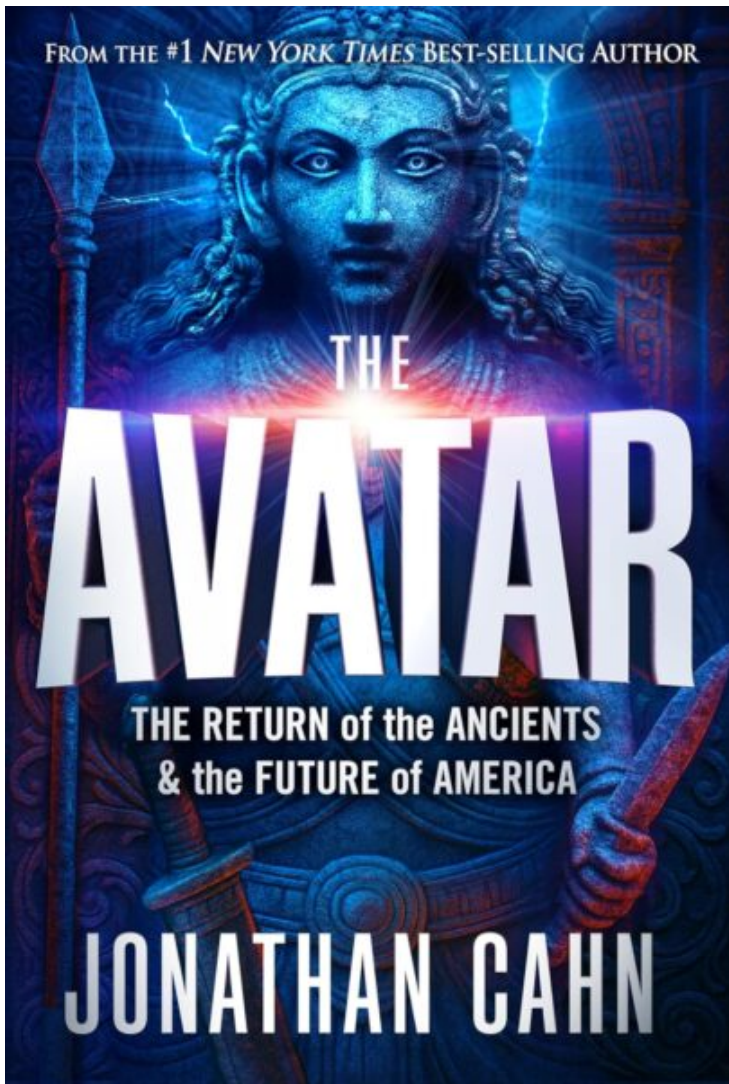
# Breaking Free from Spiritual Attack: Refuse Discouragement and Rise Up

Many believers today feel worn down by fatigue, anxiety and discouragement. The weight of life can press so heavily that it feels easier to stay in bed, keep scrolling through endless feeds, and withdraw from the calling God has placed on your life. But [Pastor Mike Signorelli of V1 Church](#) shared a powerful prophetic word reminding us that these battles are not just natural, they're spiritual, and they must be fought with the right response.

"You are not supposed to be lazy and lethargic and passive," Signorelli declared. "You're not destined to be depressed and filled with anxiety anymore. Let me tell you, you always fight a spirit with the opposite spirit." He explained that giving in to the temptation to lay down when the enemy attacks with weariness only empowers the attack.

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Instead, he urged, "If the devil is tempting you with being lethargic, then you stand up. You rise up and you say, 'No, devil. I'm going to take back everything that you're trying to steal from me, and you're not going to have my body. You're not going to have my children. You're not going to have my destiny.'"



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Signorelli emphasized that this fight begins with shifting our focus. "God, I'm going to pray more than I scroll on social media. I'm going to read more of your word than I read of their words on social media," he said. For him, the key is using your own breath to speak life and faith, even when you feel weakest. "I take this breath and I turn it into words of faith. I take this breath and I turn it into a rebuke to the devil."

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That often means encouraging yourself when no one else will.

Signorelli shared from his own experience, “I can’t tell you how many times I’ve been in the lowest places of my life and I’ve looked in the mirror and I’ve said, ‘You are a man of God. You are going to lead through this. You are equipped and well able by God.’” His encouragement? Don’t wait for someone else to call you up. Instead, prophesy over yourself: “You are the person that you’ve been waiting for. You’re the prophet.”

Even when you feel justified in your pain, [Signorelli reminded listeners](#) that breakthrough comes from refusing to give in to it. “You have a right to be sad. Refuse to be sad. You have a right to be discouraged. Refuse to be discouraged. It’s not about what you have a right to. It’s about what you refuse.”

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For anyone struggling under the weight of weariness, confusion or discouragement, this word offers hope: you are not powerless. You can stand, speak life and refuse to let the enemy steal your destiny.

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## **‘Uncomfortable’ but Necessary: Dan Orlovsky Explains Why He Prayed for Hamlin Live on ESPN**

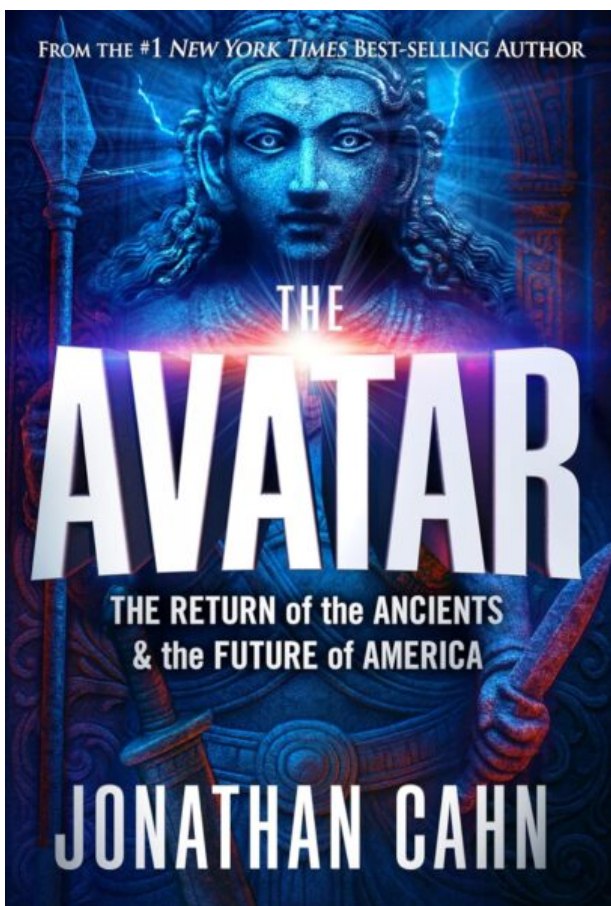
More than two-and-a-half years have passed since [Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest](#) during a game, yet

the memory of ESPN analyst Dan Orlovsky's spontaneous, live-television prayer continues to inspire fans who believe in the power of faith.

Orlovsky, a former NFL quarterback, paused ESPN's "NFL Live" the day after Hamlin's collapse and told viewers, "I heard the Buffalo Bills organization say that 'We believe in prayer,' and maybe this is not the right thing to do, but it's just on my heart, and I want to pray for Damar Hamlin right now." He then bowed his head and prayed aloud: "God, we come to you in these moments that we don't understand ... We just want to pray ... for strength for Damar, for healing for Damar, for comfort for Damar. Be with his family to give him the peace."

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That clip quickly spread across social media, and the overwhelmingly positive reaction "99.999999999%" affirmed his decision, as reported by Fox News.



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Still, Orlovsky admitted on the "Awful Announcing" podcast that publicly praying was "uncomfortable," knowing that "prayer is 'not for everyone.'" But he felt compelled: "Someone should actually pray for Damar, like actually pray for him, instead of saying thoughts and prayers. ... God's telling you, go pray for Damar."

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Emails and texts from skeptics arrived, yet Orlovsky said "overwhelmingly, I think a lot of people just connected, and it resonated with [them]." ESPN offered no reprimand, and he recalls "an overwhelmingly positive" response from the network itself.

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Hamlin, hospitalized for roughly a week, returned to action in the Bills' 2024 opener and has since [reestablished himself in Buffalo's defense](#), a testament, Orlovsky believes, to the impact of collective prayer. For countless viewers, his televised prayer remains a reminder that public faith can encourage unity, hope and healing when tragedy strikes.

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# Is This the Last Generation? Key Indicators the End Times Are Near

Are we really living in the end times, or do today's crises just make it feel that way? That question framed a recent episode of Prophecy Watchers, where host Gary Stearman interviewed author and speaker Jonathan Brentner about hope, technology and [the "blessed hope" of Christ's return.](#)

Stearman opened by telling Brentner that reading his work makes him "take a deep breath and relax." Brentner said his goal is to restore biblical anticipation: "There is something to look forward to," he explained, lamenting that many churches downplay prophecy and thus "ignore so much of the comfort that we can find in Scripture."

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## A panorama of hope

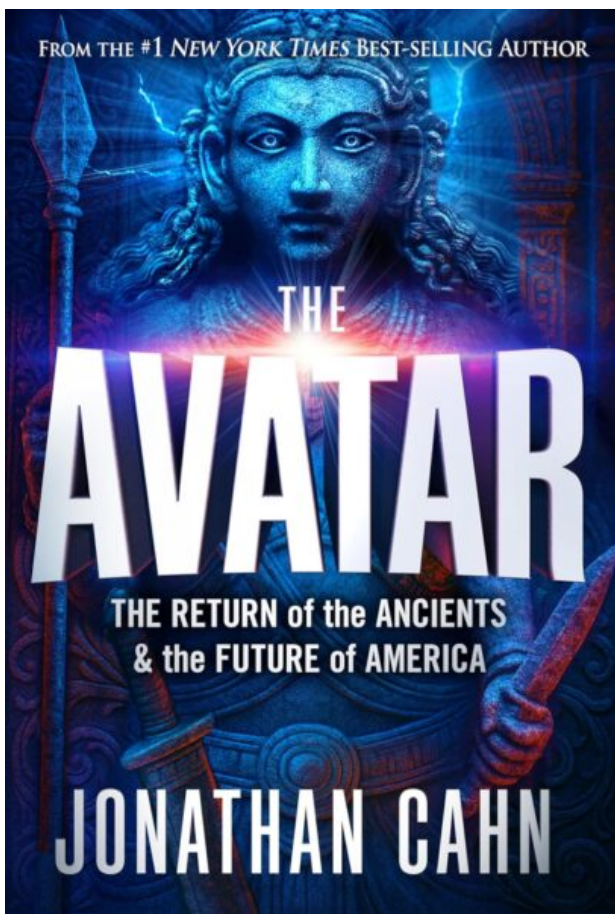
Brentner outlined the sequence he believes Scripture predicts:

- **The rapture:** "Beginning with the rapture," he said, "we're given new bodies and the Lord catches us up to be with Him in glory."
- **The marriage supper of the Lamb:** A moment Brentner likened to "a thunder" of rejoicing, louder than a roaring football stadium.
- **The Second Coming and millennium:** Jesus' return will be "the most triumphant moment in human history," he said, and believers "will reign with Him for a thousand years."

“Our triumph is Jesus’ triumph,” Brentner added. “So graciously He enables us to share in His triumph.”

## Why prophecy still matters

Stearman noted that sermons declaring “Jesus is coming soon” are more common now than in past decades. Brentner agreed, warning that pastors who sidestep the topic “do a great disservice” because the promise of Christ’s return “affects believers in the pews and what they look forward to.”



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He also drew connections between current technology and biblical warnings. Artificial intelligence, he said, could become “the precursor to the great power the Bible talks about under the Antichrist,” facilitating an unprecedented level of deception. Yet Brentner urged calm: [Scripture foresaw these challenges, and God remains sovereign.](#)

## Signs and perspective

Both men discussed the surge in antisemitism after Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, viewing it as another indicator that prophecy is accelerating. Still, Brentner cautioned against panic. "Yes, Jesus is coming for me," he said. "I don't know when, but He's coming for me... even if it doesn't happen in my lifetime, it's still worth waiting and watching."

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## Living in the meantime

The Bible's guidance for uncertain days is simple and practical:

- **Stay alert:** Jesus urged His followers to "watch" (Matt. 24:42) and recognize the signs without succumbing to fear.
- **Live holy lives:** Peter wrote that since "all these things will be destroyed," believers ought to "live holy and godly lives" (2 Peter 3:11).
- **Encourage one another:** Paul called the rapture "the blessed hope" and told the church to "comfort one another with these words" (1 Thess. 4:18).
- **Keep working:** Jesus' parables commend servants who stay faithful until the master returns.

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Brentner's bottom line echoed those themes. Prophecy, he said, should move from head knowledge to heart assurance, producing "a lasting peace amid turmoil." For Christians wondering if today's turbulence marks the end times, the message is both

sobering and uplifting: keep one eye on the headlines, the other on eternity, and let hope, not fear, shape each day until Christ appears.

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## **Mantles and Anointings: Keys to Last-Days Revival**

Throughout Scripture, mantles symbolize divine authority and responsibility. The prophet Elijah cast his mantle on Elisha as a sign of spiritual succession (1 Kings 19:19), and later, Elisha took up Elijah's mantle after his ascension (2 Kings 2:13), walking in a double portion [of his anointing](#). These accounts reveal that mantles represent more than clothing—they are tangible signs of God's calling and empowerment resting upon His servants.

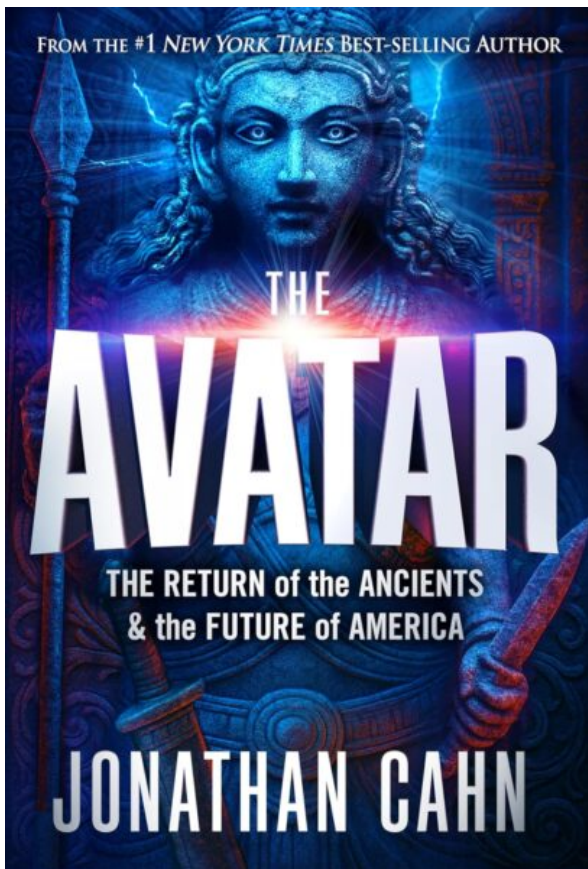
"God has given mantles to individuals and generations," said Joseph Z, explaining that these callings are unique assignments from the Lord. "A mantle is not a jacket. A mantle is a calling and empowerment from God."

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He emphasized the responsibility tied to these assignments. "If you don't step into it, somebody else will," Z said, underscoring that a mantle may be transferred if left unused.

Z also distinguished mantles from other spiritual gifts. "This is not just about gifting; this is about assignment," he said. "Anointing breaks yokes, but mantles change history." While

the anointing brings breakthrough and freedom, he described the mantle as a force that alters the course of nations and generations.



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According to Z, the present moment is crucial. "We are in a time where God is handing out mantles," he explained. This, he noted, is a season of opportunity where believers must be alert to the call of God and ready to act.

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"It's time for the body of Christ to take up what God has put on us and move forward," Z urged. "If you don't step into it, somebody else will."

Z highlighted the biblical truth that while anointing empowers, [mantles carry legacies](#) meant to be stewarded

faithfully. His charge echoes the stories of old, when God passed authority from one servant to another, reminding the church today that the same principle still applies: “Anointing breaks yokes, but mantles change history.”

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As revival fires stir in the last days, the call to receive and walk in God’s mantles is more urgent than ever. Believers are being challenged to rise in faith, take hold of their divine assignments, and steward the authority God has placed upon them—not just for personal breakthrough, but to shape history according to His will.

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## **Derek Prince: Why Evangelism Must Include Casting Out Demons**

For many believers, evangelism is seen simply as sharing the gospel message with others. But in the New Testament, evangelism was never meant to stand alone, it was always accompanied by [power and authority over the unseen realm.](#)

The late Derek Prince, one of the most respected Bible teachers of the last century, emphasized that Jesus never sent His followers into the world without first equipping them to confront spiritual darkness. His words still resonate today as both a challenge and an encouragement for the church.

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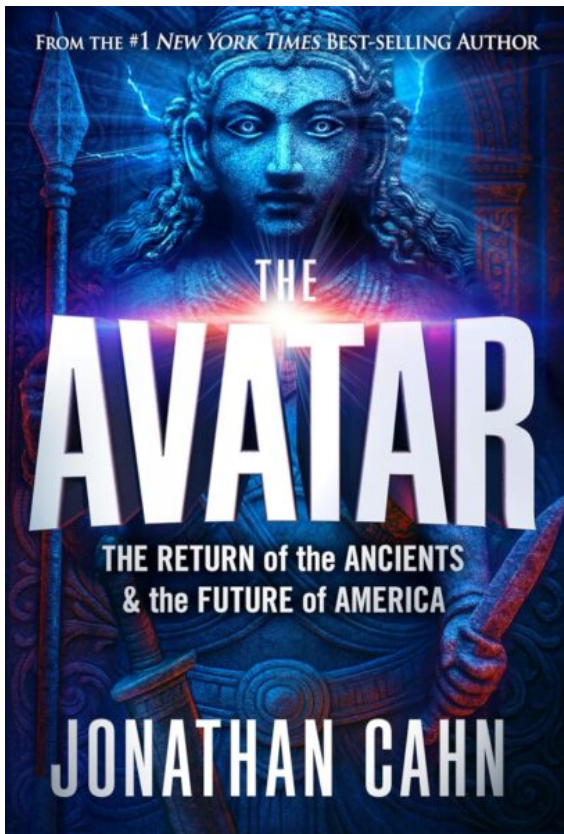
Prince declared, "In the New Testament no one was ever sent out to evangelize without first being commissioned to deal with evil spirits. There isn't an example in the New Testament. It is unscriptural to do that."

Looking at Matthew 10, he pointed out how Jesus first gave authority to the twelve disciples: "He gave them power over unclean spirits to cast them out and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease." The disciples weren't just told to preach a message. They were sent to demonstrate the kingdom by healing the sick, cleansing lepers, raising the dead, and casting out demons.

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This commissioning was not limited to the 12. In Luke 10, 70 others were sent out with the same power and returned declaring, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." Prince noted, "What impressed them most? They had authority over demons."

He then turned to the Great Commission itself: "These signs will follow those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons." Prince stressed that this mandate was not just for the early church but for all generations. "He made no provision for that process to change. He envisaged the same thing going on from the time He left to the time He came back. That's His program."



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Prince warned that much of the modern church [has neglected this foundation](#): "The tragedy is the church has departed from it. They have not improved upon it. They can't. They've simply made a disaster out of it." Still, his reminder was rooted in hope, pointing believers back to God's original design for His people.

As an example, Prince highlighted Philip, the only man in the New Testament specifically called an evangelist. "Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them... And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many." Prince observed, "The first thing in his ministry as an evangelist was driving out evil spirits."

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His conclusion was firm: “Both the pattern and the commission of Jesus leave no room for the servants of God today to go out in evangelism without first being equipped to deal with evil spirits.”

The encouragement in this teaching is that the same authority given by Jesus has not been withdrawn. Evangelism is not only about words but also about the power of the kingdom breaking through into people’s lives.

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When believers proclaim Christ and walk in His authority, they can expect to see transformation, freedom and the tangible work of the Holy Spirit.

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## **Why Chuck Missler’s End-Times Message Matters Now More Than Ever**

Sometimes it feels like the pages of the Bible are leaping right off the text and into the headlines. Wars, rumors of wars, nations rising against nations, these aren’t just abstract ideas but daily realities we see playing out on our screens. Long before many of these events escalated, the late Bible teacher Chuck Missler spoke with Jewish Voice about [what Scripture says we should expect](#) before the return of Jesus. His words carry a weight that feels even more relevant today.

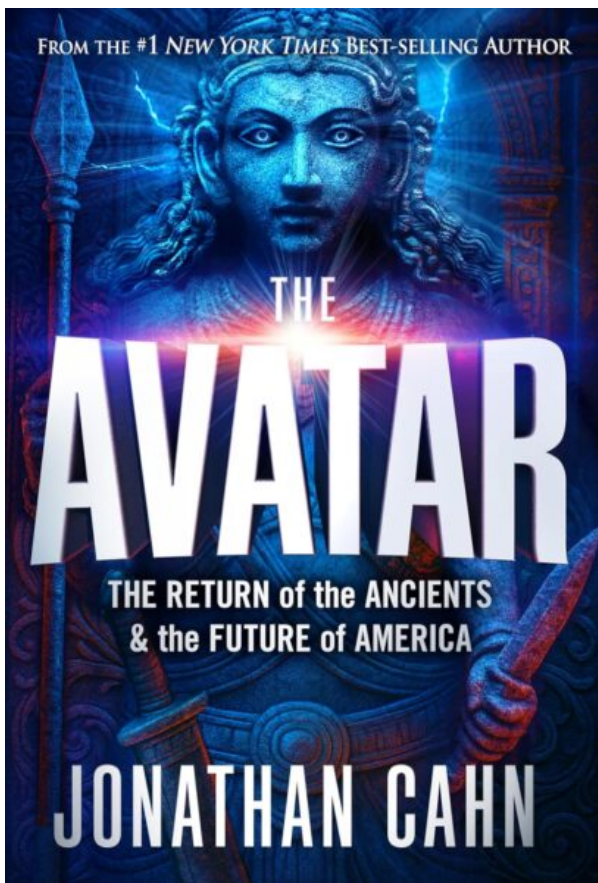
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## **“Pre-Signs” of the End**

Missler was careful to note that what we are witnessing now are what he called “pre-signs.” These aren’t the end in themselves but signals of what’s approaching. Referring to Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 24, he explained that the upheavals we see, conflicts, global instability and moral decay, are like birth pangs, precursors to the greater events still to come.

“These are not the signs of the end, they are the signs that precede the end,” Missler said, emphasizing that believers shouldn’t confuse the two.



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# Israel at the Center

At the heart of Missler's message was Israel. He pointed out that the prophetic stage in Ezekiel and Psalms centers on the survival and conflict surrounding the Jewish people. "Psalm 83 is about Israel's immediate neighbors," Missler noted, pointing out that the objective of these nations is not plunder but elimination: "to wipe Israel off the map."

Ezekiel 38, however, involves a broader coalition of nations motivated by economic interest. In Missler's view, these two events, Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38, are sequential. First comes a conflict with Israel's nearby enemies, and then the larger, more devastating invasion from afar.

## Gog, Magog and Spiritual Forces

Missler also offered a perspective that surprised many viewers. He argued that "Gog" may not be a political leader at all but a spiritual title tied to demonic powers. "Gog is not a person, it's a demon king," he explained, drawing from the Greek Septuagint's reading of Amos 7:1. This lens placed the wars of Ezekiel 38–39 not just in the geopolitical realm but in the spiritual one.

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## The World in Turmoil

Missler didn't shy away from [applying these prophecies to modern events](#). He spoke about Iran's nuclear ambitions and America's uncertain role, warning that the United States, though not explicitly mentioned in prophecy, may not escape involvement. He also cautioned that America's moral decline could strip away the protection it once enjoyed.

At the same time, he reminded believers not to be surprised. Quoting Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5, he said: "The true believer will not be caught by surprise... we are children of the day, not of the night."

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## A Call to Readiness

For Missler, prophecy wasn't about date-setting or fearmongering. It was a call to readiness. "The Lord will not return until His people acknowledge their offense and seek His face," he said, referencing Hosea 5:15. Until then, believers are called to stay awake, to study Scripture and to share their faith with others.

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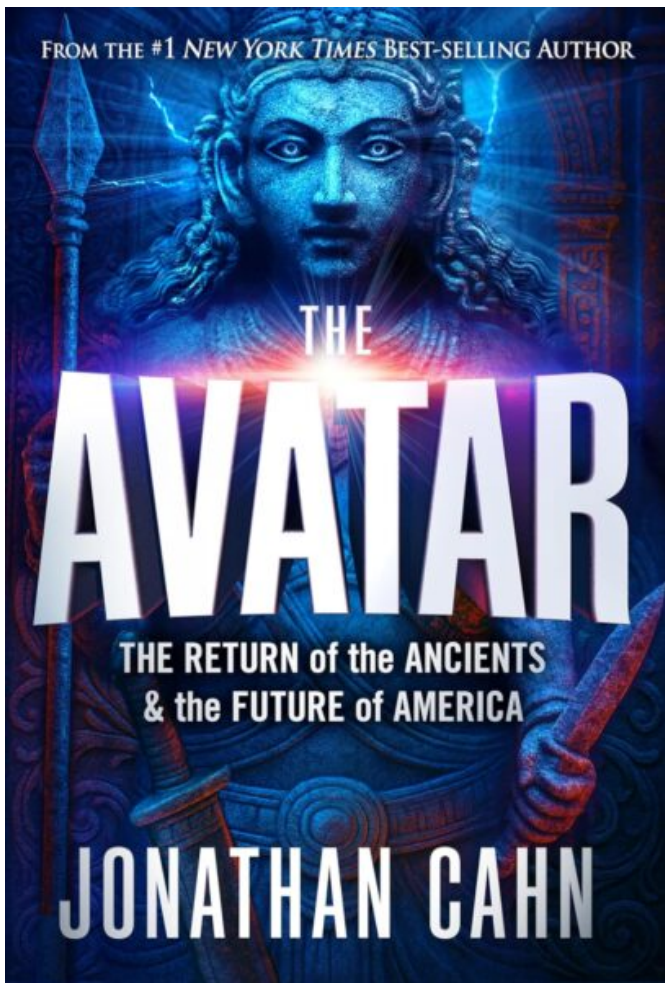
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## Shadow Games and Spiritual Warfare: How the Deep State Is Targeting Truth

In a powerful roundtable discussion on Encounter Today, host Allen DiDio sat down with Pastor Todd Coconato and prophetic voice Joseph Z to expose a coordinated campaign by [the deep state](#) to deceive the public, silence truth and erode spiritual discernment.

The conversation tackled everything from the false Russia collusion narrative to the strategic media push surrounding the Epstein files. The panelists warned that these efforts are

often timed to distract from emerging truths about political corruption and globalist agendas seeking to undermine liberty.



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The speakers expressed concern over [President Trump's](#) recent pivot on Epstein, suggesting his shift may be the result of manipulated information inserted into the files during Democrat custody. They believe Trump is possibly playing the long game, allowing events to unfold in a way that will eventually expose widespread corruption.

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However, they also warned that the president may be trapped in an echo chamber, disconnected from the grassroots voices that

propelled him to power. The panel emphasized that real justice cannot come without airtight cases and that the church must be spiritually alert to pray these things through.

Beyond political strategy, the discussion framed the battle as deeply spiritual.

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Child trafficking, government cover-ups and cultural perversion are all connected to modern-day Baal worship and demonic influence. Yet, amid the darkness, they shared hope that the church's prayers are working, exposing evil and preparing the way for a new move of God. If the church rises in faith and unity, they believe America has been given one more round to fulfill its purpose.

To hear the full conversation and gain deeper insight, watch the video above.

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## **Post Malone's Unexpected Response to Being Witnessed to About Jesus**

Dylan Novak's pursuit of one of the world's most unexpected evangelism encounters reminds us all of what it means to follow God's call, even when the path is uncertain and the goal seems impossible. For eight years, Novak carried a burden on his heart [to witness to music icon Post Malone](#), a mission he says was entirely led by the Lord.

“This is a case of God doing crazy things,” Novak said. And it was.

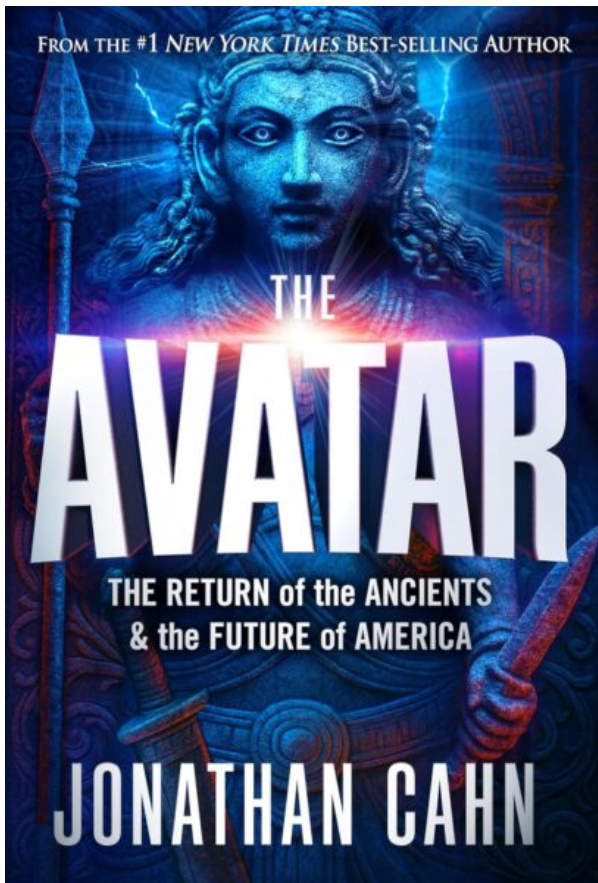
He had tried again and again to cross paths with Post, always missing him by mere moments. But that didn’t stop him from preparing. He had written a personal letter to the superstar, dated all the way back to 2017 or 2018 according to Novak (he can’t quite remember), and had a Bible set aside just for him, addressed to Post’s real name, Austin Post. These weren’t props for a moment of recognition; they were seeds, patiently nurtured, waiting for the moment God would give the green light.

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Novak’s long-awaited encounter didn’t come in a glamorous setting. It came at 4 a.m., outside a bar in Nashville, after Novak had already suffered disappointment from another failed attempt to witness earlier that day. Frustrated and ready to go home, he received a call: Post Malone had just walked into a local bar. Novak immediately turned around.

That’s obedience. That’s the faith it takes to drop everything and go when God says, “Now.”

When Novak finally met Post, the interaction [was nothing short of a divine appointment](#). “I have tried to meet you so many times and the reason is because I love and care about you,” he told him. Post was deeply moved, not just by the gesture, but by the sincerity. “He was just so softspoken, so sweet,” Novak said. “He kept calling me pastor.”



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Despite Post Malone's fame and the assumptions that often accompany his tattooed appearance and party lifestyle, Novak saw something else, a soul that was open. "Yeah, I used to be more atheist, agnostic mindset," Post told him. "Really, especially since having a kid, I'm starting to become more open. I want to find that truth, whatever that may be."

Moments like this remind us why obedience to God's call matters. When we sow the seed, God handles the soil. We aren't called to determine the outcome, we're called to act in faith. To show up. To speak when the Spirit prompts. To deliver a letter written in love. To hold out a Bible in hope.

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So many would have looked at someone like Post Malone and

thought, "He's not going to be interested." But Novak saw through the noise. He recognized the mission God had laid before him and pursued it relentlessly, even when it meant changing direction at a moment's notice, sacrificing comfort, and risking rejection.

And the result? A powerful conversation. A Gospel seed planted. A man who once claimed atheism now saying, "I want to find that truth."

That's the fruit of obedience.

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This is what every believer is called to do. When God places someone on your heart, no matter how far out of reach they seem, pursue them with love, with prayer and with boldness. Whether it's a superstar or a neighbor, your willingness to listen to the Lord could open a door that no one else could.

We may not always get to see the full harvest, but like Dylan Novak, we can know we were faithful in planting. And sometimes, if we persevere long enough, God lets us see the beginning of the bloom.

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