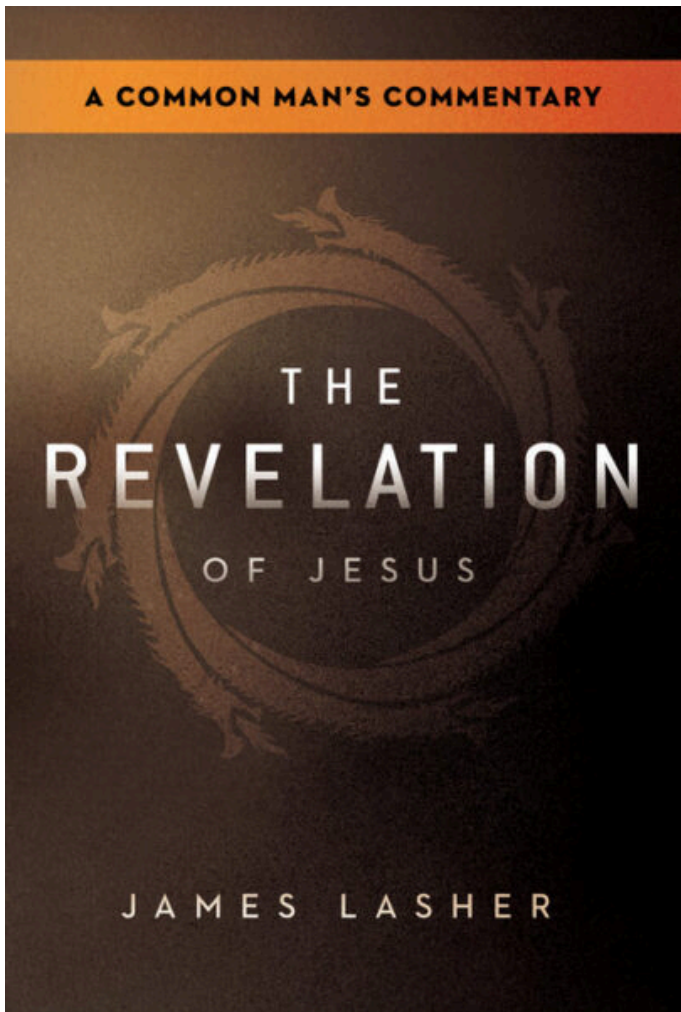


Pastor Issues Prophetic Warning: The Antichrist Kingdom Is Forming in Europe

In a powerful episode of Hope For Our Times, Pastor Tom Hughes sat down with European minister Stanislav Strunk to discuss the spiritual and prophetic shifts taking place across Europe and the Middle East.

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Strunk, who ministers throughout Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Israel, warned, “We are close and closer to [the coming of the Antichrist in Europe](#),” citing deepening divisions and growing spiritual deception as clear signs of prophetic fulfillment.



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Much of the conversation centered on Israel's role in end-times prophecy. "Israel needs to be there physically... the nation of Israel needs to return," Strunk said, affirming that the rebirth of Israel is essential for the return of Christ. He referenced Hosea 5 and 6, explaining, "The same way as the Lord Jesus was resurrected on the third day, I believe the nation of Israel will be resurrected spiritually."

Strunk also noted the spiritual battle surrounding Jerusalem, calling it "a cup of drunkenness" and "a very heavy stone for all peoples," quoting Zechariah 12.

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Strunk didn't shy away from [confronting rising anti-Semitism](#), especially within the church. "Even the pastors are preaching against us because we love Israel," he said. "One day we'll be standing in front of our Lord Jesus Christ and He will ask me, 'Why were you silent when you were supposed to speak?'"

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For a deeper look at these urgent prophetic discussions, watch the full episode above.

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Jim Raley: The Church Must Stop Blending In to See God Break In

If you've ever found yourself crying out for more of God, more than routine, more than religious show, Apostle Jim Raley has a word for you: "God doesn't show up to fit in. He shows up to take over."

That line shook the room at Calvary Christian Center as Raley preached an unscripted message titled Divine Disruption. And it wasn't just for those in the room, it was for anyone hungry for revival in their heart, home or church.

Raley admitted he had planned to start a new sermon series, but God redirected him. "The Lord supernaturally and divinely interrupted me and said, 'This is not the time for that series.'" He obeyed: "This is the direction we're going to

go.”

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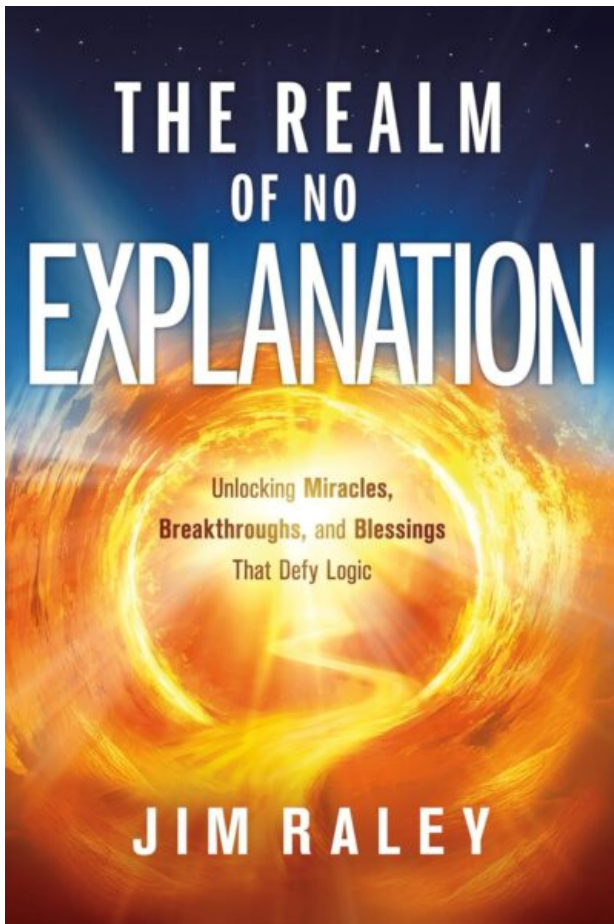
He preached from 2 Chronicles 5, where Solomon and Israel dedicated the temple, and [the glory of God filled the house](#) so fully the priests couldn't even stand. “He's not here for a piece or portion of our Sunday schedule. He's after the whole house.”

That was the heartbeat of the message: God wants to completely disrupt what's normal and expected in our lives.

“You can't have a divine disruption and a holy visitation without a holy preparation,” Raley said. “These were not casual priests. These were not pacifying preachers. These were not lazy Levites. They were set apart. They were sanctified.”

He warned against compromise, calling believers back to holiness. “God cannot move in the midst of compromise,” he said. “The Hebrew word for sanctify is kadosh, to be purified, prepared for sacred use.”

Raley urged the Church to embrace its distinctiveness instead of blending in. “God has called you out, baby,” he said. “I have no desire to lead churches that just go through the motions.”



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Speaking to the younger generation, he declared: "Our children are coming in, in the mighty name of Jesus. Middle school students are going to get baptized in the Holy Ghost... the same Holy Ghost that Paul had."

Unity, he explained, is vital for revival. "God doesn't move in fullness where there's division. He moves only where there's unity. They weren't in competition, they were in concert."

He added, "They made one sound, one voice, one heartbeat, one direction."

Raley emphasized that praise must come before the breakthrough. "The sound of revival comes before the substance of revival," he said. "Praise has to get in your mouth before glory can get in your midst."

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“I came in here today with a premeditated praise,” he said. “I had made up in my mind that I was gonna praise the Lord.”

And then came the call to act: [“You’re one praise away.](#) One praise away from the season shifting. One praise away from the glory manifesting.”

But it’s not about hype. “The Bible said the priests could not perform. Performance died when the glory came.”

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He ended with a bold reminder: “When the church stops blending in, God will start breaking in.”

So maybe now is the time to let God interrupt our schedules, our comfort and our expectations. Because when He takes over, that’s when revival truly begins.

And if you’ve been praying for it, crying out for it, hungry for it, you might just be one praise away.

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Pastor Warns Gamers: Don’t Trade Your Calling for a

Controller

In a recent video message, Pastor Vlad Savchuk is calling believers to rethink how they engage with video games, warning that some titles are far more than innocent entertainment—they're potential spiritual traps.

"This is not about legalism," Savchuk says. "This is about discernment and spiritual victory."

Entertainment Isn't Always Harmless

Savchuk points to 1 Corinthians 10:23, where Paul writes, "All things are lawful to me, but not all things are helpful." It is imperative that Christians evaluate whether their entertainment choices are spiritually beneficial or harmful.

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"Entertainment today is one of Satan's greatest weapons," Savchuk warns. "He doesn't always come to you with horns and fire. He comes with deception, he comes with distraction, and he wants to desensitize you to the things of the demonic kingdom."

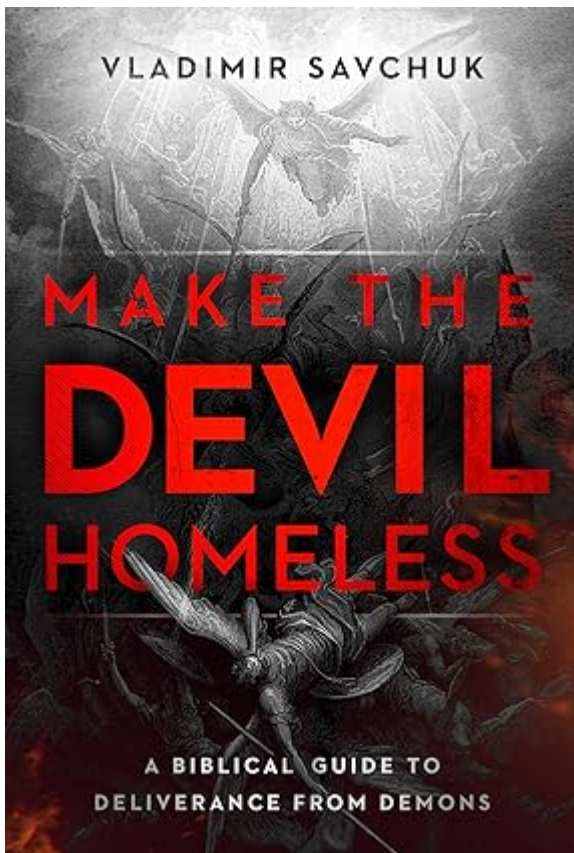
Video Games as Spiritual Gateways

[Not every game is demonic](#), Savchuk acknowledged, but many are spiritually dangerous due to their themes and interactivity.

"You don't just watch it; you participate in them," he says. "They make your spirit more vulnerable."

Savchuk specifically cites games like Diablo, Dungeons and Dragons, Elden Ring and The Witcher, titles that are often built around themes of witchcraft, necromancy and occultism. "These are not just fictional," he explains. "They are

replicas of real occultic powers. You are this virtual person that's in that game... You're not just playing a game, you're participating."



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He warns that content involving witchcraft, spiritism and bloodlust is more than thematic—it's spiritual. "You're simulating rituals, spells, summoning spirits. Your spirit is not just simulating, it's participating."

How the Enemy Gains a Foothold

Savchuk gives a clear breakdown of how the demonic realm uses video games as access points:

"Demons operate through legal access. They look for agreement. It's stuff you watch, things you say yes to, things you participate in—that matters."

He outlines the spiritual progression this way:

1. **Curiosity** – A casual interest in dark themes.
2. **Participation** – Actively engaging with occult elements.
3. **Imagination** – Allowing your mind to dwell on what you're experiencing.
4. **Invitation** – Opening the door for spiritual torment.

“Your spirit is not just simulating,” he emphasizes. “It’s participating.”

The Other Trap: Distraction

Even games that don't contain witchcraft or violence can be spiritually dangerous if they consume too much time and attention.

“Many of them are distracting,” Savchuk says. “They leave you numb, busy and disconnected from God.”

He adds: “The devil doesn't have to destroy you if he can distract you. You'll miss your destiny while beating the next level in the video game, but you miss the next level in God.”

Self-Examination: Questions Every Christian Gamer Should Ask

Savchuk encourages viewers to honestly ask themselves the following before diving into a game:

- Does this video game glorify sin or righteousness?
- Is it filled with witchcraft, violence, or sexual perversion?
- Do I feel clean or convicted after playing?
- Is this game helping me grow or pulling me away from God?

“If your game grieves the Holy Spirit,” he asks, “why would you entertain it?”

Real Stories of Deliverance

Savchuk shares that his ministry has helped individuals suffering from nightmares, addiction and torment after playing certain games.

“There are cases of people we’ve done deliverance on, who through those games got so attached that they needed deliverance because something entered them,” he says.

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Even if it doesn’t lead to demonic oppression, excessive gaming can damage spiritual life and relationships. “Close family members, usually wives, are grieving because their husbands walk with God, but they also spend hours in front of a screen.”

How to Break Free

Savchuk closes the message with practical advice for anyone [ready to take a step toward freedom:](#)

1. **Ask the Holy Spirit** – “Ask Him to reveal any games you need to disconnect from, delete and remove.”
2. **Repent and Renounce** – “Repent and renounce open doors you’ve opened by participating in witchcraft games.”
3. **Replace Gaming Hours** – “Replace your gaming hours with time with God’s presence, God’s people and developing God’s purpose.”
4. **Seek Deliverance if Needed** – “Go to somebody and tell them, ‘Hey, I can’t stop. I need help.’”

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“Games can be fun, yeah, but freedom is better,” Savchuk says. “Don’t trade your calling for a controller. Don’t play with demons, get delivered and stay free.”

If you’ve been struggling in this area, this is a call to courage, conviction and change.

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Developing Your Prophetic Gift: 3 Stages Every Believer Must Know

In a recent conversation filled with wisdom, correction and encouragement, Joseph Z and Pastor Brian Gibson tackled the subject of growing in the prophetic, [offering insight](#) for both new believers and seasoned prophetic voices.

Z emphasized the importance of cultivating spiritual hunger: “The devil doesn’t put that desire in people, that’s the Holy Spirit knocking on their door.” But with that hunger must come maturity, training and humility. “You can have the gift, but without etiquette, without training wheels, you can hurt people,” he warned.

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The two leaders discussed how the gift of prophecy often

begins with comfort, exhortation and encouragement—but must develop into greater maturity. They explained that misuse of the gift, especially by young or untrained believers, can lead to manipulation, pride and even a false prophetic identity. “The most dangerous of all of them—you got real prophets, then you got false prophets—but I think the most dangerous of the whole bunch is in the middle: the novices,” Z says.

The Three Stages of the Prophetic

1. **Revelation** – This is the initial insight received from the Holy Spirit. “You get the fire, you feel something, you sense something, and that is powerful,” Z says.
2. **Interpretation** – Understanding what the revelation means. “You want to show me a prophetic person that grows in maturity—I’m going to see somebody that is under authority,” Z states.
3. **Application** – Delivering the word with people skills and wisdom. “Application is where you gotta have this really unique thing called people skills,” he explains. Without it, even a true word can “hurt people or hinder the body of Christ.”

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Z and Gibson also discussed the emotional toll prophetic people face—especially feelings of rejection and internal “traffic” that must be spiritually managed. They urged prophetic voices [to be grounded in the Word of God](#) and guided by healthy spiritual leadership.

“Prophets make prophets,” Z concluded. “You train prophets through fathering, imitation and being rooted in Scripture.”

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If you want to grow in prophetic gifting, understand the stages of the calling and learn how to avoid common pitfalls, watch the full video above for more teaching from Joseph Z and Pastor Brian Gibson.

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Pastor Jack Hibbs Issues Urgent Wake-Up Call to 'Lazy' Christians

Pastor Jack Hibbs is issuing a bold challenge to believers everywhere: stop making excuses and start living with spiritual urgency.

In a recent message titled ["Don't Be a Lazy Christian,"](#) Hibbs laid out a firm yet uplifting call to action, warning that passivity in the Christian life is not only unbiblical but dangerous. "Being lazy in any area of life is never good," he said. "Christianity is not designed by God for us to kick back. Heaven awaits us, but until that time comes, we are to be busy about our Father's business."

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Preaching from Romans 12:11, Hibbs reveals three traits that should mark every believer: diligence, fervency and service. "If we do not maintain a diligence at what we're doing as a believer, we're going to grow cold and become complacent," he

said. "We are to be fervent in spirit, hot. A hot commitment to the Lord Jesus."

But Hibbs said it's not just about personal enthusiasm, it's about resisting a spiritual laziness that he believes is sweeping through the church. "There's no such thing as a lazy Christian, not in God's dictionary," he said. "This is a big deal in our day and age right now. I think this is part of the satanic drug that is floating in the atmosphere, where you're starting to see people right in the midst of battle falling asleep."

One of the key indicators of spiritual laziness, Hibbs said, is procrastination. "I'll read next week. I'll do that tomorrow," he said, listing common excuses. "If you live by 'I'll do it tomorrow,' you'll never do it. Because it's always tomorrow."

Hibbs challenged listeners to stop coddling their comfort and start confronting their flesh. "Your body's the problem," he said. "My body thinks it's in charge all the time. And you have to tell it, 'Get back here. Sit down. Let's go to a prayer meeting.'"

Citing his daily 5:00 a.m. live prayer broadcast, Hibbs invited believers to rise early and press in. "Whatever you're doing, your body's saying, 'I'm fine, don't bother me.' And I'm saying to you: make yourself hurt. Set your alarm. Get up. Join me live."

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He explained that [discipline breeds spiritual growth](#), and

neglect leads to lukewarm faith, a condition Jesus strongly rebukes in Revelation 3. “Because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth,” Hibbs read. “That’s the word Jesus is using, vomit. He’s saying, ‘I’m sick.’”

Hibbs elaborated on the imagery, noting that Laodicea’s lukewarm water supply made people physically ill, while neighboring cities like Colossae and Hierapolis offered refreshing cold water and healing hot springs. “Jesus said, ‘I wish you were cold, I could be refreshed by you, or I wish you were hot, I could be ministered to by you,’” Hibbs explained. “But lukewarm? That’s worthless.”

He encouraged Christians to take a hard look at their spiritual temperature. “Was there ever a time when you were more passionate about Jesus than you are now?” he asked. “Laziness is the greatest thing to destroy all of that.”

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For Hibbs, the Christian life is not about comfort but obedience, sacrifice, and love for others. “If I believe that God is taking care of me, then I can focus on others. I don’t have to take care of me,” he said. “I’m called to take care of you. You’re called to take care of me, because He has promised to take care of us.”

Complacency has no place in the life of a follower of Christ. In Hibbs’ words, “Don’t be sloppy with your agape. Don’t become lazy. Don’t be a lazy Christian.”

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Ex-Government Insider Exposes Real Witchcraft in the Halls of Power

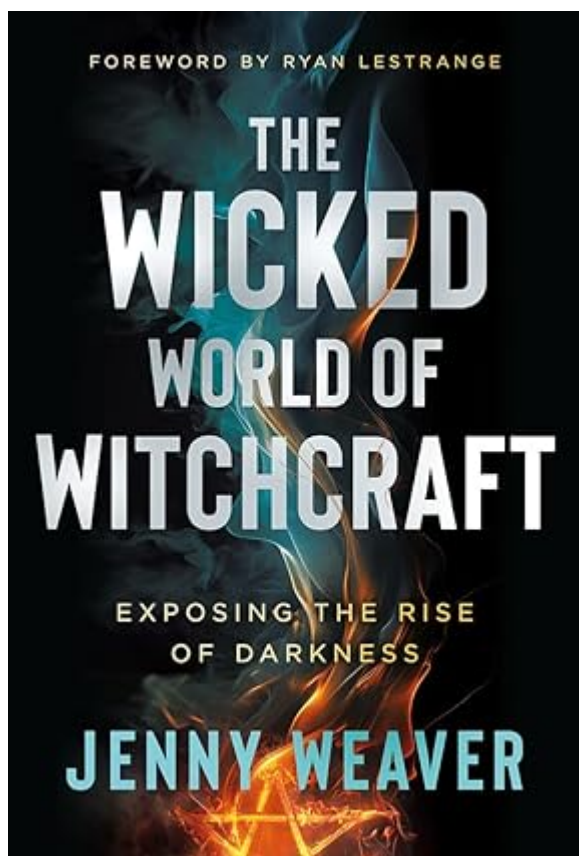
In a powerful and sobering conversation between Pastor Mike Signorelli and prophetic voice Darren Canning, the veil was pulled back on a subject many churches remain silent about: the infiltration of occultism and witchcraft, not only in society, but within the walls of the church itself.

Canning, a former government insider turned prophetic minister, didn't mince words as he recounted his firsthand experiences with the occult in high levels of government. "Half of my class were witches as I was preparing to go into government," he shared. "I had learned how to use witchcraft to rise to some serious ranks within the government and I would gain knowledge through witchcraft." These weren't fringe characters, but individuals embedded in bureaucratic power, many of whom masked their demonic practices under the guise of intellectual or cultural engagement.

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What's more chilling, Canning explained, is how easily these elements can slip into the church, often unnoticed. "One of the things the enemy has done is rebranded witchcraft as community," he said. "You're hanging out, doing mind readings... and you're not really realizing that you're being apprenticed into witchcraft." It's this normalization, the casual tarot reading, the yoga class promising spiritual awakening, or even the use of new-age healing rituals, that has led many Christians into agreement with the demonic without even realizing it.

Signorelli echoed the concern, recalling a disturbing moment in a bookstore with his daughter: “It was spellcasting for kids. Literally that was the title of the book. This is no longer fiction. This is literally now in the nonfiction section telling people how to do it.” The line between fantasy and real spiritual danger is being erased in plain sight—and the church, at times, remains largely indifferent.



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While many believers scoff at the idea of witchcraft operating in modern times, Canning warns that it's often not just intentional witchcraft, but spiritual passivity that leads to entanglement. “You don't get there unless there's an invitation... you learn how to control, you learn how to manipulate,” he said. These dark spiritual lessons were often taught not in ritualistic ceremonies, but in social gatherings and professional settings, cloaked in secrecy and deception.

Canning shared the moment everything changed: “I heard the

Lord say this, 'What is it if you gain the whole world but lose your soul?' I actually quit the job that day. Walked out. Never went back." That decisive moment of obedience cost him friendships, status and a career, but it saved his soul and launched a ministry that would go on to deliver thousands from demonic bondage.

For those in the church who think dabbling in the mystical is harmless, both men sounded a firm warning. "It's progressively running," said Signorelli. "They normalize it. Everybody else is doing it. And before you know it, you're full-blown in witchcraft." Canning agreed: "I knew what I was doing, but I wasn't really thinking about the consequences of it all."

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This isn't a matter of fringe ministries or isolated cases. It's happening in local communities, churches, and online spaces where New Age spirituality is being dressed up as self-help or empowerment. "There are covens of witches, new age and occult stores in local communities," Canning said. "And sometimes they have better relationships with each other than we have in the body of Christ."

The tragic irony is that while the occult forms strong communities built on loyalty and shared practices, the church often lacks true spiritual intimacy and accountability. That vacuum creates an opening for counterfeit spiritual connections to draw people in. "Sometimes you need permission from somebody else to get down on your face," Signorelli said. "We live in an era where people do not pray. They're not seeking God's face."

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The Bible clearly tells us that witchcraft is real. It's

operating in ways that are more subtle and seductive than most Christians are willing to acknowledge. And unless the body of Christ wakes up to the spiritual war being waged, many will continue to fall prey to the very darkness they were meant to overcome.

“God has a plan for your life,” Canning declared at the end. “Get a vision from God. Begin to live it. This is the day that the Lord has made, and you will rejoice and be glad in it.”

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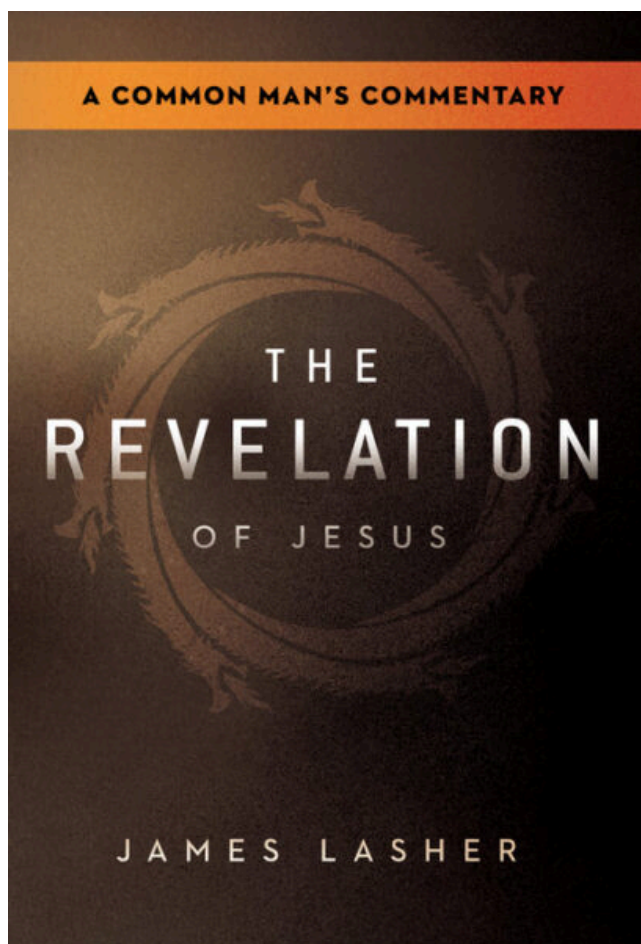
Heavens Will Be Shaken: Bible Prophecy, Signs and the 2,000-Year Countdown

As history marches toward its prophesied conclusion, many believers are looking not with fear, but with faith, toward the skies, where the Bible tells us [signs will herald the soon return of Jesus Christ](#). In a recent conversation, Gary Stearman and Mondo Gonzales explored the undeniable connection between cosmic phenomena and God’s sovereign plan as laid out in Scripture.

“When we come to the book of Revelation, it’s very common to see signs in the heaven,” Gonzales said. “You go to Revelation 8, the trumpet judgments, you see things like a great mountain or things like a star falling and, you know, burning things up or contaminating the waters.”

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Far from speculation, the Bible speaks plainly about real, physical events involving the sun, moon and stars. “Scripture talks about things happening to planet Earth, and it talks about asteroids plunging to earth in very plain language,” Stearman noted.



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Jesus Himself described a future moment when “the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Matt. 24:29). Gonzales and Stearman pointed to this not as poetic metaphor, but a literal shaking of creation as God executes His righteous judgments. Recalling the three hours of darkness during Christ’s crucifixion, Gonzales said, “That definitely was not natural,” pointing to the supernatural authority behind such events.

The conversation also touched on the upcoming 2,000-year anniversary of Christ’s death and Resurrection—falling around A.D. 2032 or 2033 depending on historical reckoning. While not

setting dates, Gonzales emphasized the significance of that milestone. “To have the church be a witness to the world for coming up on a 2,000-year anniversary—kind of like that. I mean, to me that’s exciting,” he said.

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Even more striking is [the prophetic re-establishment of Israel in 1948](#), which occurred just decades before this approaching anniversary. “If you look at that point, you add another seven years from now... it’ll be 84 years old, 85 years old, the nation Israel,” Gonzales said. “To me, is that just accidental? I don’t think so.”

The future of the world is not uncertain. Scripture makes clear how events will unfold. We are not left in the dark. As Jesus warned in Luke 21:25–28, there will be signs in the heavens, distress among nations, and roaring seas, but He followed with a command: “When these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption is drawing near.”

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In these prophetic days, it is not fear that should grip the Church, it is urgency. Jesus commanded His followers to “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord will come” (Matt. 24:42). The signs are here. It is imperative that Christians remain watchful, faithful and grounded in the truth of God’s unshakable Word.

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Christian Writers, Take Heart: Your Faith-Filled Stories Matter

In a recent appearance on CBN's Faith and Culture, bestselling author Jerry B. Jenkins delivered an inspiring word to aspiring Christian writers: [never lose sight of the power of story](#), and the calling behind it.

Jenkins, best known for co-authoring the Left Behind series and more recently novelizing The Chosen television show, emphasized that storytelling is not only central to his craft, but deeply rooted in divine design.

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"I think God is the greatest storyteller ever," Jenkins said. "It's something that really sinks with human beings so well and so deeply."

He pointed to the universal appeal of narrative, noting how even during sermons or lectures, "when a preacher says, 'I was talking to a man the other day,' you see people lean forward... They perk up. It's like we're going to hear a story, a true story that happened."

For writers seeking to use their gifts for the glory of God, Jenkins offered both a challenge and an assurance: "If

Christian writing gets criticized, it's that people will say, 'Well, it's a sermon masquerading as a story.' If you make that too obvious, it's clunky and it doesn't work."

Yet Jenkins doesn't shy away from embedding his faith within every page he pens. "My worldview, no matter what story I'm telling, is one of hope. I don't hide from it. I don't apologize for it. I believe as difficult as this world is and all the complications we have today, in the end there's victory. There's success. There's heaven. There's, you know, God wins."

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For Jenkins, writing has never been about fitting into a genre box or pleasing trends. His focus is clear: "When somebody reads one of my books, if they have any insight and can read between the lines, they're going to see my theme, my life, my interest is sharing my faith and honoring God and exhibiting a life story, a worldview of hope."

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To Christian writers wondering whether their words can make a difference in a noisy and often dark world, Jenkins' decades-long legacy offers a bold reminder: "[I've made my life living in ministry](#) on the fact that people want stories."

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You Can Pray for the Sick and See Miracles Happen

If you've ever wondered whether God can use you to heal the sick, [the answer is a bold yes.](#)

"You don't need a microphone. You don't need an international ministry. You just need faith," Isaiah Saldivar declared during a recent livestream. "This is your moment. This is your time to lay hands on the sick in Jesus' name."

Thousands tuned in to hear the evangelist break down, step by step, how any Spirit-filled believer can step into this supernatural lifestyle. He emphasized again and again that healing is not reserved for elite ministers or seasoned prophets.

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"The miracles are fruit of your belief in Christ, not your position in the church," Saldivar said. "Faith does [the work], not the title."

5 Practical Steps to Pray for the Sick

Saldivar didn't stop with encouragement—he equipped viewers with what he called a "simple breakdown" of how to pray for the sick. Here are the five steps he laid out:

1. Believe it's God's will to heal.

"Settle the issue. It's the will of God for them to be healed. When you pray, don't come from a place of doubt."

2. Command the sickness to leave.

"Command the sickness to leave in Jesus' name. Healing prayer is not begging—it's using the authority Jesus gave you."

3. Declare healing and restoration.

“Speak to ligaments, bones, muscles, tendons, nerves. Prophecy restoration. Declare healing over their body in Jesus’ name.”

4. Break every demonic assignment.

“Not all sickness is physical. Sometimes there’s a spiritual root. Command every unclean spirit of infirmity to leave.”

5. Test and pray again.

“Ask them to do what they couldn’t do before. If they aren’t healed yet, don’t panic. Pray again. Persistence is proof of faith.”

Saldivar reminded viewers that faith, not feelings or experience, is the driving force. “Every time I pray, it’s like the first time. I don’t build a case against God. I build my faith in His Word.”

5 Common Root Causes of Sickness

In addition to practical steps, Saldivar identified five common “open doors” that can lead to sickness or hinder healing:

1. Bitterness, strife and unforgiveness.

“Unforgiveness doesn’t just block your prayers—it poisons your body.”

2. Poor diet and lifestyle choices.

“Some of you are sick because of sugar, soda and fried food. Don’t blame the devil for what your habits are doing to you.”

3. Spirit of infirmity.

“Demons love to hide behind a diagnosis. If the doctor can’t

figure it out, it might be spiritual.”

4. Personal sin.

“Jesus said, ‘See, you’ve been made well. Sin no more lest something worse come upon you.’ Sin has consequences.”

5. Occult involvement.

“When you open the door to the New Age, crystals, witchcraft, or tarot [card readings], you’re opening yourself up to sickness and bondage.”

But even in the face of these doors, Saldivar pointed to Christ’s ability to heal, deliver and restore. “No matter what you’re going through, demons, diets, sin, strife, Jesus can heal you.”

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The Ministry of Jesus Is the Model

More than anything, Saldivar urged believers to model their ministry after the One who came before them.

“Jesus didn’t say pray for the sick—[He said heal the sick,](#)” Saldivar said. “He never sent anyone away still sick.”

Citing Acts 10:38, he reminded viewers: “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil.”

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Saldivar concluded with a challenge that echoed throughout the entire broadcast: “Stop waiting and start believing. God wants to use your hands to heal the sick.”

Now is the time to step out. Lay hands on the sick, speak with

boldness and believe for the miraculous. As Saldivar said, “God paid too high a price for us to live a powerless life.”

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Is Operation Midnight Hammer a Prophetic Trigger for the Third Temple?

What if a U.S. military operation wasn't just strategic—but prophetic?

In the shadow of world politics, a deeply spiritual narrative may be unfolding. The recent U.S. military strike on Iranian nuclear sites—dubbed Operation Midnight Hammer—could be more than a geopolitical move. It may mark a prophetic shift that points directly to Jerusalem, the Temple Mount and the return of Jesus Christ.

A Modern-Day Cyrus?

For years, evangelicals and Jews alike have drawn comparisons [between President Donald Trump and the biblical King Cyrus of Persia](#). Cyrus was the unexpected Gentile ruler whom God called “My shepherd” and “His anointed” (Isa. 44:28, 45:1), chosen to release the Jews from Babylonian captivity and decree the rebuilding of the Second Temple.

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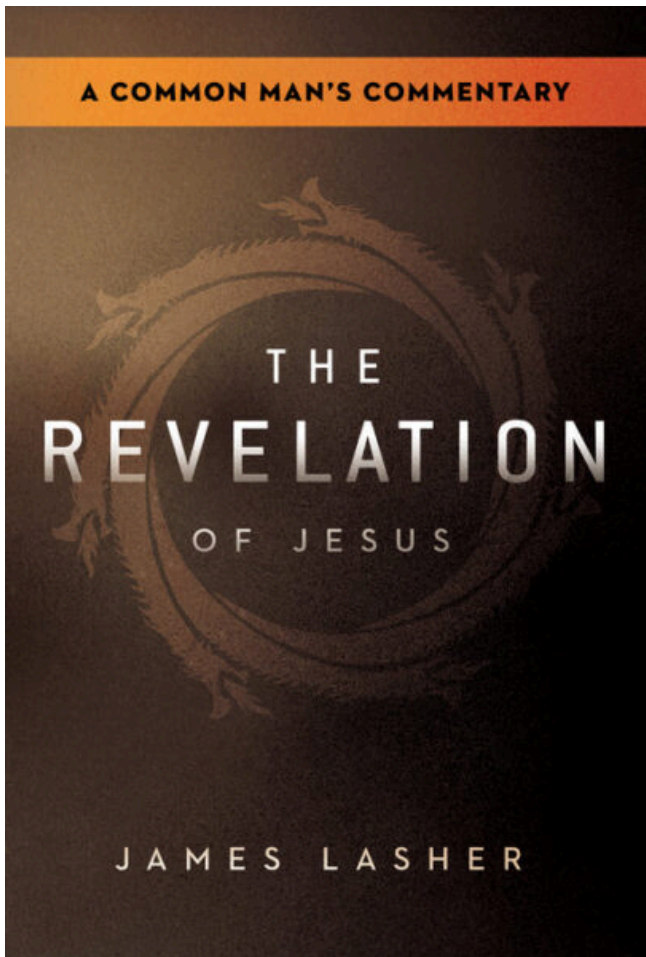
Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and his

role in brokering the Abraham Accords already fueled speculation of his prophetic significance. Now, his position at the center of Operation Midnight Hammer raises even deeper questions.

In Jeremiah 51:20, God declares: “You are My battle axe and weapons of war. For with you I will break the nations in pieces.” While originally referencing Babylon’s judgment, many believe this verse reflects a broader principle of how God uses unlikely leaders as divine instruments. Could Trump be one such tool in the hand of God, wielded like a hammer at midnight—an hour biblically symbolic of judgment and transition?

The Rising Lion of Israel

On the Israeli side, the operation was named Rising Lion, a phrase directly tied to Numbers 23:24, which says: “A people rises like a lion and lifts itself up like a lion; it shall not lie down until it devours the prey and drinks the blood of the slain.” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reportedly quoted this passage at the Western Wall just before the operation commenced.



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This is more than symbolism. It is a proclamation—an unapologetic stance that Israel will rise and not shrink back. Spiritually speaking, the lion also recalls the tribe of Judah and the coming of the Lion of Judah, Jesus Christ.

Could these parallel names—Midnight Hammer and Rising Lion—be God's megaphone to a sleeping Church?

The Temple Mount and Global Reckoning

Biblical history is clear: when empires desecrated God's temple, judgment followed. Babylon razed the first temple and fell. Rome destroyed the second and collapsed into history. Today, the Temple Mount remains a flashpoint, claimed by Islam but promised by God to Israel.

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[Israel reclaiming the Temple Mount](#) in preparation for the Third Temple?

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If so, Scripture warns of the consequence: “I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces” (Zech. 12:3). Revelation tells us that the nations will rage against Jerusalem, but ultimately, God’s will shall stand.

A Call to Watch and Pray

All of this is happening as we near Tisha B’Av, the day both Jewish temples were destroyed. Is this timing merely coincidence, or is it divine orchestration?

We must not sleep through the midnight hour. Jesus warned in Matthew 24 that we are to be watchful and discerning, not distracted by the noise of the world.

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These unfolding events should stir us not to fear but to prayer. We must pray for wisdom, for the peace of Jerusalem, and for courage to stand firm in truth. If we are truly approaching the days of temple restoration and end-time fulfillment, we must be ready, spiritually and mentally.

God is not surprised by any of this. He wrote the story. Now, we may be living in the chapters that lead to Jesus’ glorious return.

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