

# America's Hope Lies in Returning to God, and History Proves It

If you're wondering whether there's still hope for America in these uncertain days, you're not alone. But the good news? History is filled with examples that show when we humble ourselves and pray, God shows up. That was the powerful message shared by William Federer during a recent interview with Kirk Cameron on TBN.

"America is holding back global gangs," Federer said, warning that if our nation falls, "you'd have Chinese dictators, Russian dictators, North Korean dictators, Iranian Ayatollah dictator... human rights will be crushed." But rather than stoking fear, Federer pointed to a solution: [prayer, repentance and remembering the miracles God has already performed.](#)

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He recalled a moment from the Revolutionary War when George Washington was miraculously delivered from sure defeat. "A very dense fog began to rise off the river and began to settle in a peculiar manner over both encampments... so very dense was the atmosphere I could scarcely discern a man at six yards distance," said Major Ben Talmage, a witness to the event. The fog allowed Washington and his troops to escape, unharmed.

That miracle came after the Continental Congress declared a day of fasting and prayer.

Again and again throughout American history—from a hurricane that scattered a French invasion fleet in 1746, to a storm that drove British troops from Washington D.C. in 1812—God answered when people called on Him.

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Federer reminded viewers that even President Donald Trump made it a point to thank God publicly—something rare in our modern political age. And it matters. “In God is our trust,” Federer quoted from the rarely-sung fourth verse of the Star-Spangled Banner. “They ought to sing that verse at the ball games.”

But what about today? What about now?

Kirk Cameron offered encouragement: “Our cultural setback could be [a divine setup for a spiritual comeback in America today.](#)” Federer agreed. “I personally believe that we could be at the precipice of a great awakening in our country.”

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So don't lose heart. If history teaches us anything, it's that God still responds to the prayers of His people. “He hears our prayers and He answers prayers,” Federer said. “He delights to bless and to protect His children, just like we do our own children.”

That's the kind of hope you can hold onto.

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# Mystery Babylon: Literal Location or End-Times Symbol?

Is Babylon in Revelation 17 a symbol for Rome, the Vatican or even the United States? According to Pastor James Kaddis, the answer is much simpler, and much more literal. In a bold and eye-opening teaching, Kaddis walks viewers through Scripture, arguing that “Babylon the Great” is not a metaphor at all but a real, future city located in present-day Iraq.

## Not Mystery Babylon—Just Babylon

Kaddis wastes no time challenging a popular misconception: [that Revelation 17:5 refers to](#) “Mystery Babylon.” He explains that the word mystery isn’t part of Babylon’s name, but rather a signal that a divine secret is about to be revealed. In other words, the mystery is what Babylon is, not who. And for Kaddis, that answer is clear: it’s the literal city of Babylon.

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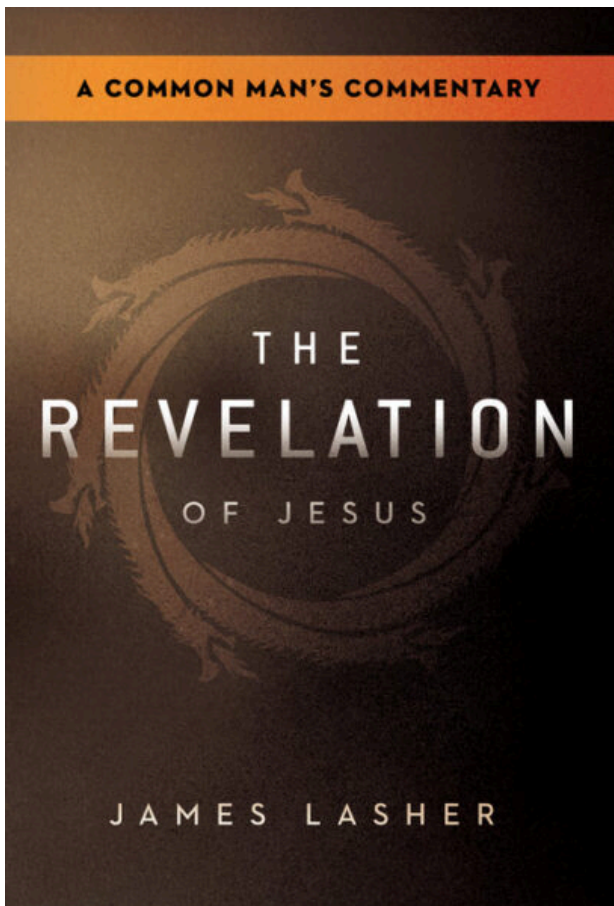
Many interpret the passage as symbolic, assigning it to globalism, a religious system, or even American culture. But Kaddis says such views read too much into the text and miss the straightforward meaning.

## Scripture Interprets Scripture

Here’s where it gets really compelling—Kaddis doesn’t just hang this idea on one passage. He takes viewers through a thorough Bible study, linking Revelation to Old Testament prophecies from Jeremiah 50–51 and Isaiah 13–14. These chapters describe the total destruction of Babylon during the

“Day of the Lord,” complete with cosmic disturbances, earthquakes, and desolation that, according to Kaddis, haven’t happened yet.

His point? If those events haven’t taken place, then the prophecy hasn’t been fulfilled, and that means a future, literal Babylon is still on the horizon.



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## **A Last-Days Superpower?**

Not only does Kaddis believe Babylon will be rebuilt, but he also makes the case that it will serve as the epicenter of commerce, false religion and political deception during the Tribulation. He draws connections between Revelation 18's list of luxurious cargo and the kinds of goods flowing out of the Persian Gulf region today, oil, gold, spices and more.

He even references Zechariah 5, which speaks of a strange “ephah” being established in the land of Shinar (ancient Babylon). [Kaddis interprets this as a prophetic clue](#) that the Antichrist’s base of operations will be set up in the same geographical location as the Tower of Babel.

## Debunking the Rome Theory

What about the famous “seven hills”? Surely that’s Rome, right? Not so fast. Kaddis breaks down Revelation 17:9–10, pointing out that those “seven mountains” are clearly described as seven kings, rulers, not landmarks. It’s a detail he says many overlook in favor of tradition.

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And as for the harlot riding the beast? Kaddis notes that Babylon is destroyed by the very system it partners with. That wouldn’t make sense if they were the same entity, would it?

## Why This Matters Now

This isn’t just theological trivia, Kaddis believes understanding Babylon’s identity has massive implications for how we interpret end-times prophecy. When believers replace literal Scripture with metaphor, he warns, they open the door to dangerous speculation and distraction.

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That’s why Kaddis calls for a return to a literal reading of God’s Word, especially in prophetic texts. If Scripture is clear, we should take it at face value, unless the Bible itself tells us otherwise.

# Stay Grounded in the Word

As the world shifts and the headlines grow darker, the key to understanding the days we're living in is to know your Bible and to use spiritual discernment when filtering what you see in the news.

In a time of great deception, one thing hasn't changed: God's Word is still the truth. And if you're paying attention, it's more relevant now than ever.

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## Red Heifers, Temple Plans and End-Times Signs: What's Unfolding Right Now

In a wide-ranging interview, Pastor Tom Hughes of Hope for Our Times welcomed [Mondo Gonzalez of Prophecy Watchers](#) for a deep dive into prophetic developments surrounding the location of the Jewish temple, the mystery of the red heifers and the rise of global technocratic power.

Gonzalez, a biblical archaeologist with a background in biblical languages, addressed misinformation, spiritual deception and the converging signs of the last days.

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"There is so much to talk about including 10 kings, red heifers, the proximity of the Day of the Lord," Hughes said in

the opening. Gonzalez added, "The temple was not in the City of David. It is so well excavated now... absolutely zero evidence that either one of the temples were here."

The two discussed the spiritual significance of archaeological suppression in Judea and Samaria, current Temple Mount theories and how prophecy is unfolding in real time. "We see the day approaching and we need to be ready," Gonzalez continued.

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**Discover what God is revealing through this powerful conversation:**

- Why the Jewish temple was not located in the City of David
- The truth behind archaeological suppression in Judea and Samaria
- Where the Ark of the Covenant may be hidden and its role in the Third Temple
- The current status and prophetic importance of the red heifers
- [Why the red heifer sacrifice has been delayed](#)
- The link between Oct. 7 and prophetic developments in Israel
- How global technocrats may fulfill the "10 kings" of Revelation 17
- The prophetic role of Ezekiel 38–39 in transforming secular Israel
- The rise of deception through end-times technology

- Why believers must prepare urgently for the Day of the Lord

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To learn more about these important biblical topics, watch the full interview in the video above.

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## **‘Peace and Security’: Is Sudden Destruction Closer Than We Think?**

Tom Cote, host of the Watchman River podcast, is speaking out about a false sense of peace rising across the globe, [especially in light of recent developments](#) in the Middle East.

Quoting 1 Thessalonians 5:3, Cote emphasized, “For when they say, ‘Peace and safety,’ then sudden destruction comes upon them as labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape.”

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Referencing President Trump’s optimism regarding progress in ceasefire talks between Israel and Hamas, Cote said, “I think we’re very close to that... that sudden destruction is probably around the moment of the rapture, and it’s going to be while they’re saying peace and safety.” He added, “It feels like a

false peace to me, very, very false.”

Cote called believers to exercise [spiritual discernment in these prophetic times](#), reminding his audience that the world is not on a path to peace but judgment. “Evil wants to just break loose around this world, and we’re definitely seeing a rise in evil,” he said. “But that restrainer is restraining.”

He referenced the Holy Spirit as the restrainer found in 2 Thessalonians 2, and warned that once the Church is removed, evil will flood the earth unchecked. “Picture the moment that Holy Spirit restrainer is removed. Then the floods of evil and wickedness are going to pour upon this world like never before.”

In a world quick to accept headlines of temporary ceasefires as lasting peace, Cote urged Christians to remain spiritually awake. “We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”

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Cote closed the podcast with a gospel message, stressing that belief in the atoning blood and resurrection of Jesus is the only way to escape the coming judgment. “You could be made new today... That’s the gospel. The gospel is believing in the atoning blood of Jesus and in His finished work. It’s the good news.”

As global leaders speak of “peace,” Cote’s message is one of discernment, readiness and unwavering faith in Jesus Christ.

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“Do you know Jesus?” he asked. “If you don’t know Jesus, you’re heading toward a time that’s the worst time to be alive since mankind was created.”

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## **Kim Clement’s Prophetic Words on Iran: Hidden Threats, Exposure and Revival**

In prophetic declarations from 2014 and 2015, [Kim Clement issued a warning](#) about hidden threats tied to Iran and its secret alliances.

While he did not use the term “sleeper cells,” Clement described a coming exposure that would reveal covert dangers operating beneath the surface.

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“There shall be an exposure and they shall say such a tiny thing brought the truth out... and such a tiny thing brought down that which was supposed to be upright,” he prophesied. He connected this exposure directly to Iran and Iraq, saying, “They are presently at this very moment packing together with Russia and laughing at this president [Obama] and laughing at this nation [United States]. God says, ‘I will have the last laugh.’”

Clement condemned American leaders who had cozied up to foreign adversaries, warning, "I will remove from this office those who have corrupted the truth and lied and spoken to the enemies at the gate as if they were their friends. This has insulted Me, says the Lord."

Yet amid warnings of espionage, betrayal and judgment, [Clement also released a powerful word of hope.](#)

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"I will begin in China, then I will move to Iran and the Middle East and then I shall flame this country again under the leadership of a righteous president," he said. He declared, "The church in Iran underneath is greater than the church in the West," and proclaimed the start of an earth-shaking spiritual awakening. "I will do signs and wonders not signs and blunders... I will raise even the dead as they have said it cannot happen."

Clement rarely used the word "revival," but in these messages, he said, "This nation needs revival... If there's ever been a time that this nation has needed a revival it's now." Clement described it as more than emotional gatherings, "I'm talking about an earth-rocking revival in the marketplace, in the market square, where truly the unsaved will call out to God."

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From Iran to America, the prophetic word was unmistakable: even as threats lurk in the shadows, God is preparing to pour out His Spirit upon the earth..

To hear the prophetic messages in full, please watch the video above.

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# The Church Must Wake Up: Iran's War on Israel Is a Satanic Agenda

From a quiet boat docked near the Canadian border, Pastor Troy Brewer delivered a fiery warning to the church: the war [between Israel and Iran](#) is not just a geopolitical conflict, it is a spiritual battle that demands America's attention and involvement.

"This is not just Israel's fight," Brewer said. "This is actually our fight and people really need to understand that. They [Iran] cannot have nuclear weapons. They have sworn to our death. They have sworn to Israel's death."

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Speaking on the heels of U.S. and Israeli military strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities under Operation Midnight Hammer, Brewer praised the strategic deception used to protect the mission. "The military miracle is not that this happened, but they were able to keep it secret," he said. "Let the heathen rage, let the wicked foam and rain on them."

Brewer criticized those who defend Iran's regime or ignore the atrocities committed by its leadership. "When they arrested all of these teenagers and college age students," Brewer said, "he [the Ayatollah] gave a mandate and an order and it's in writing, he wanted to make sure that every single one of those

girls that were arrested were [sexually assaulted] so that none of them are virgins and none of them could make it into heaven.”

Brewer traced the conflict back to a broader strategy orchestrated behind the scenes. “Trump did a Middle Eastern tour... he says, ‘By the way, we’re fixing to attack the spot out of Iran... do not attack Israel.’”

According to Brewer, the administration’s use of media distraction and calculated timing gave Israel the green light after 60 days of attempted diplomacy. “Israel goes in, takes out the head of the snake... then gains air superiority... and then America’s B2 bombers are going to come in... and take out these nuclear places with precision.”

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More than a military maneuver, [Brewer sees prophetic purpose in the moment](#). “You do not overcome evil by simply being nice to evil,” he said. “You overcome it by insisting that goodness operates where that evil is, which means it has to be confronted.”

Brewer ended with a powerful challenge to the body of Christ: “The Lord is on the move... you cannot be intimidated right now... If you’ve been caught up in the media frenzy of ‘Oh my gosh Elon and Trump are fighting... oh my gosh Israel is bad now,’ you’ve been a part of the wrong thing.”

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At a time when deception is rampant and truth is under fire, Brewer's message is a rallying cry: bless Israel, confront darkness and recognize the moment we're in.

"This is a spiritual battle," he said, "and we are participators in one of the most exciting times in human history."

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## **L.A. Marzulli: Massive Skeletons Prove Biblical Accounts of Giants**

[Author and researcher L.A. Marzulli](#) is letting the world know about a long-suppressed historical truth: evidence for the existence of giants, a.k.a. the biblical Nephilim, scattered throughout North America and beyond.

In a recent video, Marzulli reviewed early 20th-century newspaper clippings and excavation reports that document alleged discoveries of massive human skeletons. "There is a hidden history that's been deliberately obfuscated from the peoples of the world," he said.

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One article he highlighted, from Springfield, Missouri, described a skeleton measuring 8 feet from the top of the leg to the ankles, with the feet missing. "You're looking at... a 12-footer, 13-footer. That's unbelievable," Marzulli said.

He also read from a clipping detailing an expedition by University of Arizona scientists into Sonora, Mexico, in search of [what locals called a “race of supermen.”](#)

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Marzulli challenged mainstream academic resistance to such claims, stating, “Most of the people involved in archaeology and anthropology are all Darwinists... and they certainly don’t believe in giants.”

Marzulli also defended Native American oral traditions that speak of giants, calling their dismissal “one of the most racist statements I’ve ever heard.” He urged transparency from institutions like the Smithsonian and museums, stating, “We have a right to know.”

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To learn more about the evidence and theories Marzulli presents, you can watch the full video above.

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## **What Every Christian Needs to Know About Israel**

In a recent livestream, pastor and media creator Kap Chatfield addressed rising division among Christians over the Middle

East crisis, and Israel in particular, warning believers not to let politics cloud their biblical convictions.

“The problem is we’ve made this a political issue, when the truth is this is a biblical one,” Chatfield said. “If you follow Jesus, then you need to [know what He says about Israel.](#)”

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Chatfield directly challenged claims that modern-day Israel is no longer relevant to God’s plan, stating, “God’s covenant with Israel still stands.”

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He also criticized comments by political commentator Candace Owens, who dismissed support for Israel as a dispensationalist heresy.

“The whole point of the Bible is a story about God’s relentless covenant and his faithfulness to a people who were completely faithless,” he said.

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[Emphasizing Israel’s central place in prophecy,](#) he added, “If you hate what God loves, you have become an enemy of God.” Citing multiple Scriptures, he called on Christians to “pray for the peace of Jerusalem” and to remember that “those who bless Israel will be blessed.”

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If you want to learn more about God's covenant with Israel and how it relates to biblical prophecy, watch the full video above.

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## **Andrew Klavan: AI Horror Stories Reveal a Deeper Spiritual Crisis**

Conservative commentator and cultural critic Andrew Klavan cautioned viewers on a recent episode of The Andrew Klavan Show, warning that [a growing dependence on artificial intelligence media](#) and fragmented information is not only reshaping storytelling but also exposing a deeper spiritual crisis.

“These little movies... I think they're capturing something—this sense of eeriness you get when you have a series of facts... you form a story out of that, but things keep happening that don't really fit in,” Klavan said. “It's the sense of eeriness that things are not real, that reality is not quite real.”

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Referencing surreal AI-generated horror shorts found on Instagram, Klavan explored how modern digital media feeds our minds fragmented, eerie narratives, offering brief emotional

jolts but no real understanding. Yet for Klavan, the deeper concern lies in how our society tries to make sense of these stories without a spiritual foundation.

“As much information as we gather, we are always filling in blanks,” he said. “We have a certain amount of information but we don’t have all the information. We start to put together narratives and those narratives, even if they’re untrue, we stick to them.”

Klavan attributes this to a widespread phenomenon known as confabulation, which he says is symptomatic of a left-brain-dominated worldview [that dismisses spiritual reality.](#)

“Because God is the core of reality and because we’ve lost our faith in God, and faith is the evidence of things unseen, faith gives you the power to see what cannot be seen, I think that that is absolutely true. So we’ve lost the power to see reality. I think we’ve lost the power to see reality and I think it’s driving us crazy.”

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He added, “Basically, modernity from about 1500 [AD] on is the story of mankind going increasingly insane.”

In Klavan’s view, this crisis cannot be solved by returning to surface-level religion alone. “It’s not going to be just by following the catechism. It’s not going to be, I mean I think we should all go back to our churches, but I think that we’re going to have to find out new ways of thinking about old truths so that we can experience them again and see, know them again.”

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As artificial intelligence continues to evolve, so too must our spiritual resilience. In these days of confusion, distortion and disconnection, it is more vital than ever for Christians to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and firmly rooted in the Word of God. Only through the discernment that comes from God's truth can believers rightly interpret the times and stand against the deception growing all around us.

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## **What Does the Bible REALLY Say About Immigration?**

In a bold and unapologetic message, Pastor Kap Chatfield tackled [one of today's most politically and spiritually divisive issues: immigration.](#) With the Bible as his foundation, Chatfield walks through six common cultural assumptions and challenges them with scriptural truth. He admits, "Oh boy, this one's going to get me into some hot water," but insists, "If we can get God's perspective on this, it will bring so much clarity and so much peace."

Chatfield's message is clear: this is not about partisan politics. It's about biblical obedience. "Those who love God love what he loves and hate what he hates," he says, calling believers to think biblically in a world of noise and confusion. Here's a breakdown of the six key points he addresses, using Scripture as the ultimate authority.

## **1. “We must love all people regardless of their immigration status” – TRUE**

Chatfield opens by affirming that love is non-negotiable for Christians: “God commands us to love all people whether they are quote-unquote illegal or legal... documented or undocumented.” He cites Luke 10:27 – “Love your neighbor as yourself” – and James 2:1, which says, “Do not show favoritism.”

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He also references Leviticus 19:33-34: “If a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him... you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” However, he quickly clarifies, “Loving someone doesn’t mean endorsing everything that they do.”

## **2. “The government’s role is to uphold laws, including immigration laws” – TRUE**

Citing Romans 13:1-4, Chatfield asserts that honoring the law is not optional: “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities... for rulers are not a terror to good works but to evil.” He continues, “We need to understand this as Christians. The Bible is really clear – we’re supposed to submit to our governing authorities.”

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He quotes directly from U.S. law as well: “This is what it says in 8 U.S. Code Section 1325 – this law is a federal law that makes unlawful entry into the United States a federal crime.”

### **3. “Jesus was a refugee, so we should support open borders” – FALSE**

Addressing a widely repeated claim, Chatfield is blunt: “This is a myth.” He explains that Jesus’ journey to Egypt wasn’t illegal. “There was no indication of unlawful entry when he and his family went into Egypt.” He notes that both Judea and Egypt were under Roman rule at the time, likening their movement to “traveling between states inside of the United States.”

Chatfield also highlights divine instruction: “An angel of the Lord commanded Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from Herod.” He cites Matthew 2:13, “Arise, take the young child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word.”

### **4. “Loving your country is Christian nationalism, and that’s dangerous” – FALSE**

The idea that patriotism is unbiblical gets dismantled with the words of the prophet Jeremiah: “Seek the peace of the city where I’ve caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it, for in its peace you will have peace” (Jer. 29:7).

Chatfield argues, “Loving your country doesn’t make you a Christian nationalist. It actually makes you a good steward of the nation that God has placed you in.”

He recounts a historical example of biblical patriotism through Pastor Peter Muhlenberg in 1776, who preached from

Ecclesiastes 3, then declared: “There’s a time to fight, and that time has now come,” before revealing a Continental Army uniform beneath his robe.

## **5. “Border walls are unbiblical” – FALSE**

“First of all,” Chatfield says, “that’s 100% not true.” He turns to Acts 17:26: “He has made from one blood every nation... and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.” His point: God created national boundaries.

Referencing the book of Nehemiah, Chatfield reads Nehemiah 2:17-18: “Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach... Let us rise up and build.” He explains, “They were called by God to rebuild this wall to protect the city from foreign invasion.”

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He compares border protection to locking the doors of one’s home: “Do you lock your doors at night because you hate the people on the other side of that door? No – you do it because you love the people inside of the home.”

## **6. “The Good Samaritan story means we should help every immigrant no matter what” – TRUE, with nuance**

“The Good Samaritan story is obviously a great example to us of how to care for people in need,” Chatfield acknowledges. But he stresses, “It’s a story about personal responsibility... not about an entire population breaking through a border.”

He draws a critical distinction: “There’s a difference between personal compassion and national policy. And they are not the

same thing.” He affirms that Christians are called to help the hurting, but governments are responsible for upholding the law.

## **A Biblical Balance of Love and Law**

Chatfield closes with a personal story of a young man in his church who caused a fatal car crash while drunk driving. Though the man repented and was spiritually transformed, Chatfield says, “Just because we know that he had this encounter with God... we’re not going to rebel against the local government.”

[Justice still had to be served.](#)

In his final charge, he urges believers not to let political views cloud biblical truth. “We as Christians still have a responsibility to love these people and to care for them. Love the person right in front of you, and still at the same time submit to the authorities that God has placed over us.”

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As controversial as this topic may be, Chatfield’s message cuts through emotional rhetoric with clarity from the Word of God. “When I looked at the full counsel of God’s Word... I realized I had been forming my opinions more from feelings rather than from the Word of God,” he said.

During this time of national chaos, Chatfield calls the Church back to its true foundation – not opinions, not politics, but Scripture.

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