

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

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

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.

Could the recent military engagement signal the beginning of 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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**America's Hope Lies in**

# Returning to God, and History Proves It

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

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

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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