

# Are Israel and Gaza Fulfilling End Times Prophecy? Bible Experts Weigh In

In a recent conversation that is capturing the attention of prophecy watchers worldwide, Bible teachers Joel Rosenberg and Erick Stakelbeck explored a bold new plan being floated by President Donald Trump concerning the war-torn Gaza Strip, [and its potential prophetic implications.](#)

The two discussed a proposal that would see Palestinians relocated from Gaza to neighboring Arab nations, allowing the land to be cleared, rebuilt and possibly repurposed for something entirely new. The idea, which includes involvement from U.S. envoys and financial support from Arab countries like Saudi Arabia, has stunned many with its scope and ambition.

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What makes this development especially compelling for believers is its possible connection to Bible prophecy.

Referencing the little-studied second chapter of Zephaniah, the conversation centered around the biblical claim that in the last days, Gaza would become desolate and the land would be given back to Judah. With Gaza already decimated by war and terror, and talks emerging of long-term relocation, it does beg the question if we are watching Scripture unfold in real time.

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While the full plan for Gaza is yet to be confirmed, the discussion encouraged Christians to remain watchful and hopeful. It also served as a reminder that even in times of war and uncertainty, [God's purposes continue moving forward.](#)

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As believers continue looking to biblical prophecy to discern the signs of the times, many are also praying for the people of Gaza to find salvation in Jesus, just as God once showed mercy to Nineveh, He can do the same today.

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## **Ezekiel 37 Fulfilled? Christians in Israel See God Moving Through War**

While the deadly conflict with Iran continues, believers in Israel are finding peace and purpose in the midst of devastation, [by pointing to the Prince of Peace.](#)

Ellie Birnbaum, Israel director for Jews for Jesus, spoke to CBN News from inside a bomb shelter, where he and others have been taking refuge during relentless rocket barrages. "This is an epic biblical proportion battle we're in the midst of," he said. "A rocket fell just about 200 meters from my parents'

house and destroyed a whole building. I think eight people were killed... and 200 were injured.”

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Birnbaum described the chaos as “very scary,” with more than 100 ballistic missiles aimed at civilian areas. “We have the Iron Dome... they’re able to stop 95% of them, but those 5% are so deadly and so scary,” he added.

Yet even amid destruction, Birnbaum shared that the Spirit of God is moving.

“In times of storm... Jesus gave us an example of what happens in the storm when he took his disciples through a storm to expose his glory and to grow faith in them,” Birnbaum said. “He actually tells to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Where is your faith?’”

Rather than focusing on fear or geopolitics, Birnbaum urged viewers to recognize where true hope comes from. “God wants to expose, as we go through these crises, where our faith is and who can give us peace. And the only one who can give us peace is Jesus, is Yeshua, [who is the Messiah of Israel.](#)”

CBN’s host turned to Scripture to underscore the prophetic significance of the moment. Reading from Ezekiel 37:14, he declared, “I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it.”

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The verses surrounding that prophecy were also read aloud as a declaration over Israel: “These bones... are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I’m going to open your graves and bring you up from them.’”

As war escalates and fear spreads, Birnbaum’s message remained anchored in eternal hope. “There’s real people who are affected by it,” he said. “And those real people need hope... and I believe and I’m confident that that only hope is found in the Messiah Yeshua.”

Jews for Jesus has mobilized teams to help first responders while also bringing the Gospel to those suffering in this moment of darkness. “We’re trying to bring some light, some hope in that practically,” Birnbaum said. “But also sharing the deeper hope that we have as we do it.”

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He closed with a plea to fellow believers: “Please pray. Keep praying for us as we do our uttermost best to be the hands and feet of Yeshua on the ground here in Israel as we await for His return.”

To pray along with them, believers are invited to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for the innocent victims in Gaza and Iran and for a great spiritual awakening across the Middle East, that the name of Jesus would be declared far and wide.

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# Raised from the Dead: Real-Life Resurrection Testimony Goes Viral

A recent episode of the Heaven Meets Earth podcast on CBN's Faith Nation featured a remarkable testimony of modern-day resurrection as Courtney Smallbone, wife of For King & Country's Luke Smallbone, shared how her 8-week-old son, Leo, [was miraculously brought back to life](#) after being found unresponsive, cold and blue.

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"Only you can do this," she prayed, crying out to God as her son lay lifeless. Moments later, Leo's chest expanded, his color returned, and he began to cry. "It's when heaven and earth touch," Courtney said. "This is who Jesus is."

The broadcast highlighted how God's power to resurrect is not confined to the pages of Scripture.

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Carrie Hosenbog, author of The Way of Becoming, also shared how she witnessed a Sudanese father reunite with the son he thought had died in war.

"Only God sees what's invisible," the father declared, "but today God has allowed me to see the invisible—my own son

alive.” Both women emphasized that [God is still at work in miraculous ways](#), reviving not only bodies but hearts and hopes.

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To get the full story of Leo’s resurrection and other incredible testimonies of God’s power, watch the full Heaven Meets Earth video above.

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## **Here’s What the Bible Really Says About the Mark of the Beast**

Kap Chatfield is urging believers to stop guessing and start reading when it comes to the Mark of the Beast. In a recent video, he pointed directly to Scripture [to help clear up the confusion](#) that surrounds one of the most talked-about, and misunderstood, topics in Bible prophecy.

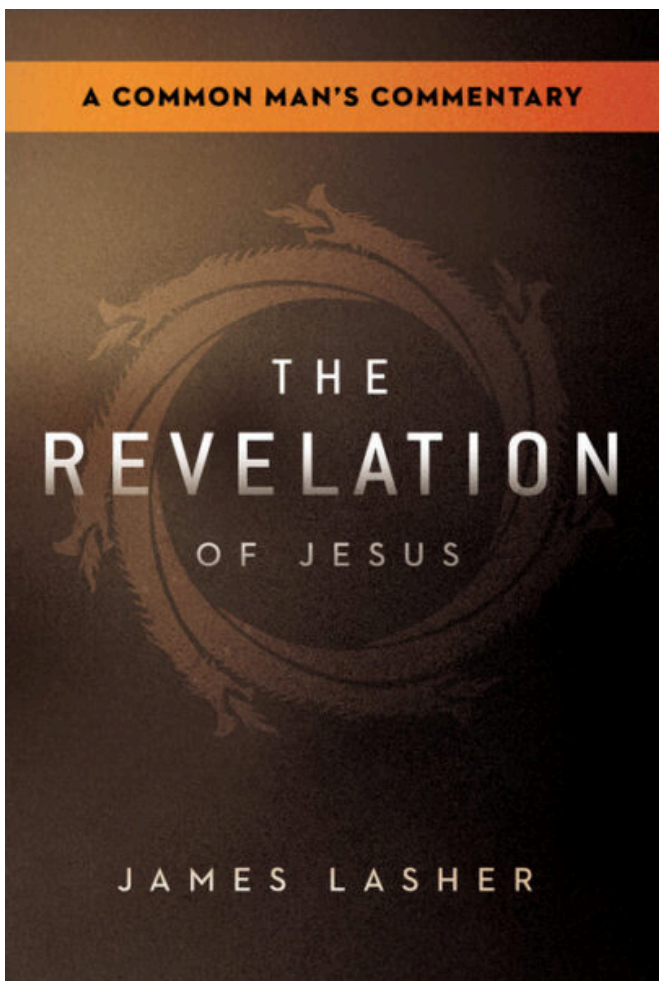
“You’ve probably heard about this,” Chatfield said. “Even people who’ve never read the Bible know this phrase. Typically it’s been the subject of movies, conspiracies and late-night YouTube theories.”

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Chatfield opened the Bible to Revelation 13:16-17 to read what

it actually says: “He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave... to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads.”

He made it clear that this isn't just about money or commerce. “This is not just an economic play. This is actually an allegiance play. This is a play about worship.”



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According to Revelation 14:9-11, those who take the mark face eternal judgment. “He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone... and the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever,” Chatfield read. “I don't know how much Scripture you got to black out with a Sharpie... The Bible is clear. God has a place called hell.”

He also addressed the debate over what the mark might

physically be. “Is the mark a tattoo? Is it a microchip? Is it a barcode? Here’s the truth: the Bible doesn’t actually say exactly what that technology is. But it does in fact describe the function.”

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The purpose of the mark, he explained, is to show loyalty to the beast. It will be required for people to buy and sell. “It’s going to be placed on the body... the only way that people are going to be able to participate in the economy.”

Chatfield emphasized the importance of learning to trust God now. [“If you don’t get comfortable trusting God with your finances now](#) and you miss the rapture, you’re going to be in a world of trouble when the great tribulation happens.”

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His message was crystal clear: don’t rely on speculation. Go to the Word of God. “He doesn’t want you to fall into this trap. He doesn’t want you to be eternally separated from God.”

For those trying to make sense of the times, the answer is not in theories, it’s in Scripture.

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# Amid War, Are Israelis

# Turning to Jesus?

As ballistic missiles rained down on Israel, shattering homes and lives, something unexpected began to stir in the hearts of many Israelis: a deeper openness to faith, not just in God, but in Yeshua, the Hebrew name for Jesus.

Michael Mistretta, CEO of the Fellowship of Israel Related Ministries, joined CBN News from Jerusalem this week to describe [the horrifying reality on the ground](#). “We were thrust awake in the middle of the morning Friday morning, June 13, as Israel decided to do a preemptive strike on Iran,” he said. Iran responded with force. “Iran retaliated about 24 hours later firing over now 370... ballistic missiles... directly at civilians really.”

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The attack has left 24 Israelis dead, more than 500 wounded and over 1,200 families homeless. Many are now displaced, seeking refuge and reeling from the loss of everything they once knew. “It’s amazing how our entire reality can shift just in a matter of a couple days,” Mistretta said.

But it’s not just the landscape of Israel that’s changing, it’s the spiritual atmosphere as well.

Mistretta, who leads a network of gospel-centered congregations throughout Israel, said that the war is shaking people’s confidence in the institutions they once trusted, and in that shaking, many are turning to eternal truths.

“Since Oct. 7th, there’s been more openness to who Yeshua, [who Jesus is in Israel,](#)” he shared. “Why? Because the things we had our faith in have now been shaken, our government, our military, our intelligence.”

Even Israel’s Iron Dome, often seen as an impenetrable shield, has its limits. “It only prevents 90 to 95% of the missiles,” Mistretta explained. “We’ve had 30 direct missile strikes in the middle of the night... that have been shocking to our country.”

In the middle of this chaos, FIRM has focused on being the hands and feet of Jesus, showing up, loving people, and sharing the Gospel. “Perfect love casts out fear,” Mistretta declared. “And as we show up and serve and be the hands and feet of Yeshua... we know that our faith is going to rub off on them.”

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Fear may be rampant, but faith is rising.

“There’s a spiritual reality,” Mistretta said, reflecting on the larger war at hand. “We’re reminded in Scripture that we don’t wage war against flesh and blood... We ask that your kingdom would come, that your will would be done... that you would vanquish evil, you would vanquish darkness.”

As missiles fly and families huddle in bomb shelters, many in Israel are crying out for a peace that only God can provide. And in that desperate hour, the message of Jesus, Yeshua, is breaking through.

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“We’re longing for that messianic age where you’ll wipe away

every tear and where there will be no more fighting,” Mistretta prayed at the end of the interview. “God, we pray... that your gospel be made known.”

For believers around the world watching this unfold, now is not the time to look away. It’s the time to pray, for the peace of Jerusalem, for comfort in Israel, and even for the Iranian people suffering under an oppressive regime.

And perhaps most of all, to pray that what the enemy meant for evil, God is using for good, to bring His people home, not just physically, but spiritually, to the feet of the Savior.

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## **‘This Moment Sought You’: Mike Huckabee Encourages Trump with Powerful Message**

As airstrikes continue between Israel and Iran, [a powerful message of faith, loyalty and resolve](#) was shared by President Donald Trump on Truth Social, one that stirred the hearts of many Americans and supporters of Israel alike.

The message came from U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, who is currently serving on the frontlines of a deepening and dangerous regional conflict. In his direct and heartfelt text to the President, Huckabee framed the current moment in both historical and spiritual terms.

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“Mr President, God spared you in Butler, PA to be the most consequential President in a century—maybe ever,” Huckabee wrote, referencing the recent assassination attempt on Trump. “The decisions on your shoulders I would not want to be made by anyone else.”

In a time of global upheaval and prophetic arrangement, [Huckabee pointed to the necessity of God’s guidance](#) over political strategy. “You have many voices speaking to you Sir, but there is only ONE voice that matters. HIS voice,” he wrote. “I am your appointed servant in this land and am available for you but I do not try to get in your presence often because I trust your instincts.”

Drawing a parallel to another consequential presidential moment in history, Huckabee added, “No President in my lifetime has been in a position like yours. Not since Truman in 1945.”

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Huckabee made it clear that his role is not to advise the President on strategy, but to uplift and remind him of his divine calling. “I don’t reach out to persuade you. Only to encourage you. I believe you will hear from heaven and that

voice is far more important than mine or ANYONE else's."

Amid rising threats and escalating attacks, Huckabee closed his message with a powerful declaration of commitment. "You sent me to Israel to be your eyes, ears and voice and to make sure our flag flies above our embassy. My job is to be the last one to leave. I will not abandon this post. Our flag will NOT come down!"

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Finally, in a statement that has since resonated deeply across social media, Huckabee affirmed: "You did not seek this moment. This moment sought YOU! It is my honor to serve you!"

Huckabee's words offer more than just encouragement, they echo the conviction that [God is still raising up leaders for such a time as this.](#) And for many watching history unfold in real time, it is clear that America must continue to stand with Israel, and pray for those tasked with making the decisions that will shape the future of both nations.

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## **Pastor John Hagee Issues Warning to America As Israel Goes to War**

In a powerful address following Israel's airstrikes on Iran's nuclear and military facilities, Pastor John Hagee offered unwavering [support for the Jewish state's actions,](#) calling

them not only necessary but righteous.

“In the late night hours on Thursday,” Hagee said, “the skies over Iran and other Iranian nuclear and military sites were ablaze with the sound and fury of the Israeli Air Force.” As of his address, he stated that “Israel has eliminated a substantial portion of Iran’s military and nuclear leadership and has dealt extensive blows to the regime’s nuclear and missile programs.”

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Hagee drew historic parallels, reminding viewers of Israel’s previous preemptive strikes. “What Israel is doing, just as when Israel destroyed the Iraqi and Syrian nuclear reactors, was to protect not just the Jewish state but the entire free world.”

According to Hagee, the Jewish nation was forced into this decision due to Iran’s accelerated nuclear ambitions. “Israel took this step because they had no other choice. Iran had acquired enough uranium to make multiple nuclear weapons and was in the process of trying to do so.”

He issued a bold charge to the United States and its citizens: [“We must honor our faith principles](#) and the legacy of standing up to evil and in support of freedom. We must not be influenced by the cowards, the isolationist or the bigots in our midst. We must stand with Israel today and every day.”

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Turning his attention to Iran's suffering population, Hagee offered a glimmer of hope. "Iran's future as an evil force in the Middle East is now in question. Only the people of Iran can take the country back, but Israel has opened the door for them and has given the world room to breathe."

He concluded his message with strong praise for President Donald Trump. "Please join me in thanking President Trump for standing with the Jewish state and urging him to continue his steadfast support for Jerusalem during this pivotal moment in history."

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As tensions escalate and prophetic warnings seem ever closer to fulfillment, believers everywhere are urged to lift their voices in intercession. Pray for the safety and strength of the nation of Israel, and for the people of Iran, that they may find freedom, peace and deliverance from their tyrannical regime.

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## **Joe Rogan Confirms Attending Christian Church: 'It's a Good Vibe'**

Podcast titan Joe Rogan [appears to be taking steps toward faith](#), sharing in a recent episode of The Joe Rogan Experience that he has been attending a Christian church and finds the atmosphere encouraging.

“It’s actually very nice,” Rogan said when asked about his experience. “They’re all just trying to be better people. It’s a good vibe.”

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This comes after several months of Rogan exploring Christianity more openly on his podcast. In January, he interviewed Christian apologist Wes Huff about miracles, the resurrection and the deity of Jesus. Huff later revealed that Rogan has continued the conversation off-air and has now become a regular churchgoer.

In the June 5, episode, [Rogan confirmed his church attendance](#) and elaborated briefly when asked what kind of church he was going to: “It’s just a Christian church,” he said, later clarified as a “non-denominational Christian” church.

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Rogan, who also shared that he has abstained from alcohol for three months, linked the lifestyle change to improved well-being. “It’s a lot better,” he said. “You feel a lot better... You stop doing it and you’re like, ‘Oh, I feel so much better. Why was I doing that?’”

As one of the most influential voices in media today, Rogan’s growing openness to faith and reflection on personal change is being closely watched by believers and skeptics alike.

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Let us pray that the world's most listened-to podcaster finds lasting truth and salvation in Jesus Christ.

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# Amid Missile Barrage, Christians Worship Underground in Israel

As [Iranian ballistic missiles rained down on Israel](#), a group of young Christian worshippers gathered in a bomb shelter and lifted their voices in praise.

The group, many visiting Israel for the first time, had just finished celebrating Shabbat when sirens sounded, sending them, and nearby families, underground for safety.

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Rather than retreat into fear, the believers turned the shelter into a sanctuary. Joined by Israeli families, including some non-believers, the group sang and prayed loudly enough to drown out the sounds of nearby explosions. The atmosphere was one of joy, peace and [unwavering faith in God's protection](#).

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Watch the powerful moment of worship in the video above.

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# End-Times Collision Accelerates Between Israel and the Enemies of God

Pastor Jack Hibbs delivered [a prophetic warning](#) to those gathered at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills on Sunday, declaring the world has never been closer to the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 and the biblical end times.

“This is not a sermon of any sorts, more of an information briefing from the Bible as to what’s going on in the world around you,” Hibbs said in the June 15 message titled “Could This Be Next?” “We’ve only had a few hours to prepare for this... things are changing so quickly.”

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Referencing the recent Israeli strike on Iran’s nuclear infrastructure, Hibbs emphasized that the events unfolding are not isolated political moments but prophetic ones.

“When you woke up, you were closer into Bible prophecy than in any other time of your life,” he told the congregation. “You and I have never been this late down the prophetic road before.”

Hibbs urged believers to be like the sons of Issachar, who the Bible says “knew the times in which they lived in and thereby.. knew what Israel should do.” He said Christians must now “know the times in which we live in that we might know [what we’re to do in light of Scripture.](#)”

The pastor directly addressed the rise in anti-Semitism and public backlash against Israel for its recent military action. “Anybody who thinks that this was a preemptive strike by the nation of Israel is ignorant of what’s been going on,” he said. “You need to see a baby baked in an oven. Why not? Why shouldn’t you see that before you get caught up in the rhetoric of ‘Oh, Israel’s preemptive strike.’”

Hibbs played a video update from Daniel Cohen, a journalist based in Jerusalem, who described the conflict as a “modern David versus Goliath battle.”

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Israel, Cohen said, had carried out “the most devastating strike on Iranian soil since the Islamic revolution,” killing top commanders and nuclear scientists in what he called a historic moment.

“The ring of fire Iran built to destroy Israel has now been severely weakened by Israel and is burning back on them,” Cohen stated.

Following the update, Hibbs returned to the pulpit and warned of a deeper spiritual reality behind the geopolitical turmoil. “This is a war.. a collision of two global religions,” he said. “The reason why Islam exists is because it is Satan’s tool to try to destroy and thwart the very Word of God.”

Reading from Jeremiah and Isaiah, Hibbs underscored God’s

covenant with Israel.

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“If those ordinances depart from before me, says the Lord, then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before me forever,” he said, quoting Jeremiah 31. “Every day you see the sunrise and it sets, just know this: I’m going to keep my word to Israel.”

Hibbs referenced the end-times battle of Ezekiel 38 as the potential outcomes of Israel’s recent attack. “If this is not Ezekiel 38, this is a huge step toward Ezekiel chapter 38,” he declared. “You’re not only on the threshold of history... the Ezekiel battle, once it commences, only lasts a few days.”

Highlighting the role of nations like Russia (Rosh), Iran (Persia), and others mentioned in the biblical text, Hibbs said, “We’re looking at a 2,700-year-old prophecy that names nations... and it’s going to be led by a guy who doesn’t want to get pulled into the event, but God’s going to put hooks in his jaws and pull him in.

“You are sitting in Bible prophecy right now. You’re living it.”

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