

Prophecy in Motion: Today's Unrest Points to Biblical End Times

The Middle East continues to boil with conflict, and according to Christian journalist Erick Stakelbeck, it's not just geopolitics, [it's prophecy unfolding in real time.](#)

Appearing on a recent episode of Joseph Z's broadcast, Stakelbeck, host of The Watchman on TBN, warned that current events surrounding Israel are aligning with the biblical narrative.

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"If you look at a map, Israel is literally geographically the center of the world. And Jerusalem is the center of that center," Stakelbeck said. "Jesus will return to Jerusalem. He'll set his foot down on the Mount of Olives."

Citing Ezekiel and Isaiah, Stakelbeck said Iran, Turkey and Russia appear to be aligning in a way that sets the stage for the "Gog-Magog invasion."

"I think we're seeing things set up for that right now," he said. "A lot of people have been talking about Isaiah 17 and perhaps the future demise of Damascus, one of the world's oldest inhabited cities."

He pointed to the growing hostilities on Israel's borders, Hezbollah, Hamas and the Iranian-backed Houthis, as signs of

prophetic convergence.

“The prophetic time clock right now, Joseph, I believe, is in overdrive,” he said.

Stakelbeck also addressed the global surge in antisemitism that followed [the October 7 Hamas terror attacks](#). “The day after October 7th—literally, Joseph, on October 8th—before Israel even mounted its response... we had anti-Israel protests breaking out on the streets of western cities,” he said.

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“I think something demonic, clearly something demonic was unleashed on October 7th vis-a-vis Israel, Hamas and Iran. But I think in a larger sense, that demonic anti-Semitic spirit was unleashed [in a] more profound way, including here in America.”

According to Stakelbeck, this is not just an issue for Jews, it’s a spiritual war that implicates all Bible-believing Christians. “It always starts with the Jews. But it never ends with the Jews. First the Saturday people, the Jews, then the Sunday people, the Christians,” he said.

He added that both radical Islamic jihadists and the atheistic left carry the same hatred for the God of Israel, describing it as “the spirit of Antichrist.”

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And as for America’s role, he believes President Donald Trump’s return could be prophetically significant.

“President Trump’s return to office is a part of this as well in terms of him. The moves he’s making in the Middle East will... set things up for good certainly for Israel, for

America, for the free world in the short term. But in the long term, I think Iran will be looking for revenge.”

In a time of uncertainty, Stakelbeck urged Christians to stay alert to what God is doing.

“If we want to know what’s going on, just walk around with a newspaper in one hand and the Bible in the other,” he said, quoting Billy Graham. “Today, it will probably be your phone in one hand and the Bible in the other, but it’s all unfolding right now.”

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Israel Stands Alone as Bible Prophecy Unfolds in Real Time

As conflict escalates and alliances shift in the Middle East, one thing remains prophetically consistent: [Israel stands alone.](#)

Pastor Tom Hughes addressed this growing isolation in a recent episode of The Tom Hughes Report, saying, “With every passing day, Israel is becoming an obvious stone of stumbling to the whole world.”

Hughes pointed to prophecies in Zechariah and Daniel, reminding viewers that Israel’s role in the last days is not a footnote but the focal point.

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“It is not a coincidence that the major players of the last days are in the news every single day. Russia, Turkey, Iran—just to mention a few,” Hughes said. “Prophecy is being set up for fulfillment.”

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Referencing Zechariah 12:10, he underscored Israel’s future moment of national repentance: “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication. Then they will look on me whom they pierced.” Hughes added, “They will mourn for him as one mourns for his only son and grieve for him as one grieves for his firstborn.”

This turning point, Hughes emphasized, will happen during the Great Tribulation: “At a certain point during the seven years, Israel as a nation will come to a wonderful and terrible realization. Jesus, the man they rejected, was exactly who He claimed to be, the long awaited Messiah.”

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Just hours after Hughes’ video went live, [prophecy and reality collided in chilling fashion.](#)

Two Israeli Embassy staffers were shot and killed in cold blood outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., by a radical leftwing pro-Palestinian terrorist.

The world’s growing hatred of Israel and Jews, is not merely a political problem, it’s a prophetic one.

And it's unfolding before our eyes.

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Trump Taps Prominent Pastors for Religious Liberty Commission

President Donald Trump is doubling down on his commitment to protect religious freedom with [the launch of his new Religious Liberty Commission](#).

At a ceremony on the National Day of Prayer, May 1, Trump signed an executive order creating the RLC and is now rolling out key appointments to help lead it forward.

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Among those named to the RLC's religious advisory board are Pastor Jack Graham of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Texas and Pastor Jentezen Franklin of Free Chapel in Georgia.

"Congratulations to Senior Pastor Jack Graham on being named to the advisory board of the Religious Liberty Commission by President Trump," Prestonwood announced. "His bold voice for truth and unwavering commitment to the Gospel continue to shine as a light in our nation."

Congratulation to [@jackngraham](#) on being named to the advisory board of the Religious Liberty Commission by President Trump. His bold voice for truth & unwavering commitment to the Gospel continue to shine as a light in our nation. 'Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord' . [pic.twitter.com/wUecrZEA1U](#)

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The commission's mission is to "vigorously enforce the historic and robust protections for religious liberty enshrined in Federal law."

Advisory board members will help shape a comprehensive report on America's religious foundations, current threats to religious liberty and strategies to preserve it for future generations.

The group also includes Franklin Graham, Dr. Phil McGraw, Eric Metaxas and Paula White.

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The commission's term runs through July 4, 2026, and aims [to increase awareness and celebration of religious freedom](#) across the United States.

As Prestonwood said, "May [Graham's] leadership help strengthen the church and defend the freedom to live out our faith with conviction and courage."

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Glenn Beck Warns of the Rising False Messiah

Millions are turning away from the Creator, [but according to Glenn Beck](#), they're not becoming secular.

They're just trading one god for another.

"They will bow down to the new god of silicon and circuits," Beck said in a recent monologue. "They will trust it. They will worship it. They will defend it. They will obey it. They will not question."

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Beck warned that society has become what he calls "material and technological fundamentalists," blindly trusting algorithms and data over faith and spiritual discernment. "Truth can be discerned with numbers running through a machine. But not by silence and listening for that still small voice," he said.

As artificial intelligence advances, Beck believes it will present itself as something divine. "Like a messiah, it will promise unbelievable miracles. It will cure disease. It'll be a solution for climate change, even the end of death itself."

But he raised the question, "Or will that be the end of death? And at what cost?"

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Beck compared this rise of AI to [the biblical warnings about false prophets](#), saying, “They deceive so many into abandoning their god, the God, because they can see this lesser god of their own creation. What greater deception than a machine that claims to be the savior of mankind?”

Despite his deep concerns, Beck made it clear he is not rejecting AI entirely. “I will not deny this tool,” he said. “As long as I’m in control of this tool, I will not deny the use of this tool because we can do miraculous things with it.”

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Still, there are lines he will not cross.

“I will never accept it inside of my body. I’ve never inject something into my head so I can think like the machine,” he stated. “This will become a god without a soul, a god without love, a god without mercy, a god of cold, calculating logic. That’s what it is.”

With society racing toward technological dependence, Beck echoed Elon Musk’s term for this moment: “the event horizon of the singularity.” He added, “You could just say at the biggest crossroads in history that humans have ever been.”

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Scientist Plans Bunker for AI Rapture, But Only One Way Leads to Survival

The man known as the “brains” behind ChatGPT once proposed building a doomsday bunker for his company’s top researchers ahead of what he believed could be [a civilization-altering ‘rapture’](#): the release of artificial general intelligence, or AGI.

“We’re definitely going to build a bunker before we release AGI,” said Ilya Sutskever, according to Empire of AI author Karen Hao, whose account was adapted in The Atlantic.

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During a 2023 internal meeting, Sutskever reportedly told colleagues, “Once we all get into the bunker...” before being cut off by a confused researcher asking, “I’m sorry, the bunker?”

The remarks, corroborated by multiple sources, reveal a bizarre and almost spiritual fear among the minds crafting the world’s most powerful technologies. “There is a group of people – Ilya being one of them – who believe that building AGI will bring about a rapture. Literally, a rapture,” one researcher said.

As reported by The New York Post, the story of Sutskever’s growing disillusionment with OpenAI’s trajectory and internal power struggles, including his brief ousting of CEO Sam

Altman, paints a sobering picture: those closest to AGI's creation fear not just its misuse, but its very existence.

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No manmade bunker can protect the soul from [the true rapture that is coming.](#)

The Word of God is clear: there is a day approaching when Jesus Christ will return and take His church out of this world. No billionaire, no bunker, no artificial intelligence can stop it or prepare someone for it, apart from repentance and faith in Jesus.

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The elite of the earth may build underground fortresses, but unless they are born again, all their preparations are in vain. As Christ Himself said, "For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

There is only one shelter that will endure in the coming storm: the blood of Jesus Christ and the salvation He freely offers. The true rapture won't be triggered by machines, it will be led by the King of kings. And only those who know Him will be ready.

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Living Well in a Digital Babylon Requires Boundaries, Not Silence

Noise is everywhere, scrolling feeds, endless notifications and constant opinions.

That's the reality Tré Goins-Phillips and Billy Hallowell unpacked in a recent episode of Faith Versus Culture, where they explored what it means to live faithfully in what they called [a "digital Babylon."](#)

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"Daniel... was determined not to defile himself," Goins-Phillips said, pointing to the example set in Daniel 1.

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Hallowell reflected on his own effort to regain clarity, saying, "I've removed the apps from my phone for 30 days. It sort of recalibrates and [gives a little bit of peace.](#)" He added, "The primary reason that I should be using it... is to honor God."

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To hear the full conversation on dealing with social media in

today's age, watch the video above.

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Will the Golden Dome Shield Us, Or Is It Already Too Late?

President Donald Trump's newly proposed [\\$175 billion "Golden Dome" missile defense system](#) is making headlines, but some believers are asking whether we even have the time to see it through.

In a recent video, Tom Cote from the Watchman River channel questioned, "Do you guys think we have the time to build the golden dome for the golden age?"

For him, there is only one answer: "I just don't think there's time."

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Cote made it clear [he supports the idea as an American](#). "I'm all for them building a golden dome to protect us," he said. But through a biblical lens, he believes the world is far too close to the return of Christ for such long-term plans to

unfold.

“When I see all the signs that have converged as we wait for this pre-tribulation rapture, I don’t see the Golden Dome. And I definitely don’t see the golden age,” he added.

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Referencing increasing global chaos, prophetic signs and mounting tensions, Cote emphasized one important, end times point: “Time is short. I say that all the time because I really believe it.”

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To hear all of the Watchman River podcast episode, watch the video above.

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PCUSA Approves LGBTQ Litmus Test for Ordination, Is This the Great Falling Away?

The line is being drawn, and the choice is becoming clear: follow the Word of God or follow the spirit of the age.

A recent decision by the Presbyterian Church USA showcases [just how far apostasy has crept into the modern church](#), and how urgent it is for the remnant to remain grounded in truth.

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As reported by The Christian Post, the PCUSA has passed Amendment 24-C, which requires all ordination candidates to be questioned about their views on sexual orientation and gender identity. This decision has been met with sharp concern by many believers who hold to the authority of Scripture. The amendment passed with approval from 86 presbyteries—two more than the minimum required.

Supporters of the move, like the Rev. Brian Ellison of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, claim the change is meant to foster “deeper reflection, honest conversation, and authentic discernment.” Ellison added, “I’m genuinely excited to see the ways these more comprehensive examinations will benefit LGBTQIA+ people, as well as those from other marginalized groups.”

But many see it differently.

More than 150 PCUSA clergy signed an open letter ahead of the 226th General Assembly warning that this amendment could “undermine the theological diversity of PCUSA.” The letter plainly states, “This amendment would immediately disqualify and exclude many faithful and dedicated Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders and Deacons from serving due to their convictions.”

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Let that sink in. This is not merely about policy. [It’s about disqualifying biblical convictions.](#)

It’s clear that the church is being sifted. The Word of God

tells us that in the last days, there will be a falling away. This is not a distant prophecy, it is unfolding now. When institutions that once upheld Scripture begin to reject its authority in favor of cultural affirmation, we must recognize that deception is already running rampant, just as the Bible warned.

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Repentance is not optional. This is a call to reject compromise, return to the unchanging Word and stand firmly in the Spirit of truth, regardless of cost.

The end times are already pressing in. And the only way to endure is to stand on the solid rock of Christ and His Word because apostasy is here.

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‘God Is Not Done With America’: Thousands Baptized as Nation Prepares for Pentecost Outpouring

On May 3, more than 7,700 people made a bold public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ along the shores of Huntington Beach. [The massive baptism event](#), organized by Baptize California—soon to become Baptize America—brought together around 30,000 people and over 500 churches to worship and witness God’s transforming power.

This wasn't just a gathering. It was a preview of what's to come.

On June 8, Pentecost Sunday, Baptize America is planning what they believe could be "the largest day of water baptism in world history." Hundreds of churches across the nation will take part in fulfilling the Great Commission.

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For Pastor Mark Francey of Oceans Church in Orange County, the vision is clear: "God is not done with America, and we are convinced if we can unite the church and turn fully back to Jesus, [He will heal our land.](#)"

That healing is happening, one soul at a time.

[Francey recalled what he witnessed on May 3:](#) "I saw homeless people...people in wheelchairs that [got] pushed to the sand...old, young, all different ethnicities, all different political persuasions. It was a beautiful thing to see what Jesus did at the beach the other day."

It's no coincidence that this national moment of revival is planned for Pentecost Sunday—a day that marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a time of God's goodness, grace, love and mercy. Pentecost isn't just a historical moment; it's a living promise that God still moves, heals and saves.

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Since launching two years ago, Baptize SoCal has already baptized nearly 24,000 people. "The main reason why we did

this event in California a month early,” said Francey, “is so that all of the momentum from people getting excited about what God’s doing in California would actually transfer into local churches...all over America.”

That momentum isn’t just staying on the West Coast. Baptize America’s website boldly declares: “If God can do it in California, He can do it in any state. And if He can do it in America, He can do it in any other nation in the world.”

The spark of revival is also lighting up college campuses.

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Unite US, which began as Unite Auburn in 2023, has seen gospel-sharing events and mass baptisms sweep across schools like Tennessee and Texas A&M.

“I believe that America is set for the greatest revival our nation has ever seen,” said Unite US founder Tonya Prewett. “I believe it’s starting with college students, and the hunger and the fire that we’re seeing...is just taking off. It’s a movement.”

This Pentecost, churches from more than 100 denominations will join hands, hearts and waters in unity. As Baptize America puts it, the time is now—because God is still pouring out His Spirit, and America is choosing Him.

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'The Rain Is Coming': Be Prepared for God's Outpouring

When [Alwyn Uys goes live for his Daily Prophetic messages](#), he doesn't rely on scripting or scheduling—he relies on the Holy Spirit.

“Daily prophetic is something out of obedience,” Uys shares. “It is birthed out of spontaneous words in the moment on the day that I know that I have to come on.”

In his most recent message, Uys spoke with conviction about a powerful word he received from the Lord that morning: “The rain is coming.” Though the sky above him was clear and sunny, he described how earlier that day, “this thunder cloud...just started raining. And right before that the Lord just gave me this message: the rain is coming.”

But this wasn't about physical weather—it is spiritual. “People who have been going through dry and barren times, barren seasons, wilderness times—financially, relationship-wise...what the Holy Spirit was saying is that rain is coming,” Uys declares.

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For anyone feeling stuck in a season of drought, Uys pointed to the promise of God in Joel 2:23-27, reading, “He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain. The vats will overflow with new wine and oil. I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten...

“Never again will my people be ashamed,” Uys emphasizes, repeating the promise from the passage. “This barren season will come to an end because the rain is coming.”

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And yet, [Uys offered a word of preparation and action.](#) “Do not sit with idle hands. In Afrikaans, we have a saying: do not sit on your hands. You have to keep them busy.” He encouraged viewers to “prepare your fields for the rain as if it is coming tomorrow.”

The moment of breakthrough, Uys reminds his audience, is not just for personal relief but for the glory of God. “Now when your rain is coming on the barren fields, do not be quiet about it. Testify about it.”

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Uys closed with compassion for those facing deep struggles, offering prayer and pointing to the only One who can truly satisfy: “They need the rain of the Holy Spirit. Nothing else can fix it. Nothing else can quench that thirst but the Holy Spirit, but Jesus pouring down upon their life.”

Whether you are facing drought in your marriage, finances, health or faith, Uys’ message carries a timeless truth: God’s rain is coming, prepare your heart, expect His goodness and when it comes, don’t stay silent. Testify.

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