

Prophetic Warning: The Global Agenda They Don't Want You to See

In a recent broadcast, prophetic voice Joseph Z issued a sobering warning about a convergence of global events he believes signal an attempt by dark forces [to usher in a major reset.](#)

Citing threats from foreign powers, secret underground bases and engineered natural disasters, Z says believers must stay alert, informed and rooted in truth.

"There's a new solar flare they're talking about coming out," Z said, referring to what scientists have labeled the "bird wing" solar flare. He showed footage of plasma shooting from the sun and noted, "They're saying it could be risk of electrical equipment disruptions, northern lights, all that." But he added, "This is a mechanism that they keep on bringing out... they want to use them to really say, you know, we got this coming and then they could begin to do an EMP."

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Z linked this possibility to what he believes is a far more calculated agenda involving elite-controlled underground facilities.

"To the tune of \$21 trillion," he said, "they took [\\$21 trillion and began to build these underground cities, underground bunkers,](#) massive areas."

He warned that this infrastructure is not merely for defense but possibly for depopulation.

“They were planning... give them all the weaponry over there, build these underground facilities... then they could take the land and territory,” Z explained. “Do I think that’s going to happen? No, I don’t. Because I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is going to make a way through His church to stand against this antichrist, wicked, nefarious agenda.”

Z also addressed reports of Iran successfully launching a military satellite and developing ballistic missile capabilities.

“The type of ballistic missile technology used to launch this satellite could deliver nuclear, chemical or even biological weapons,” he said.

He pointed to former U.S. funding as a key source of empowerment for enemy regimes, stating, “The \$33 billion that went over there from the former administration... all these things began to build economies of these regions.”

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On top of military and electrical threats, Z voiced concern about natural events possibly [being used—or even manipulated—for evil.](#)

“I have this strong impression... about two things: a cataclysmic volcano and a cataclysmic earthquake,” he said. “Do I think it’s going to happen? I believe our prayers will mitigate, soften it or completely stop it.”

Z also highlighted an older [prophecy from William Branham in 1954](#) that predicted a pope would rise from the United States

and help usher in the Antichrist system.

“He said a pope will come from the United States,” Z noted. “The latest pope did. He’s from Chicago. He’s actually... a registered Republican, which is fascinating.”

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Still, he emphasized the church’s role in overcoming evil.

“The church, the eklesia... truly is the deterrent to nukes, to World War III, to anything that would try to break the grids down,” Z declared. “God has a covenant with this land. He certainly has a covenant with Israel.”

Z concluded with a prophetic declaration of hope and purpose: “The Lord God Almighty does not want us to go out with a whimper. He wants us to go with a roar and bring light into darkness... After revival comes reformation.”

As global instability grows, Z is calling on the body of Christ to rise, not just in prayer, but in prophetic awareness and unity.

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Stop Striving: The Truth About Growing Closer to the Holy Spirit

In a recent segment of The 700 Club, Gordon Robertson offered a deeply encouraging and biblically grounded response to a

viewer named BJ, who asked how to grow in intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

What followed was not a formula, but a freeing reminder that [true intimacy with God](#) cannot be earned—it's a gift received.

"I think you're trying to earn a relationship with God," Robertson said gently, identifying a common misconception among sincere believers.

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BJ had written in to say they pray, study the Word daily and fast every other day—spiritual disciplines many would admire. But Robertson pointed to something deeper. "Are you projecting onto God a relationship that you may have had with a parent? Either you were trying to impress them or 'here's what I'm doing for you and therefore you should return that love.'"

Robertson emphasized that [God's love isn't transactional](#). "If you want intimacy in a relationship, realize you cannot possibly earn it. It's not based at all on how much you tithe or how much you fast or how much you read the Bible... It's based on are you seeking that intimacy with all of your heart."

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He then anchored his encouragement in Scripture, quoting Jeremiah 29:11-13:

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord... you

will call on me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you... you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."

Robertson concluded, "If you want intimacy with God, use all of your heart. If you're not getting that, then start examining what part of my heart am I leaving behind. Again, you cannot earn it. It's a free gift and it comes when you seek it with all of your being."

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This message is a timely reminder for every believer: our walk with the Holy Spirit is not a merit-based relationship. It is rooted in God's grace and our honest, wholehearted seeking. We live in a culture driven by performance and checklists, but the Lord calls us not to strive, but to abide.

So take heart, He is not waiting for your perfection, but for your presence.

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Are You Taking the Bait? The Truth About Satan's Trap for Christians

Apostle John Eckhardt is urging believers to recognize and reject one of Satan's most effective spiritual traps: offense.

Teaching from the best-selling book *The Bait of Satan* by John

Bevere, Eckhardt shared how this powerful work exposed the hidden dangers of [harboring bitterness and unforgiveness](#).

“The central message of The Bait of Satan is that offense is one of the primary weapons Satan uses to divide, isolate, and ultimately destroy believers,” Eckhardt said.

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During his livestream message, Eckhardt emphasized that offense is more than a mere emotional reaction—it’s a spiritual snare. “When we take the bait of offense, we step into a trap that can harden our hearts, hinder our prayers, rob us of joy, and block spiritual growth,” he said.

Referencing Luke 17:1 and Proverbs 18:19, Eckhardt underscored that offense is not only inevitable, but dangerous: “It is impossible that no offenses shall come... a brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.”

He explained the Greek word for offense, scandalon, means [“the bait stick of a trap,”](#) revealing just how calculated Satan’s strategy is. “Offense leads to resentment, bitterness, and ultimately bondage,” he warned.

Eckhardt also pointed to Matthew 24:10 as a sobering prophetic indicator of the times: “Many will be offended, betray one another, and hate one another.”

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But there is a path to freedom, he said—through forgiveness

and maturity. “Unforgiveness imprisons us, not the one who wronged us,” Eckhardt declared. “Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a decision.”

He reminded believers that bitterness not only damages relationships but can open the door to physical affliction. “Bitterness leads to sickness and infirmity,” he said, highlighting God’s identity as Jehovah Rapha, the healer, who revealed Himself at the bitter waters of Mara.

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Ultimately, maturity is the key to escaping the cycle of offense. “Mature believers are unoffendable,” Eckhardt said. “They prioritize unity and humility. God uses offense to purify motives and produce Christlike character.”

He challenged the audience to examine their hearts and take authority over bitterness. “I will not take the bait of Satan,” Eckhardt urged believers to declare. “I choose to forgive, release and bless. I am free from offense, and I walk in love.”

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Jonathan Cahn Reveals the Key to End Times Prophecy

In a fiery sermon filled with prophetic urgency, [Rabbi Jonathan Cahn](#) warned that the world is witnessing the rapid alignment of biblical prophecy, and at the center of it all is Israel’s Temple Mount.

“There is right now in Israel societies that are preparing for it,” Cahn said. “That have rebuilt the temple vessels, that are training the temple priesthood.”

Describing the Temple Mount as “the most contested piece of Earth in the world,” Cahn declared, “What happens there can ignite a world war.”

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Citing Revelation 16, Cahn noted that Armageddon will be a physical location: “Then they gather the kings together to the place in Hebrew that is called Armageddon.”

He pointed to Zechariah 12 as another prophetic clue. “The nations of the world will come against Israel and try to move Jerusalem,” he said, calling it evidence that the world is becoming obsessed with a “tiny little New Jersey-sized nation called Israel.”

“It’s filled with a demonic rage against it,” Cahn said. “It’s not rational. It’s spiritual. It is demonic. It is the hatred that has always been. It’s the oldest hatred in the world.”

He also warned that the rage seen in recent anti-Israel protests and global backlash is just a preview: “You want to understand Armageddon? You can look at what you saw all around the world and multiply it.”

Drawing from Revelation 11, Cahn highlighted the prophecy of a rebuilt temple: “I was given a reed like a measuring rod and told, ‘Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, with its worshipers, but exclude the outer court.’”

“The temple of God, what temple?” he asked. “The temple of Jerusalem is the only temple that it would speak of.”

He continued, “For 2,000 years, the Temple Mount has had nothing to do with the Jewish people. They were separated across the world. But now the Temple Mount is an issue for Israel and the world.”

While Cahn acknowledged that the rebuilding of the temple seems unlikely, he reminded listeners that prophecy has already defied the odds.

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“If we lived 150 years ago and they said, ‘Israel is going to become a nation,’ it would look impossible,” he said. “But lo and behold, God made sure it happened.”

“They are going to build that temple,” Cahn declared. “I believe it’s going to take a colossal event.”

[He also linked past and present crises to the Temple Mount:](#)
“What happened on October 7, actually behind it all was the Temple Mount and the book of Revelation,” he said. “Behind 9/11 was also the Temple Mount.”

Even global institutions are part of the conflict, Cahn noted. “The United Nations condemns Israel possessing that mount,” he said. “Says you have no right to it and calls it by its Muslim name. Will not call it the Temple Mount.”

Referencing Revelation 11 and 13, Cahn focused on a unique feature of end-times prophecy, the entire world watching events in real time.

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“How can an image that appears to come to life deceive the whole world unless the whole world sees it in real time?” he asked. “It couldn’t just be told. They had to see it.”

“This could never happen until the 20th century and even the 21st century,” Cahn said. “Only now can the world witness an event in real time.”

He ended the message with a sobering reminder: “The first generation is now.”

Prophecy is not just possible, it’s unfolding.

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Clear Traits the Bible Gives About the Coming ‘Man of Perdition’

There’s been a lot of speculation lately about [who the Antichrist might be](#) and when he’ll rise to power. But instead of guessing, it’s important to look at what the Bible actually says.

Pastor Kap Chatfield—a Christian content creator and entrepreneur—recently outlined 19 specific biblical traits that describe the Antichrist’s identity, actions and arrival.

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Whether you’re new to Bible prophecy or have been studying it for years, this list provides a clear, straightforward guide

to what Scripture reveals about the most deceptive figure the world will ever know.

The 19 Biblical Traits of the Antichrist

1. He will be a male human being

- Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:3, the Antichrist is not a system or philosophy but “the man of sin.”

2. He will exalt himself as God

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4 – He will sit in the rebuilt temple and claim to be God.

3. He will perform false signs and wonders

- 2 Thessalonians 2:9 – These are supernatural acts powered by Satan to deceive.

4. He will be empowered directly by Satan

- Revelation 13:2 – Satan (the dragon) gives him power, throne and authority.

5. He will be a global political authority

- Revelation 13:7 – He will rule over “every tribe, tongue and nation.”

6. He will confirm a seven-year covenant with Israel

- Daniel 9:27 – Seen as a peace deal, marking the start of the Tribulation.

7. He will break the covenant midway (after 3.5 years)

- He will halt temple sacrifices and initiate the “abomination of desolation.”

8. He will desecrate the rebuilt Jewish temple

- Matthew 24:15 – Declaring himself God in the holy place.

9. He will demand global worship

- Revelation 13:8 – Worship will be mandatory; refusal means death.

10. He will persecute and kill Christians and Jews

- Revelation 13:7 – He will wage war against the saints and overcome them.

11. He will require the mark of the beast to buy or sell

- Revelation 13:16–17 – Full economic control, linked to spiritual allegiance.

12. He will appear to die and resurrect

- Revelation 13:3 – A counterfeit resurrection will lead many to worship him.

13. He will speak arrogantly and blaspheme God

- Daniel 7:8; Revelation 13:5–6 – Pompous, blasphemous speech is a hallmark.

14. He will reject the God of his fathers

- Daniel 11:37 – May suggest Jewish heritage; will deny all past deities.

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15. He will have no desire for women

- Daniel 11:37 – Possible asexuality, homosexuality or obsession with power.

16. He will be cunning and deceptive, destroying by peace

- Daniel 8:25 – He will promise peace while planning destruction.

17. He will be highly intelligent and persuasive

- Daniel 7:8 – Sharp perception and powerful speech will captivate the world.

18. He will rule unrestrained for 3.5 years

- Revelation 13:5 – The Great Tribulation will be 42 months of unrestrained terror.

19. He will be destroyed by Christ at His Second Coming

- 2 Thessalonians 2:8 – Jesus will destroy him with the breath of His mouth.

It's easy to get caught up in trying to identify the Antichrist, especially with so much happening in the world today.

But Scripture reminds us that [our focus shouldn't be on hunting down the villain](#)—it should be on preparing our hearts for the return of Christ.

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The Bible says the Antichrist won't even be revealed until the restrainer, widely believed to be the Holy Spirit working through the church, is removed.

So the real question isn't "Will I recognize him?" It's "Will Jesus recognize me?" Now is the time to get right with God. Because when Christ returns, it won't be with warning, it will be in a moment and the door will close. Don't wait. Choose today whom you will follow.

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Is Remarriage After Divorce a Sin? Here's What the Bible

Actually Says

Is remarriage always adultery?

That's the question Pastor Vlad Savchuk tackled in a recent teaching, diving deep into Scripture's view on marriage, divorce and restoration. With divorce still prevalent despite declining rates, many believers wrestle with guilt and confusion over remarriage.

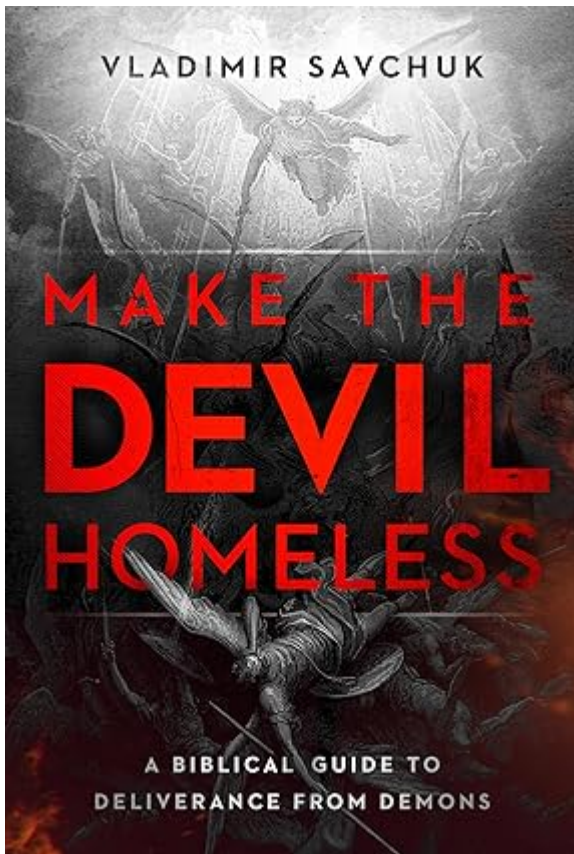
"Marriage is a lifelong commitment and [many break their vows](#)," Savchuk said. "Divorce is painful. Even when necessary, it does mark the death of a relationship."

Savchuk began by tracing the biblical framework starting in the Old Testament. "God's original design for marriage was permanent," he said, referencing Genesis 2:24–25. Yet in Deuteronomy 24:1, divorce was permitted because of "some uncleanness," a term that sparked two opposing interpretations in Jesus' day.

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"The Shammai... thought that some uncleanness refers only to moral reasons, like adultery or unfaithfulness," he explained. "The second school of thought, Hillel... honestly for any reason, like a wife could have bad breath or bad cooking."

Jesus aligned with the stricter view. "Whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery," Savchuk quoted from Matthew 19:9. He noted the disciples' shocked reaction in the next verse: "It is better not to marry."



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In cases of infidelity, Savchuk emphasized, "He doesn't require it because... God divorces Israel for their unfaithfulness. Yet He asks them to repent... hoping for reconciliation and restoration."

Turning to the apostle Paul, Savchuk quoted 1 Corinthians 7:10–11: "A wife is not to depart from her husband. But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband." He added, "That's pretty straightforward. Pretty much, believers, don't leave your spouse."

However, Paul also recognized abandonment by an unbelieving spouse as valid grounds for divorce. "But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace."

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Savchuk addressed abuse carefully. While not explicitly stated as a ground for divorce, he pointed to 1 Corinthians 7:15: “‘God has called us to peace,’ does suggest that separation may be necessary for safety.”

So when is remarriage not a sin?

Savchuk offered three biblical conditions: “If divorce happened because of adultery, the faithful spouse may remarry. If a spouse passed away, remarriage is allowed. If an unbeliever abandoned the marriage, the believer is free to remarry.”

He warned that remarriage without biblical grounds does carry serious consequences. “According to Matthew 19:9, if divorce occurs without biblical grounds, remarriage results in sin.”

Still, hope remains. “It is not an unpardonable sin,” Savchuk said. “Those who recognize their mistake and repent, can receive and should seek God’s forgiveness.”

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To those who’ve remarried outside biblical grounds, he advised, “Confess and repent before God. Do seek wise counsel and honor the current marriage covenant rather than breaking it again.”

Quoting 1 Samuel 12:20, he reminded believers: “‘You have certainly done wrong, but make sure now that you worship the Lord with all your heart, and don’t turn your back on Him.’”

“Marriage is sacred,” Savchuk concluded. “Divorce should never be taken lightly... If someone has divorced and remarried wrongly, there is still grace. But we must recognize the gravity of God’s standards.”

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Can Quantum Mechanics Confirm Biblical Supernatural Truths?

In a recent message, Dr. Kevin Zadai connected cutting-edge scientific discovery with ancient spiritual truth, pointing to quantum entanglement as a striking parallel to the believer's relationship with God.

"There's this [quantum mechanics and there's quantum physics](#) that has to do with entanglement," Zadai told his audience. "So I looked up and Einstein said, 'Oh, that entanglement stuff... it's spooky.' I think, OK, if Einstein is saying it's spooky, I want to know more."

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Zadai explained that scientists now observe what appears to be faster-than-light communication between particles, regardless of distance. "He said the intelligence and the connection between particles is faster than thought and the speed of light," Zadai said of Einstein. "And it doesn't matter how far you separate the particles from each other, they will find each other and they can talk past the speed of light."

Zadai, a former commercial airline pilot turned minister, said this reflects the way believers are spiritually bound to their Creator.

"The Lord... said, 'You're going to do a course called the entanglement of Yahweh.' And I was like, 'Yes, I am.' Why? Because it felt like rocket fuel. And I thought, you know what? The church needs this."

He drew from his own near-death experience to describe what he believes is [a divine tethering of identity, destiny and design](#). “I was at the throne room... and I stood standing right in front of Him and He goes, ‘You know what? You turned out just like I thought of you that day.’”

Throughout his message, Zadai weaves together examples from physics and theology to suggest a spiritual phenomenon supported, or at least mirrored, by science.

“Science is actually observing the very fact that God spoke everything into existence and that it is all attached,” he said. “Which means tonight if I come to you and I give you a word from God and it’s from God—what I do is I attach you to God’s destiny and then you’re attached to it forever.”

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He challenged believers to live with boldness rooted in that supernatural connection. “If you attach to it, you become entangled with it. You become entangled with the Word of God. Because that’s Jesus, really.”

Zadai also emphasized the supernatural authority of believers over darkness.

“You’ve got to brag about your God,” he said. “Because the devil’s going to get nervous... because he knows that you can’t stop people that brag about God.”

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Einstein’s unease with quantum entanglement, calling it “spooky,” only intensifies the mystery. Zadai believes believers live in the middle of that mystery, intertwined with

a realm beyond comprehension.

The question remains: If quantum science now observes entanglement beyond the speed of light, are we just beginning to glimpse the architecture of the spiritual world Scripture has described all along?

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Is the Barrier Between Heaven and Earth Breaking? Experts Warn of Supernatural Signs

The line between [the natural and the supernatural is growing thinner](#)—and those watching biblical prophecy say we shouldn't be surprised.

On a recent episode of Prophecy Watchers, Mondo Gonzalez and researcher Josh Peck explored a series of bizarre supernatural phenomena increasingly being reported by believers and skeptics alike. Topping the list? A strange, glowing aerial anomaly known as the “plasmoid orb.”

Peck connected the current surge of supernatural reports to prophetic warnings given by Jesus Himself. “There's supernatural interference in the days of Noah, uh, with the sons of God and the fallen angels,” Gonzalez says. “We see through the book of Revelation, we see demons being unleashed. We see other angels being... interacting with humanity.”

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He continues, "Jesus is the one that opens the seals, but you see the four living creatures involved... you know them saying come. So there's no doubt this window... that dividing line between realms if you want to say that has been pretty stark. But that's going to change."

Gonzalez shows that while many of these events are reserved for the tribulation, birth pains are already visible. "We are seeing the birth pains... as it relates to the beast system being established and implemented and the technology coming into play."

One of the most peculiar signs is the appearance of what Peck says are called "plasmoid orbs." When asked to explain, he notes the term "came from a scientific paper that was studying these things."

The phenomena gained momentum after a viral TikTok video appeared to show a floating orb reacting to the name of Jesus.

"There's this TikTok video of this woman in broad daylight... she sees something in the sky and she zooms in on her phone... and she's like hi, you know, who are you? And then but then she says, 'Uh, do you know Jesus?' And then the thing starts like vibrating," Peck recalls. "She's like, 'Oh, you do know Jesus. Yes, we love Jesus.'"

Peck couldn't confirm the authenticity of the video but acknowledged its impact. "It seemed real. Could be faked... but even if it's not, I don't know if it's responding because it doesn't like the name of Jesus or if it's like an actual angel... we can't see the whole thing and we're just seeing a piece of it."

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After asking his audience if they had witnessed similar events, he said, “Overwhelmingly, I got a lot of people that said that they have seen similar things recently. [It’s like a recent phenomena.](#)”

Peck, like others in the prophetic community, urges caution and spiritual discernment. “I really like the L.A. Marzulli approach: Rebuke first, ask questions later. A good angel will never be offended if you try to rebuke it in the name of Jesus.”

The increase in both sightings and serious government interest in UFOs has led many to believe something more than technological is happening.

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“There’s several thousand of documented sightings of something strange in the sky,” Gonzalez notes. “There’s others that are truly unexplainable, which is why... our Congress is having... meetings about these unexplainable... unidentified flying objects.”

Peck sees these strange signs as more than just cosmic curiosities. “To me, it’s like time is getting short. You better get right with Jesus.”

For those watching the skies and the prophecies in Scripture, the supernatural is no longer hidden, it’s breaking through.

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A Global Ruler Rising? 7 Prophecies Are Unfolding Now

A well-known Bible teacher is warning that [world events are unfolding in line with biblical prophecy](#) and pointing to the rise of a global ruler foretold in Scripture.

“Today what I’m emphasizing is that there is a global ruler rising,” John Barnett said in a recent teaching. “Now remember I alluded to this idea of our identification electronically... but I want you to understand that the framework that we’re going to look at the Scriptures—and then through the Scriptures at all the global events—that framework is this right here.”

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According to Barnett, seven key prophecies outline the future of humanity and align with current events. Each one, he says, is anchored in the Bible and fits within the broader timeline laid out in the book of Revelation.

“These seven prophecies will determine the destiny of humanity,” he said.

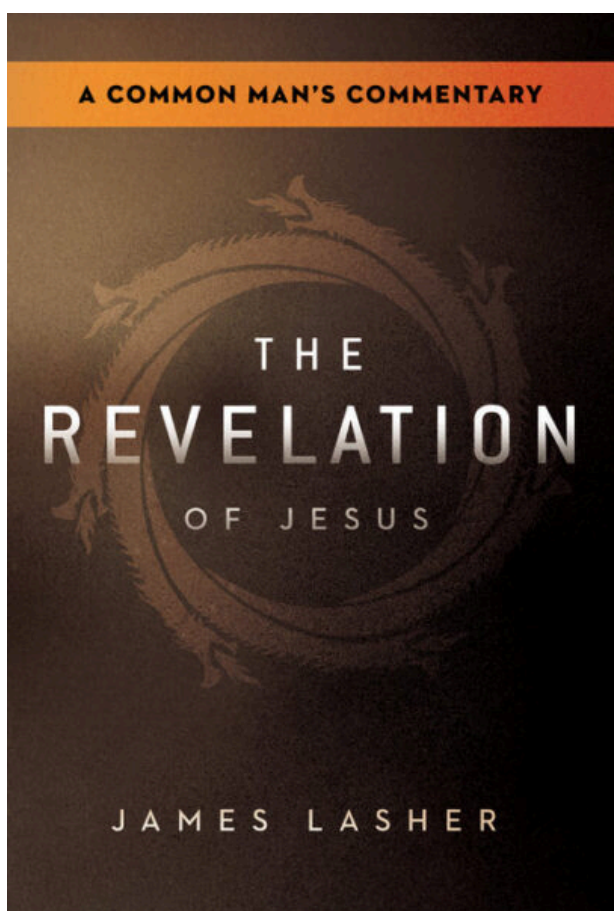
The Seven Prophecies

1. **Psalm 83** – “Describes what I call an Islamic confederacy that seeks Israel’s annihilation... that’s what we call the axis of Iran.”
2. **Ezekiel 38** – “Iran and the ancient geographic area of Russia lead an invasion, a ground invasion of Israel.”
3. **Daniel 9** – “The West ensures Israel’s survival. They do that until the Lord has to step in.”
4. **Zechariah 12** – “There’s a final consummate antisemitism,

a global hatred of the chosen people of promise.”

5. **Luke 21** – “There is deadly terror that grips humanity with the weather and health catastrophes.”
6. **Revelation 11** – “There’s global money and global tracking.”
7. **Revelation 13** – “There’s global deception and Satan’s religion becomes the religion of the world.”

Barnett also walked his audience through the layout of Revelation to show [how these prophecies fit together.](#)



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“Revelation is built in a chronological order around seven clear events,” he explained. He summarized it as follows:

- Chapters 1–3: The Church on Earth
- Chapters 4–5 and part of 19: The Church in Heaven

- Chapters 6–8: The Great Tribulation
- Chapter 19 (second half): Christ’s Second Coming
- The Millennial Rule of Christ
- The Great White Throne Judgment
- Eternity in Heaven for believers

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A Warning for Today

Barnett warned that current disasters are just the beginning.

“The first half of the tribulation... is just kind of a ramp up of natural disasters,” he said. “It’s not till the second half... that cosmic disasters... all of the oceans die and every creature in it. All of the water is poisoned... all the sunlight ends.”

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As for our world now?

“We’re seeing... the growing terror at weather and health catastrophes. And people are feeling it,” he said. “If I’d have said [global tracking] 30 years ago, people wouldn’t have believed it. But now it’s just ‘Yeah, of course.’”

For those watching the signs, you know prophecy is not a distant myth—it’s the roadmap to what’s happening now.

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'The Hour of Testing Has Begun': Perry Stone Warns Millions of Coming Trials

Christians around the world are walking into [what Perry Stone calls "the hour of testing,"](#) a divinely permitted season of intense trials designed to expose what's truly within a person.

In a recent episode of Manna-Fest, Stone declared, "We're going to explore that subject today... millions are entering the hour of testing." Drawing from Revelation 3, he emphasized Jesus' words to the church of Philadelphia: "Because you have kept my command to persevere, I will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth."

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According to Stone, the phrase "hour of testing" doesn't just refer to the Great Tribulation but can also apply to severe personal seasons of suffering. "A temptation is a piercing that comes to you and a test that comes to you which actually reveals what is on the inside of you," he said. "You know, a lot of people boast on how strong they are in the Lord until something happens that puts them through a real test."

Stone gave examples from Scripture, pointing to Jesus' own "hour" in the Gospels. "Before it happened, a ship couldn't drown Him. A storm couldn't drown Him. They could not stone

Him. No one could kill Him. No one could harm Him because he was under a supernatural divine protection from His Father," he explained. But when Jesus' hour came, "He is arrested... He's publicly humiliated... He's publicly crucified."

In today's world, [many believers may feel that "all hell has broken loose."](#) Stone warned, "The test or trial that you're in is so weird and so intense that you have never seen anything like it." He added, "Good people will go through an hour of testing."

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To those who mock or persecute others during such times, Stone gave a stern warning: "Let me just tell you... your hour is coming. You are going to reap what you have sown."

But for the faithful, Stone listed three purposes of this difficult hour:

1. God lays the axe to the root.

"There's some things on your tree that shouldn't be there, and He starts cutting down the tree."

2. There has to be a purging.

"The chaff, which is just the trash and the junk hanging on—it's got to come off, it's got to be put away, it's got to be burnt."

3. He trims the vine.

"A vine that does not produce fruit will be trimmed... not to harm you. It is to purge you, to make you white, to refine you in the fire."

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Despite the hardship, Stone offered hope: "I'm going to come

out like pure gold. I'm going to come out with a better prayer life. I'm going to come out trusting God in a greater way."

For those who feel the weight of the hour of testing, trust God in the fire. He's working, often unseen, on your behalf.

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