

# '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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## **'God Is Not Silent': Kim Clement's Prophetic Warnings Now Unfolding**

As Donald Trump continues barreling forward in his second presidency, fulfilling a prophecy spoken years before his candidacy gained traction, [the words of the late prophet Kim Clement](#) are drawing renewed attention and urgency.

Back in 2007, Clement declared under the unction of the Holy Spirit: "Trump shall become a trumpet." He later prophesied that Trump would serve two terms, and that while he would not be a praying man when he entered office, he would become one after being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

With Trump now back in office, and spiritual leaders increasingly surrounding him in prayer, many see this prophecy coming to pass.

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In a 2015 word given at The Den in California, Clement prophesied that the glory of God would cover the earth before

the rapture, and that revival would break out in the Middle East: "Can you see millions of young men and women in the Middle East being raised up to be a voice crying out Yeshua?"

Today, more nations are aligning with Israel through the Abraham Accords, which Trump has actively pushed to expand in recent months.

During his latest trip to the Middle East, leaders literally rolled out the red carpet for him, pledging new investments and trade deals with the United States.

Clement also warned of spiritual warfare in America, including a plan from radical Islam to infiltrate schools and a "witch" attempting to take power in the White House. He declared that despite temporary setbacks, America would not collapse: "God said, 'Not while I'm alive. And I happen not to be dying very soon. I died once on a cross. I die no more.'"

[That promise appears to be holding.](#) While America continues to wrestle with political unrest, economic uncertainty and spiritual decline, God's hand of preservation remains evident, especially in the face of widespread governmental corruption now being exposed.

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In another word, Clement prophesied, "One of the biggest leaders that has been in hiding shall cry out for help before the summer comes to this nation... I have put agents in their midst who will betray them." Many observers note that internal betrayals, whistleblowers and unprecedented resignations within Washington align with this revelation.

As the Trump administration pushes for sweeping reforms, bipartisan resistance continues to rise in Congress. Both Republicans and Democrats are pushing back against the rapid changes and new standards of accountability now sweeping through Washington.

Still, Clement foretold of a remnant that would act not in fear, but in faith: "Unbelief is an insult to God. Fear is an insult to God." He spoke of spiritual walls coming down, eyes being opened like Elisha's servant, and a rising generation of young men and women anointed to lead both America and the Middle East into prophetic destiny.

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Israel, too, remains central. Clement declared it would be supernaturally protected and blessed. He called for believers to support Jewish people in Europe and warned of spiritual betrayal influencing global leaders, including religious ones.

Clement also taught that prophetic moments are connected with divine multiplication. "Wherever there is prophecy, there is always multiplication," he said, urging believers to respond in faith and action.

Today, the prophetic words Clement shared are not relics of the past. They are unfolding now, in geopolitics, in revival, in the reshaping of America's leadership and in the realignment of nations.

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# California Quakes, Prophetic Warnings and the Signs Beneath Our Feet

Three earthquakes in 24 hours. No injuries. No destruction. Yet the message beneath the surface is loud and clear: we're being warned, [and Scripture said it would be so.](#)

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded the tremors along California's infamous San Andreas Fault, the fault line long feared for its potential to unleash what scientists call "The Big One." These most recent quakes, ranging in magnitude from 2.5 to 2.9, may seem small, but they're part of a larger story that continues to unfold.

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As reported by the Daily Mail, "Experts are 'fairly confident that there could be a pretty large earthquake at some point in the next 30 years,'" said Angie Lux of the Berkeley Seismology Lab. Their projections are dire: up to 1,800 deaths, 50,000 injuries, and \$200 billion in damages.

It's not just California. The Cascadia Subduction Zone, a fault line lurking off the coast from northern California to southern Canada, is showing ominous signs too. Scientists now estimate a magnitude 8.0 quake in that region could cause coastal land to sink up to 6.5 feet within just 30 minutes. The result? "An additional 14,350 residents, 22,500 structures and 777 miles of roadway would fall within the post-earthquake floodplain," the report warns.

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So what does all this have to do with the Bible? Everything.

Jesus told us plainly in Matthew 24:7 that “there will be earthquakes in various places” [as signs of the last days](#). He didn’t say every quake would be catastrophic, but He did say they would be consistent.

That’s exactly what we’re seeing: persistent seismic rumblings on a planet groaning under the weight of sin and awaiting redemption (Rom. 8:22).

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Dr. Sue Hough of the USGS acknowledged, “There are conflicting studies about what signs precede a major earthquake.” But for believers, the ultimate signs aren’t from scientists, they’re from the Savior. He told us to watch, to be ready and to discern the times.

This isn’t about fear, it’s about faith. The ground may shake, but God’s Word stands firm. These earthquakes aren’t random. They’re reminders. Are we paying attention?

As these prophetic tremors ripple through the earth, maybe it’s time we let them shake us awake, not just physically, but spiritually.

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# Could America Be Cursed? Trump's Gaza Vision vs. God's Promise to Israel

During his Middle East tour, [President Donald Trump](#) once again made headlines, this time with a bold and controversial proposal regarding the war-torn Gaza Strip.

While meeting with business leaders in Doha, Trump reflected on the horrors of the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led terror attack on Israel, calling it “one of the worst days in the history of the world, not only in this region.”

“More than 5,000 terrorists burst into the south of the country on that day,” he said, referring to the deadly assault that left 1,200 mostly civilians dead and 251 hostages taken into Gaza. “Hamas,” Trump declared, “is going to have to be dealt with.”

But his comments didn't stop at condemnation.

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Trump proposed a startling vision for the future of Gaza, stating, “We're working very hard in Gaza. Gaza has been a territory of death and destruction.” He continued, “I have aerial shots where, I mean, there's practically no building standing. It's not like you're trying to save something. There's no building. People are living under the rubble of buildings that collapsed, which is not acceptable.”

Then came the statement that sent shockwaves through observers of both politics and prophecy.

*“I'd be proud to have the United States have it, take it,*

*make it a freedom zone,” Trump said. “I have concepts for Gaza that I think are very good. Make it a freedom zone. Let the United States get involved and make it just a freedom zone.”*

While the exact implications of what “take it” means remain unclear, the phrasing is troubling, especially for those who take God’s covenant with Israel seriously.

## **America Must Tread Carefully With God’s Promises**

The Bible is unambiguous when it comes to the land of Israel. God promised the land to the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

In Genesis 17:8, God declares, “I will give to you and your descendants after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession.” This wasn’t a temporary deal, nor was it subject to foreign development schemes, however well-intentioned.

Scripture also recounts how Israel failed to fully take the land as commanded, resulting in centuries of war, turmoil, and foreign oppression. The ongoing conflict in the region isn’t just political—it’s deeply spiritual.

While America supporting Israel militarily or diplomatically is one thing, claiming or *taking* land—especially with unclear intentions—crosses a dangerous line. God’s warning in Joel 3:2 is sobering: “I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel, because

they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.”

[Turning Gaza into a “freedom zone”](#) sounds noble, but if it means America takes possession of any part of the land promised by God to Israel, then we risk inviting holy judgment. It is one thing to be invited to help stabilize a region; it is entirely another to presume ownership over what God has already decreed belongs to His people.

President Trump’s desire to restore order and prosperity is commendable, but we must not oppose the will of God in the process.

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America has been blessed in part because of our historic support of Israel (Gen. 12:3). Let us not now become a nation that brings a curse upon itself by interfering with what God has ordained.

Now that President Trump has reestablished a faith office within his administration, it would behoove him to seek godly counsel on matters as spiritually sensitive as the land of Israel.

This is not just a political issue, it’s a covenant issue. Scripture is clear about the land God promised to Israel, and any move to “take” what the Lord has already given could have serious consequences. One of the many Spirit-filled Christians serving in his faith advisory team must speak up, reminding the administration that “The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine” (Lev. 25:23).

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Wise leadership listens to the counsel of those grounded in God's Word, especially when decisions may intersect with prophetic territory.

Let our prayers be for peace—yes—but also for wisdom. And let the United States never forget: the land of Israel is not up for grabs.

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ‘May those who love you be secure, ’” (Ps. 122:6).

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## **Watch: LA Marzulli Reveals How UFO Disclosure Ties Into Bible Prophecy**

UFO sightings, government disclosure and hybrid beings aren't just tabloid stories—they're warning signs of the biblical end times, says author and filmmaker L.A. Marzulli. In a recent appearance on the Certainty for Uncertain Times podcast, Marzulli broke down the prophetic significance behind his 10-part documentary series on UFOs, sharing how these phenomena connect directly to Genesis 6, the Nephilim and [what he calls “the coming great deception.”](#)

Here are the 10 questions posed to Marzulli during the interview:

## **What inspired you to create such an extensive series on UFOs?**

“I’ve been talking about the coming great deception for decades,” Marzulli said. “The very first novel, Nephilim, the truth is here... there’s a phrase that one of the characters actually presents to the reader, and that is that the whole UFO phenomenon is the coming great deception. That’s a huge statement.”

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## **What’s the overarching message or mission you want people to walk away with after they watch this series?**

“[Number] nine and 10 are ‘What is the truth?’... you can see very plainly that there are two paradigms. One is that these are extraterrestrial entities... the other side of the aisle—my side—is no, these are fallen angels with a very nefarious agenda.”

## **What’s the most shocking or groundbreaking insight people will learn from your series?**

“The abduction phenomena, the breeding program, the cattle mutilation stuff—it all goes together. The cattle mutilation film is the most disturbing film I’ve ever worked on. The cow is carved up, udders taken, sex organs taken... and there’s not a drop of blood anywhere.”

**Why is this series so crucial for people to watch right now, especially with recent UFO disclosures?**

["This is the end time deception.](#) All it takes is one craft—but I think there will be many over the cities of the world. That's how you get to a one world government and one world religious system. The Bible tells us this is going to happen."

**Do you think these entities might appear before the rapture and become normalized?**

"I think we're moving towards it step by step. If I'm right—and I believe with all my heart that I am—these are not extraterrestrial. They are interdimensional. This is the coming great deception."

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**Have you heard about the reported UFO disclosure at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base?**

"I don't know anything about it. I've heard rumblings. Wright-Patt is where all the debris from Roswell went. We've had pilots that actually flew with the debris and that's where it went."

## **Were angels in their original form created to procreate? How do you justify the belief that they could after falling?**

“Why do you think Genesis 6 is there? The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were beautiful. It’s not the godly line of Seth marrying the [offspring] of Cain. The fallen angels procreate with the women of Earth. That’s an absolute fact.”

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## **After creating this series, did your perspective on UFOs or spiritual warfare change?**

“It just becomes more real. The enemy hates what we do. I have to walk a very tight trail with the Lord... but when this happens, it’s too late. When they show up, it’s too late.”

Marzulli ended the interview by reinforcing the urgent need for the church to wake up. “Shame on the pastors who won’t address it,” he said. “Your kids and your grandkids are being indoctrinated. The church isn’t dealing with it. This is the coming great deception.”

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# Franklin Graham Declares War on Soft Christianity: 'Preach the Whole Gospel'

Evangelist Franklin Graham is preparing for one of Europe's largest evangelism gatherings in decades—and he's not holding back when it comes to [preaching the full Gospel message](#).

The upcoming European Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, will attract more than 1,000 pastors and ministry leaders from 55 nations, which Graham says is critical in a time when "churches are dying."

"In Germany alone, over a thousand churches last year closed," Graham said in a recent interview with CBN News. "About over half of them were Catholic churches. The other half are Protestant churches."

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The theme of the congress comes from Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel." Graham believes the message is vital in an age when many are softening or avoiding the truth of Scripture.

"When you tell a person that they're a sinner, well, that offends them," he said. "And when you tell a person that their sins separate them from God, they say, 'Wait a second. I'm not a bad person.'"

Graham stressed that [ministers must not compromise](#) on biblical language. "Let's don't talk about sin because sin is offensive... No, it's not our mistakes, it's sin."

He added: "When you say that He died, shed His blood, and He was buried... let's don't get into all that right away. So there's the... we apologize. And Paul just said, 'I'm not ashamed of it.' This is what I believe. This is what I stand for. And this is the gospel that we preach."

Berlin was selected for its historical significance. Graham's father, Billy Graham, held a major evangelism congress there in 1966. "Berlin was divided in 1966—the East and the West. And so now Germany is together... I think this is just the time to go back to Berlin and let's make this declaration."

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Graham also spoke about the cultural challenges facing today's church, especially on issues like sexuality and gender identity. "God created marriage, but it's between a man and a woman. Not two men, not two women, a man and a woman. And anything outside of that is sin."

Despite opposition, he believes there is still a hunger for truth. "I think there are people out there want to hear the truth. That's all. They just want to hear the truth. Quit lying to them. Just tell them the truth."

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Graham hopes the Berlin event will recharge Europe's churches. "We want to ignite a fire in Europe to where there's an excitement for evangelism. The churches are willing to be bold and not ashamed of the gospel."

His ultimate prayer? That the fire of the Gospel would fall afresh on Berlin and sweep across the continent. "There's something about coming together when you're in a room with a

thousand other Christian men and women... it motivates people. And they walk out of there saying, 'Yes, this is what we need to do.'"

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## **'True President of the World': Trump's Middle East Tour Triggers Prophetic Alarm Bells**

During his recent Middle East tour, President Donald Trump was dubbed by some Saudi Arabian media outlets as "the true president of the world."

The phrase, while likely intended to flatter a high-profile guest making billion-dollar business deals, is ringing far louder in [the ears of Bible prophecy watchers](#) such as the End Time Headlines podcast.

It's not just the optics, it's the convergence of key events, partnerships and statements that appear to echo warnings long written in Scripture about the end times.

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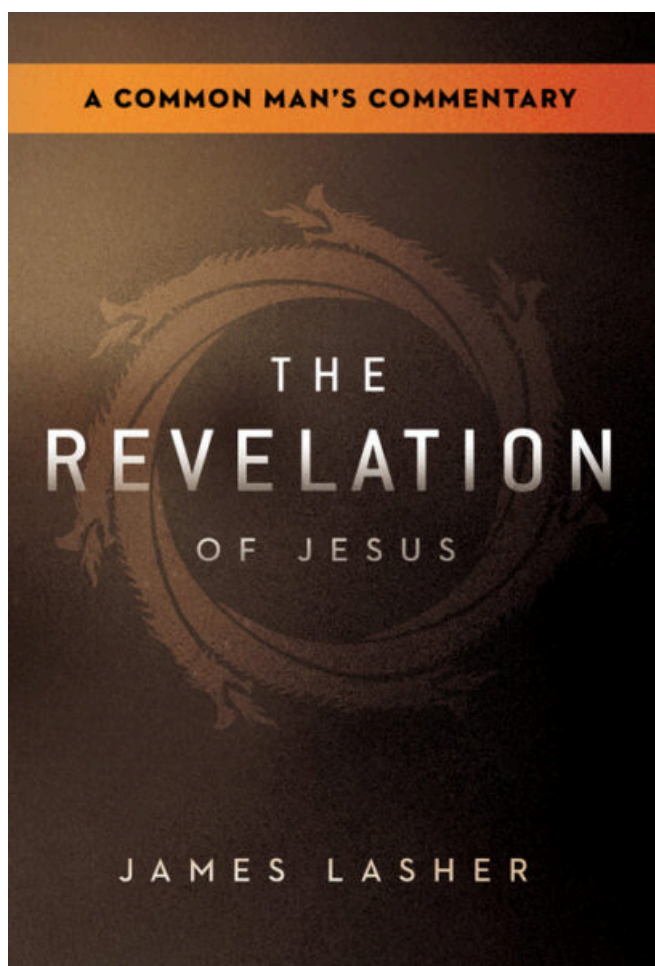
## **Trump Lifts Sanctions on Syria**

One of the more unsettling developments was Trump's announcement that U.S. sanctions on Syria would end, claiming

it would give the nation a “chance at greatness.” This can easily be seen as troubling by many, especially given Syria’s historic opposition to Israel and violent persecution of Christians.

As part of Trump’s new diplomacy, he was reportedly offered the opportunity to develop a “Trump Tower in Damascus,” a gift which could be strategic deception from Syrian leaders.

Even more prophetically significant is Trump’s meeting with Syria’s interim president Ahmed al-Shar, a former jihadist once affiliated with al-Qaeda. His name previously appeared on the U.S. terror watchlist. One headline in The Jerusalem Post even declared the handshake a symbol of a “new world order.”



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# Abraham Accords and the 'Peace and Safety' Warning

Trump used the trip to push for Saudi Arabia's inclusion in the Abraham Accords, calling the initiative "a tremendous tribute." He also invoked the phrase "peace and safety," [a chilling echo of 1 Thessalonians 5:3](#): "While people are saying, 'Peace and safety,' destruction will come on them suddenly..."

But perhaps this language isn't accidental. These moves appear to lay the groundwork for what Daniel 9:27 describes as "a covenant with many," a treaty the Antichrist will eventually confirm, not create.

Notably absent from Trump's itinerary was Israel. He simply said, "Not this trip," despite formal invitations from Israeli leadership. Media outlets have reported tension between Trump and Netanyahu over Gaza and Iran, raising questions about shifting alliances.

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## Business or Bible?

Trump's trip has largely been characterized as a "business tour." Barry Stagner, pastor and contributor to Behold Israel, noted that this wasn't about faith, it was about finances.

Among the red flags was a \$400 million private jet gifted to Trump by Qatar and his expanding business ties with Muslim nations. "These kinds of deals cloud discernment," said Stagner, warning they could lead to misplaced trust and political compromise.

Despite his past support for Israel, Amir Tsarfati and Stagner pointed out that Trump's recent moves may be placing him as an instrument in God's unfolding end-times plan, particularly relating to the coming Third Temple and the Daniel 9:27 covenant.

## **Earthquake and Eternal Perspective**

While Trump shook hands with world leaders, the ground itself shook beneath the Middle East.

A 6.3-magnitude earthquake in Greece sent tremors across central Israel. This event begs the question: is it just geology, or is it eschatology?

The ETH podcast referenced Luke 21:28: "When you begin to see all of these things coming to pass, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." A verse all believers should take seriously considering the times in which we live.

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## **A Final Word to the Church**

This isn't about labeling Trump. It's about recognizing the signs of the times. The stage is being set for prophetic events the Bible describes in detail. Whether Trump is aware of it or not, he may be playing a major role in God's sovereign plan.

Believers are urged not to get swept away by personalities or politics. Instead, spend time in the Word, pray for discernment and watch with spiritual eyes.

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# 7 Prophetic End Times Signs That Are Lining Up Fast

As fears rise over artificial intelligence, digital currencies and global instability, [Pastor Billy Crone](#) says none of this is random—it's all aligning with what the Bible has warned about for thousands of years. In a recent episode of Joni Table Talk on the Daystar Network, Crone delivered a Bible-centered warning that the return of Christ is closer than many realize.

“This is a way for staying grounded in biblical truths,” said co-host Kendra Kelly Dean. “Yes, be aware. See what's coming and all that. But we're not gonna panic and we're not gonna freak out.”

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Crone exposed everything. From tech developments to political shifts, he says the signs of the times are everywhere, and Christians should be both sober-minded and spiritually alert.

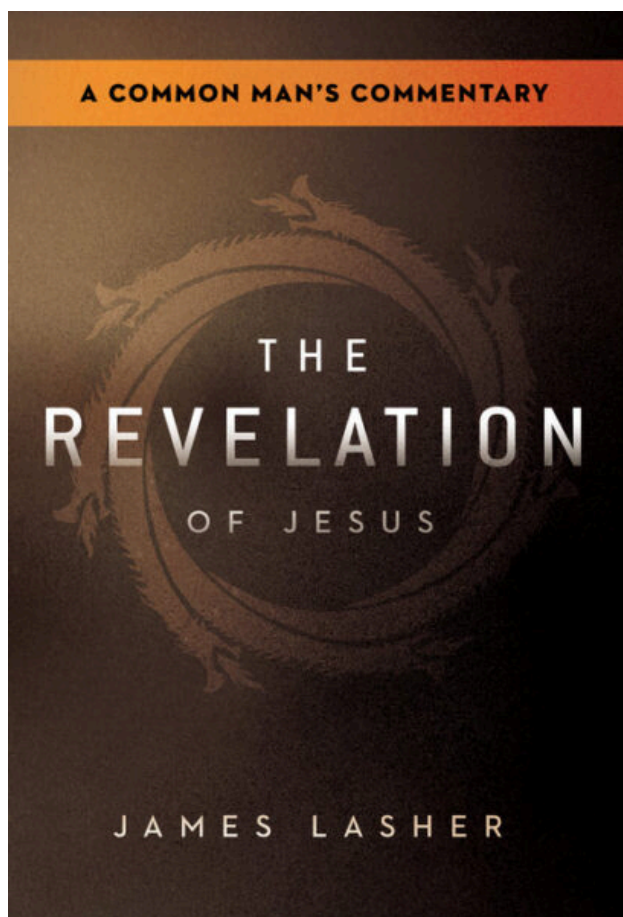
## Seven Signs That Show the End Times Are Near

### 1. The Rise of Artificial Intelligence

Crone says AI is the backbone of [Revelation 13's surveillance society](#). “You need something superhuman. AI. And that's just not a theory. Every one of those Big Brother-related topics is being run by AI right now.”

## 2. The Push for a Cashless Society

Referencing the biblical mark of the beast, Crone says it's only possible with digital currencies. "It's got to be there for something that is electronic because it's gonna become biometric, implanted and marked in the body part."



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## 3. The Central Bank Digital Currency Agenda

Crone calls the CBDC rollout under Biden a deliberate move to destroy the dollar. "Biden, in my opinion, a synopsis was, he's a hireling of Klaus Schwab to crash the American economy."

## 4. The Return of the Red Heifer

A critical piece for rebuilding the Jewish temple, Crone says red heifers now in Israel mark a turning point. "Now with the

red heifer being here, for the first time since the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D., there is nothing holding the Jewish people back from building the temple.”

## **5. Global Surveillance and China’s Model**

China is what Crone calls the “test bed” for global control. “They even have neighbors who are snitches. And they go around, they get paid to snitch on their neighbors.”

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## **6. Persecution of Christians Worldwide**

Citing horrific violence in Congo and Syria, Crone connected these events to prophecy: “Massive murder that’s been going on for a long time. The Muslims [are] just swatting Christian communities.”

## **7. The Imminent Rapture**

Crone was clear: the rapture could happen at any moment. “There’s not one thing prophetically that has to happen in order for the rapture to occur. It can happen right now during this broadcast.”

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Despite the intensity of his message, Crone emphasized this is not a time for fear. It’s a time to rise, evangelize and prepare.

“God is the Alpha and Omega. He is the beginning and the end,” host Joni Lamb reminded viewers. “He holds the future.”

No matter how chaotic the world appears, Jesus is in control, so believers can live with confidence, not fear.

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# Living the Resurrected Life: What It Looks Like and How to Get There

When Pastor Juan Martinez stepped up to preach on the power of the resurrected life, he wasn't content with just celebrating Easter Sunday. He wanted to show what resurrection power actually looks like in a believer's everyday life—[and how to walk in it.](#)

“These are the signs,” Martinez said. “You could come to church and still be living dead.”

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Here are the defining characteristics of a resurrected life:

## 1. Love for Others, Even the Difficult Ones

“You walk in love, genuine love. You're patient, kind towards people, even those who are difficult or challenging.”

This kind of love goes beyond emotions—it's about living like Jesus when it's not easy.

## 2. Boldness in Faith

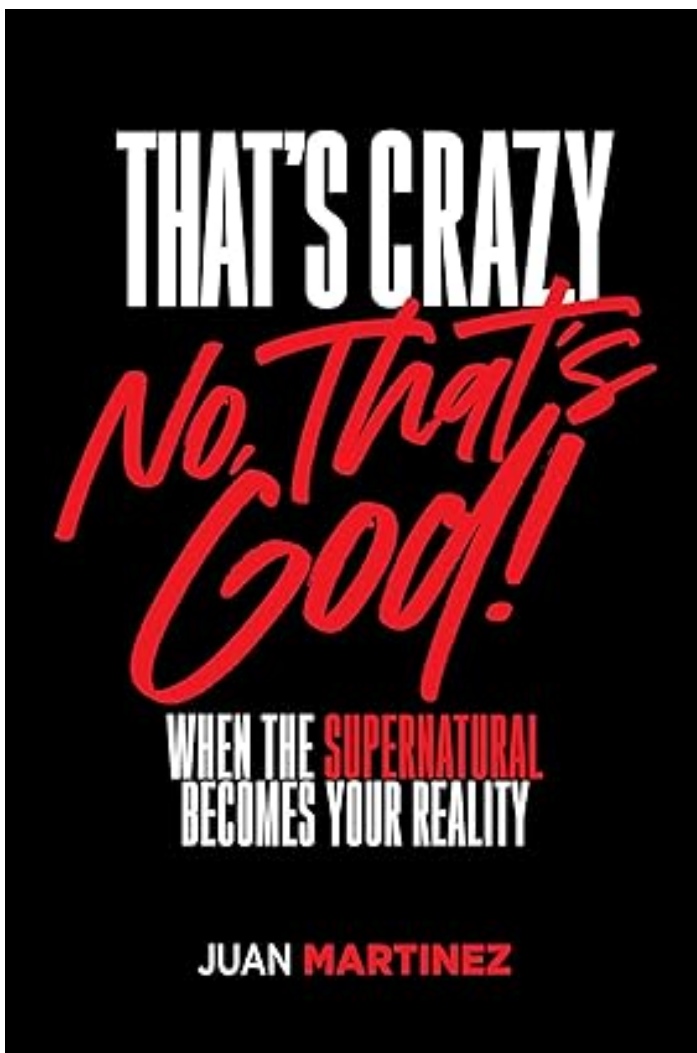
“You speak and you act bold for Christ even in uncomfortable and intimidating circumstances.”

Martinez challenged the timid: “In the beginning, it’s going to sound kind of crazy. You do it again and again and again and again.”

## 3. Supernatural Peace

“You remain calm and you trust God deeply during trials and uncertainty.”

According to Martinez, this peace isn’t natural—it’s resurrection-level calm in the middle of life’s chaos.



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## 4. Joy in Serving Others

"You volunteer to do unnoticed tasks. You serve behind the scenes. You find joy in simply blessing someone else."

It's not about being seen, he said: "It's a joy for you to do it. It's not a job."

## 5. Self-Control Under Pressure

"I listen to him and I look like I have a lot of self-control. Really, he has all the self-control."

Martinez was clear—discipline isn't willpower; it's the fruit of surrendering to Jesus.

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## 6. Joy During Suffering

"Maintaining joy and hoping in Christ even when it's painful because you reflect trust in God's sovereignty."

Resurrection life doesn't erase pain—[it gives purpose in the middle of it.](#)

## 7. Authentic Community and Unity

"You build meaningful relationships marked by vulnerability, transparency, and mutual encouragement."

He emphasized quick forgiveness and peacemaking: "You're either dividing or bringing it together."

## 8. Full Access to Every Room

Martinez compared our lives to a house: “Jesus, You could be like right here. Like, don’t go right. Don’t hold on my relationship. Don’t talk to me about it. It’s messy right now, but I’mma hold it.”

The resurrected life invites Jesus into every corner—especially the parts we try to hide.

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### So How Do You Get There?

Martinez said it starts with surrender. “Holy Spirit, what are You saying to me?” he urged listeners to pray. “Your decision is you actually living the resurrected life.”

This isn’t about achieving perfection. It’s about letting the risen Christ live fully through you, one surrendered step at a time.

“Don’t leave this place exactly how you came in,” Martinez said. “Have an encounter with the living Christ.”

Amen to that.

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## Even Demons Believe: This Is

# a Wake-Up Call for Passive Christians

In a recent livestream teaching, [Isaiah Saldivar continued his verse-by-verse journey](#) through the New Testament, covering James chapters 2 and 3.

Using the New King James Version, Saldivar focused on the connection between faith and works, the warning against showing favoritism, and the responsibility that comes with our words.

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“True faith and partiality should not go together,” Saldivar said, referencing James 2:1. He acknowledged the challenge of treating everyone equally, especially in a culture that tends to elevate people based on wealth or influence.

“Favoritism is not just bad manners—it is sin,” he added, quoting James 2:9. “God does not value the wealth of a person or the popularity of the person.”

Saldivar also pointed to the example of Abraham and Rahab in James 2 to emphasize that faith is shown through action.

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“Faith without works is dead,” he said, quoting verse 17. “Real saving faith is demonstrated by your works.” He

cautioned against a belief system that stops at intellectual agreement. “Even the demons believe—and tremble,” he said, citing James 2:19.

In James 3, Saldivar turned to the power of the tongue. “The tongue is set on fire by hell,” he said, reading from verse 6.

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He stressed the importance of [using speech to build up rather than destroy](#), warning that blessings and curses shouldn’t come from the same mouth. “We bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men,” he said. “My brethren, these things ought not to be so.”

He left viewers with a reminder about godly wisdom found in James 3:17. “The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy,” Saldivar said.

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