

This Pastor's Real Preaching Led to Real Conviction

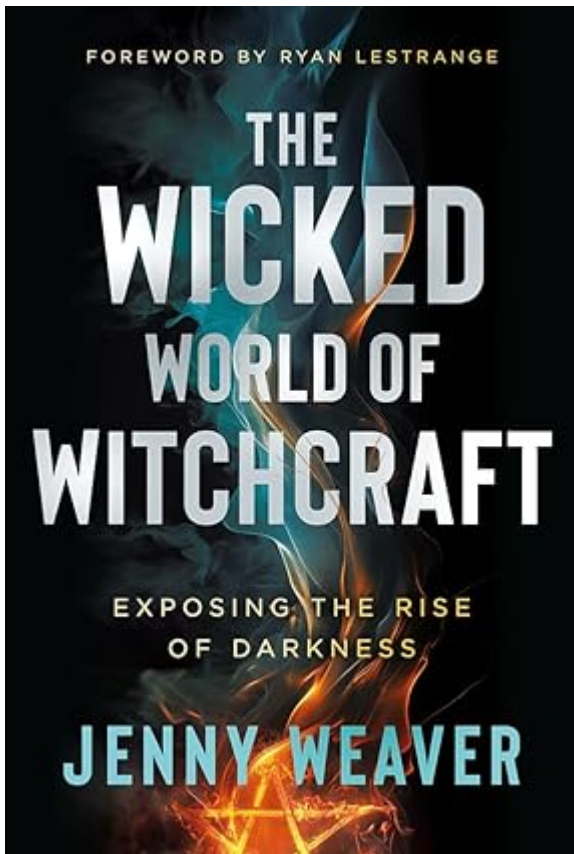
"This sermon had people walk out because they got way too convicted," Nik Keswani said in a recent video recap.

The message, delivered by Pastor Philip Anthony Mitchell at 2819 Church, wasn't filled with polite encouragements or soft-spoken life tips. Instead, it was a direct call to repentance that hit like a spiritual wake-up call.

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"He addressed [sin] directly and unapologetically," Keswani explained. "He spoke about the hidden sins that lukewarm Christianity likes to excuse as well as the cultural practices that it flirts with, but most importantly [the spiritual counterfeits that people entertain](#) while still claiming Jesus."

Those counterfeits included what Mitchell called demonic practices: "Your little tarot cards, your little sage, your little crystals, your little readings, all that stuff is... demonic. It's demonic." He continued, "How you praying to God and got crystals next to your Bible at the same time? How you trying to send up the incense of prayer and got sage burning at the same time?"



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Spiritual Adultery and False Peace

Pastor Mitchell didn't stop at identifying occult practices, he explained the spiritual deception behind them. "These demons that been watching you since you was young... they whisper in the ear of the psychic, they tell your age and the last boyfriend you had and what city you was born in because they've been watching you."

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The issue, Mitchell said, isn't just ignorance. It's mixing the holy with the profane. "This isn't consecration. It's confusion," he declared. ["Spiritual adultery dressed as self-care."](#)

Keswani noted, “The early church didn’t flirt with idols. They burned them. They didn’t consult mediums and then go to prayer meetings afterwards.”

The Evidence of Real Faith

The conviction intensified when Mitchell challenged the very definition of a Christian. “You can’t find the description for Christian in the Bible,” he said. “It was a derogatory term that was given to us.” He continued, “Anybody in society could put Christian in their profile, but we checking for... fruit.”

Mitchell wasn’t trying to please the crowd. “I ain’t up here to get your approval. I don’t care if half of y’all don’t come back next week. The Lord... your blood is not going to be on my hands in the judgment.”

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Keswani closed the video with a powerful reminder: “This is real accountability in preaching. No pandering, no entertainment, just a call to holiness.”

If that kind of preaching offends you ask yourself why: “Is it because it was actually harsh or because God is trying to convict you and you’re resisting Him?”

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Jack Hibbs Exposes Satan’s

Greatest Lie, and Why It Still Deceives Millions

In a powerful continuation of his podcast series on spiritual warfare, Pastor Jack Hibbs dove deep into the realities of Satan, demons and the unseen war happening all around us. [His message? Don't be deceived](#)—darkness is real, but so is Christ's victory.

“All angels were created to serve the Lord,” Hibbs began, pointing to Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 as critical passages that expose Satan's origins. “Satan, Lucifer, had a special spot... he was the worship leader in all of God's heaven.” Hibbs described the fallen angel as having “pipes,” “tambourines” and even music built into his very being: “The Bible says... when he brings his hands together, they are as timbrels.”

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But that beauty and purpose twisted into pride. “He wanted to be a god. Beware of anybody who tries to convince you that you too can become a god. It didn't go over well with Satan,” Hibbs explained.

Hibbs emphasized that Satan's fall happened “before Adam and Eve were in the garden,” and firmly rejected the idea that demons are simply fallen angels. “I believe that demons are the spirits of those who drowned in the great flood who were known as Raphaim or Nephilim... they were not angels nor were they humans, they were something else.”

Even now, Hibbs warned, "Satan is loose to be about this world and he has his demon powers working for him." However, "he is limited in power... he's not omnipresent. He's not omniscient. He's not omnipotent. He is not omni anything."

Still, Satan's power of deception remains active. "He's the ultimate influencer," Hibbs said. "Jesus said he's the father of all lies." He shared that Satan cannot read minds but "can shoot things into your mind," which is why believers must "bring every thought under the captivity of Jesus Christ."

In a chilling moment, Hibbs recounted a personal encounter with a demon-possessed man. "This man's eyes turned black in his head like black marbles... his voice changed... and he said, 'Stop talking about Jesus. Don't say the name anymore. I will not hear it.'" Hibbs boldly replied, "Jesus Christ is coming back... he's the Lord... he rose again from the grave... he's the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

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The spirit responded with pure blasphemy: "Jesus Christ is in hell. He's rotting and we're eating his flesh." Hibbs didn't flinch: "Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God the Father."

On the prophetic timeline, Hibbs believes [Satan's strategy includes preparing a counterfeit messiah.](#) "I think every generation Satan has had to have an antichrist waiting in the wings." And today, Hibbs said, the world is primed: "The book of Daniel tells us that the Antichrist is going to arise when the world cries out for peace and prosperity."

Despite the darkness, Hibbs reminded believers that "Satan is a defeated foe. He has no power over the believer. He only has power to sway the unbelievers."

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The final act? “He tries to throw everything in the kitchen sink at Jesus in what is called the battle of Armageddon... and it’s going to flop on him.”

The podcast closed with hope and conviction. “Jesus Christ is the Word. He’s God... second person of the Holy Trinity. And He is not threatened or rivaled by Satan.”

The battle is real, the enemy is cunning, but the victory belongs to the Lord.

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You Are Called: John and Lisa Bevere Reveal How to Discover God’s Purpose for Your Life

John and Lisa Bevere want believers [to know something simple but deeply transformative](#): “You are called.”

That’s not just the title of their new book—it’s the core message of their ministry and latest podcast episode.

“Every single Christian, every single Christian, gift,” Lisa emphasized. “So you talked about the calling, the gifts comes with a gift. Yes. To accomplish the calling.”

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Too often, people assume calling is reserved for pastors or church leaders. But as John pointed out, "God has called every single one of His children. And with those callings, He gives us very unique gifts to fulfill that calling. They're supernatural gifts." He recounted a story of a businessman who once told him, "I've worked so hard. Why should I work this hard for the next 10 years of my life? I mean, we're set." John's answer? "Your gifts are more valuable than my gifts."

And that truth doesn't just apply to CEOs. Lisa reminded listeners that [the barrier to hearing God is often personal compromise](#): "The only times I wouldn't hear God is when I was in rebellion or sin." John added, "If we walk in darkness and we say we have fellowship with Him, we lie to ourselves."

They also emphasized that God's voice requires tuning in. "God is always broadcasting. He's always speaking," Lisa said, "I'm just not tuned in." John added, "You were aware that God was still with you, but you weren't hearing His voice because of sin."

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One Scripture stood out to John recently: "Be on your guard, constantly alert, and watch and pray for you do not know when the time will come that your master will return... He puts his servants in charge... each with his particular task." For John, that revelation from Mark 13:33-34 confirmed, "God has instructions for every single one of us on the work we're supposed to do."

The Beveres urged listeners not to underestimate everyday

faithfulness. “Just do what you do know. Just serve,” Lisa said. “What is in your hand, what is in your life, do your next.” John echoed, “Your calling right now is to serve your pastor and your local church and you stay with it.”

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God’s calling isn’t confined to the pulpit. It’s just as present in the parking lot, the salon, the boardroom and the mechanic’s garage. As Lisa beautifully concluded, “We are called but we are not called to attack other people. We are called to pursue God. And we are called to flourish in the gifting and calling of God on our lives.”

And to those still wondering if they’ve missed the voice of God, John left them with this encouragement: “Father, in the name of Jesus... I speak to those distractions... and I break the power of those strongholds off of your life... so they can walk and fulfill what You’ve created them to do on this earth.”

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Prophecies of Energy and Earthquakes: Kim Clement’s Warnings Come Into Focus

In a powerful and fast-paced conversation between Donné Clement Petruska and Trey Smith on the House of Destiny Network, a recurring prophetic theme from the late Kim Clement took center stage: energy, earthquakes and volcanoes as [signs and instruments of coming change.](#)

“My dad prophesied that you’re going to have an abundance of oil and you can tell OPEC to shove it,” said Donn . She revisited several of her father’s words about America’s energy future.

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Clement foresaw a shift in the energy landscape where the U.S. would no longer be dependent on foreign oil. “There will be burning and burning and burning like you have never seen,” he prophesied, while also declaring that “a new energy is arising.”

Trey Smith connected these visions to recent geological discoveries and global agendas.

“New energy is arising—this could have a variety of different meanings,” he said. Smith brought up the discovery of a lithium deposit in the U.S. valued at over \$1.5 trillion and tied it to Clement’s words: “He saw an issue with nuclear, he saw a weapon, he saw a forest, a giant forest in this country. They were hiding a weapon, a mustard color, he saw.”

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According to Smith, Clement’s prophecies also involved a divine use of natural disasters. “There will be the two great E’s,” Clement declared, referencing earthquakes and eruptions. “Though the earth will be scorched in some areas, it won’t do the damage they had anticipated. They will say it is just a volcano, [but it is not—it is a sign.](#)”

Smith emphasized that Clement “went over this numerous times,” saying, “The nations of the earth stand waiting for the earth to shake.” He continued, “This means they know. Even Putin said to Biden, ‘You’ve handed Trump scorched earth.’”

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Donné acknowledged the prophetic layers tied to these geological warnings. “I was thinking fruits and vegetables,” she said in response to Clement’s word about the earth yielding its produce. “But all of the dialogue surrounding that is about energy...it’s all about energy.”

As talk of earthquakes, energy independence and even mining grows louder on the global stage, Clement’s prophetic voice continues to echo, perhaps now more clearly than ever.

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They’re in the Church: John Eckhardt Exposes Demons Hiding in Plain Sight

In a recent teaching, Apostle John Eckhardt dove into the principles of spiritual warfare and deliverance, drawing heavily from the works of Win Worley and biblical examples of demonic confrontation.

“Deliverance is for believers,” Eckhardt said. “True deliverance is a ministry for born-again Christians.” He explained that [Christians can be under the influence of demons](#)

without being possessed. “‘Possessed’ in the Greek is the word ‘daimonizomai,’ which literally means to be demoned or under the influence of a demon.”

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He emphasized the importance of understanding spiritual terminology. “It’s translated ‘possessed’ in the King James Version, but I always say that’s an unfortunate translation because it denotes the fact that the devil can own you. We know that’s not true if you’re a born-again believer.”

Eckhardt taught that demons have specific names and functions. “Demons do have names. Remember in Mark chapter 5, Jesus said, ‘What is thy name?’ And he said, ‘My name is Legion, for we are many.’” He added, “Almost every sin has a corresponding demon: fornication, adultery, hatred, anger, rage, murder. I call them sin spirits.”



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Addressing the process of deliverance, Eckhardt said, “Deliverance is not passive. It involves spiritual confrontation and boldness.” [He also noted that deliverance is often ongoing](#), stating, “The more deliverance we get, the more we grow, the more we can possess. Your body is like a land. Your body is your land. He will clear the land.”

Biblical authority remains central to Eckhardt’s teaching. “Mark 16:17, ‘These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name shall they cast out devils.’ Luke 10:19, ‘Behold, I give you power over all the power of the enemy.’”

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He explained the power of renunciation prayers: “By renouncing it, it tended to break the power of darkness and actually facilitate the deliverance.” Sample declarations included, “I renounce all involvement with witchcraft, divination and occult practices in the name of Jesus Christ.”

Eckhardt encouraged using scripture and the blood of Jesus during prayer. “Demons hate the blood because the blood is the foundation of our deliverance, our redemption. They hate the Word of God. Declare Scriptures aloud to dismantle strongholds.”

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He stressed the importance of discernment and the word of knowledge during deliverance. “Ask God to reveal to you the names of spirits or how they came in. Sometimes in deliverance, where you cast demons out like this: ‘You demon that came into them when they were a teenager...’”

Reflecting on his journey, Eckhardt said, “I learned so much from Win Worley about deliverance. It really changed my life.” He continued, “This message of deliverance has crossed denominational lines, and there are many people that operate in this, many preachers around the world. So thank God for this.”

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Why the New ‘Daniel’ Film Is

Powered by the Holy Spirit, Not Hollywood

When filmmaker Daniel Kooman talks about his upcoming biblical epic Daniel, he doesn't open with industry stats or box office predictions. [He starts with the Holy Spirit.](#)

"I don't think you can make a Bible story without the Holy Spirit, at least not accurately," he told The Christian Post. That perspective is more than just a personal conviction – it's a mission statement for the future of faith-based entertainment.

As reported by The Christian Post, Daniel is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Christian films in years. It's not just because the project raised \$1.2 million through crowdfunding – a rare feat for independent productions – but because it represents a return to reverent, biblically accurate storytelling led by people of faith.

"The failure of a lot of these other Bible films that came out is that they weren't done by believers, and they weren't done with an honor to the text. Which is paramount," Kooman said.

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The film will cover the first dramatic chapters of the book of Daniel – from the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem to the unforgettable moment in the fiery furnace.

"They were going into Babylon, which was hell, and when they encountered the fiery furnace, that was like going into hell inside of hell," Kooman said. But the goal isn't just cinematic excellence. It's spiritual impact. "If it doesn't make people want to pick up and authenticate it through the Bible, I think you've completely missed the mark," he

emphasized. “Our goal is that people will have a hunger for the Word and actually get into the book of Daniel and into the rest of the Bible. That would be an incredible win.”

The production is a visual and theological undertaking. Filmed on location in India using converted military compounds and palatial structures that mirror ancient Babylon’s golden grandeur, the project also boasts a gritty, reimagined version of Awesome God by Michael W. Smith – designed to drive home the emotional weight of the fiery furnace scene.

“The lyrics are perfect for the fiery furnace,” Kooman said. “It’s been a really cool collaboration.”

Kooman isn’t shy about why he believes Daniel and other projects like The Chosen and House of David are resonating with believers.

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“At the end of the day, [we’ve been starved of faith-based entertainment,](#)” he said. “There’s such a small percentage that are faith movies – especially biblical movies.” For too long, the Christian audience has been underserved in mainstream media. But the success of these Spirit-led projects is changing the narrative – and the industry is taking notice.

Even pastors and scholars are praising Daniel for its faithfulness to Scripture.

“We have a Hebrew Old Testament scholar who reviewed the script and said it was the most accurate of any of the films they had reviewed,” Kooman revealed. That kind of endorsement

doesn't come from flashy effects or clever marketing – it comes from prayer, careful study, and a team committed to honoring God with every frame.

With a 2026 release date, Daniel is the first of what Kooman hopes will be a series of films unpacking the biblical account chapter by chapter. But he says this movement won't grow without grassroots support.

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“If people of faith want to see more of these kinds of films, they have to come behind us and support us,” he said. “We're going to be doing campaigns to get churches and youth groups to go and book out a theater.”

In an age where media shapes minds and culture more than ever, the church cannot afford to sit on the sidelines.

“Our goal is sincerely to see people open the Word and be brought into the Word in a new way. And for this generation, that means film. That's how people are absorbing media – on their phones, in theaters, on TV. If we can pack that with faith-based content, we'll be showing that there's a demand – and that's only going to help in the future,” says Kooman.

The hunger is real. The audience is ready. And with Spirit-filled creators leading the way, Daniel could be the start of something far greater than a single movie – it could be the spark of a revival in biblical cinema.

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America's Spiritual Future Hangs in the Balance of Prayer

In a stirring call to action, Pastor Aaron Winter warns that the next 20 years of America's destiny will be [shaped by what the church does now.](#)

Winter, who has led prayer summits for a decade, believes it's time for believers to "legislate in the heavens to bring the reality of the kingdom into the nation."

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Citing the parable of the talents, he cautioned the church [not to bury what God has entrusted](#): "Whenever you're not praying, whenever you're not occupying, we're like the servant that just buried the talent in the ground."

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The upcoming National Prayer Summit in Washington, D.C., is a pivotal moment, he said, declaring, "What we build and what we establish right now literally will set forth what's going to take shape... for the next 20 years."

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To hear more of Pastor Aaron's vision and testimonies of God's miraculous signs—like lightning over Portland and a rainbow bridging two states—watch the full interview above and consider joining the national movement of intercession.

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Beyond Jezebel: Exposing Satan's Expanding Playbook

In a recent message, deliverance minister Alexander Pagani issued a strong, prophetic warning to the church: stop limiting spiritual warfare to a handful of popular demons and [start addressing the full spectrum of demonic activity at work today.](#)

“We must move beyond the spirit of Jezebel,” Pagani declared at the start of his message. “Now, why I am saying that is, the kingdom of darkness is vastly more wider than leaving all of its work to the top 10 demons and primarily the more popularized ones like the Jezebel spirit.”

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He warned that many Christians are experiencing “phantom deliverance” because the church often misdiagnoses what’s truly going on. “If your categorization of the demonic is limited to only the top five demons, then you’re going to force what you think is happening in someone’s life within those five.”

Pagani explained that true discernment requires growth. “The kingdom is if it’s not broke, upgrade it. You have to upgrade it,” he said. “You’ll end up perpetually staying in a place of misdiagnosis, calling something out what actually is not there.”

He emphasized that deliverance can become a counterfeit when ignorance prevails. "What you don't know can hurt you and stifle your destiny. [My people perish for lack of knowledge.](#)"

Pointing to Jesus' message in Revelation 2:20, Pagani noted, "You are permitting that woman, that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and eat food offered to idols." He added, "When Jesus said this, Jezebel had already been dead for 700 years."

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Pagani explained, "Though the person dies, the demon does not. So though Jezebel in the natural died, that spirit that was in Jezebel went on and kept going and kept going."

He urged believers to dig deep into Scripture and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the true root of their bondage. "God is saying, 'I'm going to make you uncomfortable, and I'm going to shake your bloodline, and I'm going to help you get delivered.'"

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And while many seek cookie-cutter solutions, Pagani reminded listeners that deliverance is personal. "My demons in my family are different than the demons in your family. But one thing I do know is that God has an answer for your bloodline."

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3 Last-Days Warnings Families Must Not Ignore

In a recent episode of Manna-Fest, [Bible teacher Perry Stone issued a strong message](#) to families, identifying what he believes are “three stunning last day warnings” directly from Scripture. Speaking candidly, Stone said, “We know that we’re living in the last days, or at least we believe that we are.”

Stone began by clarifying what the phrase “last days” means from his perspective: “The final period of time marked by specific signs that indicate the arrival of the final generation of people on Earth that will experience the return of Christ, the tribulation, and the arrival of the Lord’s millennial kingdom.”

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Here are the three warnings Stone says families need to take seriously:

1. Deception will increase.

“Matthew 24 mentions deception four times. Luke 21 mentions deception one time. Mark 13 mentions deception two times,” Stone said. “Deception is causing someone to accept as true something that is false or invalid.”

2. Offense and division will divide families.

“Do you suppose I am come to bring peace on earth? I tell you not at all, but rather division. From now on, five in one house will be divided, three against two and two against

three,” Stone quoted from Jesus. He added, “The offense is the bait that creates the scandal. Once the scandal has been created, then he creates a division.”

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3. Endurance and forgiveness are essential.

“He that can endure to the end shall be saved,” Stone emphasized. “If you get in unforgiveness in Matthew six, God will not forgive your sins.”

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[Stone leaves us with a challenge:](#) “God wants you to know something about offenses because offenses create scandals, and the whole purpose of Satan creating an offense is to try to create a scandal in a ministry or in a church.”

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This 2,000-Year-Old Prophecy May Explain Today's AI Explosion

Artificial intelligence may be more than just a technological marvel, it could be the very fulfillment of end-times prophecy, according to Pastor John Barnett.

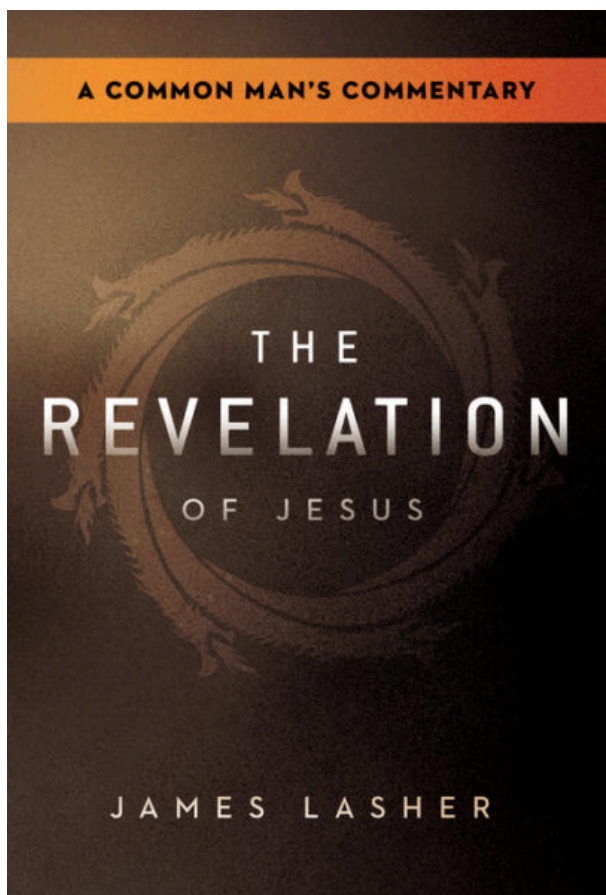
In his recent teaching, Barnett explored 1 John 2:18 and

Revelation 13, [tying the rise of AI and voice synthesis technology directly to the image of the Beast](#) described in Scripture. “The Bible clearly teaches that we can expect an invasion from the pit in the last states,” Barnett said. “Now it’s already started. John said... it’s here.”

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Pointing to demonic influence already seeping through society, he warned, “There is such a crossover now in gaming into the demonic world... Most of the Marvel series is talking about powers that God does not give... Who is the god of this world?”

As acceptance and use of AI tools like ChatGPT and Google’s voice-cloning tool Volley become widespread, Barnett sees a deeper spiritual parallel. “It takes three seconds to learn your voice,” he said, “and you can get yourself to say anything in Arabic and German and Japanese... just talk for a minute.”



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He connected this to [Revelation 13's false prophet](#) who “was granted power to give breath to the image of the Beast, that the image of the Beast should both speak.” Barnett added, “Can you imagine by this time what it is? This Beast can speak... It’s going to be the highest technology infused by Satan.”

Barnett also expressed concern over modern dependence on digital tools, even for Scripture. “This is their Bible,” he said, holding up a phone. “What happens when Bible Gateway... is turned off? You ever had a program turned off? ... You can’t open your document.”

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Ultimately, he challenged believers: “What’s your source of truth? Is it the internet or AI-spewed out answers, or is it the Spirit of truth through God’s Word?”

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As AI rapidly grows in capability and reach, Barnett’s warnings are a sobering call for Christians to stay rooted in God’s unchanging truth, not technology’s ever-changing promises.

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