

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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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

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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Are the 10 Kings Now in Power? What Bible Prophecy Warned Us About

Growing up in Jewish tradition, Rabbi Kurt Schneider says one of the most sacred moments is the bris—the ritual marking God’s covenant with His people on the eighth day of a male child’s life. But this ancient sign is more than a ceremony. It’s a divine identifier.

“This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised,” Rabbi Schneider quoted from Genesis 17:10.

This physical mark set Israel apart from every other nation. “The male Israelites had this, quote, God mark on them,” he said. “That they belonged to Yahweh, to their God... made them different physically than all the other nations around them.”

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But for believers today, the meaning reaches beyond the external. “It symbolized the cutting away of sinful and fleshly desires to embrace a life of fidelity to their creator,” Schneider explained. He added that this principle still carries weight for followers of Jesus, Jew and Gentile alike.

“The concept of it is still valid for us,” he said. “It’s about the peeling away of sinful and fleshly desires to instead be alive to God, and to be devoted to Him alone.”

Schneider referenced Paul's words in Galatians 6: "For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation." The point, he stressed, is not physical but spiritual—a transformation of the heart.

He also issued a warning about false motives and superficial spirituality. "There were some... trying to get people to be circumcised... and they were all doing this for fame," he said. "And the Gospel gets polluted, because people are more interested in the size of their congregation... than they are with preaching the truth."

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Schneider didn't shy away from criticizing modern worship practices that echo the same errors. "I hate going into congregations where the music is so loud, that it damages your ears," he said. "Why do you have to blare the music so loud?"

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Rabbi Schneider issued a biblical call to live set apart. "We should be different. We must be different. We're not of this world. We're in covenant relationship with Adonai, the Creator who saved us through His Son," he said. "Jesus spits the lukewarm out of His mouth. Either we're the real deal or we're not."

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Jesus Stopped What Doctors and Science Couldn't Explain

When it comes to deciphering the mysterious imagery in the book of Revelation, few voices bring clarity quite like New York Times best-selling author Jonathan Cahn.

In a recent sermon, Cahn unpacked a stunning series of parallels between the prophetic visions of Ezekiel and those recorded by the apostle John.

“In Revelation, the order of the creatures are this: a lion, ox, man and eagle,” Cahn began. “Interesting, because the Gospels are also four Gospels, and they are four sides of Messiah.”

From the opening moments, Cahn took his audience deep into the Old Testament, linking Ezekiel's prophetic scroll, “written on both sides,” with the same kind of scroll described in Revelation 5. “That's exactly what Ezekiel saw,” he said. “With seven seals.”

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Cahn pointed out that in both books, the prophets are told to eat the scroll. Ezekiel is commanded, “Eat what is before you. Eat this scroll,” and John is told by an angel, “Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but in your mouth, it will be sweet as honey.” Cahn added, “That's a parallel. Ezekiel is a foreshadow—is a decoder of Revelation.”

The message didn't stop with scrolls and creatures. Cahn highlighted that both prophets fell facedown when encountering the glory of God. “Ezekiel says, ‘When I saw it, I fell on my face,’” he quoted. “Revelation—John says, ‘When I saw him, I

fell at his feet like a dead man.'”



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One of the most powerful connections Cahn emphasized was the role of the watchman. Referring to Ezekiel 33, Cahn quoted, “Son of man, you are the watchman. And if I give you this word, you must give it to your people to save them.” He then shared a personal moment after he first went on television to speak about The Harbinger: “I came back on the plane, I said, ‘Lord, it’s a heavy message.’ And I opened up the Bible, I just opened up, and it opens up to: ‘Son of man, I made you a watchman. If you do not blow the trumpet, I will hold you accountable.’”

Revelation is not just prophecy—it’s a call to action. “The Book of Revelation is the trumpet of the watchman,” Cahn said. “That’s from Ezekiel. That’s what it is.”

Perhaps one of the most chilling insights came when Cahn connected the “thirds” of judgment in Ezekiel to the repeated phrase in Revelation: a third of the earth, a third of the trees, a third of the sea. “It all follows the prototype of Ezekiel,” he declared. “Those judgments were a foreshadow of the Revelation judgments that will come on the whole world.”

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Cahn leaves us with a reminder of God’s protection for His people.

Quoting Ezekiel 9, he explained, “Make a mark on their foreheads.” He then revealed the Hebrew letter used: Tav. “Tav is actually a letter in the Hebrew alphabet... it means you are free from judgment if you have that cross, that seal. You are protected.” He added, “The cross is your guarantee. You are

marked against any harm.”

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“We are all called to be His watchmen,” Cahn reminds us. “You know of a judgment coming, and if you don’t spread the gospel, then we are accountable for their blood.”

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This Is the Most Overlooked Weapon of Spiritual Warfare