

# Max Lucado: 4 Covenants Will Shape the End Times

In a powerful and sobering episode of The Tom Hughes Report, Pastor Tom Hughes tackled a subject most churches avoid: the satanic counterfeit of miracles in the last days.

Referencing Exodus 7 and 2 Timothy 3, Hughes drew a clear parallel between the sorcery of Pharaoh's magicians and the growing spiritual deception in our world today. His message was simple but urgent—not all spiritual power is good.

“We're witnessing a resurgence of satanic power masked as spirituality,” Hughes warned. “Just as Janice and Jambre opposed Moses with supernatural signs, today's dark spiritual awakening is deceiving many under the guise of enlightenment.”

The core of Hughes' message centered on the biblical account of Aaron's staff turning into a serpent—a miracle quickly mimicked by Pharaoh's magicians. But as Hughes noted, this was no mere sleight of hand.

“The Bible leaves open another possibility... that these magicians exhibited or channeled supernatural satanic power. Infinitely inferior to God's power, but horrifyingly real.”

And that same dark spiritual force, Hughes argued, is alive and well today. Whether through New Age mysticism, occult practices, or AI-driven “miracles,” the enemy is preparing the world to accept the ultimate deception: the worship of Antichrist.

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“Superhero movies show [young people] how great it would be to have powers,” he said. “They feel worthless and they think

that to exchange themselves for power is a good deal. They don't realize that to be empowered by the demonic is to be caught in dark bondage."

That bondage, Hughes explained, isn't limited to fictional characters or ancient history. He pointed to cultural icons and celebrities who've confessed to feeling controlled or overtaken by otherworldly forces—warning that glamorized demonic possession is becoming normalized.

"The entertainment industry seems intent on making supernatural power from Satan seem glamorous and exciting," Hughes said. "But no one ever lived a duller, darker, or sadder life than the possessed Gadarene man before his encounter with Jesus."

In perhaps the most chilling part of the broadcast, Hughes turned to 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 to underscore what's ahead.

"Antichrist and false prophet are going to come on the scene and they're going to claim, 'Hey, Jesus was a fake. Look at all of the things that we are able to do.'"

This deception, Hughes said, will be so powerful that if it were possible, even the elect would be deceived.

"Be careful that no one deceives you," he warned. "Because the deception is only going to grow greater."

And it's not just spiritualism in the traditional sense. Hughes pointed to technological advancements—particularly in artificial intelligence and medicine—that will blur the line between miracle and manipulation.

“You look at AI... they’re telling us people are going to be healed of all kinds of things, but it’s going to be a lying wonder. It’s not going to be true miracles.”

But amid the rising tide of deception, Hughes reminded viewers that true believers need not fear.

“God defeated Janice and Jambre. He will also defeat last day sorcerers,” he declared. “God is still in control.”

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His final charge was directed at the church itself.

“The church must not compromise,” Hughes said. “They compromise the gospel and dilute its power by shrouding Christ in a million lesser things.”

He urged Christians to stay grounded in Scripture, warning that religious deception will increase and demonic influence will permeate all aspects of life—media, education, politics, and even some pulpits.

“Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. The word translated impostor from 2 Timothy chapter 3 literally means wizard.”

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As he closed the episode, Hughes pointed believers back to hope, echoing the words of Jesus in Luke 21:28: “Look up and lift up your heads because your redemption draws near.”

Hughes’ message is a clarion call in an age of confusion: Beware of demons masquerading as miracles. Cling to the truth. And remember—God has already won.

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# Warning! Great Deception and End-Times Acceleration Are Happening NOW

In an recent message, Pastor Jentezen Franklin reminded believers that the power of the Holy Spirit is not a thing of the past: He's a present and necessary force for the church today.

"Who do you think you are that you've got God all figured up and put in a box and He can't move like He wants to move?" Franklin asks the crowd. "I'm here to tell you when His fire falls, sometimes it's an out of control fire. It'll make you dance. It'll make you shout. It'll make you weep. It'll make you talk in tongues."

Franklin urged the congregation not to settle for lukewarm Christianity.

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"If you want it, you have to build the altar. You have to put the sacrifice of praise... on that altar," he declares. "I want that fire. I want that fire to hit another generation. I want that fire to burn so deep in this church that the sparks start spreading all over Atlanta and all over the nation, all over the world."

Referencing Proverbs 26, Franklin warns, "Put wood on the

fire. Put wood on the fire. Put wood on the fire. Where there is... no wood, the fire goes out." He passionately listed what that "wood" looks like: "Prayer is wood. Praise is wood. Giving is wood. Loving God, witnessing is wood. Standing against temptation, that's the wood on the fire."

Franklin called on the younger generation in particular to deepen their love of the Lord.

"I want a passion. I want a vision. I want a dream. I want a calling. I'm going to live for God. I'm going to live on fire. Not going to be a lukewarm Christian. Not going to be a lukewarm preacher."

He also issued a stark warning against pride and spiritual complacency.

"You're a legend in your own mind. He's the King of kings. He's the Lord of glory. When you get in His presence, you'll fall like a dead man. You'll fear and tremble. He's the Creator. Hallelujah. And He's here. And you're going to need this fire."

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Criticizing the modern church's tendency to replace power with programs, Franklin reminded his listeners of Acts 1:8: "You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses."

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For those seeking a deeper relationship with God, Franklin's message was unmistakable: "This is not an hour to be lukewarm. This is not an hour to be casual. This is not an hour to have a distant relationship with Jesus. This is an hour to be filled with the [Holy] Spirit."

Lord, let Your fire fall again.

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## **9 Crucial Keys to Survive the End Times Every Christian Must Know**

As the National Day of Prayer approaches, its significance echoes louder than ever. With a theme rooted in Romans 15—"Pour out to the God of hope and be filled"—organizers are calling believers to unite in hope, faith and spiritual responsibility. Kathy Branzell, president of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, joined CBN News to share why this annual observance is not just symbolic, but essential.

"We're told in Scripture to be ready to give the reasons for our hope," Branzell said. "Our hope isn't in the far future. It's now, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.'" Branzell emphasized that this theme was born out of prolonged prayer and fasting, offering a timely reminder in a world wrestling with despair and division.

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As reported by CBN News, this movement isn't limited to America. Branzell played a role in helping Ukraine establish its own National Day of Prayer this past February—the only other nation besides the U.S. to do so. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,” she said. “When you put it in the law books into history and say every day, this will be a day of prayer, I believe that God blesses that.”

In a culture often quick to dismiss “thoughts and prayers,” Branzell pushed back, offering a challenge to critics. “If you have time to complain about it, you have time to pray about it,” she said. “There is no earthly power, there is no amount of money or influence that could do what needs to be done in exchange for prayer.”

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This year, tens of thousands of prayer gatherings are being mobilized nationwide—taking place in churches, parks, prisons, hospitals, and even the skies through “prayer flights” over all 50 states. A Capitol Hill observance and a national broadcast at 8 p.m. Eastern will highlight the day, co-hosted by former NFL quarterback and anti-human trafficking advocate Tim Tebow. “He is a brilliant man who loves the Lord,” Branzell said. “His life is just poured out to serving God.”

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The National Day of Prayer is more than tradition, it's a lifeline. In times of chaos and uncertainty, prayer unites what politics and culture often divide. It acknowledges the

sovereignty of God over the affairs of a nation and reminds America where true hope is found, not in Washington, not on Wall Street, but on our knees before the Lord of heaven.

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# Exposed: The Dark Secrets Behind Freemasonry, Enoch and the Essenes

In a recent video, Bible teacher John Barnett warned believers that the world is rapidly moving toward a prophetic tipping point.

From global surveillance and digital finance to rising religious deception, Barnett says these are not random developments—they're part of a biblical roadmap foretold in Revelation.

## The Coming Global Control Grid

"We are coming into a time, no matter how much you resist it... there's going to be a final global money system and tracking system," Barnett said. He explained that no matter what people do to avoid technology, the system is already being built and can't be stopped.

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"You can turn off all the tracking on your phone. You can opt

out of everything. You can get an old-fashioned analog phone. Doesn't matter," he said. "The world is careening toward a global tracking and monetary system."



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He pointed to current headlines as signs of what's coming: "Facial recognition will replace keys, passports, and tickets within five years," he read aloud. "You will not be able to get into your car or house. You're not going to be able to come and go from your country."

## **Digital Money Is Already Failing**

Barnett then recalled a recent scare that hit one of America's biggest banks: "Bank of America customers were shocked by zero balances in their online account glitch. Bank of America says widespread outage is nearly fixed.

"Do you know what happened on October 2nd?" he continued. "Millions of people went to transfer money... and they glanced and their account balance was zero."

He emphasized how digital currency leaves people powerless: "When you have digital money, you have no money in your hands... someone can turn a switch and you have zero money, zero buying power."

## **Biometric Payments and Biblical Warnings**

While shopping at Whole Foods, Barnett said he was stunned by how seamless new biometric technology had become. "They just waved the palm of their hand over the little scanner... Amazon recognized their palm print."

He then connected the convenience to Revelation. "Amazon wants your palm... reminds me of on your right hand," he said. "Every time you do [use the technology], remember where it's headed."

## **The Rise of a False Religion**

Barnett also sounded the alarm about growing religious unity that abandons biblical truth. "Pope Francis continues to prove he is the most influential and dangerous false prophet in the world," he declared.

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Quoting from Francis' statement in Singapore, Barnett said, "All religions are a path to God... we are all children of God." He called the remarks "horrible horrible heretical blasphemous."

He referenced his friend Mike Gendron's commentary, saying, "The wolf in sheep's clothing is seeking to unite all the religious people of the world in a global religion that will worship the antichrist."

## **A Confused and Deceived World**

Barnett pointed to the moral decline in society as yet another warning: "Spain is set to give to the great apes human rights. There is so much confusion. There's so much error. There's so much deception. Just like Jesus said."

We are watching prophecy unfold in real time, and believers must not be caught unaware.

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# **Global Blackouts and Empty Ports Signal Urgent Prophetic Warning**