

Why Are Many Churches Ignoring the Most Talked-About Topic in the New Testament?

When was the last time you saw a miracle, or heard someone speak a prophetic word that truly resonated with your soul?

For many believers, [the gifts of the Holy Spirit seem distant](#), like something out of a Bible story or a fairy tale. But according to Bible teacher Rick Renner, that mindset is not only outdated—it's unbiblical.

“I grew up in a context where we were told we didn't need them, and they didn't even exist anymore,” Renner said in a recent teaching on spiritual gifts. But his tone changes quickly when he begins comparing Scripture: “There are only 23 references in the whole New Testament about water baptism ... and not one word of instruction about how to do it.”

On communion, he continues, “There are only 28 references ... yet we believe in communion, we practice it with heartfelt faith and commitment.”

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Then comes the clincher: “If you count the verses in the New Testament that address the subject of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, you find that there are 103 verses—four times more than anything about water baptism or communion.”

So why have spiritual gifts been so easily dismissed in modern church circles?

For Renner, it's a mix of poor theology, tradition and a lack of personal experience. But that personal experience, he says, is where everything changes.

In one service, he shared a word of knowledge about someone's leg being healed. Later, a woman approached him to say, "I'm the one. I couldn't move my leg. When you prayed, the power of God hit my leg and I could just move my leg just perfectly."

These moments are more than emotion—they're evidence.

Renner points to 1 Corinthians 14:26 where Paul writes, "Let all things be done unto edifying." He explains, "When all these things are in manifestation in the church, it causes the church to increase spiritually ... the gifts of the Holy Spirit really enlarge us spiritually."

According to Renner, here's what the gifts do:

- Confirm the reality of Jesus
- Make the gospel tangible
- Bring spiritual maturity
- Enrich the church with knowledge and power
- Foster a partnership between believers and Christ

"When I saw a leg grow for the first time in a meeting, suddenly Jesus the healer stepped off the pages of the Bible and I saw Him," he said. "It brought to me a revelation—not of a fairy tale in the Bible—but of Jesus the present-day healer."

He contrasts this with a visit to Russia's Hermitage Museum during the fall of the Soviet Union. Several paintings depicting Jesus' miracles were labeled as "fairy tales." But

then he reflected, “That wasn’t really much different than the church I grew up in.”

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Renner doesn’t just defend the continuation of spiritual gifts—he connects them to Christian maturity. Quoting 1 Corinthians 1:7-8, he notes the gifts were to continue “waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,” and goes further: [“The gifts of the Holy Spirit are intended to bring us to a greater level of spiritual maturity.”](#)

The argument is simple, yet profound: If God dedicated so much biblical space to spiritual gifts, how can we ignore them?

In Renner’s words, “Let all things be done.”

Let them be done, not for performance, but for the building up of the body of Christ—and for the undeniable revelation of a living Savior still moving among His people.

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Pastor Greg Laurie Cracks the Bible’s Prophetic Code, But

One Piece Is Still Missing

[Pastor Greg Laurie](#) opened his recent message with a confession: puzzles just aren't his thing. "How many of you like puzzles? Raise your hand if you like puzzles. I am not one of you," he said with a laugh, adding, "Seems like smart people like puzzles."

But as he taught from Daniel chapter 9, Laurie made it clear that some puzzles—especially biblical ones—are worth solving. "Before us here in Daniel chapter 9 is a prophetic puzzle... and we don't want to keep walking here. We want to see what this puzzle is all about."

Laurie called the prophecy found in Daniel 9 "one of the most mind-blowing prophecies in all of the Bible," because it contains something astonishing: a timeline that predicts the arrival of the Messiah.

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"The Bible actually predicted the very date that Christ would start his public ministry or when he would arrive on the scene," Laurie said. "And you know when the Lord revealed this to Daniel? When he was praying."

The prophecy lays out a timeline that begins "from the going forth of the command to restore and rebuild Jerusalem" and ends with the Messiah's appearance. This historical decree was given during the time of Nehemiah, who served as cupbearer to the Persian king.

[Laurie explained](#) how this timeline plays out in real terms: "Nehemiah 2:1 says, 'It came to pass in the month of Nisan...' From the moment that king gave the decree to rebuild the city, 173,880 days later, Jesus of Nazareth rode into the city of Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Bible prophecy to a T."

That exact fulfillment, he said, should give believers great confidence in the reliability of biblical prophecy.

But Laurie didn't stop there. He took listeners through what he believes is the future prophetic timeline, which includes:

1. **The Rapture of the Church** – "The next event I think on the calendar would be the rapture of the church, where all Christians are caught up to meet the Lord in the air."
2. **The Rise of the Antichrist** – Following the rapture, "the emergence of the Antichrist" begins the seven-year tribulation.
3. **The Great Tribulation** – A period marked by deception and destruction, culminating in:
4. **The Battle of Armageddon** – This is when Christ returns in His second coming.

"The second coming will happen seven years after the rapture," Laurie said. "But we don't know when the rapture is."

In a football analogy, Laurie explained that after Jesus' crucifixion, "the prophetic clock suddenly stops." He likened it to a timeout in a tied game with just minutes left—everything pauses until the final play begins. The resumption of that prophetic clock, he said, is tied to the rise of the Antichrist and the rebuilding of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem.

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Laurie described the Antichrist as “a man of peace... charismatic, brilliant—a satanic superman—but in reality, the devil’s son.” According to the prophecy, the Antichrist will help rebuild the temple and be welcomed by some as the Messiah. But halfway through the seven-year tribulation, he will betray that trust in what Daniel calls the “abomination of desolation.”

“The Antichrist will erect an image in the temple and command everyone to worship,” Laurie said. “This will mark the halfway point of the tribulation. And for the remaining three and a half years, Antichrist will make everyone take his mark and no one can buy or sell without it.”

Despite the dark warnings, Laurie offered a word of encouragement: “When you see these things begin to happen, look up, for your redemption is drawing near.”

The prophetic puzzle may not be one you can solve on a coffee table, but Laurie’s message makes it clear that with Scripture in hand, the picture is already coming together.

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Is the Gospel of Mark Missing it’s Ending?

If you’ve ever read the Gospel of Mark all the way to the end in a modern Bible, you may have noticed something a little

strange. Right after verse 8 in chapter 16, there's often a note—and a lot of white space.

The New International Version, for example, includes this disclaimer: “The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20.”

This strange note is more than just a textual footnote. It opens the door to one of the most fascinating and debated topics in New Testament scholarship: Did the Gospel of Mark originally end at verse 8? Or was something lost—and later reconstructed?

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[Christian apologist and textual researcher Wes Huff](#) dives into this issue in a recent video, offering both clarity and caution.

“Mark 16:9-20 is found in nearly every New Testament manuscript and is the single longest textual variant in the New Testament,” Huff said. “However, it is missing from two very significant manuscripts: Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus.”

So what exactly is going on at the end of Mark's Gospel?

1. What's so special about these ancient manuscripts?

Huff walks viewers through the three major ancient manuscripts used to analyze Mark's ending: Codex Vaticanus, Codex Sinaiticus and Codex Alexandrinus.

Here's what makes them significant:

- **Codex Vaticanus** omits verses 9–20 but leaves an entire blank column at the end of Mark—a unique feature nowhere else in the manuscript. “Nowhere in the entirety of Vaticanus’s New Testament do we ever see anything other than when the book is finished, the next book immediately starts in the following column,” Huff said. “The only place... where an entire blank column is left is at the end of Mark.”
- **Codex Sinaiticus** also omits the longer ending but features unusual scribal behavior: a change in handwriting, expanded lettering, and a highly decorative marker. “Mark’s [decorative scribal marker] is not only more decorative in style but measures 6 cm in length. It’s more than twice the size of the other decorative markers we find.”
- **Codex Alexandrinus**, the earliest to include the longer ending, also has a standout decorative flourish. “That particular manuscript, though it does include Mark 16:9-20... differs significantly from the ending of the other gospels and is larger.”

These paratextual details—the spacing, styles and visual cues—are not random. They’re intentional.

“Scribes and copyists tend to do things on purpose when it comes to these features,” Huff said.

2. How many endings of Mark are there?

Believe it or not, there isn’t just one disputed ending—there are five different endings found in the manuscript tradition.

According to Huff, these include:

- An abrupt ending at verse 8 (as in Vaticanus and Sinaiticus)
- A shorter alternative ending
- The longer ending (verses 9–20, most commonly printed today)
- A version in Codex Washingtonianus with an extra paragraph between verses 14 and 15
- A hybrid version combining elements of more than one ending

Of all these, only two are seriously considered by scholars:

“What we’re looking at are either the complete longer ending or the shorter ending simply stopping at verse 8,” Huff explained.

3. So, is it Scripture or not?

Huff makes his position clear. He doesn’t believe verses 9–20 are original to Mark’s Gospel—and, therefore, he doesn’t view them as inspired Scripture.

“I do not think Mark 16:9–20 is original. I don’t think Mark wrote it and therefore I don’t think it’s inspired Scripture.”

Still, he believes the ancient scribes were doing their best to preserve what they had and alert future readers to the discrepancies. In his words:

- “I think the internal evidence for its exclusion is strong.”
- “The scribes... are themselves aware of idiosyncrasies going on in the manuscripts that they are copying from.”

- “They are noting in the margins or in somewhere around the text to indicate to the reader and to subsequent copyists that something’s going on here. You need to take notice.”

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Huff also points out the abrupt ending in verse 8 isn’t as grammatically odd as it seems. While it ends in the Greek word ‘gar’ (“for”), that’s not without precedent.

“Plato actually ends his work The Republic with gar as the last word,” he noted.

So what does this all mean for the everyday reader?

At the very least, it shows that [early Christians and scribes cared deeply about accuracy](#)—enough to leave markers, spacing and clues for future generations to investigate.

Whether you accept the longer ending or not, the textual tradition reminds us that Scripture transmission was taken seriously, even in the uncertain moments.

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Delivered from Darkness: How Self-Help Books Opened the Door to Demons

When Dayne Kamela was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, he was told it would be a lifelong battle. Doctors said medication would be his only option if he wanted to avoid spiraling into another manic episode. But what happened next defied their expectations—[and transformed his life forever.](#)

In a recent episode of Deep Believer, Kamela sat down with host Jennifer Bagnaschi to share how his struggle with mental illness opened his eyes to spiritual warfare and how Jesus Christ set him free.

A Christian Upbringing, But No Real Relationship

Kamela grew up in a Christian home, led by a devoted mother who faithfully brought her children to church.

“My mom was a really strong believer,” he said. “She gave her life to Christ I think at like 13 at a church camp where the fire of the Lord hit her.”

Though Kamela believed in God, he said he didn’t know Jesus personally until much later.

“Up until I was 18 years old I didn’t really have a relationship with the Lord,” he said. “I believed I was saved and I believed in Jesus, I just didn’t know Him.”

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That changed after a severe biking accident—caused by

drinking—that left scars on his face and soul. Broken and searching, he attended church with his mom and rededicated his life to God.

“I was like, ‘I want to know You, Lord. I want to follow You. I want to get to know who I’ve chosen to believe in ever since I can remember,’” he recalled.

A Manic Spiral

Though his faith began to grow, Kamela’s life took a drastic turn. He started experiencing a manic episode that lasted for months. His thinking became erratic, and his behavior spiraled out of control.

“I stole my sister’s car and ran down the highway,” he said. “I was obviously a danger to myself as well as the people around me.”

Eventually, he was admitted to a behavioral health facility. The doctors acted fast.

“The doctor even told my mom at the time, ‘Your son was so far gone that we had to give him such a strong cocktail,’” he said.

They prescribed him a combination of medications and warned that he would need to remain on them permanently to avoid another episode.

A Mother’s Faith and a Sudden Breakthrough

Despite the grim prognosis, Kamela’s mother refused to give up.

“I had a mom who had such strong faith who said, ‘Son, like,

you're going to be okay. I believe you're going to be healed,'" he said.

He remembered attending a healing event where people laid hands on him and prayed. "After they got done praying, I felt a spirit lift off my body, and I knew that I was healed right then and there," he said.

What followed was a revelation that changed everything: "Everything that happened previously—all the darkness that I went through, all the fear that like God had abandoned me—reminded me that it was like, 'Son, I was with you the whole time.'"

When Self-Help Becomes a Snare

Kamela believes his breakdown wasn't just a result of biology—but of bad theology and spiritual doors opened unknowingly.

"I started reading a lot of personal development books," he said. "Yes, they're good to help you develop skills and stuff, but I believe the enemy came in during that time to twist what I was learning."

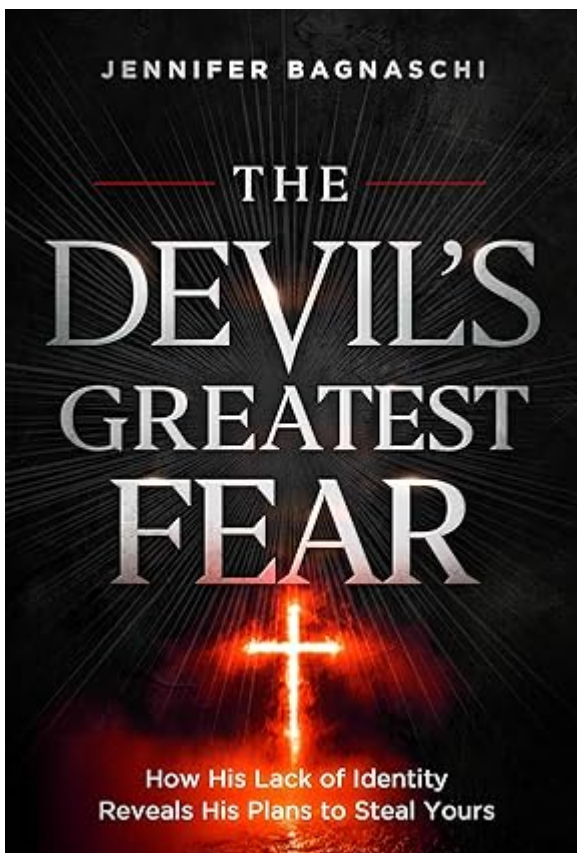
Though the self-help industry often promotes growth and confidence, Kamela warned it can easily turn inward and become a trap. "It's all about you," he said. "And I think the enemy can use that to not only make it an idol in people's lives but also use—in my case—a way to get into someone's life that he knows God's doing some things in."

Delusion, Darkness and Divine Intervention

His time in Los Angeles marked the peak of his delusions. Kamela recalled being argumentative and fast-thinking, signs he now knows pointed to mania. He also described a chilling moment while listening to instrumental music.

“My eyes were closed and there was just a black figure across me on the other side,” he said.

But God didn't leave him there. One powerful moment came when someone handed him a Bible during his hospitalization. “They opened it up to Psalm 23, and they were like, ‘I just want you to read and pray this over your life,’” Kamela said. “I remember praying that and feeling this darkness of the room just start to leave.”



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A Decade of Freedom

Kamela says it's been over 10 years since that moment, and he's never experienced another manic episode. He gradually tapered off medication and leaned fully into his faith.

"I saw too much," he said. "I knew that I was healed."

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Today, Kamela encourages others to [dig into the Word of God and renew their minds daily.](#) He believes one of the biggest breakthroughs is refusing to let your diagnosis define you.

"I never identified with that thing," he said. "I think we get in bondage based on what we believe about what's happened to us. And our identity is that thing—we attach a part of our identity to things that happen to us in our life."

From Breakdown to Breakthrough

Kamela's journey is more than a testimony of healing—it's a wake-up call for believers to take spiritual warfare seriously and to press into prayer and the truth of God's Word.

"We have the ability to pray to God by what we've been given the moment we received Christ as Lord," he said. "We have Christ living on the inside of us."

We live in a culture that quickly turns to medication and labels, and Kamela's story is a reminder of something far greater available to the world: "Whatever you're going through, that's what Jesus died for."

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Snow White and the Prophetic Warning Hidden in Plain Sight

Could a Disney movie actually contain a prophetic warning for our generation?

That's exactly what [best-selling author and prophetic voice Jonathan Cahn](#) suggests in his recent message. And no, he's not joking.

"Is it possible that Snow White could actually contain a prophetic message for our times?" Cahn asks. "A warning even-connected to the end times? Could it actually be revealing a danger that's affecting this entire generation?"

According to Cahn, the answer is yes—and the message is far more serious than the animated whimsy might suggest.

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A Woke Fairy Tale Gone Off the Rails

In his sharp style, Cahn breaks down the tangled mess of changes Disney made to its upcoming Snow White reboot.

Here's what he notes:

1. **Seven Dwarfs Replaced:** "Replace the seven dwarfs with seven people of diversity," Cahn says. "So it's now Snow White and the seven people of diversity. The seven DEI—diversity, equity and inclusion—people."

2. **DEI Replacements Replaced:** “By putting the DEI inclusion people, they ended up excluding dwarves... So Disney got together and again they came up with another brilliant solution. They would make the seven dwarfs fake dwarfs. Animated dwarfs.”
3. **CGI Confusion:** “Now the real dwarfs were represented—as long as nobody admitted it was a real dwarf... So the real dwarf was a fake dwarf who only looked like a real dwarf but was a bandit.”
4. **Snow White’s New Origin Story:** “They made up a new origin story that she was called Snow White because she was born during a snowstorm.”
5. **No More Prince:** “The actress said... ‘It’s not a love story. And that’s wonderful.’” Cahn notes: “They removed the prince. Imagine if years ago they told you that one day they’d be making Snow White and eliminate the prince.”
6. **No More Song:** “‘Someday My Prince Will Come’ was replaced by a song about waiting for a wish,” Cahn says. “She’s not waiting for a prince. She’s waiting for a wish... which doesn’t really make sense.”
7. **Masculinized Heroine:** “Snow White says... ‘I’m not afraid to fight.’ Then Snow White says she was taught to be ‘fearless and brave.’”

Cahn doesn’t hold back: “Snow White has become a revolutionary... She leads a revolution of all the disenfranchised DEI people and all the fake CGI people... and they set up a new monarchy led by—you guessed it—the girl boss fearless leader Snow White.”

A Cultural Crisis Reflecting End-Time Prophecy

But all the cultural comedy has a darker undercurrent. Cahn points to the prophetic implications of what Disney’s

doing—and what it represents.

“In the story, Snow White is in a death-like sleep. So think about that,” he says. “Now we have a Snow White who has gotten so woke that she can’t be woken up.”

“This is what wokeness does—morally and spiritually—it doesn’t wake you up. It puts you into a death-like coma.”

Cahn cites Jesus’ own words on the Mount of Olives: “Because of immorality, the love of many shall grow cold.”

He connects this to the cultural shift away from love and family. “Girls are told: do not long for a prince. Focus on you,” Cahn says. “It’s not about love... it’s about herself.”

The message goes deeper than romance. It’s about identity, purpose and the destruction of gender roles rooted in God’s design.

“You see, the culture actually loves masculinity—as long as it’s coming from a woman,” he says. “And loves femininity—if it’s a man acting feminine.”

The Spirit Behind the Shift

[Cahn drew attention to an ancient spiritual parallel.](#)

“When I wrote ‘The Return of the Gods,’ I wrote of the spirit that has dominated our culture. The spirit of Ishtar—the ancient goddess of sexual immorality. The goddess who bends and inverts or subverts gender,” he says.

“It was written in ancient Mesopotamian inscriptions: she turns women into men and men into women. She inverts the order

of men and women.”

Cahn warns that this isn't just ideology. It's spiritual warfare. “When a civilization moves away from God, it moves away from nature, life and reality.”

And the consequences are already showing.

The Real Prophetic Picture: A Prince Who Saves

But Cahn ends his message with hope—not in Disney, but in Christ.

“You have an evil figure filled with pride who poisons the princess through a fruit,” he says. “So the Bible reveals an evil entity called Satan... who also poisons, and through a fruit, humanity.”

“Snow White falls into a deep death-like sleep from which she cannot wake up. So sin comes into this world—evil, death and a spiritual sleep from which we cannot wake up or save ourselves.

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“But then in Snow White—the real one—the prince comes. And the prince's love for her brings redemption. He awakens her to new life.”

He continues: “This is the good news—the Messiah, Jesus—Yeshua. He's called the Prince of Peace. The Prince of Life. And only His love can save us and wake us up so that we can come alive.”

Cahn concludes with a call to action: “Awake, wake up sleeper—and the light of Jesus the Messiah will shine on you.”

As fairy tales are rewritten to erase the prince, Cahn's message rings loud and clear: "We do need saving. We do need a Savior. And we do need the Prince to save us."

Because one day, the Prince will come.

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Sowing to Salvation: How First Fruits Unlock Your Harvest

In a recent video, [Pastor Larry Huch](#) shared a powerful revelation that ties together biblical first fruits, personal transformation and the promises of God. He explained how giving a first fruits offering—especially during this Passover season—isn't just about sowing from your current harvest, but about preparing for the breakthrough that's coming.

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It's a spiritual act that positions us for the miracles ahead. And for Pastor Huch, the timing couldn't be more perfect.

His new book, *From Junkie to Jerusalem*, is a raw and hope-filled story of transformation—from heroin and cocaine addiction to meetings with world leaders [like President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu.](#)

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“God reached into that hole and pulled me out,” Huch says. And if He did it for him, He will do it for you—or someone you love. If you’re ready for a new season, check out the video and grab a copy of [From Junkie to Jerusalem](#).

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Sin Is Always Knocking, Here’s How to Say No

Kelly K has a way of [taking spiritual truths and making them hit](#) right where we live. In a recent video, he pulls out a simple prop—a door—and uses it to unpack one of the most important choices we face daily: who we’re letting into our lives.

“Sin is crouching at the door eager to control you,” he says, quoting Genesis 6:2, “but you must subdue it and make it your master.” The door, Kelly explains, only opens one way at a time. “When you open the door to allow Jesus to work in and through your life, you shut the door on the devil.” But it’s also true the other way around.

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Kelly challenges us to ask ourselves throughout the day—who have I opened the door to?

“With every word I speak, every action I make... I’m showing the world who I’ve opened the door to.”

And maybe the most encouraging part? “The devil wants in your life. [God wants in your life.](#) That means you’re pretty awesome.”

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If that message stirs something in you, go check out the full video and dive deeper with Kelly K’s brand new book, [Tough Topics](#), where he tackles 25 of the Bible’s hardest questions with honest, Bible-based answers.

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Experts Reveal the Biblical Map of Israel, and It’s Not

What You Expect

During a recent discussion with the Let Us Reason podcast, Bible scholar and archaeologist Mondo Gonzales laid out the eternal relevance of God's promise to Abraham.

This was no ordinary agreement. As Gonzales explained, [it was unilateral and everlasting.](#)

"God called him and said leave your land, leave your parents... I'm going to take you to a land that I will show you," Gonzales said, referencing Genesis 12. "He makes promises specifically to Abraham—these [are] what theologians will describe as unconditional promises."

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The land promise isn't just an Old Testament relic. Gonzales pointed out that even the apostle Paul, writing in Romans 9 and 11, affirmed that "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable," emphasizing that Israel's national rejection of Jesus did not cancel out God's covenants.

"The promises still belong to them. They have never been revoked," Gonzales said. "Rebellion in the first century—they didn't lose the promises. Rebellion currently—they still haven't lost the promises."

So what are the specifics of this divine land grant? Gonzales broke it down using the biblical and historical records:

Biblical Boundaries of the Promised Land:

- **South:** “It does not refer to the Nile River... it refers to a brook that was just south of what is modern-day Gaza Strip.”
- **North:** “The boundaries go all the way up to Tyre and Sidon in Lebanon.”
- **East:** “To the Euphrates River... but not following it all the way to Iraq.”
- **Southeast:** “When you get down towards the southeast part of the Dead Sea... anything below that is considered Edom or even into Moab.”

Despite popular maps that stretch the territory to the full length of the Euphrates, Gonzales noted, “I’ve never seen any [atlas] go and follow that all the way... to Iraq.”

Even Israel under Solomon never occupied all of this territory. Gonzales explained why: “Israel has never possessed even under Joshua and Solomon and others... every last inch of the original Promised Land... I don’t anticipate that they will enjoy those until the coming Millennial period.”

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That’s the part many overlook. [These promises aren’t about politics](#)—they’re about prophecy.

As debates rage on about the legitimacy of Israel’s modern borders, Gonzales reminds us that it’s not a matter of modern policy, but of ancient promise. “It’s a covenant that doesn’t depend on Israel doing anything good or bad,” he said. “It was a unilateral covenant.”

In the end, if you want to understand the headlines in the Middle East, you might need to go back to Genesis.

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The Great Deception Is Here, but the Church Refuses to See It

L.A. Marzulli has never shied away from controversy, especially when it comes to the supernatural, prophecy and the last days. In a recent in-studio interview at Charisma, Marzulli dove headfirst into what he calls the “coming great deception” – and according to him, it involves more than just curious lights in the sky.

“Whatever this was, was not from this earth,” said Commander David Fravor, a former F-18 pilot whose encounter with a tic-tac-shaped UFO over the Pacific was featured on Tucker Carlson Tonight in 2017. That moment, Marzulli says, was the first step on what he calls the “[ladder of disclosure](#)” – the slow, calculated release of information meant to prepare the public for something otherworldly.

But don’t call them aliens. Marzulli believes that what the government and media call extraterrestrials are actually interdimensional beings – and not the friendly kind.

“These are not extraterrestrials from Epsilon Aero Dani... These are interdimensional entities,” he said. “[Just like the angel](#)

[that pops in and sees Daniel thousands of years ago.](#)

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Marzulli ties the rise in UFO sightings to biblical prophecy and end-times events. He references passages from Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13, where Jesus warns, "Do not be deceived." Marzulli believes deception is now global, and that UFOs play a major role.

"This is what's manifesting and it's the dark side, it's Hell's Kitchen, it's the machinations of the evil one," he said. "And the church unfortunately, for the most part, is completely asleep."

For many Christians, the topic of UFOs has long been dismissed as fringe or irrelevant. But Marzulli challenges pastors and believers to take another look. He has even polled church audiences, asking how many have seen lights in the sky or experienced sleep paralysis – and according to him, more than 30% regularly raise their hands.

"I brought my pastor the Rungs of Disclosure book and he sort of patted me on my head and gave it back to me," one attendee told him. Marzulli called this response "ignorance and arrogance."

Since the Fravor interview in 2017, Marzulli has documented what he says are now 20 distinct "rungs" of disclosure. One of the most shocking came from whistleblower David Grusch in a 2023 congressional hearing. Under oath, Grusch testified that the U.S. government has recovered "nonhuman biologics" from crash sites.

Marzulli's concern is not just about flying saucers – it's about what these entities represent. He believes they are part of an ancient, spiritual agenda that dates back to Genesis 3:15, the first prophetic promise of the Messiah and a coming war between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.

“If we don't have the proper exegesis of Genesis 3:15,” he warns, “when we get to Daniel, we're going like, ‘Well, I don't know what that's talking about.’”

He also draws from 2 Kings 6, where Elisha prays for his servant's eyes to be opened, revealing an army of heavenly chariots of fire – which Marzulli believes were supernatural craft. “If you and I were there, we'd look up and we'd go, ‘Oh my gosh, UFOs.’”

Pop culture, he argues, has helped normalize the idea of extraterrestrial life. From superhero movies to ancient alien theories, Marzulli believes a form of spiritual indoctrination has taken root – [one that desensitizes people to the true nature of these phenomena.](#)

“There's been a long game that's been played by the enemy,” he said. “Our culture has basically been... there's some predictive programming that has been laid out.”

What's the endgame? Marzulli says it's full-blown deception – a spiritual trap designed to undermine faith and prepare the world for a false narrative.

“The church needs to stand up and say, ‘No, these are not extraterrestrials... these are interdimensional entities,’” he urged. “When they show up, it will change everything that we know – and do it in a nanosecond.”

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So what should believers do with this information?

Marzulli's message is simple: wake up. "UFOs are real, burgeoning, and not going away," he said. And if he's right, the church can't afford to ignore what's coming.

As more headlines emerge about government UFO hearings, whistleblowers and unexplained aerial phenomena, Christians must be discerning. Not everything is as it seems – and the enemy has long used deception to draw hearts and minds away from the truth.

Scripture calls believers to "test the spirits," and that includes the ones claiming to come from the stars. In a time of confusion and chaos, the Word of God remains the only sure foundation.

Christians, stay vigilant. Know your Bible. And be alert to the schemes of the enemy – both in the news and in the skies.

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How to Find God in the Wilderness Season

It's the season no one prays for, no one expects, and most of us try to avoid—what John and Lisa Bevere call [the "wilderness season."](#)

In a recent episode of their Conversations podcast, the couple

leaned into the topic of spiritual seasons, with a focus on the most difficult one believers often endure. “What’s the least favorite season that we as Believers experience?” John asked. “Without a doubt I would say it’s a wilderness season.”

Referencing Scripture and personal stories, the Beveres unpack how God doesn’t waste our winter seasons. “The Bible says that Jesus was led by the spirit of God into the wilderness for 40 days,” John said. It wasn’t punishment—it was preparation.

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Lisa echoed this truth with a personal account of a time when God asked her to separate from new friendships. “I was like, no, no, no, no, no, you don’t mean that,” she said. But God challenged her thinking. “You can make a choice whether this is a season of lonely or a season of alone.”

That choice—how we respond in a difficult season—is central to the Bevere message. “You can fight against the season or you can cooperate with the season,” John said. When believers resist what God is doing, the results can be devastating. “They got offended,” he said of the Israelites, “and so when you get offended your behavior is going to always be counterproductive.”

Instead, believers are encouraged to lean in, to let God do the hard work of pruning, even when it feels like loss. “The branches that bear fruit, he’ll prune,” John reminded listeners. “They didn’t do anything wrong. But they’re cut off because it’s going to produce more fruit.”

Lisa emphasized that “God is doing a new thing,” and warned that it’s always easier to do the old thing. But that’s not

the path of growth. “You don’t discover the new thing by looking at what people are saying,” she said. “You discover the new thing by getting into Scripture and seeing what God is saying.”

For anyone walking through spiritual winter, feeling isolated or stuck, their message is simple: [Don’t miss the purpose of the season.](#)

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Before closing the episode, the Beveres offered a heartfelt prayer, asking God for three specific things for their listeners:

1. That they recognize the season they are in.
2. That they recognize the season the body of Christ is in.
3. That they would know what to do in that season.

They prayed that “their behavior would line up with the will of God so that they can flourish as that springtime comes back in.”

In a time when many feel like they’re in a holding pattern, or maybe walking through spiritual frost, this podcast offers a timely reminder: God is faithful—even in the wilderness.

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