

# Sin Is Always Knocking, Here's How to Say No

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 They have never been revoked," Gonzales said.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.’”

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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## **Digital Currency or Digital Control? The Beast System Is Here**

Tom Hughes, a California-based pastor and prophecy teacher, opened his recent episode of The Tom Hughes Report with a punchline that feels more like a punch to the gut in today’s cultural climate: “How do you know if a politician is lying? The answer—their lips are moving.”

But Hughes wasn’t just talking about politicians. He was warning about something much deeper and far more dangerous: the rise of deception on a global scale—technological, spiritual and political. “It is almost impossible to tell who

is lying or what is a lie. And the deception is growing worse. In fact, it's growing much worse," Hughes said.

That's not hyperbole. It's biblical prophecy, he argues. Referencing Jesus' words in Matthew 24, Hughes reminds viewers that the very first sign Jesus gave of the end times wasn't war or famine—it was deception. "Take heed that no one deceives you," Jesus warned.

## **The Tools of the Trade**

"Deception today is marketed and mechanized," Hughes said. "Machines spew out lies by the thousands 24 hours a day." He wasn't just talking about fake news. He emphasized that with AI, even middle schoolers can now generate lewd images of classmates—lies that look so real they destroy lives. "Such AI-generated images have already spread to middle school and even elementary school campuses," he said.

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The rise of this kind of deception is what Hughes calls "the age of deception." And it's being fueled by tools that previous generations couldn't even imagine.

"All at a time when the means to create and spread lies is rising to a level previous generations could not have imagined," Hughes said.

## **The Death of Journalism**

Hughes didn't hold back when it came to the media either. "Journalism has been hijacked," he said. "Many journalists were paid just to report on the narrative they were told. They compromised the truth and facts for money."

He cited multiple examples—from the media's role in downplaying concerns about COVID vaccines and lockdowns, to

inflated claims about climate change and political manipulations during the 2024 election cycle.

“They told us repeatedly that President Joe Biden was of sound mind, sharp as a tack, too energetic for his young staff members to keep up with,” Hughes said. “Later, they turned on President Biden like hungry sharks smelling blood in the water.”

The result? American trust in media has crumbled. “Only 31% of Americans expressed a great deal or fair amount of confidence in the media to report the news fully, accurately and fairly,” Hughes said, citing a 2024 Gallup survey.



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## **The Echo Chamber Effect**

Even social media isn't safe. In fact, Hughes believes it might be the most dangerous vehicle for deception yet. “People will pick the news that fits and reinforces their already existing worldviews,” he said. “Social media surrounds you with a bubble of things you like and agree with.”

This polarization even extends into families. “If you have adult children who no longer contact you, it may be busyness or thoughtlessness. But it may also be that your adult child fell for the growing belief that most parents are toxic,” he said.

## **From Eden to the End Times**

Hughes connects today's deception back to the Garden of Eden. “‘Did God really say that?’” he quoted Satan's words to Eve. “‘You will not surely die... you will be like God.’”

That same lie, Hughes believes, is being repackaged today through promises of immortality via AI, transhumanism and

quantum computing. “You’ll be able to live forever, well, that’s a lie,” Hughes said. “But that was the lie of the devil in the Garden of Eden.”

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He tied these developments to prophecy about the Antichrist, who he says will come “with lying wonders, fake miracles.” Hughes believes that people will be deceived into thinking that technology, not Jesus, is the key to salvation. “The deceit of the Antichrist and false prophet is going to come with lying wonders... They’re not going to be real miracles, but they’re going to appear that way.”

## **Anchored in Truth**

Despite all the chaos, Hughes doesn’t leave his audience in despair. “God is still on the throne,” he declared. “He’s not surprised by the direction this world is headed. In fact, He told us about it ahead of time so that we would be prepared, not panicked.”

Quoting John 8:32, Hughes reminds viewers, “‘You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’”

And in his final plea, Hughes delivers a gospel invitation: “If you don’t know Him yet, don’t wait. Now is the time to put your trust in Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the life, just as He said, the only answer to the deception of this world.”

As the program ended, Hughes gave a familiar exhortation rooted in Titus 2:13: “Encourage one another and live with urgency, because the trumpet could sound at any moment. Maranatha, the King is coming.”

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# **If Your Kids Have Left the Church, This Might Be the Reason**

Dayne Kamela isn't just another voice in the conversation about mental health—he's a living testimony to the power of faith in the face of suffering.

"When I was 22 years old, I was diagnosed with a mental health illness that has no cure," he says.

Doctors told him he had bipolar disorder 1 and would likely need medication for the rest of his life. But rather than let that diagnosis define him, Kamela made a bold choice: "I would not speak this sickness over my life. I would not give it any more power...because my identity was in Christ."

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In a moment of prayer, everything changed. "Right then and there in that moment, I knew that I knew that I knew that I had just been healed," he recalls.

That encounter led him to write "Choose Prayer Not Despair: How to Transform Your Mental Health God's Way," a resource filled with Scripture, personal stories and tools for battling anxiety, fear and worry through faith.

“If you’re someone who battles in your mental health, I’m here to tell you that there is a way out. That through your relationship with Jesus, you can be healed and made whole and walk in freedom,” Kamela encourages.

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His story isn’t about ignoring medical advice—it’s about reclaiming identity through God’s truth. “We struggle each day to know who we are, and that’s found in God’s Word,” he says.

For anyone fighting internal battles, Kamela offers hope rooted in Christ: “That mental health challenge you’re facing does not have to be the rest of your life.”

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**Chilling Connection Between  
Google’s ‘Sycamore’ Chip and  
America’s 9/11 Prophecy—A**

# Wake-Up Call?

In his New York Times best-selling book *The Harbinger*, author Jonathan Cahn revealed a chilling parallel between ancient Israel's defiance of God and America's post-9/11 response. At the center of one of these prophetic signs—the Sixth Harbinger—stood a tree: the sycamore.

Nearly two decades after that warning, another “sycamore” emerged.

This one doesn't stand tall in the soil—it hums quietly in a lab at Google. It's the name of their groundbreaking quantum processor: Sycamore.

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The symbolic overlap between the fallen sycamore tree at Ground Zero and Google's chip bearing the same name may seem coincidental at first glance. But when viewed through a biblical and prophetic lens, this correlation is too striking to ignore.

## The Tree That Fell

In *The Harbinger*, Cahn outlines how the biblical sycamore in Isaiah 9:10—“The sycamores have been cut down”—symbolized God's judgment upon a defiant Israel. After 9/11, a literal sycamore tree was found fallen at Ground Zero, struck by debris from the collapsing North Tower.

This tree became a public symbol. It was even displayed and honored. Yet its deeper biblical message—a sign of warning, uprooting and impending judgment—was largely missed. Cahn contends that America's response echoed ancient Israel's: rebuilding with pride rather than repenting in humility.

# The Chip That Rose

Fast forward to 2019, when Google announced its Sycamore quantum chip had achieved what they called “quantum supremacy”—completing a calculation in 200 seconds that would have taken the world’s fastest supercomputer 10,000 years.

The chip marked a radical milestone in technology. Unlike traditional computing, which processes bits as 1s and 0s, quantum computers manipulate qubits, capable of being both at once. This opens the door to enormous power—potentially breaking encryption, supercharging artificial intelligence and simulating physical reality at the molecular level.

## Two Sycamores, One Warning?

One symbolizes a fall; the other, a rise. But spiritually, both sycamores may signal the same thing: a prophetic warning of uprooting, pride and judgment.

Here’s how the two compare:

<b>Element</b>	<b>The Harbinger’s Sycamore</b>	<b>Google’s Sycamore Chip</b>
<b>Meaning</b>	Uprooting of a nation under divine judgment	Uprooting of natural technological boundaries
<b>Symbolizes</b>	Judgment, warning, pride before the fall	Unchecked ambition, pride in human intelligence
<b>Spiritual Concern</b>	Ignoring God’s call to repentance	Seeking knowledge apart from God’s wisdom
<b>Potential Result</b>	Collapse of a nation if unheeded	Collapse of moral, societal, or spiritual order

## A New Tower of Babel?

Just as the Tower of Babel symbolized man's defiant reach for divinity without God, quantum computing may be today's equivalent. With it, humanity can attempt to remake biology, reality and information itself.

But at what cost?

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Quantum computing, if unchecked, could render global encryption useless, unleash AI beyond human control and upend the balance of power worldwide. The chip is named Sycamore—but is it a technological marvel, or a prophetic echo of judgment past?

Whether Google intended the name or not, the spiritual symbolism is there. Just as Cahn warned that the falling of the sycamore was a message to America to repent, the rise of Sycamore in the digital age may be a similar wake-up call.

*Will we heed it—or will we, like ancient Israel, declare, “We will rebuild,” and continue deeper into defiance?*

As believers, we must not be swept away by the promises of limitless knowledge. Scripture warns that in the last days, knowledge will increase (Dan. 12:4)—but only those rooted in truth will stand.

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# **You Won't Believe How Today's Society Lines Up with End- Times Prophecy**