

Why the End Times Matter: 4 Reasons You Can't Ignore

The Middle East stands at a boiling point once again. Iran has issued a fresh warning of “all-out war” should the United States or Israel strike its nuclear facilities. But as “The Watchman” host Erick Stakelbeck has pointed out, this time, Tehran is speaking from a position of weakness rather than strength.

Iran's once-feared ‘Ring of Fire’—the terror network surrounding Israel—has been severely weakened. Hamas, Hezbollah and other Iranian proxies have suffered devastating blows, while Israeli strikes have crippled Iran's air defenses. The regime's threats, though loud, lack the bite they once had. However, with Donald Trump back in office, Tehran knows it faces a renewed “maximum pressure” campaign, far different from the leniency it enjoyed under the previous administration.

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But Iran is not the only power maneuvering in the region. Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has reaffirmed his alliance with Hamas, welcoming its leadership to Ankara. As Stakelbeck has long warned, Erdoğan is no mere politician—he sees himself as the leader of a revived Islamic empire. His vision, rooted in the Muslim Brotherhood's ideology, is to reclaim Ottoman-era influence, with Jerusalem as a central focus.

The most troubling reality? Turkey remains a NATO member, enjoying military privileges while openly backing Hamas. Stakelbeck highlights the glaring silence from Western allies, who turn a blind eye to Turkey's radical shift. Meanwhile,

with Iran's influence in Syria fading, Erdoğan sees an opportunity to expand Turkish control in the region. Russia, despite its geopolitical rivalry with both nations, has formed an uneasy partnership with Iran and Turkey—united by their shared hostility toward Israel.

All of this aligns with a greater biblical reality. The prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and 39 describe a coalition of nations rising against Israel in the last days. Iran (Persia) and Turkey (Beth-Togarmah) are both named among them. Stakelbeck has repeatedly pointed out that the geopolitical shifts of today are setting the stage for prophetic fulfillment.

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The prophetic chessboard is being arranged. The enemy may rage, but Scripture assures that Israel will not be destroyed. These events are not random; they are part of a greater plan. The storm is rising, but the victory has already been won. The King is coming.

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Pastor Jack Hibbs Exposes a Growing Threat, And It Hits Close to Home

The Great Commission calls believers to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation” (Mark 16:15). Today’s mission field isn’t just physical—it’s digital. With younger generations disengaging from traditional religious institutions, Christians must step into their spaces. The digital realm offers a powerful tool for spreading the Word, and faith-based innovators are leading the charge.

Brock Eastman, branding director for “The Action Bible,” believes engagement requires a fresh approach. He told “The 700 Club,” “We like to think about ... bringing the Bible to life in a different way for this generation, specifically, who is involved with graphic novels. This Bible appeals to them because they like that kind of, ‘Oh, I can see the images of the story moving and there’s a narrative.’”



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Visual storytelling isn’t the only method. Arve Solli and his team at Bible X are developing “Gate Zero,” a video game immersing players in Scripture. “We’re doing this to make the next generation able to experience the Bible, and understand it, and also spend time with it,” he said. Solli emphasized, “Just as the printing press made the Bible accessible to the masses, young people, they don’t read anymore.”

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TruPlay is bringing biblical content to children through an app featuring games, comics, and videos. Founder Brent Dusing explained: "Everything we do contains God's truth. It's a faith-forward solution for families where kids are on screens 50 hours a week." His vision is bold: "Our vision is to change an entire generation right now."

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"These red heifers are red female cows that are without any blemish because as we read the Bible we see that in order for a sacrifice to be accepted it has to be without blemish. The animal has to be pure, and so even just one hair that would be white or actually probably two hairs... this cow is red—I mean, the whole way through."

For centuries, no qualifying red heifer had been found, making the prospect of rebuilding the temple seem far off. But that changed in September 2022, when five red heifers were discovered and transported to Israel.

“To have five in a row, five at one time... really stepped it up as it relates to the probability of what we’re looking at the next—you know—who knows how long?”

The Third Temple: Ready and Waiting

The red heifer is just one piece of the puzzle. Many are surprised to learn that nearly everything required for the Third Temple is already prepared.

“People can go online as well to the ... the vessels, the priests’ garments, 100% complete—I mean, everything is ready to roll. They even claim that they have the Ark of the Covenant.”

The only thing missing? Political will.

“The only piece that’s missing is this red heifer ceremony which happens on the Mount of Olives... it doesn’t even happen on the Temple Mount.”

The Temple Institute and other groups have already fabricated the implements for temple worship, including the golden menorah. Yet, rebuilding the temple remains a politically sensitive issue, with secular and religious factions within Israel holding differing views.

“Most people in Israel... it’s mostly secular. They don’t even really care about a temple... there’s actually a lot of groups in the secular part of Israel that are very hostile to the idea of a temple being built.”

Is Prophecy Being Fulfilled?

Gonzales emphasizes that whether we believe these events align with Christian prophecy or not, Jewish religious leaders are moving forward out of obedience.

“The rabbis... they’re thinking, ‘Hey, we have got to either find the ancient ashes of the red heifer... or we’re going to take matters into our own hands and create a program to try to find these red heifers.’”

For Christians who study end-times prophecy, this is a significant moment. The Bible predicts a Third Temple, and everything appears to be falling into place for it to be built and used.

“Ultimately, I’m not for making the passages figurative if it doesn’t warrant that in the text.”

In other words, the biblical references to a physical Third Temple should be taken literally—meaning its construction is not a question of “if” but “when.”

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The Bigger Picture: What This Means for Us

Gonzales also warns that while many believers are excited to see prophecy unfolding, we must be careful not to rush God’s

timing.

“The prophecy will be fulfilled... God speaks. He lays it out.”

Some have even debated whether Christians should support efforts to build the temple, given that it will play a role in the Antichrist's deception before Christ's return.

“Would you give money to the supporting of the building of the Third Temple?... There's a theological thing here, a challenge, a tension... some say absolutely, they would help see prophecy fulfilled, even though they know it is going to deceive.”

Regardless of where one stands, it's clear that the pieces are moving. The red heifers are in Israel. The temple implements are ready. The Jewish religious leaders are actively preparing. And prophecy watchers around the world are paying attention.

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A Spiritual Battle in the Physical World

Biblically speaking, none of this should come as a surprise. Ephesians 6:12 tells us plainly that “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” The events we’re witnessing, from masked strangers at our doors to the normalization of demonic imagery, are not just coincidences. They are symptoms of a greater spiritual battle playing out in real time.

Revelation speaks of a time when lawlessness and deception would increase. The apostle Paul warned Timothy that in the last days, people would become “lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy” (2 Tim. 3:2). Sound familiar? The cultural descent into chaos, the glorification of sin, the increasing hostility toward Christianity—it all points to a nation in deep spiritual distress.

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What Can We Do?

First, we must recognize that while these events are unsettling, they should not invoke fear in the hearts of believers. If anything, they should serve as a wake-up call.

Now is not the time for complacency. Now is the time for bold faith.

We can no longer afford to be silent. The spiritual decay in our society is not going to reverse itself. Parents, be vigilant about what your children are exposed to. Churches, preach the full Gospel and equip your congregations to stand firm. Individuals, deepen your prayer life and seek God's wisdom in navigating these times.

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