

Chris Reed Sounds Alarm on Drones, Encourages Prayerful Response

In a eye-opening interview with Charisma Media, Rabbi Jason Sobel delved into the ancient realm of biblical numerology, or Gematria, to reveal hidden insights into the spiritual forces at work in today's world. For those unfamiliar, Gematria is the ancient practice of assigning numerical values to Hebrew letters, uncovering hidden connections between words and concepts within Scripture. "In Hebrew," Sobel explains, "letters and numbers are interchangeable. When God speaks, what is He doing? He's coding creation."

A Mathematical Creation

Sobel opens discussing the foundational idea that God's act of creation embedded a mathematical structure into the universe. "There are no numerals in the Bible. Every Hebrew letter gets assigned a value," he says, emphasizing that this alphanumeric system reflects God's order. By speaking creation into existence, Sobel posits, God not only formed the physical world but also its underlying mathematical and spiritual framework. "When man sins, it's like a virus in the system that causes it to crash," he remarks, painting a vivid picture of sin's disruption of God's perfect design.

Ancient Strongholds and Modern Conflicts

Turning to the modern-day conflict in Gaza, Sobel connected the ongoing violence to unresolved spiritual battles from biblical times. He traced the roots of these conflicts to the Nephilim—a race of giants mentioned in Genesis. "The descendants of the Nephilim, the Anakim, were never fully

defeated,” Sobel explains. “That territorial spirit... was never conquered, was never fully removed. That spirit is still in existence today.”

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He drew a direct line between these ancient spiritual forces and the Oct. 7, attacks in Israel, attributing the violence to what he described as a “demonic Nephilim spirit.” Sobel argues that if the Israelites, under Joshua’s leadership, had fully vanquished the Nephilim in Gaza and surrounding regions, these spiritual strongholds might not persist.

The Consequences of Disobedience

Biblical history, Sobel notes, offers a cautionary tale about the cost of disobedience. He pointed to King Saul’s failure to eliminate the Amalekites, a command given by God. “Why was God so upset?” Sobel asks. “Because the Amalekites are connected to Amalek, the first person to attack Israel when they came out of Egypt.” That disobedience allowed future adversaries, like Haman in the Book of Esther, to arise and threaten genocide. “It’s the same thing,” Sobel says. “If they would have destroyed the Canaanites and especially the Anakim in the land, things would be different.”

Sobel then revealed a striking numerical connection between ancient and modern adversaries. “The sons of Anak in Hebrew... all those letters equal up to 282. Why is that important? Arab equals 282 in Hebrew,” he said. Sobel clarified that he was not labeling Palestinians as demonic but rather highlighting the spiritual forces behind terrorist groups. He linked this numerical pattern to broader biblical themes, including the “seed” of the Messiah. “Seed equals 282,” he explains, tying it to the promise in Genesis 3:15 of a Messiah who would crush the serpent’s head.

A Call to Understanding

Sobel's insights are both illuminating and essential. They highlight the interconnectedness of Scripture, history and current events, urging fellow believers to discern the spiritual realities behind worldly conflicts. Sobel emphasized that Gematria is not about deriving new theology but about gaining deeper insight into God's Word. "The connections are illustrative," he says, "and give deeper insight."

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Alan DiDio: 9 Prophetic Signs of Jesus' Return

As 2025 approaches, many are seeking clarity on their purpose and direction. In a recent YouTube teaching, pastor and author Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen Ministries laid out a seven-step guide for discerning God's will in the coming year.

1. Start with Prayer and Fasting

Savchuk emphasizes the importance of beginning the year with intentional time devoted to prayer and fasting. He says, "Call

to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know" (Jer. 33:3). He encourages participation all believers to seek clarity in their current season and humbly surrender plans to God.

2. Ground Yourself in God's Word

Quoting Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path," Savchuk urges believers to read Scripture daily. He explains that God's Word "illuminates your next step" and helps Christians recognize His voice amidst life's uncertainties.

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3. Listen to the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, according to Savchuk, is the believer's ultimate guide. "The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things" (John 14:26). Savchuk highlights the Spirit's role in providing peace, conviction and guidance to navigate both opportunities and challenges in our lives.

4. Seek Wise Counsel

"Where there is no counsel, the people perish, but in the multitude of counselors there is safety" (Prov. 11:14). Savchuk points to the importance of seeking advice from trusted mentors and spiritual leaders, whose wisdom and experience can provide invaluable perspective for decision-making.

5. Recognize Open and Closed Doors

God often directs His followers through opportunities and obstacles. Referencing Revelation 3:8, Savchuk explains, "Sometimes God's direction is revealed by circumstances He orchestrates." He advises embracing open doors with faith

while trusting God's timing for those that remain closed.

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6. Wait Patiently and Act in Faith

Balancing patience with bold action is critical, Savchuk notes. "Sometimes you have to take a step of faith, and the Jordan River splits." While waiting builds trust, taking action demonstrates faith, even in uncertain seasons.

7. Do Everything Wholeheartedly as Unto God

Savchuk concludes with a call to excellence in every task, citing Colossians 3:23: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." He explains that God blesses faithfulness, even in seasons of preparation, encouraging believers to embrace all opportunities to grow in Christ.

Savchuk's message is one of hope and active faith that we all can all benefit from. As he affirms in his closing words: "Discern God's will. Start with prayer and fasting. Begin to be grounded in God's Word. Begin to listen to the Holy Spirit... Whatever you do, do it with all of your heart, as unto God."

In 2025, let us take these lessons to heart, trusting God's guidance as we seek His purpose for our lives.

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Pope Francis Introduces Nativity Scene with Baby Jesus on Palestinian Symbol

Once again, Pope Francis finds himself at the center of controversy, angering Israeli officials and Christians worldwide with a provocative act that many view as a dangerous distortion of biblical truth.

On Saturday, the Pope attended the inauguration of a nativity scene that depicts the baby Jesus lying on a keffiyeh—a traditional Palestinian scarf symbolizing national identity and commonly worn by Hamas terrorists. The scene was presented by Palestinian officials and designed by Palestinian artists Johny Andonia and Faten Nastas Mitwasi from Bethlehem.

A Political Statement Disguised as Art

The keffiyeh-draped nativity scene, titled “Nativity of Bethlehem 2024,” is displayed in the Vatican’s Paul VI Hall, separate from the traditional nativity in St. Peter’s Square. The event was attended by Palestinian dignitaries, including Ramzi Khouri of the PLO, who praised the Pope’s “unwavering support for the Palestinian cause.” Pope Francis, in his remarks, called for peace and decried war and violence but did so without directly addressing the context of ongoing conflicts involving Israel.

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This display is more than an artistic choice—it is a political statement suggesting a revisionist narrative that frames Jesus as a Palestinian. This trope, previously invoked by Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in 2013, is deeply troubling to those who hold to the Bible’s clear

teaching that Jesus was a Jew, born of the tribe of Judah.

Unbiblical and Dangerous

The depiction of Jesus in association with Palestinian symbolism directly contradicts Scripture. The Bible leaves no doubt about Jesus' Jewish identity. Matthew 1:1 opens the New Testament by affirming Jesus as "the Son of David, the Son of Abraham." His lineage, culture and practices were unequivocally Jewish, as evidenced by His participation in Jewish feasts and His teaching in synagogues.

In John 4:22, Jesus himself declared, "Salvation is of the Jews." By linking Jesus to Palestinian identity through the keffiyeh, this nativity scene not only distorts historical and biblical truths but also fuels a narrative that undermines Israel's legitimacy and misrepresents the Christian faith's origins.

A Call for Discernment

This act by Pope Francis is not merely a cultural misstep—it is a dangerous theological error with significant implications. By allowing such a depiction, the Pope risks aligning the church with narratives that distort biblical truth to fit political agendas. This is not the first time the pontiff has stirred controversy, either. His reluctance to unequivocally condemn Hamas' atrocities and his statements on Israel's actions being potentially genocidal have already strained relations with the Jewish community.

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For Christians, this moment demands vigilance and discernment. The apostle Paul warned in Galatians 1:8, "But even if we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel to you than the

one we have preached to you, let him be accursed.” The Bible must remain the ultimate authority, and any attempt to reshape its narratives to align with worldly ideologies must be rejected.

A Call to Repentance

Pope Francis must recognize the harm caused by such actions and repent for allowing political influences to distort the church’s representation of Jesus Christ. This is a critical moment for the global Christian community to reaffirm its commitment to biblical truth and reject any attempt to reshape the Gospel message for political gain.

Christians worldwide need to pray for the Pope and all leaders in positions of influence, that they may seek wisdom from God and align their actions with Scripture. In an increasingly polarized world, we must hold fast to the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to discern truth from deception.

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The End of Damascus: Exploring Its Role in Biblical Prophecy

The ongoing turmoil in Syria has once again turned global attention toward the ancient city of Damascus, raising a sobering question for Christians: Are we witnessing the

fulfillment of biblical prophecy?

As the Syrian Civil War intensifies, reports indicate that Turkish-backed rebel forces, having already captured Aleppo and Hama, are now poised to move toward Damascus—the stronghold of President Bashar al-Assad’s regime.

The Bible has long associated Damascus with prophetic warnings. Isaiah 17:1-3 declares: “See, Damascus will cease to be a city; it will become a ruinous heap.” This prophecy foretells the city’s destruction and desolation, a stark vision that resonates as rebel forces secure towns near Damascus, such as Izraa, and gain control of significant territory in the surrounding Daraa Governorate.

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The escalating conflict has taken on an increasingly apocalyptic tone. Syrian TV reports that Druze leaders in As-Suwayda have issued ultimatums for Assad’s forces to withdraw, while the Israeli Air Force has conducted strikes on Assad’s chemical weapon facilities to prevent their seizure by rebels. Even Russia, Assad’s crucial ally, has indicated it will limit future support for the regime, leaving Damascus increasingly vulnerable.

Jeremiah 49:23-27 also prophesies doom for Damascus: “Damascus has grown feeble and turns to flee, and fear has seized her; anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor... Her young men will fall in her streets, and all the men of war will be cut off in that day, says the Lord of Hosts.” The current flight of Assad’s forces from key cities like Homs and reports of destruction echo the Bible’s prophetic words.

Rebel Forces are claiming to have secured the Town of Izraa to the South of Damascus, with the Free Syrian Army (FSA) having now captured over 75% of the Daraa Governorate in Southwestern Syria since beginning Operations less than 24

hours ago.

– OSINTdefender (@sentdefender) December 6, 2024

The looming fall of Damascus aligns with prophetic events that Christians have watched for centuries. Amos 1:3-5 warns of divine judgment against Damascus for its violence: “I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, which will devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad. I will break the gate bar of Damascus.” Could the rebel advance and the destruction of Assad’s infrastructure be part of this prophetic fire?

For Christians, these developments are a reminder of the biblical call to vigilance. Jesus warned in Matthew 24:6-8: “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled. For all these things must happen, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.” While wars and upheaval are signs of the times, they are also an invitation to spiritual preparedness.

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As the Free Syrian Army continues its advance, we as believers must consider the possibility that these events are part of God’s prophetic timeline. Luke 21:36 encourages us: “Watch therefore and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The events unfolding in Damascus are not just geopolitical; they are profoundly spiritual. Whether or not these are the precise fulfillment of prophecy, they showcase the urgency of being ready for Christ’s return. In a world filled with chaos and deception, Christians must stand firm in their faith,

guard against spiritual complacency and stay anchored in God's Word.

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