

# Alan DiDio: 9 Prophetic Signs of Jesus' Return

As believers, we are entrusted with a dual mandate—to actively fulfill the Great Commission and to remain vigilant for [the signs of Christ's return](#). Bishop Alan DiDio's recent message on the nine signs indicating we are nearing the end times reminds us of the balance Christians are called to maintain: spreading the Gospel while staying spiritually alert. The urgency to evangelize and share the hope of salvation is underscored by the prophetic markers unfolding around us.

Here are the nine end-time predictions that DiDio reveals occurred before the birth of Jesus, and may signal the end of the current age with His return:

**1. Dreams and visions.** “Joel chapter 2 says In the last days I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men will dream dreams and your young men will see visions.’ So if the first Advent was preceded by dreams and visions, it would be fair to assume especially when you read the prediction in Joel chapter 2, that the second Advent will be preceded by a swirl and an acceleration of dreams and visions,” DiDio says.

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**2. A darkness that became defensive.** “Something happened surrounding this first Advent where darkness became defensive,” DiDio reveals. “How was it manifested? The first time, interestingly enough, it was manifested as abortion. The moment word came that the Messiah would be birthed into the Earth, what did the king do? [He] began to kill children.”

**3. The baptism of the Holy Spirit.** “Jesus first appearance was

preceded by the baptism in the Holy Ghost,” DiDio explains, “...when Jesus is in His mother’s womb, and gets in the same room with another child His age, the Bible said He was baptized in the Holy Ghost, leaped in His mother’s womb.”

**4. The literal fulfillment of prophecy.** “We can see how the prophecies concerning the first Advent took place, did they happen figuratively? Or spiritually? Or allegorically? Was it symbolic? Or representative? Or did every single detail that was predicted even though it seemed absurd happen exactly as He [God] said it was going to happen,” DiDio asks.

**5. Angelic intervention.** “Angels don’t hearken to you. They hearken to the voice of the Lord our God. But when you speak God’s Word they’ll hearken to you because it’s not you talking, it’s God’s Word talking through you,” DiDio says. So speak the Word only, and when you speak the Word only, angels will begin to move.”

**6. An understanding of the heavens.** “The Magi understood what was happening by what was happening in the stars,” DiDio explains. “And haven’t you noticed that in the last few years there’s been an unusual revelation in the body of Christ concerning the stars?”

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**7. Phases of fulfillment.** “Will His [Jesus] second Advent be accomplished in phases as well?” DiDio asks. “Only a few were privy to His conception, a few more were privy to His birth, a few more were privy to His visitation when He was 12 years of age in the temple and even more at 30 years of age. Then the whole wide world. Will we see the same thing happen? Will He appear first to a remnant, snatch them away and then be revealed to the whole wide world?”

**8. Time in the house of God.** “The first appearance of Jesus

was preceded by time in church in prayer and in fasting,” DiDio shares. “Jesus’ first appearance was accomplished in a time, in a manner, that they were not expecting. Prayer, fasting, time in church and the Word prepared the remnant to receive Him.”

**9. Unexpectedness.** “Jesus is coming once again, and He’s not coming for everybody. He is coming for those who are waiting for Him. He’s coming to rescue His own and to complete [the work of redemption,](#)” DiDio warns.

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## **Vatican to Unlock 5 ‘Sacred Portals’ on Christmas Eve Ahead of Jubilee Year**

The Vatican’s announcement of [opening sacred portals](#) for the first time in 25 years has raised eyebrows and sparked intrigue. Set to coincide with the 2025 Jubilee Year, the ceremony involves the opening of five “Holy Doors” at ancient basilicas, with one “hypothetical” door at Italy’s Rebibbia prison. While the Catholic Church claims this tradition upholds a “doorway to salvation,” one can’t help but question: What exactly is the Catholic Church attempting to achieve with this elaborate ritual? And more importantly, where in the

Bible is any of this remotely supported?

According to The Daily Mail, the Holy Doors are located at some of Rome's most venerated basilicas, such as St. Peter's and St. John Lateran, and are ceremonially bricked up and unsealed only during Jubilee Years. Pope Francis, who initiated the ritual on Dec. 2, describes it as a time to focus on hope and spiritual renewal amidst global crises like war, the lingering effects of COVID-19 and climate change. He has also extended this symbolic act to prisoners, aiming to deliver a message of hope. The Jubilee Year's theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," reflects these aspirations.

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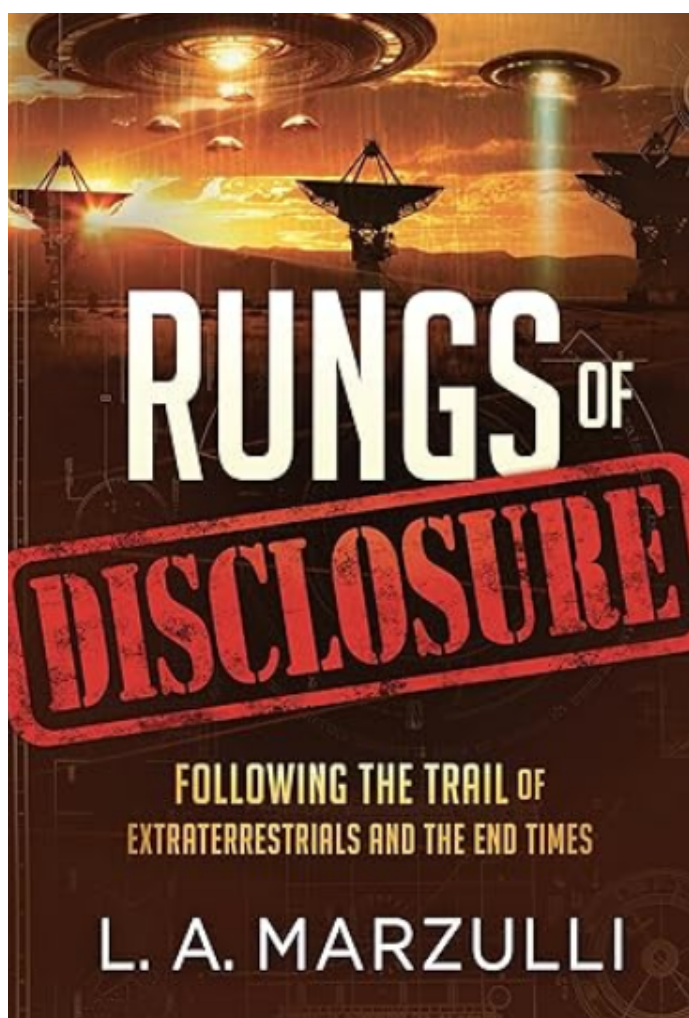
While the Pope's sentiment is admirable, the ritual itself is baffling. The "opening" of doors—requiring the removal of brick walls—is described as a "symbol of salvation," but this imagery finds no precedent in Christian Scripture. Nowhere in the Bible is there a mention of "Holy Doors" that must be ceremonially opened to signal divine grace. If anything, Jesus Christ Himself declared, "I am the door. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved" (John 10:9). This verse proves that access to salvation is found in faith in Christ, not through elaborate rituals or symbolic structures.

This glaring lack of biblical foundation raises questions about the origins of such practices. The Jubilee tradition, first Christianized by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, appears to be rooted more in medieval Catholic innovation than in scriptural truth. While proponents argue it inspires hope and encourages acts of mercy, others may see it as a distraction from the simplicity of the gospel message.

**The Portal Debate: Ritual or Something**

## More?

Adding another layer to this mystery is the broader conversation about portals—spiritual gateways between realms. Nephilim expert, author and researcher [L.A. Marzulli has long explored the concept of supernatural portals](#), particularly in the context of biblical prophecy and spiritual warfare. Marzulli points to examples like Daniel 10:13, where an angel is delayed by the “prince of Persia,” a demonic principality, as evidence of unseen battles in the heavenly realms. He warns that portals may serve as entry points for spiritual entities, both good and evil, influencing events on Earth.



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“There are gateways and portals over the Promised Land, there’s no doubt about that,” Marzulli states, emphasizing

their role in supernatural activity. He connects these phenomena to the ancient Nephilim and suggests that portals could be conduits for demonic deception in modern times. According to Marzulli, these portals are not merely the stuff of speculation but are deeply tied to end-time prophecies, where spiritual forces seek to deceive even the elect (Matt. 24:24).

Given Marzulli's warnings, could the Vatican's Holy Doors be more than symbolic? Are they inadvertently engaging in a spiritual practice they may not fully understand? The Bible warns against rituals and practices that open the door—literally or metaphorically—to spiritual forces outside God's will. If these "Holy Doors" are seen as spiritual gateways, one must ask: What, or who, might come through?

## **Where Does This Leave the Body of Christ?**

Christians should approach this development with discernment. While the Catholic Church claims these rituals encourage spiritual renewal, they risk obscuring the simplicity of the gospel. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was "once for all" (Heb. 10:10), and His Resurrection opened the ultimate "door" to eternal life. No amount of brick-removal ceremonies can add to that truth.

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Moreover, Marzulli's insights serve as a cautionary reminder that we are engaged in a spiritual battle, one that requires vigilance. Rituals like the Holy Doors may be well-intentioned, but they should not distract from the centrality of Christ's finished work or inadvertently open pathways to spiritual deception.

As we observe the unfolding of these events, let's remember

that our hope does not rest in rituals, traditions or even the opening of physical doors. It rests solely in the person and work of Jesus Christ, the true doorway to salvation. Anything else is, at best, a distraction—and at worst, a potential gateway to forces we are not called to engage.

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## **Scientists Debate Jesus' Birthdate, But His Role as Savior Stays Unchanged**

A new claim has surfaced suggesting scientists and historians [have pinpointed Jesus' birthdate](#) to sometime in the spring, around the first century B.C. Based on astronomical records and historical context, experts like Professor Lawrence Mykytiuk of Purdue University note that Jesus may have been born “before Christ” due to a 1,500-year-old clerical error. While such discoveries are intriguing, they ultimately do not shake the foundation of Christian belief.

The Bible does not specify the exact date of Jesus' birth. This omission has allowed centuries of speculation and theories, including those cited in a recent article from The Daily Mail. According to the article, scholars link Jesus' birth to the reign of King Herod the Great, who died in 4 B.C. The theory hinges on Herod's infamous order to kill all male children under two years old after hearing of the birth of the “King of the Jews.” If true, Jesus' birth likely predates

Herod's death by at least two years.

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As The Daily Mail reported, "Since the Bible is correct about the dates of other historical figures such as Pontius Pilot and emperor Augustus, it is fair to suggest that it is roughly correct about Herod."

This revelation, however, is hardly groundbreaking. Historians and theologians have long debated the timing of Jesus' birth. The traditional celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25, likely stems from early Christians adopting the date to replace pagan festivities and to emphasize Jesus as the "Light of the World" amid winter's darkness.

[Does it matter if Jesus wasn't born on Dec. 25?](#) Absolutely not. While the debate over Jesus' birthdate may fascinate historians, Christians understand that the significance of His life transcends the specific day He entered the world. The heart of the Christian faith is not anchored in a date on the calendar but in the belief that Jesus came to Earth, lived a sinless life and sacrificed Himself for the salvation of all humanity.

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As Professor Mykytiuk aptly states, "It remains a humbling fact that despite various claims, no one in modern times is really certain of the exact year of Jesus' birth." Yet, this uncertainty doesn't alter His divinity or the transformative power of His mission.

Whether Jesus was born in the spring, winter or sometime in between, His arrival split history and opened a path of salvation to our Father in heaven. We celebrate Christmas not

as an endorsement of a precise historical timeline but as a reflection of God's gift to the world.

While scientists may refine our understanding of Jesus' earthly timeline, they will never diminish the timeless truth of His identity as Savior and Redeemer.

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## **7 Ways to Recognize God's Leading in Your Life for 2025**

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 collapse of the Syrian government and the end of Bashar al-Assad's regime is not only a geopolitical turning point but a moment of profound prophetic significance. For believers who examine global events through the lens of Scripture, the situation in Syria—[and particularly in Damascus](#)—demands our attention.

## **A Biblical Perspective on Damascus**

Damascus, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, occupies a central role in biblical prophecy. Isaiah 17:1 declares, "The burden against Damascus: 'Behold,

Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap.'" This prophecy remains unfulfilled for the time being, but the unraveling of Syria's stability suggests the fulfillment may be imminent.

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Amir Tsarfati, in an op-ed for Harbinger's Daily, emphasized the prophetic weight of these events:

*"Damascus is a city that the Bible predicts will be decimated (Isaiah 17:1). Widening out from the city itself, we can also see that Syria, which has been a bitter enemy of Israel since 1948, isn't mentioned among the nations in the future war of Gog from the land of Magog described in Ezekiel 38. Ultimately, what we learn relating to the nation to Israel's north is that Damascus must fall. This will contribute to Israel being strong, safe, and prosperous. It is then that the enemy will attack from the north."*

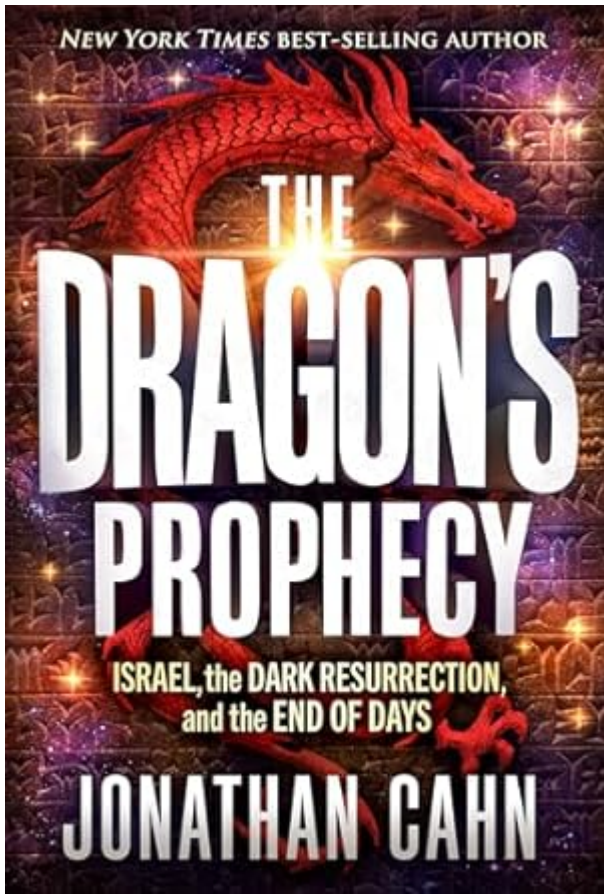
This striking insight connects Syria's fall with the eventual strengthening of Israel. According to Ezekiel 38, Israel will stand as a safe and prosperous nation before an invasion from the north led by the Gog-Magog coalition. This scenario reveals [Damascus' downfall](#) as a key piece in the prophetic puzzle.

## **The Political Landscape and Israel**

The relationship between the United States and Israel plays a critical role in shaping the fulfillment of these end-times scenarios. Tsarfati's call for a strong U.S. administration echoes sentiments shared by many Christians:

*For Israel to finally be safe and to prosper, we not only need a victory in our present wars against Hamas and Hezbollah, but we need a friendly US administration to expand*

*the peace circle and stand strong against the axis of evil. This certainly seems to be the direction we are heading.*



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The stark contrast between the Trump and Biden-Harris administrations is evident in their respective stances toward Israel. President-elect Donald Trump was celebrated for his strong support of Israel, exemplified by the Abraham Accords and the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. His administration's policies strengthened Israel's regional alliances and security, aligning with the biblical vision of Israel's prosperity.

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Conversely, the Biden-Harris administration has adopted a more

cautious approach, which some critics argue has emboldened Israel's adversaries, and this weakness may have even led to the Oct. 7 massacre by the terror group Hamas. A poll by Israel's Channel 12 revealed that 66% of Israelis preferred Trump over Kamala Harris, reflecting a strong sense of alignment with Trump's policies. This preference highlights a growing recognition within Israel of the importance of U.S. leadership in securing peace and prosperity while combatting the terror elements that would see their nation destroyed.

## **A Call for Biblical Discernment**

As these events unfold, Christians are called to exercise discernment. The prophetic texts within the Bible are not merely historical; they are our guide for navigating the complexities of the present age. The increasing deception in the world, whether through political maneuvering or spiritual disinformation, highlights the necessity of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Paul warned of the perilous times to come in 2 Timothy 3:13, stating, "But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." In light of this, we as believers must ground ourselves in Scripture, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit while remaining vigilant to the attacks of the enemy.

The collapse of Damascus, the shifting political tides and the alignment of nations all point to the urgency of understanding biblical prophecy. Now more than ever, we must prepare our hearts and minds for the days ahead, standing firm in our faith as history moves inexorably toward its God-ordained conclusion.

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# Is Bible Prophecy Coming to Pass in Damascus?

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. [pic.twitter.com/VLefG2wGOW](https://pic.twitter.com/VLefG2wGOW)*

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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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## **Don't Abandon the Field: A Prophetic Call for December**

As the calendar turns to December, a sense of expectancy fills the air.

Alwyn Uys, known for his [insightful and encouraging words](#), shared a message in a recent video that feels both timely and timeless. With a heartfelt urgency, he invites believers to prepare for a season of fulfillment. "All the years of prayer, all the years of waiting, all the years of interceding, pressing in...are coming down to a single point in

time," he proclaims.

Uys describes the formation of a funnel, its wide opening collecting the past years—2020, 2021, 2022, 2023—and channeling them into the mouth of 2025. December, he believes, is the start of this divine convergence. "It's all coming together," he explains, "and in the month of December, this is going to start unfolding."

For those weary from years of labor without visible results, Uys offers a message of encouragement: breakthroughs are on the horizon. Using the metaphor of gears stuck in place for years, he describes how they are finally beginning to move. "All the seeds that you have sown in past seasons are coming into fruition," he says, pointing to a "mighty harvest" that will begin to sprout in this pivotal season.

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But Uys doesn't shy away from addressing the discouragement many feel. Reflecting on the unseen work beneath the surface, he warns, "Don't abandon the field before the harvest. We don't necessarily see what is taking place behind the scenes, under the surface." This call to perseverance resonates deeply for those who have spent years "just watering, just sowing, just being faithful."

Uys compares God's meticulous planning to a line from The A-Team: "I love it when a plan comes together." He reminds us that God has been orchestrating every detail behind the scenes, even when it seemed nothing was happening. "Keep on trusting in the plans of the Lord," he urges, "because there is about to be a harvest."

In a biblical parallel, Uys turns to the story of Job. "Do you want to run the universe?" God asked Job, highlighting the grandeur of His work behind the scenes. This rhetorical question brought Job to a place of surrender. As Uys recounts,

“Job comes to this moment of realization where he’s saying, ‘God, I’m sorry. You’ve been in control all along, and I submit to Your plans.’”

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This December, Uys encourages believers to take a similar posture of trust and submission. “You will see the fruit..you will see where God was busy behind the scenes, meticulously busy,” he says. The months ahead promise to bring clarity, revealing how God’s goodness has been woven into every trial and triumph.

The message ends with a rallying cry that December is not just the final month of the year but a divine turning point, a prelude to a season where “everything is going to start making sense.”

In a world where it’s easy to grow weary, this word from Alwyn Uys is a reminder that God’s timing is perfect. As we move into December and beyond, [we must hold fast to the promises of God.](#) The harvest is near. Now we need to trust the process and remain steadfast in faith.

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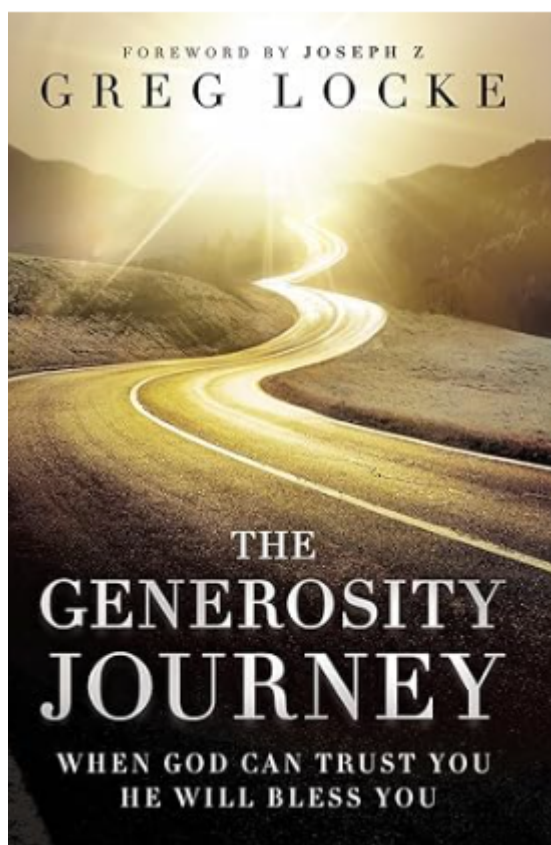
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# Drive-By Shooting at Pastor Greg Locke's Home

The quiet community of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, was shaken on Tuesday, Sept. 3, as news broke of a drive-by shooting [targeting the home of Pastor Greg Locke.](#)

Now, a suspect in the shooting has been arrested, Tyler Poole, 20, of Hermitage, Tennessee.

Poole faces serious charges, including one count of aggravated assault, four counts of reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon, and two counts of vandalism. While no injuries were reported when the incident took place, Locke revealed one of his children was in the house at the time of the shooting.



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As reported by ChurchLeaders, “The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office announced the arrest on social media, writing:

*On Dec. 4, 2024, detectives with the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division, with assistance from the Metro Nashville Police Department, executed a search warrant at 8234B Terry Lane, Hermitage, TN, in reference to the shooting that occurred on Sept. 3, 2024.*

*During the execution of the search warrant, 20-year-old Tyler Poole, of Hermitage, TN, was taken into custody on an outstanding indictment. His charges include: Aggravated Assault, four counts of Reckless Endangerment with a Deadly Weapon, and two counts of Vandalism, all stemming from the shooting.*

*Poole is currently being held at the Wilson County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.*

*The investigation is ongoing, and the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office, along with other local and federal law enforcement agencies, are working together to ensure its completion.*

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As Charisma News reported, [Locke posted about the incident](#) in the early morning hours of Sept. 4 after his family returned home and found they had been targeted in the attack.

*It’s 2:00am and for the last 3 hours our home has been a full blown crime scene. According to the security cam footage, we pulled into our driveway exactly ONE MINUTE after a madman unloaded an entire magazine of bullets from an automatic weapon into our house, garage and my truck. The sound on the*

*video is truly horrific. Detectives will still be here for a good while tonight. Only one of our kids was home and thank God not in the same area of the house. As you can see in the last pics, one of the bullets cut through the headboard of our youngest daughter's bed and lodged in her pillow. We are all being security escorted to a hotel tonight. We have no further details. The only detail that matters is that Psalm 91 is true and GOD PROTECTED US IN UNIMAGINABLE AND SUPERNATURAL WAYS. Please pray for the Locke family tonight. We love all of you.*

Law enforcement officials in Mt. Juliet continue to investigate the motives behind the attack, urging the public to come forward with any additional information. Meanwhile, Pastor Locke and his community have called for prayers and support, emphasizing forgiveness and resilience in the aftermath of the shooting.

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## **How the 'Immaculate Constellation' Fuels End Times Great Deception**

In a recent video, researcher, author and speaker [L.A. Marzulli](#) warns Christians about the "coming great deception," urging believers to stay vigilant against the spiritual and

prophetic implications of unfolding events.

Marzulli's commentary weaves together the rising prominence of UFO phenomena, prophetic biblical narratives and the deceptive tactics of Satan. His warnings are a wake-up call for the body of Christ to remain grounded in biblical truth and prepare for the return of Jesus.

## **The “Immaculate Constellation” and Its Implications**

Marzulli delves into the term “Immaculate Constellation,” linked to a Pentagon crash retrieval program. He explains how this name, evoking the Virgin birth of Jesus, may not be accidental. “Make no mistake, that’s where they’re going—a non-human origin story,” Marzulli says, warning that such narratives are designed to shift humanity’s focus away from God and toward extraterrestrial entities as creators.

This deception aligns with what Marzulli sees as the enemy’s ultimate plan: a one-world religious system and government foretold in Scripture. “How do you get a one-world religious system and a one-world global government that the Bible plainly speaks of? ET shows up—all bets are off,” he cautions.

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Groups like the Vatican’s interest in extraterrestrial life raises questions about its motivations, blending theology with a surprising degree of scientific inquiry. Through its observatory, Jesuit astronomers have explored the cosmos while Vatican officials, like Father José Gabriel Funes, have framed potential alien discoveries as consistent with Catholic doctrine.

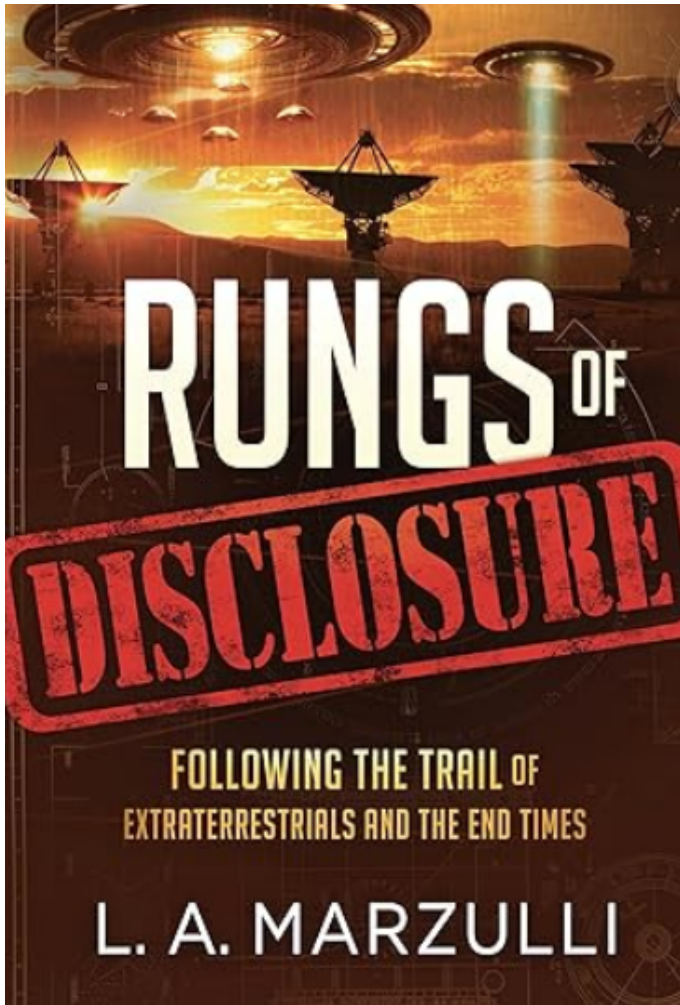
So it begs the question, if extraterrestrials are brought forward as the creators of mankind, contradicting the Bible

and God's role in creation, which side of the aisle will large religious organizations like the Catholic church stand on?

## **The Danger of Neo-Darwinism and the False Narrative**

Marzulli critiques Neo-Darwinist paradigms, particularly their inability to account for the complexity of DNA. "This was created—this is intelligent design," he asserts. As a Bible-believing Christian, he points to John 1:3: "All things were created by Him, and without Him nothing was created that was created."

Marzulli warns that proponents of alien origins seek to [undermine biblical truths](#) by presenting extraterrestrial beings as humanity's progenitors. He ties this deception to the prophetic framework outlined in 2 Thessalonians 2:11: "Therefore God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe the lie."



[Order L.A. Marzulli's book "The Rungs of Disclosure" on Amazon.com!](#)

## **The Deceptive Narrative of the Fallen Ones**

Drawing from decades of research, Marzulli underscores that UFOs are not extraterrestrial but interdimensional, demonic entities with a dark agenda. "The dragon, the Fallen One, will come with all signs and lying wonders," he explains, citing biblical prophecies of end-time deception.

Marzulli ties this to the days of Noah, when humanity faced spiritual corruption. "It'll be like the days of Noah—[the] seed war," he says, emphasizing that the enemy's strategy involves a direct assault on humanity's spiritual and physical existence.

# Prophetic Connections and Israel's Role

Marzulli links these deceptions to global events, including the Middle East conflict and Israel's prophetic significance. He references claims by Israeli psychic Uri Geller that UFOs aim to help Israel achieve peace and rebuild the Third Temple. According to Marzulli, such narratives are part of Satan's strategy to distract and deceive.

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## Be Ready: Guarding Against Deception

Marzulli's message is a clarion call for Christians to stay rooted in Scripture and vigilant against the lies of the enemy. Ephesians 6:11 reminds us to "put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." Similarly, Matthew 24:44 exhorts believers: "Therefore you must be ready, for in an hour when you least expect, the Son of Man is coming."

As Marzulli concludes, "I've been banging this drum for 30 years. The truth is here [in the Bible]." His warnings teach us that spiritual readiness is not optional but essential. By grounding ourselves in God's Word and staying watchful, using biblical discernment, we can resist the Great Deception of the Fallen One and prepare for the glorious return of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In a world increasingly drawn to the spectacular and the mysterious, Christians must hold fast to the truth of the Gospel. The enemy's tactics are cunning, but God's Word is unchanging. We must guard our hearts, stay anchored in the faith and eagerly await the return of the One who holds all things together.

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