

Is Bible Prophecy Coming to Pass in Damascus?

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 is 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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Arrest Made in Connection to 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.

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

Tattoos have long been a subject of debate within Christian circles, with perspectives ranging from total condemnation to cautious acceptance. In a recent episode of the Demon Slayer podcast, featuring Christian leaders Mike Signorelli, Vlad Savchuk, Isaiah Saldivar and Alexander Pagani, the hosts tackled the divisive topic with an eye toward Scripture, personal conviction and pastoral responsibility.

Diverse Views on Tattoos

The podcast opens with Signorelli sharing his personal journey with tattoos, emphasizing that while he doesn't see tattoos as inherently sinful, their implications require discernment.

"I have a sleeve of tattoos," Signorelli admitted. "It was another season of my life when I got them, comes down to a wisdom issue." He explained that tattoos could have cultural or spiritual baggage, such as connections to pagan practices or even grief rituals that "trap you in a cycle of grief."

Similarly, Saldivar reflected on his personal conviction against tattoos, which he attributes to a direct prompting from God. "The Lord told me if you get tattoos and one person won't listen to you because of your tattoos, I don't want you to get them," he says, stressing that while tattoos aren't explicitly condemned in the New Testament, they can hinder ministry.

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For Pagani, the issue lies in pastoral responsibility. “I think we might be held to a higher level of discipline,” he said. “So even if I could get a tattoo, I won’t get a tattoo simply because of it could give the wrong message to those who are following me,” noting that a leader’s choices often influence those they shepherd. Signorelli agreed with Pagani’s warning to leaders using tattoos as a way to appear relatable, calling it “peacocking” and emphasizing the importance of authenticity over outward appearances.

Vlad Savchuk’s Six Questions on Tattoos

Savchuk took a pragmatic approach, offering six questions for anyone considering a tattoo:

1. **Motive:** “Are you doing it to rebel against your parents or follow a trend?”
2. **Modesty:** “Are we directing people’s thoughts toward God or drawing attention to ourselves?”
3. **Marketability:** “Some places won’t hire you if you have a tattoo you can’t hide.”
4. **Message:** “What kind of message are we sending through this tattoo? Is it a gospel message or something else?”
5. **Money:** “Is this the best use of our money? Tattoo removal is more expensive and painful than getting one.”
6. **Medical Concerns:** “Tattoo parlors aren’t medical clinics. You’re exposing your blood to unknown bacteria, and it could lead to infections or diseases like hepatitis.”

These questions, Savchuk explained, aren’t meant to be legalistic but rather to encourage thoughtful reflection.



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Tattoos and the Christian Life

The hosts agreed on one key point: tattoos should not be a source of shame for Christians who have them. Signorelli, who often preaches in long sleeves to avoid controversy, said, “Please don’t believe that you have to walk into church with your head down can’t increase the power of the Gospel by not having tattoos, but I also can’t increase the power of the Gospel by having tattoos.”

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Saldivar echoed this sentiment, urging listeners to avoid judgment. “Tattoos might not be a sin, but because I’m convicted that they are for me said if you’re convicted about something and think it’s sin, it becomes sin for you.”

A Call for Wisdom and Grace

The Demon Slayer podcast highlights the complexity of the tattoo debate within Christianity. While some view tattoos as a potential stumbling block, others see them as a non-essential issue. Regardless of where one stands, the speakers emphasized wisdom, personal conviction, and grace.

For Christians contemplating a tattoo, ensure that you pray about it, seek God’s guidance and consider the implications. And for those who already have tattoos—perhaps as a relic of a different chapter in life—there is no place for condemnation. People grow, change and often regret decisions made in the past. As the hosts demonstrated, the Christian community is called to extend love and understanding, focusing on the heart rather than outward appearances.

In the end, tattoos are just one of many choices where faith and culture intersect. And as with all things, discernment and

grace remain paramount.

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Tsunami Warning Issued After Major Earthquake Strikes Off California Coast

A tsunami warning has been issued for approximately 300 miles of coastline along northern California and parts of Oregon following a powerful earthquake off the coast of California. Experts estimate its strength to be between 7.0 and 7.3, raising significant concerns about potential waves threatening the area.

The San Francisco Fire Department has urged residents to move to safety, advising that individuals seek higher ground—at least 100 feet above sea level—or move one mile inland. “You are in danger. Get away from coastal waters. Move to high ground or inland now,” the emergency alert stated, emphasizing the urgency of the situation. Residents are being asked to avoid the ocean and evacuate low-lying areas immediately.

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Emergency Tsunami Warning Issued In Northern California

“You are in danger.”

Authorities are closely monitoring the situation as they prepare for any potential impact. Meanwhile, officials urge everyone in the affected zones to stay tuned to updates and follow evacuation orders promptly.

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In light of this developing emergency, let us come together in prayer for the safety and protection of all those in harm's way. May the first responders, emergency teams, and residents find strength and shelter as they navigate this crisis.

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The Bible's 9 Rapture-Type Events Explained by Rick Renner

In a world increasingly fascinated by the unexplained, the supernatural and the bizarre, Tony Merkel's recent interview with Charisma Media offers a unique lens through which to explore age-old mysteries. With topics ranging from Bigfoot to Nephilim, Merkel unpacked theories that challenge conventional

thinking, raising questions about what lies beneath the surface of our modern, rational worldview.

“There are people who believe that their bloodline comes from Nephilim,” Merkel states. He referenced the Rh-negative blood type, found in about 15% of the global population, noting that “90% of those people tend to have paranormal encounters.” Is there a connection between ancient accounts of the Nephilim and modern-day experiences of the supernatural? Merkel, and many others who study the matter such as L.A. Marzulli, certainly think so.

Merkel’s curiosity about the Nephilim began in 2017 when he encountered the work of Gary Wayne, an author who connects biblical history to accounts of giants and supernatural beings. “I never was taught about Nephilim in church,” Merkel admits. “I went into Bible College and never heard about it ... and it wasn’t until I started looking at Enoch that things started clicking in my head.”

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Merkel also explored the possibility of lingering traits of Nephilim ancestry in certain individuals today. Reflecting on DNA and physical anomalies, he shared: “I have a brother and sister who are twins ... one looks like a white girl with blonde hair, and her twin brother is darker than me. Could it be that some people have characteristics and traits of their supernatural fathers of long ago, while others don’t? Maybe I lack the proper scientific understanding, but it makes you think.” He connected this to reports of individuals with extra teeth, six toes or even supernatural experiences that could point to ancient origins.

The book of Enoch, though not part of the canonical Bible, has intrigued many over the years for its references to fallen angels and their hybrid offspring. Merkel noted that “there

are parts of Enoch that are actually quoted in the New Testament,” which he says led him to take its accounts more seriously. The book describes not only the corruption of humanity but also of animals and plants—a comprehensive defilement of God’s creation.



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The interview took a fascinating turn when Merkel discussed paranormal phenomena, such as Sasquatch sightings and encounters with beings like the so-called “Catman.” Merkel shared a story from Southeast Ohio about a woman who claimed to have seen a black panther transform into a humanoid figure. “She thinks this might have been a demonic entity ... it disappeared into a black mist,” he says, highlighting how the supernatural often defies logical explanation.

Connecting these accounts to Scripture, Merkel pointed out that Nephilim are mentioned post-flood in Numbers 13:33, when the spies of Israel, of which Joshua and Caleb were among the number, report seeing giants in Canaan. This raises the question of how these beings could have survived or reappeared after the flood. Merkel speculates: “Could they have gone into other realms during the flood? Or could there have been a remnant that survived in a supernatural way?”

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The stories Merkel shared are undeniably intriguing, even compelling in their scope. But they also prompt a deeper question: how do we, as finite beings, discern truth amidst the supernatural? Merkel himself acknowledged the challenges of sifting through accounts that blend historical, spiritual and mythical elements.

When confronted with ideas that challenge our understanding, turning to Scripture is essential. The Bible provides a clear foundation, urging believers to seek God's wisdom in times of uncertainty. James 1:5 reminds us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally and without criticism, and it will be given to him."

In a world filled with both wonder and deception, God's Word remains a steady guide. Whether exploring ancient mysteries or navigating modern challenges, seeking His wisdom and discernment is the surest way to avoid confusion and find clarity in the truth.

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Pastor Confronts Axe-Wielding Intruder in Thanksgiving Church Break-In

Attacks and break-ins at churches across the United States have surged in recent years, reflecting a troubling trend of hostility toward Christian institutions. Vandalism, theft and violent incidents have risen sharply, often driven by spiritual forces and diminishing respect for houses of worship. In early 2023, nearly 70 incidents were reported in just three months, underscoring the vulnerability of these sacred spaces and the challenges faced by communities trying to protect them.

This growing trend culminated in a dangerous encounter on Thanksgiving morning when an axe-wielding burglar attempted to break into the First Family Church in Antioch, California.

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Pastor Nick Neves responded to the church's alarm system and encountered the suspect smashing windows with an axe. Using his martial arts training, Neves subdued the intruder in a physical altercation in the parking lot, ensuring the safety of the property until police arrived, as reported by News Nation and The Christian Post.

"I shouted at him to stop, and that police were on their way, and he ran and I grabbed a hold of him, and we ended up wrestling in the parking lot of the church," Neves recalled, according to NBC News.

"I was able to pin him to the ground, and he got up and tried to get away several times, but basically just trying to wear him out because I knew I could outlast him. It was very helpful to be able to grapple with this gentleman without having to do much harm to him," he added.

The Antioch Police Department backed up Neves' account of the matter, and lauded his handling of the situation on Facebook:

BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ARE AS BOLD AS A LION.

When the pastor at First Family Church on Contra Loma responded to check an alarm in the early hours of Thanksgiving he was not expecting to confront a burglar, but that's what happened. When the burglar saw his wicked deeds had been discovered he decided to fight with the pastor instead of repent. What he did not know was the pastor would win this battle of good and evil and he held down the perp until APD arrived and placed the man in custody. We are thankful today that the pastor was uninjured during this incident and hopeful that with amazing community members like

we have been highlighting lately, we can turn the tide on crime in our city. (The axe in the photo was used to break a window on the church which is how the burglar entered.)