

# Christians Under Attack: Nearly 100 Children and Teachers Kidnapped in Jihadist Terror Raids

Nearly 100 people, many of them children and teachers, were abducted in two separate attacks in Nigeria over the weekend, intensifying fears over ongoing jihadist violence and growing insecurity across the nation.

As reported by Breitbart, the kidnappings occurred in Borno State and Oyo State, with at least 87 people reported missing following the coordinated assaults.

Breitbart, citing Nigerian newspaper Vanguard, reported: "Suspected gunmen abducted 45 students and teachers from Baptist Nursery and Primary School, Yawota, Community Grammar School, and L.A. Primary School in Esiele, in Oriire Local Government Area of Oyo State on Friday."

The report added: "Similarly, within the same period, Boko Haram terrorists attacked Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School in Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State, abducting 42 students."

Authorities believe the Borno attack was carried out by Boko Haram or Islamic State West Africa Province, both of which have terrorized northern Nigeria for years.



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Eyewitnesses described armed men on motorcycles storming schools and fleeing with children while using them as "human shields" to prevent security forces from firing on them.

Families of the kidnapped children say they remain desperate for answers.

“We are deeply disturbed by the continued silence from the abductors. Nobody has contacted us or explained the reason for the abduction. The silence is tormenting us,” Muhammad Saleh, the parent of one of the missing children, told Daily Trust, according to Breitbart.

In Oyo state, a disturbing hostage video surfaced showing school principal Rachael Alamu pleading for help.

“Today, I am making this video to ask for help from everyone, starting from the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Oyo State Government, Engineer Seyi Makinde, the Christian Association of Nigeria, and all well-meaning Nigerians,” Alamu said in the video. “That they should come to our help and settle this thing peacefully so that our lives will not be lost.”

The violence escalated further when another video reportedly showed the beheading of teacher Michael Oyedokun. Seyi Makinde confirmed the killing on Monday.

The attacks have renewed concerns over the persecution of Christians and the worsening security crisis facing Nigeria. Many parents across northern regions reportedly have stopped sending their children to school out of fear of additional kidnappings.

We must continue to lift the persecuted church in Nigeria in prayer. We pray for the safe return of those abducted, comfort for grieving families and protection for Christians facing relentless violence and terror.

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## **Google Earth Discovery Near Area 51 Ignites Another UFO and Disclosure Debate**

A mysterious circular structure discovered near Area 51 is once again fueling online speculation about UFOs, aliens and government secrets. But as the internet races toward "disclosure" theories, we as Christians should recognize something important: none of this changes the truth of God's Word. If anything, it confirms the deception Scripture warned us about long ago.

As reported by the Daily Mail, the formation was spotted on Google Earth roughly four miles northeast of Area 51 in the Nevada desert. The site "appears as a large, nearly perfect circle carved into the barren Nevada desert," with "a smaller raised structure or mound" sitting at the center.



Google Earth

The article also noted that "a narrow dirt road leads directly to the circular clearing before abruptly ending at the structure," helping spark theories online that the site could be an "alien crash site" or secret UFO landing zone.



Google Earth

Others pointed to a far more realistic explanation. The Daily

Mail reported that “these kinds of targets were commonly used during Cold War-era weapons testing and pilot training exercises across the Nevada desert.”

Still, the image exploded across social media as many rushed to connect it to growing conversations surrounding UFO disclosure and extraterrestrial life.

That conversation is only getting louder.

But disclosure does not rewrite Scripture. Jesus already warned us deception would increase in the last days. The Bible tells us clearly that signs, wonders and powerful delusions would emerge to mislead many people.



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That does not mean every strange image online is proof of aliens or secret experiments. Some people see what they want to see. Others intentionally push narratives designed to confuse and deceive.

That is why discernment matters so deeply right now.

We are called to test everything carefully and remain grounded in God's Word instead of being swept away by every viral theory and sensational headline. No mysterious structure in the desert changes the Gospel. Jesus is still King, truth still matters and Scripture remains our foundation no matter how strange the world becomes.

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# Alabama Boy's Faith-Filled Cancer Battle Captures Hearts Across America

An Alabama teenager battling a devastating form of cancer is inspiring thousands across the country after a secret video plea to President Donald Trump went viral and helped him gain access to an experimental treatment many believed was out of reach.

Fifteen-year-old Will Roberts has spent the past 16 months fighting stage 4 osteosarcoma, a rare and aggressive bone cancer that spread throughout his body and ultimately led to the amputation of his leg, according to Fox News Digital.

In April, after enduring multiple surgeries and unsuccessful conventional treatments, Will quietly recorded a heartfelt message on his mother's Facebook account without her knowledge.

"Hey, this is Will and my mom doesn't know I'm doing this," he said in the now-viral video. "Yall pls share this my mom might be mad but at this point I'm trying to help her in any way I can right now. I need this to reach President Donald Trump or secretary Robert F. Kennedy Junior."

The emotional plea touched hearts nationwide.

According to Fox News Digital, the video quickly spread online, raising more than \$700,000 through GoFundMe and capturing the attention of President Trump, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Mehmet Oz.

Trump later sent the Roberts family a personal video message expressing support for Will and his fight. Kennedy and Oz also reportedly helped coordinate access to DeltaRex-G, an experimental gene therapy treatment still facing regulatory hurdles in the United States.

Why are there so many Christian denominations? Do the differences between Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Catholics and Orthodox churches actually matter? Those were the questions tackled by Pastor Josh Howerton and fellow pastors Carlos Erazo and Paul Cunningham during a recent episode of the “Live Free” podcast.

The discussion moved quickly through church history, doctrine, church governance and theological disagreements while repeatedly emphasizing one core belief shared by Christians across denominational lines: Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died and rose again.

Using the analogy of “continents, nations and states,” the pastors argued that Protestants, Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox believers all exist on the same broad “continent” of Christianity because they affirm the historic creeds surrounding Jesus Christ.

At the same time, the hosts stressed that denominations exist because Christians have long disagreed on important secondary doctrines and church practices.

To help listeners understand those distinctions, they laid out five major categories that separate denominations from one another.

## **5 Major Categories That Separate**

# **Christian Denominations**

## **1. Authority**

One of the biggest denominational questions centers on authority: Who or what governs the church? Protestants generally believe Scripture alone is the final authority, while Catholics place church tradition and papal authority alongside Scripture. Episcopalian, Anglican and Orthodox churches also place greater emphasis on historic tradition and church leadership structures.

## **2. Salvation**

Different denominations also approach salvation differently. While most Christian groups affirm salvation through Jesus Christ, disagreements arise over issues such as baptismal regeneration, predestination, free will, eternal security and whether salvation can be lost.

## **3. Sacraments and Ordinances**

Churches differ sharply on baptism and communion. Baptists typically view communion as symbolic and practice believer's baptism only, while Catholics and Lutherans believe Christ is truly present in communion in different ways. Catholics, Orthodox and many Presbyterians also practice infant baptism.

## **4. Church Government**

Another dividing line is how churches are governed. Baptist churches emphasize local church autonomy, Presbyterians are elder-led, while Episcopal and Anglican churches operate under bishops who oversee groups of churches.

## 5. Distinct Beliefs and Characteristics

Certain denominations also develop around unique theological emphases or spiritual practices. Pentecostals emphasize spiritual gifts, healing and speaking in tongues, while Methodists historically focused heavily on sanctification and holy living. Presbyterians emphasize God's sovereignty and covenant theology.



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## What Sets These Christian Denominations Apart?

- Baptists
  - Emerged from the English separatist and Puritan movements in the 1600s.
  - Strongly emphasize "Scripture alone" as the church's highest authority.
  - Believe in local church autonomy rather than outside denominational control.
  - Practice believer's baptism by immersion only.
  - Typically hold a symbolic view of communion.
  - Tend to favor "low church" worship styles focused on preaching rather than liturgy.
  
- Episcopalian and Anglican Churches
  - Developed from the Church of England.
  - Governed through bishops rather than autonomous churches.
  - Blend Protestant theology with highly liturgical worship styles similar to Catholicism.
  - Emphasize Scripture, tradition and reason together.

- Practice infant baptism.
  
- Methodists
  - Began as a revival movement under John and Charles Wesley in the 1700s.
  - Focus heavily on sanctification and holy living.
  - Historically emphasized structured discipleship and spiritual accountability.
  - Tend to emphasize free will more strongly than Reformed traditions.
  - Some holiness branches teach the doctrine of “Christian perfection.”
  
- Pentecostal and Charismatic Churches
  - Grew out of the holiness movement and the Azusa Street Revival.
  - Emphasize the ongoing work and power of the Holy Spirit.
  - Commonly teach spirit baptism as a separate experience after salvation.
  - Place strong emphasis on healing, miracles and speaking in tongues.
  - Were described by the hosts as the fastest-growing movement in church history.
  
- Lutherans
  - Trace their roots to Protestant Reformer Martin Luther.
  - Strongly emphasize salvation by grace through faith.
  - Distinguish between “law” and “gospel” theology.
  - Practice infant baptism.
  - Believe Christ is truly present in communion.
  
- Presbyterians and Reformed Churches

- Influenced heavily by John Calvin and Scottish Presbyterianism.
  - Govern churches through groups of elders and larger governing presbyteries.
  - Emphasize God's sovereignty and predestination.
  - Strongly focus on covenant theology.
- Roman Catholics
    - Believe church tradition and papal authority function alongside Scripture.
    - Teach that sacraments mediate God's grace.
    - Believe communion becomes Christ's literal body and blood.
    - Practice veneration of Mary and the saints.
    - Teach purgatory as a place of purification before entering heaven.
- Eastern Orthodox Churches
    - Split from Roman Catholicism roughly 1,000 years ago.
    - Place strong emphasis on mystery, liturgy and spiritual union with God.
    - Teach "theosis," or growing into deeper union with God.

The podcast continued with a defense of denominations themselves. Rather than viewing denominations as proof Christianity is hopelessly divided, the hosts argued denominations can actually preserve unity by allowing believers with differing secondary convictions to worship separately while remaining united around the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"How do you keep people with strong differences of opinion moving in the same direction and towards the same mission?"

Howerton asked. “What you do is you create little sub-state boundaries.”

The hosts stressed that Christians should divide over core Gospel truths, but not over every secondary disagreement. They closed the episode with a prayer celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the central hope shared by believers across denominational lines.

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## **Jentezen Franklin: Joni Lamb Faced Criticism, Brokenness and Never Quit Preaching Jesus**

Many Christians pray, fast and read the Bible faithfully but still struggle to see spiritual breakthrough in their lives, according to John Ramirez, who recently delivered a passionate message calling believers to leave behind spiritual compromise and fully pursue God’s purpose.

“Don’t settle for mediocre Christianity,” Ramirez said. “I want to have Christianity with purpose because God is a God of

purpose. God is a God of order.”

Ramirez challenged believers to stop drifting spiritually and begin examining what may be hindering their growth. He warned that routines and religious activity alone cannot replace surrender and obedience to God.

“A lot of Christians pray, no victory. A lot of Christians fast, no victory. A lot of Christians read the Word, no victory,” he said. “You can fast all you want. You can pray all you want. You can read your Bible all you want. But if you don’t cut away the things that need to be cut away, you’ll never see the full victory God has for you.”

Throughout the message, Ramirez repeatedly emphasized one central theme.

“Something has to die in order for you to move forward,” he said. “Something has to be buried in order for you to take ground off the enemy and reach your promised land.”

Ramirez pointed to the Israelites wandering in the wilderness for 40 years as an example of how complaining, unbelief and spiritual resistance can delay God’s promises.

“The complainers, the murmurers, all these situations had to die in the desert in order for the right people to go into the promised land,” he said. “Because in order to move forward, things in your life have to die.”



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He urged Christians to honestly examine their hearts and identify attitudes, habits and relationships that may be standing in the way of spiritual growth.

“Is it gossiping? Are you murmuring? Are you complaining? Are

you doubting God? Are you questioning God? What needs to die?" Ramirez asked.

He also warned believers not to become distracted by online arguments, controversy and Christian gossip culture.

"Fight the fights that matter in your life that's taking you to your purpose, your destiny," he said. "Don't follow these idiots that are doing that. They built their platform on gossip. God hates gossip."

Instead, Ramirez encouraged Christians to pursue holiness, spiritual maturity and intimacy with the Holy Spirit.

"You will learn to fight if you hear the voice of God," he said. "Learn God's voice."

Ramirez described what he called a "spiritual circumcision," asking God to remove old ways of thinking and spiritual hindrances.

"Lord, cut away everything that's bringing hindering, delay and blockages that's stopping me from my promised land to move forward to my victory," he prayed during the teaching.

He also reminded believers that God still fights for His people.

"The Lord of Hosts is with us," Ramirez said. "God who fights on behalf of those who are His own."

His message echoes the biblical call found throughout Scripture to lay aside sin, renew our minds and walk fully in obedience to Christ. Hebrews 12 urges us to "lay aside every weight" that slows us down, while Ephesians 4 calls believers to "put off" the old self and walk in righteousness and holiness.

As Christians, we cannot carry spiritual compromise into the new things God desires to do in our lives. The Holy Spirit

continues to refine us, strengthen us and lead us forward so we can walk in freedom, victory and deeper intimacy with Christ.

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## **Marco Rubio Stands With Cuba Against Communism in Fiery Independence Day Address**

Secretary of State Marco Rubio delivered a bold and deeply personal message to the Cuban people on Cuba's Independence Day, standing firmly in solidarity with those suffering under decades of communist oppression while declaring that the United States is ready to help Cuba move toward freedom.

Speaking entirely in Spanish, Rubio addressed Cubans directly rather than speaking through diplomatic channels, a move widely seen as a powerful sign of support for the people of the island and a direct challenge to the communist regime that has ruled Cuba for generations.

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– Secretary Marco Rubio (@SecRubio) May 20, 2026

Rubio made clear that Cuba's suffering is not the fault of ordinary citizens, but of a corrupt communist system that has drained the nation while enriching the ruling elite.

"The reason you are forced to survive without electricity is not an oil blockade by America...no electricity, fuel, or food is because the people who control it have plundered billions of dollars, but nothing has been used to help the people," Rubio declared.

He specifically condemned GAESA, the military-run economic empire tied to the Castro regime that reportedly controls much of Cuba's tourism, banking and infrastructure. Rubio painted a stark contrast between communist officials living comfortably while Cuban families endure blackouts, shortages and economic collapse.

But Rubio's message was not only a condemnation of communism. It was also an open declaration of hope for the Cuban people and a promise that America stands with those longing for liberty.

"If owning your own business and having the right to vote is possible around Cuba, why is it not possible for you inside Cuba? In the United States, we are ready to open a new chapter in the relationship between our people and our countries! And right now, the only thing that gets in the way of a better future is those who control their country," Rubio said.



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Reports indicate the Trump administration is preparing a \$100 million humanitarian aid package to provide food and medicine through churches and trusted charities rather than the communist government itself, ensuring help reaches the Cuban people directly.

Rubio also spoke of a future Cuba built on freedom, free

elections and private enterprise, rather than military domination and centralized socialist control.

The speech comes as Cuba faces one of the worst crises in its modern history, with widespread blackouts, crumbling infrastructure, food scarcity and growing unrest among younger generations increasingly disillusioned with communism.

At the same time, the Trump administration has dramatically escalated pressure on Havana. Reports surfaced shortly after Rubio gave his speech that former Cuban leader Raúl Castro had been indicted in the United States in connection with the 1996 shutdown of exile rescue planes.

Rubio's speech sounded unlike anything heard from a U.S. secretary of state in years. It was not diplomatic caution. It was a direct declaration that America stands with the Cuban people against the evil of communism and the authoritarian system that has held the island captive for generations.

The question now is impossible to ignore: Are Rubio's words merely a message of encouragement, or are they foreshadowing the beginning of the end for Cuba's communist regime?

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# 'Prophecy Is Real': LA Marzulli Reveals Why Today's Headlines Match Scripture

A growing revival movement sweeping across America is drawing hundreds to salvation, spontaneous baptisms and renewed faith in Jesus Christ as tent gatherings fill with people hungry for hope.

The Jesus Tent Revival movement, recently highlighted by CBN News, has traveled through cities including Dallas, Memphis and Chesapeake, Virginia, preaching a bold Gospel message centered on repentance and freedom in Christ.

"People come in underneath that tent that walked in as an atheist, walked in as Buddhists, walked in as a Muslim," said Dr. Braden Andersen. "If America's this hungry, let's bring them, Jesus."

The movement began after a powerful 2019 revival event in Kokomo, Indiana, where organizers witnessed lives transformed under the tent. The experience later led Andersen, a primary care physician and evangelist, to sell his medical practice and home in 2022 to take the revival nationwide.

"The thought of being able to impact people with the gospel even in that very moment just seemed so much more important," Andersen said. "This makes a difference in eternity."



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Crowds have responded in remarkable fashion. Organizers say people are driving for hours and filling services in search of healing, salvation and baptism.

“There’s something about the simplicity and the power of that atmosphere that’s just resonating with America,” Andersen said. “America is hungry. I don’t know that I’ve ever seen it this hungry.”

One of the defining marks of the movement has become the massive response to baptism calls, with some events seeing more than 300 baptisms in a single weekend.

“This actually has become quite an incredible problem for us,” Andersen said. “The crowds that will come for baptism are actually beginning before the service.”

Local churches partnering with the revival say the tent setting is reaching people who would never normally attend church.

Pastor Tim Sullivan recalled a nearby resident attending the revival after years of never stepping into church.

“He said, ‘I’ve not been to your building, but I wanted to come to this tent revival,’” Sullivan said. “That night, he was baptized and saved.”

Testimonies of freedom from addiction, hopelessness and brokenness continue pouring in as the revival expands across the United States and into Canada.

“Jesus is hope, and Jesus is peace, and Jesus is power,” Andersen said. “Everybody needs Jesus.”

At a time when much of the culture is marked by fear and confusion, scenes of hundreds publicly surrendering their lives to Christ are encouraging believers across America that God is still moving and hearts are still responding to the Gospel.

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## **Texas Democrat's Satanic Rhetoric Sparks Warning Signs You May Recognize From Bible Prophecy**

The rhetoric shocked even seasoned political observers. But the deeper reality reaches far beyond politics. It reaches into the ancient spiritual war Scripture says will intensify in the last days.

As reported by Fox News, Texas Democratic congressional candidate Maureen Galindo ignited national backlash after posting on Instagram that she would turn the "Karnes ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists and former ICE officers for human trafficking."

"It will also be a castration processing center for pedophiles, which will probably be most of the Zionists," Galindo wrote.

The remarks drew swift condemnation, including from fellow Democrats. Texas State Rep. James Talarico declared, "This antisemitic rhetoric has no place in our politics."

*Maureen Galindo, a Democrat running for Congress in TX-35, says in an Instagram post that she would turn an ICE*

*detention center near San Antonio “into a prison for American Zionists”, and will also use it as a castration processing center for pedophiles, “which will probably be...*

*– Bill Melugin (@BillMelugin\_) May 19, 2026*

But the spiritual implications surrounding the controversy are even more sobering.

Scripture reveals a consistent pattern stretching from Genesis to Revelation: Satan relentlessly targets the Jewish people because God established covenant with Israel and brought the Messiah into the world through them. The hatred directed toward Jews throughout history has never been merely political. It has always been spiritual.

Pharaoh ordered Hebrew sons murdered in Egypt. Haman attempted genocide against the Jews in Persia. Herod slaughtered infants in Bethlehem in an effort to destroy the coming Messiah. The Roman Empire persecuted Jews and Christians alike. Nazi Germany built death camps under one of history’s most openly anti-God regimes.

The pattern never changes.

The enemy targets what God has chosen.

Jesus Christ entered the world through the Jewish people in fulfillment of biblical covenant promises. Because of that, Israel remains central to biblical prophecy and central to Satan’s hatred.

The prophet Zechariah warned of a future moment when the entire world would turn its attention toward Jerusalem. Zechariah 12:2-3 states, “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the surrounding peoples... and all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.”

That prophecy is unfolding before our eyes.

Israel has become the focal point of global outrage, international pressure and growing hostility unlike any other nation on earth. The Jewish state occupies a tiny strip of land, yet dominates global headlines, diplomatic conflicts and ideological battles across nearly every continent. Scripture foretold this exact reality thousands of years ago.

The book of Revelation expands the warning even further. Revelation 12 describes Satan as a dragon warring against Israel, symbolized as the woman who brought forth the Messiah. Revelation 12:13 declares, "And when the dragon saw that he had been cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child."



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The imagery is unmistakable. Satan wages war against Israel because Israel brought forth Jesus Christ into the world.

But that war did not begin in Revelation. It began in Genesis.

Immediately after the fall of man, God declared war between the serpent and the coming Redeemer. In Genesis 3:15, God told the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

This became known as the seed war.

From that moment forward, Satan sought to corrupt, destroy or eliminate the bloodline through which the Messiah would come. That spiritual conflict echoes throughout all of human history. Cain murdered Abel. Giants appeared before the flood. Pharaoh slaughtered Hebrew children. Haman plotted genocide. Herod massacred infants. Hitler built extermination camps.

Every attack carried the same spiritual objective: destroy the covenant people tied to God's redemptive plan.

Revelation shows that same war continuing into the final days of human history. Scripture reveals that as the return of Christ approaches, hostility toward Israel and the Jewish people will intensify globally because Satan understands his time is short.

Galindo denied being antisemitic during an appearance on Texas Public Radio while simultaneously escalating her rhetoric.

"I'm against Zionist Jews," she said, according to The Times of Israel. "The Zionist Jews own our media, our banks, and all of our politicians."

Those statements mirror the same propaganda themes used by anti-God regimes for generations. Demonize the Jews. Blame them for society's corruption. Portray them as enemies hiding behind wealth, media and power. History shows where that road leads.

The spiritual darkness surrounding antisemitism becomes unmistakable when viewed through the lens of Scripture. Satan hates Israel because God chose Israel. Satan hates the Jewish people because God's covenant remains tied to them. Satan hates biblical prophecy because every fulfilled prophecy points to the authority of God's Word and the soon return of Jesus Christ.

What was once whispered on the fringes now erupts openly in mainstream political discourse. That escalation aligns precisely with biblical prophecy concerning the end times.

The same spirit that fueled Pharaoh, Haman and Hitler continues operating today under different banners and political movements. Scripture warned that hostility toward Israel would grow as the world moved deeper into deception and rebellion against God.

This is not merely a political controversy. It is another visible reminder that the spiritual battle described in the Bible is unfolding in real time before our eyes.

And according to biblical prophecy, that battle will intensify until Jesus Christ returns to establish His kingdom and fulfill every promise God made to Israel and His people.

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