

Are We on the Verge of the Great Tribulation?

For too long, too many in the American Christian church have remained silent as culture and society drifted away from God.

Content to preach uplifting sermons that ensure their congregants do not feel uncomfortable or convicted, depending on how you look at it, churches have focused on a “seeker-friendly” model to keep seats full and ensure tithes keep pouring in.

So what happens when God’s period of permissive patience runs out and those who were meant to fulfill the Great Commission and spread His Word refuse to do so in an increasingly dark and sinful world?

He raises up new voices who will not leave out or alter what the Bible says and preach it with a courage and fervor that has been sorely missing for years. And many of these voices may come from rather unexpected places.

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Enter perhaps the most shocking, yet refreshingly deep and authentic voice pushing a relationship with Jesus Christ as the answer to all of life’s problems: Russell Brand.

The irreverent comedian, former drug addict, New Age practicing, sexually deviant Englishman made a life-altering decision to be baptized in the River Thames on Apr. 28, 2024. Since then, he has consistently posted updates on his growing faith in Jesus Christ, while searching in the Bible the deeply philosophical reasons behind justification by grace through faith.

He is also speaking out at great length against the evil in the world he once took part of, and is countering this by sharing the light of Jesus to massive audiences around the world.

Recently, Brand was the special guest for Tucker Carlson's live tour in Phoenix, Arizona, where they discussed the myriad events affecting society today, and the manipulative practices being forced onto the citizenry of the United States by those in power to achieve desired outcomes. Mainly, control.



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Yet it is Brand's still relatively new understanding of what the Bible explains as the spiritual forces behind the "satanic force" of totalitarian practices being conducted in the world today that he is speaking about.

Brand is shining a very bright light on the very thing the apostle Paul warns Christians about in Ephesians 6:12:

For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Sharing with Carlson that it is only through "the grace of our Lord God and my personal Savior Jesus Christ" that he has been able to overcome the challenges of life, such as the emergency heart surgery his at the time 12-week-old son needed, the imperfect Brand never ceases in pointing the millions who hear his voice back to Jesus.

What Brand is doing, and is drawing a major target on his back, is fulfilling what Jesus says in Matthew 10:32:

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.

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This is exactly what Brand does throughout the event with Tucker, but most prominently at the end, when he gets down on his knees in prayer at Carlson's request before the millions who have already viewed the video.

...I pray in Your name [Jesus Christ] that the forthcoming election be an opportunity for unity for America and for Americans. For forgiveness and for grace. That the dark and demonic forces that appear to operate at the level of the state, the Deep State, and the corporate and global world experience Your light, Lord. That we are guided. That You guide all of our tongues and all of our words and all of our hearts. That we feel Your forgiveness and that we feel Your grace.

Thank You Lord for the many gifts that You have bestowed upon us. Thank You for the glory of consciousness itself in which we can experience You and live You. Thank You for the beauty of nature in which we see Your wisdom and Your creativity and Your infinite glory. Thank You Lord for the many leaders and thank You Lord that You were born and died that we may be forgiven and that we may have eternal life not through merit or anything that we have individually achieved for surely all of us are fallen, but in Your holy name we are forgiven. By Your act of redemption, by Your sacrifice, in Your name we pray. Amen.

There will always be a remnant who profess the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and its members often come from unexpected places. Was Gideon not the least of his tribe? Was Rahab not a

harlot? Were Peter, James and John not mere fishermen? Was Paul not a murderer?

The enemy will never truly snuff out the Word of God, no matter how hard he tries. But he is able to silence many who are called to preach the Gospel using fear and worldly comfort. In those moments, God will raise up voices who are not afraid to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, regardless of how they are viewed by organized religion.

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Holy Spirit Fire Ignites Revivals on College Campuses

Students at Texas A&M Corpus Christi are rejoicing at the joy and salvation being found on campus.

A student event hosted by New Life Church and the New Life Young Adults ministry saw “nearly 1,500 students” attend and 62 baptisms take place, according to New Life pastors Mike and Bonnie Fehlauer’s Facebook post.

Sharing details about the event and how God was moving among the college students to The Christian Post, New Life Young Adults Pastor Tarik Whitmore detailed how his message to those gathered was focused on Isaiah 6, which details the “conviction, cleansing, and commissioning that follows a genuine encounter with God.”

It is long past time for pastors and ministry leaders to speak out against the evil infecting culture today, and when voices such as apostle Alton R. Williams speak the truth of the Word out loud, people listen.

In a now-viral message at World Overcomers Church in Memphis, Tennessee, Williams issues a stern warning about the dangers of modern-day idolatry and replacing the Lord as the most important figure in our lives.

According to the World Overcomers website, "Apostle Alton R. Williams has served as Senior Pastor of World Overcomers Outreach Ministries Church since 1981."

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Williams' message tackled two of the biggest idols infecting American culture today: the worship of race, and gender and sexuality.

"This is the tough part, [and] y'all ain't going to like this part, but there are two gods that the Black church, and I don't like to say Black church cuz God don't divide His church black and white. We all are part of the church, but I'm saying it to give reference to the African-American churches. Two gods that many are bowing to today and that's the god of LGBTQ and the god of Blackness," Williams reveals.



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"People have made a god out of color, in other words, 'I got to be with my color. I got to stand with my color.' Meaning I'll reject Christ," Williams continues.

"[The] church is bowing to this LGBTQ thing, yes they are, I'm seeing it happen all the time. What they did here, they pushed LGBTQ on Black people and now in order for you to be in line

with Black folk you got to almost accept LGBTQ,” Williams warns, pointing to how this lifestyle and acceptance of it runs contrary to the righteousness of God.

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Taking his sermon one step further, Williams identifies the origin of how these two false gods were pushed upon Black Christians in America, and how the compromise made its way into the church.

“When [Barack] Obama put the [Pride] colors on the White House acknowledging this nation honors LGBTQ, I saw Black folk and Black preachers compromise. We got to accept it cuz our Black president goes along with [it]. I don’t care what color he is, if you ain’t in line with God I can’t stand with you,” exclaimed Williams to a church on its feet.

Hammering his point home, Williams reminds us that it is only with God that we can live a righteous life, and Williams cannot, and will not, vote for a political party who rejects the tenets of God.

“I can’t support a party that wants to remove God from its party platform,” says Williams. “You in trouble when the nation forgets ‘all got to make a decision: it’s either God or the devil. And when you vote, you’re trying try to ignore it and say it ain’t no big thing, but when you vote for people with these convictions and they get in office and they start doing these things you got a responsibility for it. If you’ve compromised in any way, you need to repent.

“...You can’t separate your politics from your biblical worldview. It’s my biblical worldview that determines my politics.”

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Beware: Spiritual Risks of Watching 'The Deliverance'

Addressing the show's approach to storytelling, Jenkins acknowledged that "The Chosen" often takes creative liberties while striving to remain true to the essence of the Bible. "I think there are people, of course, who would disagree with some of our choices over the years," Jenkins noted. "But I think overall, I feel very proud and confident that we have accurately captured the character of Jesus in the Gospels and the character of God." He stressed that while the show may not always present factual details, it aims to convey "capital T truthful" messages consistent with biblical truths.

Jenkins also highlighted the unique relationship between the show and its audience, particularly through interactive events. "We had ... 4,000 people in one day," Jenkins recalled, referring to scenes filmed with audience participation. "It was a really beautiful experience." Looking ahead, Jenkins revealed plans for future seasons, including scenes that will again invite fans to become part of the storytelling. "Season six is going to require that again ... because it's the crucifixion season," he said.

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With season four having just premiered on the CW Sunday, Sept. 1, Jenkins encourages viewers to tune in and spread the word. "Even if you've seen the season, it's good to just turn on the TV to that channel ... because numbers are what allow these networks and streamers to keep the show there," Jenkins said. "When they see the success of it, it helps, and it does make a difference."

For Jenkins, maintaining a strong connection with viewers remains a top priority. "We want you to feel like you're a part of this," he shared. As "The Chosen" continues to expand its reach, Jenkins is committed to ensuring that the show not only entertains but also resonates deeply with audiences.

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Jack Hibbs: A Key End Times Topic Shrouded in Deception

We've all been there. Times when we've stumbled in our walk with God, and through our own actions removed ourselves from His presence making it feel like He was far away from us. But He was always right there for us, waiting patiently for the prodigal to return.

In a recent message, Pastor Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen ministries expressed how the Lord wants to begin breaking this pattern of backsliding that has tormented the church for generations. No position, no matter how lofty, is safe when we

cave to the temptations of the flesh, as we have seen with many high-profile Christian names falling from the calling God placed on their lives especially over this past several months.

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Savchuk breaks down five ways where we kill the fire of God in our lives and abandon the straight and narrow path He has us on.

1. **When you focus more on your love for Jesus than His love for you.** “The only light we project is the light we reflect. The only light we give is the light we receive,” Savchuk explains. “We don’t love God because we are loving. We don’t love God because we have an amazing personality trait called fire for God. We love God because we are aware of His passionate pursuit of us and as long as our eyes are on Him, our heart is burning for God.”
2. **When your prayer life goes to sleep.** “Anytime you go into prayerlessness, you wake up your past life. Your past is dead. Prayerlessness is the power that raises the dead. Your past is gone. When you stay in prayerlessness, your old habits begin to be quickened and begin to wake up. Things you were delivered from, things you’ve testified to God and to the church and said, I’ve been set free from this,” Savcuk says.
3. **When we follow Jesus at the distance avoiding sacrifice.** “At a distance means I’m going to follow Him as close as I can that I don’t lose my life,” Savchuk reveals. “You’re not backsliding. It’s just between me and the Lord is a safe distance. I don’t want to sacrifice. I don’t want to give. I don’t want to crucify my flesh. I don’t want to lay my sin on the cannot be on fire for God if that fire cannot consume you. That fire cannot

consume you if you and the Lord have a distance.”

4. **When we numb ourselves with the world's fire.** “There is a desire for something real and authentic and if you do not go 100% send into Jesus, you're going to have to drift into the world's fire and pretend to like it,” Savchuk says. “The world's fire is world's fire is annihilating because it broke [Peter's] intimacy with God.”
5. **When we return to our old life.** “Some call it deconstruction. Some call it drifting. Some call it backsliding, apostasy. It's where we go back to where we were,” Savchuk shares. “What you remember about your past life, when you go back to it, it will no longer have exactly same the feelings and ? Because as a child of God, when you walk away from God, God will discipline you.”

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Thankfully, God is always ready to welcome us with open arms, no matter how far we've strayed. God is eager to forgive us, offering grace and love beyond measure. His mercy is unending, and His heart overflows with compassion for those who turn back to Him. In a world where forgiveness can be hard to come by, we are blessed to have a heavenly Father who is ever-patient, understanding and quick to restore us when we seek His forgiveness.

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