

Max Lucado and Glenn Beck On End Times Prophecies

In a recent interview with Glenn Beck, renowned Christian author and pastor Max Lucado shared his insights on the current geopolitical climate and its implications for biblical prophecy. Lucado brings up a significant point that sets our era apart from previous historical periods, including World War II: the existence of the state of Israel.

“The big thing, the big difference between right now and even World War II is the existence of the state of Israel,” Lucado asserts. He explains that Israel’s reestablishment is a pivotal prophetic sign, marking a unique period in history. This, he argues, suggests that we may be in the final days before Christ’s return.

“Israel has to be a nation for many of the prophecies to be fulfilled, namely the reconstruction of the Temple,” he explains.

Lucado emphasizes the importance of interpreting current events spiritually, not just politically. He reflects on Jesus’ admonishment of religious leaders for not recognizing the signs of the times.

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“You see red sky in the morning, you know it’s dawn, but here I’ve given you sign after sign and you have not watched,” he quotes. Lucado believes that understanding these signs can prevent panic and instead prepare believers for the changes ahead. “He gave that to us so we would not be freaked out... He told us these things so that we would not panic.”

A key aspect of Lucado’s message is the call to deepen one’s

relationship with God through prayer and Scripture. He acknowledges the challenge many face in maintaining spiritual discipline amid life's distractions and doubts, often attributing these challenges to the influence of Satan.

"Satan has never told a word of truth ever... The last thing he wants us to do as people right now is turn to God in faith," Lucado cautions. He encourages believers to persist in their faith, recognizing that such perseverance brings peace with God, which in turn fosters peace with others.

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Lucado's discussion also highlights the current global turmoil and the need for faith and unity. He commends calls for the country to return to God's promises, arguing that reliance on divine promises is essential for navigating the world's problems. "We either hold on to the problems of life or the promises of God. It comes down to that," he states.

These insights serve as a reminder of the importance of spiritual vigilance and reliance on faith. By understanding and interpreting the signs of the times, deepening our relationship with God and focusing on His promises, believers can find peace and strength amid global uncertainties.

This approach encourages believers to persist in their faith, fostering both personal peace and unity within the broader community. Embracing God's promises offers a way to navigate the complexities and challenges of our world, reinforcing the need for faith and spiritual preparedness in these turbulent times.

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Faith Guides Boston Celtics Head Coach Joe Mazzulla

It is hard enough preparing a professional basketball team for the grueling schedule of an NBA Finals run, but for Boston Celtics head coach Joe Mazzulla, the press' obsession with his skin color is an extra factor that he must endure.

During the team's practice on Saturday, Mazzulla was questioned about his feelings regarding facing Jason Kidd, another Black head coach, in the NBA Finals. This marked the first occasion since 1975 that the Finals featured two Black head coaches.

Mazzulla, who has been very vocal and forthright about his faith in Jesus and the importance it plays in his life, had no time for the racially charged question from Vince Goodwill with Yahoo Sports.

"I wonder how many of those had been Christian coaches," Mazzulla replied.

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The silence in the press room that followed Mazzulla's response was deafening, and he appeared to lock eyes with multiple reporters as he looked around for anyone willing to respond to his thoughts on the matter.

Even as Mazzulla's Boston Celtics hold a 2-0 series lead over the Western Conference Champion Dallas Mavericks, he refuses to lose sight of the most important aspect of his life, and that is his faith in Jesus Christ.

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Mazzulla's refusal to bend to the divisive rhetoric of the world is a breath of fresh air, especially since he replaces it with the truth of a new identity meant for good works in Christ Jesus as Paul writes about in Ephesians 2:10:

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, so that we should walk in them.

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Demonic Forces on the Rise: Perspectives from Jack Hibbs

For those paying attention and applying biblical discernment to the times in which we live in, an increase in demonic activity is evermore visible, according to Pastor Jack Hibbs.

In a recent video, Hibbs, Senior and Founding Pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, addressed demons and the increase in attention paid to them as opposed to the preaching of the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

“Possession, Satan, all of these things have now carried the bulk of the conversation rather than the pursuit of lost souls,” Hibbs says. “People now are becoming overstimulated on spirituality rather than biblical doctrine.”

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Hibbs warns against the seeking of signs and the emotional rush many get from such supernatural experiences. And in a time when demons clearly are manifesting in society, he warns that there must be a balance between the natural and the spiritual.

“Does the Bible speak about demons and demon activity? Of course. Does the Bible talk about casting out demons? Absolutely. Does the Bible talk about healing and raising the dead? Absolutely, but when people begin to pursue that instead of personal holiness and knowing the full counsel of God, this is where we get goofy,” Hibbs says.

An increase in demonic activity should not be alarming to Christians, as Hibbs points out it is foretold in the Bible that the end times would bring about such things. It is because of the coming deception that believers must be rooted in the Word of God and able to discern the doctrines that lead people away from the Lord.

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“We’re talking about the last days warning in Scripture that perilous times would come and there would be doctrines of demons and deceiving spirits that would be present,” Hibbs shares. “And if you want to find out where that’s more active than anywhere else, it would be the so-called church. That’s where it begins. That’s where the first warning goes out to, the church. But it’s not limited to the church. Right now we

live in a culture where there are people walking around, are they demon-possessed or are they on fentanyl? Could be both.”

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Dr. Tony Evans Relinquishes Duties Due to Personal Sin

In a shocking statement posted to the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship website, Dr. Tony Evan, senior pastor of the church, has announced that he is stepping away from all pastoral duties and is “submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders.”

The pastor, author and syndicated radio host does not list a specific reason for his decision, other than he “fell short” of the standard expected of a Christian leader.

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The foundation of our ministry has always been our commitment to the Word of God as the absolute supreme standard of truth to which we are to conform our lives. When we fall short of that standard due to sin, we are required to repent and restore our relationship with God. A number of years ago, I fell short of that standard. I am, therefore, required to apply the same biblical standard

of repentance and restoration to myself that I have applied to others. I have shared this with my wife, my children and our church elders, and they have lovingly placed their arms of grace around me. While I have committed no crime, I did not use righteous judgment in my actions. In light of this, I am stepping away from my pastoral duties and am submitting to a healing and restoration process established by the elders. This will afford me a needed time of spiritual recovery and healing.

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During this new and unexpected season for Evans and his 9,000-member church, services will continue unabated and he will continue to worship with the congregation while it is being led by Rev. Bobby Gibson, Lead Associate Pastor of Fellowship at OCBF.

During this time, it is critical that the ministry of OCBF continue as vibrantly as ever. Remember, you serve the Lord Jesus Christ, not a man. Pastor Gibson and our leadership will keep you informed on how things will continue moving forward with the ministry. During this season, I will be a worshipper like you and look forward to seeing all that God is going to continue doing to make His name great as we continue to build kingdom disciples, who function as kingdom servants, in order to make a kingdom impact as He advances His kingdom agenda at OCBF. I have never loved you more than I love you right now, and I'm trusting God to walk me through this valley. Thank you for your love, prayers, support and forgiveness as I continue my spiritual healing journey. As we walk this journey together, keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher

of our faith.

Please take a moment to pray for Dr. Evans and his church community, seeking God's grace and mercy to guide them through this difficult period.

To read the statement in its entirety, [click here](#).

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Business Owner Defends 'Heterosexual Awesomeness Month' Amid Controversy

We are only one week into the month of June, and this year has seen much more pushback against the radical Marxists who coopted the first month of summer than in years past.

One business owner, Mark Fitzpatrick of the Old State Saloon in Idaho, spoke with Fox News Digital and explained he never expected such a wide and positive reaction to his now viral "Heterosexual Awesomeness Month" celebration.

"I was thinking of a way that we could celebrate the other side of sexuality, heterosexuality, the way God designed it. And that's kind of where I'm at with people that support us and are like-minded. So we decided to do Heterosexual Awesomeness Month and then launched it and boy, oh boy, did it take off," Fitzpatrick recalls.

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This celebration brought with it discounts and free beverages for heterosexual men, women and couples throughout the month of June.

Cue the expected vitriolic response from the deranged Left who abide by the “rules for thee, but not for me” mantra. Fitzpatrick said the negativity sent his way was far outmatched by waves of support he received from around the country.

“We’ve had a whole bunch of people come in, in person into our saloon. We’ve had people driving way out of their way. We had a couple come in, they drove 400 miles out of their way on their trip across the country yesterday...and other people have said they’re going to fly in from out of state. Other people said next time they’re in the state, they’re going to stop by and support us,” Fitzpatrick says.

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Like many others around the world, Fitzpatrick finally became fed up with the constant shoving of “Pride month” in peoples’ faces in every aspect of society, and not just in the month of June, but year-round.

“I’m Christian. I follow what the Bible says. I love people. I love all types of people and everything. But when you love people, it doesn’t mean that you have to necessarily get behind everything they decide to do. And especially with the way things have been going the last few years, as far as how extreme it gets in June,” Fitzpatrick asserts.

“I’m not just going to sit there and do nothing anymore. I’m going to be involved. I’m going to be rallying people to help

do the right thing, celebrate godly things. And I think the rest of the country should do that," he adds.

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Parental Warning: Disney Debuts 'Gayest Star Wars Ever'

Star Wars was never Christian, and really, neither was Disney, but they were two forms of fanciful entertainment from which families did not have to worry about radical left-wing indoctrination.

Now, this is predominantly what they push out as product to the masses.

With the newest iteration of streaming Star Wars content on the Disney+ app, "The Acolyte," viewers are deluged with radical feminist theory, LGBTQ+ themes and writing so dull and boring as to me paint drying seem like an extreme sport.

But are parents aware of the indoctrinating effects of programming like "The Acolyte" and much of what Disney/Pixar produces? Will parents grasp how their children will be desensitized to the unnatural ideologies that Disney and others are pushing?

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The showrunner Disney selected, Leslye Headland, an open-lesbian who cast her wife in one of the lead roles, has made no attempt to hide her desire to implement as much homosexual messaging in the new show as possible.

"...people have told me it's the gayest Star Wars, and I am frankly ... I'm into it," Headland shared in a recent interview.

As reported by the Daily Wire, "Earlier this year, a video from the 2023 Star Wars Celebration captured Headland saying how 'The Acolyte' would be "coded queer" like the animated children's film, 'Frozen.'"

When the radical gender and sexuality activists say they are not after kids, do not believe them, because that is exactly who they are after, as well as convincing parents it's "no big deal."

"There's just no way that me being a queer woman is not going to be reflected in my work. I could try not to do it, but why would I? It just feels like a natural extension of what I do," Headland says.

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In these days, parents must take an active role in monitoring what their children take in, as well as what we watch ourselves. The devil is prowling, looking for an opening to influence our families' lives, lead us down a road of spiritual oppression and abandon the ways of God.

The words of the man granted the gift of wisdom by God, King Solomon, warns of avoiding evil, and the path that lays ahead for those who don't in Proverbs 4:14-17:

Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not go in the way of evil men.

Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and pass on.

For they do not sleep unless they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away unless they cause some to fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

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Global Alarm as H5N2 Bird Flu Claims First Human Life

God did not create humanity with a spirit of fear, yet with the first reported case of a victim infected with H5N2 avian influenza, many around the world are allowing fear and uncertainty into their thoughts and hearts.

While much of what is causing this rapid spread among birds, notably chickens, and other animals such as cows, here are five things we know about the growing spread of H5N1 and H5N2 avian influenza:

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- **First Human Death from H5N2:** A person in Mexico has died

after contracting H5N2 while suffering from a pre-existing illness, marking the first confirmed human case of this bird flu strain. This individual had no known exposure to poultry or other animals.

- **Potential Human Transmission:** There are concerns about how the individual contracted H5N2 and whether they spread it to others before seeking medical attention. The possibility of human-to-human transmission could lead to widespread panic and a return to restrictive measures.
- **H5N1 Outbreak Concerns:** H5N1 bird flu is also causing alarm, with recent infections in dairy cows in the U.S. and three dairy workers testing positive. An outbreak among humans could be catastrophic.
- **Mice Infections with H5N1:** Eleven mice in New Mexico tested positive for H5N1, raising concerns due to the large mouse population and their proximity to human living spaces. Mice can become infected by drinking raw milk from infected dairy cows.
- **Potential for Bird Flu Pandemic:** The bird flu has already killed hundreds of millions of birds globally and is now infecting other animals like dairy cows and domestic cats. Many scientists believe a human bird flu pandemic is only a matter of time.

There have been prophetic voices, such as Joseph Z, who have warned that an unknown disease, even acknowledge by the World Health Organization as "Disease X" could have a global impact on 2024 and 2025.

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Even as news and reports increase outbreak fears and the memory of COVID still fresh on everyone's mind, we must remember that God is bigger than all of what ails the earth.

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Carl Lentz Rejects ‘Disgraced Pastor’ Title

Carl and Laura Lentz’s self-imposed isolation from the public eye is now officially over, as they have launched their new podcast, “Lights On” and are starting it off talking about their journey thus far.

A lot has been thrown at the couple over the last few years—some warranted, some not—but one thing that Carl Lentz addressed in their very first episode is this: he is not a disgraced pastor.

“Every headline, typically would say, ‘disgraced, disgraced pastor,’ or ‘pastor falls from grace, falls from grace, disgraced pastor,’” Lentz recalls. “What’s funny about that is, God bless those people, they don’t understand grace. Because you can’t fall from grace. You fall into grace.

“It didn’t make any sense to me. And I’m not mad at the tabloids who write ... ‘disgraced pastor.’ Disgraced? You don’t understand what grace is. The opposite of grace. Grace is mercy and favor and forgiveness that you do not deserve but God gives it to you anyway. So if anything, I fell into grace. And if people could stop writing headlines like that, I would

appreciate it because it's inaccurate—disgraced pastor," he adds.

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Lentz continued, showing that this was a subject very important to him, as though he is holding onto the Lord's grace with both hands and refusing to let go. Because without the forgiveness of the Lord and His great grace, we would be hopelessly condemned to eternal death separate from Him.

"I'm not a disgraced former pastor. I am a human being that made huge mistakes. Mine were public, everybody got to see them," Lentz says.

"And now, I'm a human being that's trying to rectify my life and make wrongs right and to live completely differently. But disgraced, I am not. I'm more filled with grace than I've ever been. Did I fall from grace? Absolutely not. I fell into it. And I'm really grateful for that."

There are still those who hold quite strongly Lentz's past against him, believing he is completely disqualified from ministry and think he is playing semantics with his newest episode. And with as public of event that his leaving Hillsong was, there are still man eyes scrutinizing the podcast as well.

"You could say what I did was disgraceful. Maybe at times, sure. But I'm not disgraced because we're forgiven," Lentz argues. "I have been able to feel God's grace more than ever, I understand the thought, but I just wanted to get it out there. That doesn't fit me. I don't identify as the disgraced former pastor. No, sir. No, ma'am."

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The Bible, the inerrant Word of God, can summarize a person's journey of humility and reliance on God and His grace better than any other orator, and does so in 2 Corinthians 12:9:

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Paul knew firsthand the power of God's grace, leaning into it during his own times of weakness, and in doing so, becoming one of the greatest voices for the Lord in all of history.

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Tucker Carlson Warns of Evil, Predicts Upcoming Revival

There is a change happening in American society, and conservative voice Tucker Carlson believes this shift starts in the spiritual realm.

Many have been surprised at the topical change in Carlson since his ousting from Fox News, from his America First stance and rumors of a potential position in the Trump administration should Donald Trump be elected president again, to his unexpected attacks on Israel in the midst of the Gaza War.

Yet in recent months, Carlson has been pointing his audience to the spiritual as a root cause to the evil that we are

witnessing around the world, and this evil holds an anti-human agenda.

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Carlson opened up even more on this topic on a recent episode of the Shawn Ryan podcast, hosted by the former Navy Seal.

“If you see a human movement that’s anti-human,” Carlson says. “The push toward nuclear war for its own sake is, by definition, anti-human. I would say AI is anti-human, by definition. Transgenderism is anti-human, by definition. Transhumanism is anti-human. Do people act against their own long-term interest? Probably not, actually, so it’s probably not human.

“Did dogs act against their own collective interest? Do caribou? Do porcupines? Do single-cell amoeba? Do sea cucumbers? No, none of them do. No animal does that, because it’s not natural. Animals are part of nature, they do natural things. People are subject to the supernatural, so they do things that are not natural, like kill themselves.”

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As the two discussed supernatural occurrences actually being demonic forces, such as UFO/UAPs, Nephilim and others, Carlson sees hope in the future for America.

“I don’t have too many great insights into things or prophetic feelings,” Carlson shares. “I’m very conventional, but the one thing that I really felt strongly a couple of years ago—really strongly, I felt it overwhelmingly like from outside me—was that there’s some form of religious revival coming. I felt that really strongly.”

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Pastor Prays for Jesus' Return Before Election Day

In the aftermath of former President Donald Trump's unprecedented conviction, Pastor Mark Driscoll began pleading on social media for Jesus' return ahead of Election Day in November.

"Lord Jesus, we would humbly request that you return before November 5," he wrote on X.

The presumptive Republican presidential nominee was convicted Thursday, May 30, on 34 counts of falsifying business records to cover up an alleged sex scandal that could have negatively impacted his 2016 campaign.

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Several prominent Christian voices reacted late last week to Trump's historic conviction.

The Rev. Franklin Graham said the U.S. is "at a crossroads," noting the former president's conviction "raises questions about whether our legal system can be trusted." He encouraged Christians to "pray for our nation, for God's guiding hand

that this republic will be one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.”

Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship urged believers to “pray for America like you never have before.”

Others who are more critical of Trump, like Russell Moore, editor-in-chief of Christianity Today and the former president of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, pointed to perceived problems with the Republican’s character.

“The question is what it has always been – fit or unfit,” he argued. “And the answer was obvious all along. Character matters, still.”

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As for Driscoll, he urged his followers on social media to keep in mind there is no politician who can solve the problems plaguing society. Rather, it is only God who can remedy what ails the world.

“Government can’t fix spiritual problems; it’s ultimately a God problem,” he wrote in an Instagram post. “Trusting in politicians won’t solve it – repentance and faith are the only way forward.”

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