

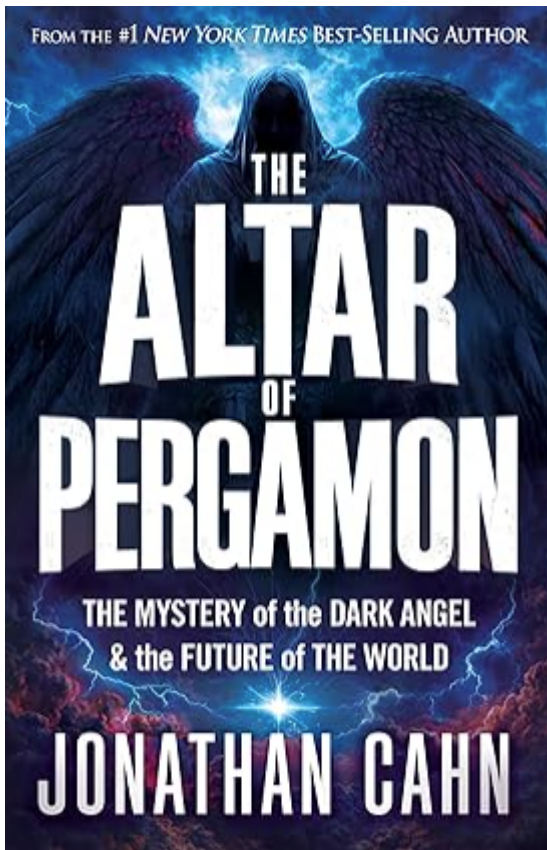
Should Pastors Address Politics? 3 Megachurch Leaders Unpack How It's Unavoidable

Politics has become one of the most uncomfortable topics inside many churches, but a growing number of pastors are no longer interested in avoiding the conversation.

In a fiery and wide-ranging discussion on the “Live Free” podcast, three megachurch pastors unpacked why they believe churches can no longer separate discipleship from culture, government and public policy.

[Hosted by Josh Howerton](#), the conversation featured Ryan Visconti and Josh McPherson, who openly discussed why they have become far more vocal about political and cultural issues in recent years.

The pastors made it clear they do not see themselves as partisan operatives or political commentators. They see themselves as shepherds trying to prepare Christians to live faithfully in a culture that increasingly pushes against biblical values.



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One of the strongest ideas repeated throughout the podcast was that many churches created an artificial line between "spiritual life" and "public life," as if faith should remain inside church walls while culture moves in a completely different direction outside of them.

The pastors argued that issues like education, parenting, economics, religious liberty and government policy now directly shape the daily lives of Christian families. Ignoring those realities, they said, leaves believers unprepared and vulnerable.

The discussion intensified as the pastors described what churches and families are facing in progressive states, including battles over gender ideology in schools, government regulations affecting churches and policies they believe undermine biblical morality and parental rights.

At multiple points, the pastors reflected on how many church

leaders were taught to avoid controversial cultural topics in order to maintain unity and remain “seeker friendly.” But after the political and social upheaval of recent years, they argued that approach has failed to produce strong discipleship.

Instead, they said [many Christians entered cultural battles](#) without a biblical framework for understanding what was happening around them.

The conversation also focused heavily on the idea of “Christian statesmanship,” encouraging believers to see civic engagement and public leadership as meaningful responsibilities rather than distractions from the gospel.

Inside the full podcast episode, viewers will hear the pastors break down:

- Why many pastors now believe political silence inside the church has created long-term spiritual confusion for Christians trying to navigate modern culture
- How COVID-19, BLM protests and recent cultural battles exposed hidden fractures and disagreements inside many congregations
- Why the pastors believe discipleship must include conversations about government, education, public policy and civic responsibility
- Detailed concerns about abortion policy, gender ideology, DEI initiatives, parental rights and religious liberty protections
- Stories from progressive states where pastors say government regulations and cultural pressure are making it increasingly difficult for churches and Christian families to operate freely
- Why the pastors argue that schools, media, entertainment and government are actively discipling the culture while many churches stayed silent

- The theological argument that Jesus is Lord over every area of life, not just church attendance or personal spirituality
- Why the pastors reject the claim that discussing controversial issues automatically drives people away from Christianity
- Testimonies from church leaders who say stronger biblical clarity has actually increased church growth, salvations and discipleship in their congregations
- The growing movement toward what the pastors call “Christian statesmanship,” encouraging believers to engage culture rather than withdraw from it
- Discussions about whether Christians have a responsibility to help shape laws, policies and the moral direction of society
- Why the pastors believe many churches unintentionally separated faith from public life for decades and are now trying to reverse course
- Repeated warnings that when Christians refuse to lead in culture, other worldviews quickly fill the vacuum

The conversation moves quickly, covering theology, parenting, church leadership, politics and culture with an intensity that reflects the growing debate happening inside churches across America right now.

The episode captures a major shift taking place among many Christian leaders as they wrestle with how the church should respond to a rapidly changing culture.

Watch the full podcast episode in the video above.

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Dead Sea Scrolls Mystery: Ancient Copper Scroll Linked to Biblical End Times Prophecy

A strange copper document hidden for nearly 2,000 years [inside a cave overlooking the Dead Sea](#) is once again igniting fascination over ancient treasure, messianic expectation and the spiritual atmosphere surrounding what many in Judea believed were the biblical "End of Days."

Unlike the other Dead Sea Scrolls Discovery, the mysterious Copper Scroll was not written on parchment or papyrus. It was engraved into sheets of metal, a decision that continues to puzzle archaeologists and biblical scholars alike.

Now, a bold new interpretation is breathing fresh life into one of history's most enigmatic discoveries.

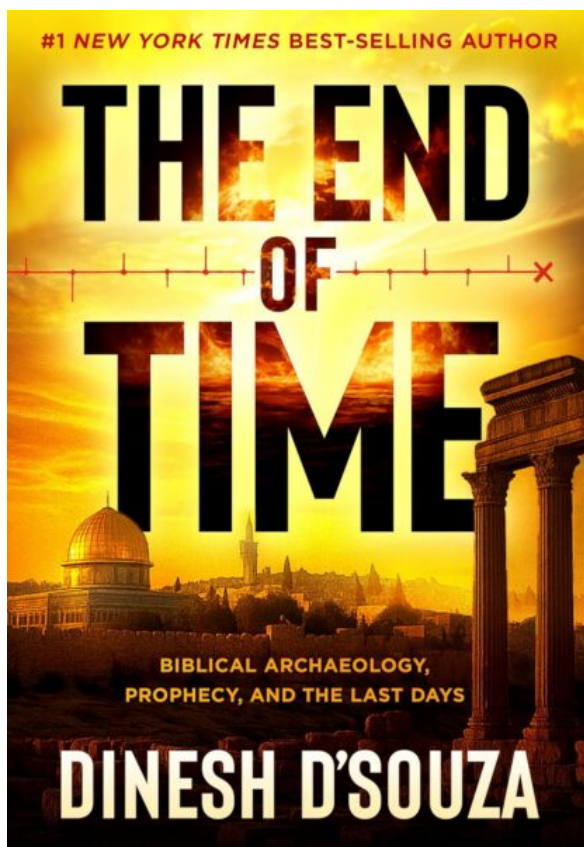
According to the Daily Mail, archaeologist Shimon Gibson believes the Copper Scroll may not have been a treasure map at all, but instead a secret financial record connected to the Bar Kokhba revolt, one of the bloodiest uprisings against the Roman Empire.

Gibson argued the valuables listed in the scroll "may have been funds or contributions secretly gathered to support the

rebellion.”

That theory carries enormous spiritual and historical implications.

The Copper Scroll was discovered in 1952 inside Cave 3Q near Qumran overlooking the Dead Sea. Researchers immediately recognized it as something entirely different from the broader collection of Dead Sea Scrolls, which included biblical manuscripts, religious commentary and apocalyptic writings.



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Instead, [the Copper Scroll contained 64 cryptic entries](#) describing hidden riches buried throughout the land.

One translated entry reads: “At Khorrebeh, situated in the valley of Achor below the steps leading to the east, [dig] forty cubits: a coffer [full] of money, the sum of which is the weight of seventeen talents.”

Another declares: "In the funerary monument of Ben Rabbah, of Beit Shalisha: 100 ingots of gold."

For decades, scholars debated whether the document described real treasure hidden before Rome destroyed Jerusalem and the Second Temple in 70 AD, or whether the text carried symbolic or ceremonial meaning.

Now the focus is shifting toward another explosive chapter in Jewish history.

The revolt led by Simon bar Kokhba erupted decades after Jerusalem's destruction and was fueled by fierce resistance to Roman oppression. Many Jews viewed Bar Kokhba as a possible messianic deliverer who would overthrow Rome and restore Jewish rule to Jerusalem.

That era became saturated with apocalyptic expectation, divine longing and hopes for final redemption.

The Daily Mail noted that the violent period "has long been associated with apocalyptic thinking and expectations of divine intervention."

That reality should not surprise Bible readers.

The pages of Scripture repeatedly reveal humanity's longing for deliverance in times of chaos, oppression and uncertainty. The prophet Daniel wrote extensively about kingdoms rising and falling before God ultimately establishes His eternal Kingdom. Jesus Himself warned in Matthew 24 that history would move toward increasing turmoil before His return.

And yet amid all the upheaval, Christ gave us reassurance that transcends every earthly kingdom and every failed human savior.

Jesus declared in John 16:33, "In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

That truth matters more than ever as archaeologists continue uncovering stunning discoveries connected to the biblical world.

It almost feels impossible to keep track of the avalanche of ancient findings emerging year after year. From the City of David excavations to evidence connected to ancient Judea, the Dead Sea Scrolls and now renewed debate surrounding the Copper Scroll, discovery after discovery continues pulling modern eyes back toward the land, history and spiritual tensions woven throughout Scripture.

Even the mystery surrounding the Copper Scroll itself deepens the intrigue.

Gibson believes the document was never intended for ordinary reading because the copper would crack if repeatedly unrolled. Instead, he said it may have been created as a permanent hidden record meant only for select individuals.

That detail transforms the scroll from a simple artifact into something almost cinematic: a sealed message from an era consumed by war, prophecy, rebellion and longing for redemption.

Ancient Judaism expert Yonatan Adler called Gibson's theory "intriguing," adding that discoveries like the Copper Scroll force researchers to think "outside of the box."

More than 70 years after its discovery, the Copper Scroll remains one of archaeology's greatest mysteries. Hidden treasure, secret rebellion funds, messianic expectation and apocalyptic belief now swirl together around a single metal document buried in the caves of Qumran nearly two millennia ago.

Yet while ancient Judea searched desperately for political deliverers and earthly victory over Rome, we know the true Messiah has already come.

No buried gold could save humanity. No rebellion could establish eternal peace.

That victory belongs to Jesus Christ alone.

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Jack Hibbs: America's Power and Prosperity Cannot Save a Nation That Has Forgotten God

The waves rolled onto the Huntington Beach shoreline behind Pastor Jack Hibbs as he delivered a message that felt less like a sermon and more like a warning siren for America's future. With the nation racing toward its 250th birthday, Hibbs spoke with the urgency of someone watching storm clouds gather on the horizon. America's power, wealth and influence may still dominate the world stage today, but Hibbs made one thing unmistakably clear: [a nation that forgets God eventually loses everything that made it strong in the first place.](#)

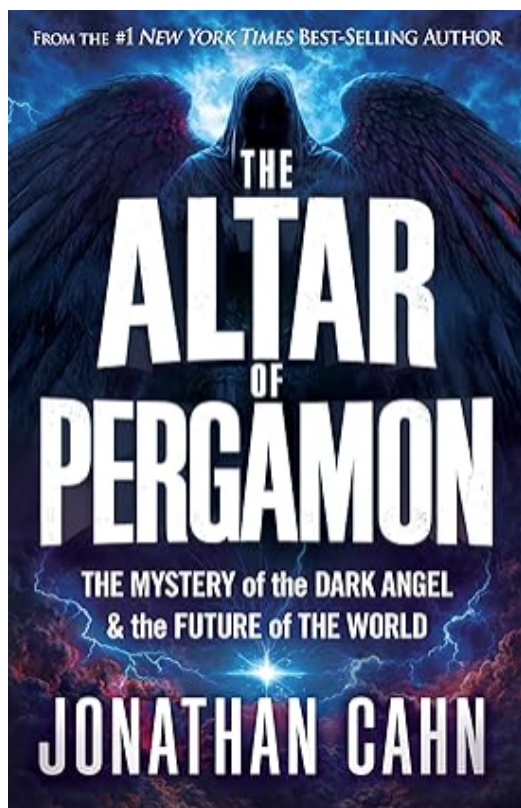
"The United States has got an expiration date on it," Hibbs declared. "America in her affluence has forgotten God."

Hibbs walked listeners through what he believes is one of the

biggest prophetic realities facing the modern church. Scripture names nations like Israel, Persia, Russia and Egypt in the last days, but America is missing entirely from the biblical end-times picture.

“What is the most affluent nation that has ever existed? United States of America,” Hibbs said. “What is the most militarily powerful nation that has ever existed in the history of man? The United States of America.”

Yet despite all of America’s military dominance, financial influence and technological power, Hibbs argued the nation is nowhere to be found when Ezekiel describes the future invasion of Israel.



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That absence matters.

Hibbs pointed to a country drowning in debt, addicted to comfort and steadily removing God from every corner of public life. He spoke about the Ten Commandments disappearing from

schools, biblical truth being pushed out of classrooms and politicians treating faith like an outdated relic instead of the foundation that built the nation.

“Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,” Hibbs said before asking, “Is America happy?”

The pastor challenged the illusion that America’s economy can hold everything together forever.

“In one moment, our economic stability and our economic foundations could crumble because we are a people that are profoundly in debt,” he warned.

Hibbs then turned toward the growing instability in the Middle East, pointing to tensions involving Iran and the prophetic coalition described in Ezekiel 38. According to Hibbs, the coming attack against Israel reveals something chilling about America’s future role in the world.

“There will be no intervention,” Hibbs said, explaining that America could be weakened, distracted or completely unable to respond by that point in history.

But Hibbs refused to frame the message as a reason for Christians to retreat or disengage. Instead, he blasted pastors who stay silent while culture spirals deeper into confusion and moral collapse.

“Any pastor who does not address those things is an idle shepherd,” Hibbs said.

He called on believers to stop sitting quietly on the sidelines and instead become active in their communities, schools, local governments and elections.

“We are to shine the light of what is right and what is true and stop being silent and stop being quiet,” Hibbs said.

The backdrop of the Pacific Ocean made the contrast impossible

to miss. Behind Hibbs stood the beaches he described as symbols of freedom growing up in California. But even those memories carried frustration as he recalled pandemic-era shutdowns and government overreach that he believes exposed how quickly freedoms can disappear when fear replaces truth.

Still, Hibbs ended with hope fixed firmly beyond America itself.

“Don’t shed a tear that someday America will vanish from the world scene of influence because your citizenship, if you’re a believer, is in heaven,” Hibbs said.

His final words carried the heartbeat of the entire message: revival is still possible, but the clock is ticking.

“May God have mercy on His pastors in America. May God have mercy on His churches. But may God do that mercy by sending us profound revival.”

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‘AI Gods’ and the Rise of Techno-Faith Reveal Society’s

Accelerating Deception

Spiritual

Artificial intelligence was once promoted as a tool to help humanity work faster, think smarter and automate everyday life. [Now people are worshipping it as a god.](#)

Robot priests are delivering sermons. AI-powered confessionals are hearing confessions. Digital Jesus avatars are giving spiritual guidance. Society is watching the birth of a new techno-religion unfold in real time.

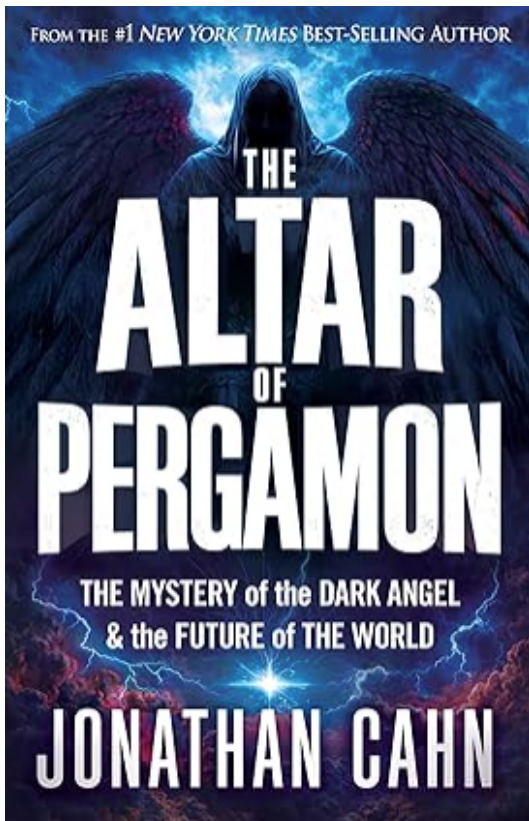
A recent Breitbart report highlighted the growing rise of AI-centered religious practices, including an IRS-registered church dedicated to the worship of artificial intelligence.

Former Google engineer Anthony Levandowski founded a church in 2017 called "Way of the Future," centered around "the realization, acceptance, and worship of a Godhead based on Artificial Intelligence (AI) developed through computer hardware and software."

In comments previously reported by Wired and highlighted by Breitbart, Levandowski declared: "What is going to be created will effectively be a god. If there is something a billion times smarter than the smartest human, what else are you going to call it?"

That statement captures the spiritual direction of modern culture perfectly.

Humanity is replacing God with technology.



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In Kyoto, Japan, a Buddhist robot priest named Mindar delivers sermons at the Kodaiji Temple. In Switzerland, St. Peter's Church introduced an AI Jesus avatar called "Deus in Machina" inside a confessional booth.

Breitbart reported that two-thirds of users who interacted with it said they had a "spiritual experience."

An AI chatbot called "ask_jesus" has also attracted tens of thousands of followers online.

[Scripture warned this would happen.](#)

Romans 1:25 says mankind would "exchange the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator." That is exactly what the world is doing.

People are now turning to machines for wisdom, guidance, comfort and spiritual fulfillment instead of turning to God.

The Bible also warns that deception would dominate the last days.

Second Thessalonians 2:9-10 describes a coming era filled with “signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.” Jesus repeatedly warned in Matthew 24 that deception would increase across the earth before His return.

The worship of AI fits directly into that prophetic framework.

Breitbart quoted Evangelist Billy Graham, who warned about the spiritual problem years ago: “The real problem, you see, isn’t with computers or the code someone devises to control them. Our real problem is within us—within our own hearts and minds. ... This is why our greatest need is to have our hearts changed—and that is something only God can do.”

Technology does not redeem mankind. It magnifies mankind.

Fallen people create fallen systems. Sinful hearts create sinful inventions. AI reflects the spiritual condition of the society building it.

The rise of AI spirituality also mirrors the warnings found in 2 Timothy 4:3-4, which says people “will not endure sound doctrine” and “turn away their ears from the truth.”

That turning away is happening now.

Society is embracing digital substitutes for God while rejecting biblical truth. Churches are experimenting with AI sermons and AI confessions while culture races toward transhumanism and technological salvation.

The line between science fiction and reality has vanished.

Humanity is building machines in its own image and then bowing before them.

Biblical prophecy warned of a future defined by deception,

rebellion against God and counterfeit spirituality. That future is no longer approaching.

It is here.

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A Continent May Be Slowly Tearing Apart Beneath the Surface

A massive geological shift unfolding beneath Africa is raising fresh questions about the power of Earth's changing landscape and whether the dramatic events Jesus warned about in Scripture [could one day reshape entire regions of the planet](#).

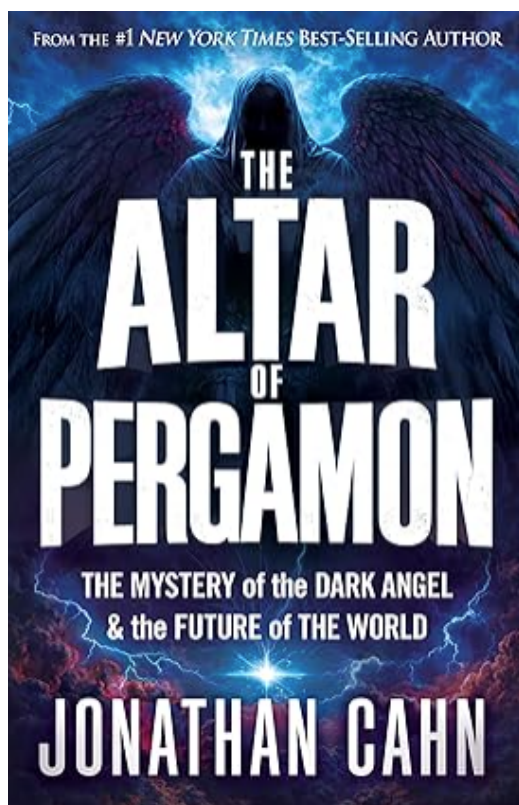
Scientists recently confirmed that a new tectonic boundary is forming beneath Zambia in what researchers call the Kafue Rift, part of the sprawling Southwest African Rift System stretching roughly 1,500 miles across the continent.

According to the findings highlighted by the Daily Mail, researchers now believe the rift could eventually contribute to Africa splitting into two separate tectonic plates.

The discovery came after scientists analyzed gases from

geothermal springs in Zambia and found evidence that the Earth's crust has already fractured deep enough to connect directly with the mantle below.

Co-author Mike Daly said, "This fluid connection is evidence that the fault boundary of the Kafue Rift is active."



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He added, "Therefore, the Southwest African Rift Zone is too – and may be an early indication of the break-up of sub-Saharan Africa."

Researchers found unusually high helium and carbon isotope levels inside the rift zone, evidence pointing to mantle material rising toward the surface through deep fractures in the crust. Scientists say this is one of the clearest signs yet that the region is entering the earliest stages of continental separation.

Lead author Ruta Karolyte described the discovery as [the beginning of a massive geological process.](#)

“This rift is at the earliest recognisable stage,” Karolyte told the Daily Mail. “We can see the faults, measure the presence of mantle gases at the surface, but there is no volcanism yet. In geological terms, this is the very beginning of the process.”

Researchers stressed that the changes are unfolding over millions of years and pose no immediate danger. However, the findings serve as another reminder that the Earth beneath humanity is far from stable.

It is difficult not to think about the words of Jesus in Matthew 24, when He warned that the last days would include “earthquakes in various places.” Throughout the Bible, earthquakes are repeatedly connected with moments of judgment, transition and the power of God moving upon the Earth.

While scientists are studying tectonic plates and mantle fractures, Scripture reminds us that creation itself groans under the weight of a fallen world. Entire continents shifting apart may sound like science fiction, yet researchers now openly acknowledge that Africa could eventually divide.

The modern world often treats the landscape around us as permanent and immovable. Discoveries like the Kafue Rift tell a different story. The ground beneath humanity is moving, cracking and changing in ways we are only beginning to understand.

Whether this particular discovery carries prophetic significance remains open for discussion. But as earthquakes increase across the globe and scientists uncover evidence of enormous geological transformation beneath the continents, the warnings Jesus gave thousands of years ago continue to echo with remarkable weight.

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Trump Blasts Pope Leo as 'Weak on Crime' in Growing Vatican Clash

The clash between [President Donald Trump and Pope Leo XIV](#) has erupted into one of the most extraordinary political and spiritual standoffs in modern history. On one side stands the leader of the world's most powerful nation. On the other stands the leader of more than a billion Catholics worldwide. And while their latest exchange may sound political on the surface, the deeper implications stretch far beyond campaign rhetoric or Vatican diplomacy.

The latest escalation came after Trump unleashed a blistering criticism of Pope Leo on Truth Social, accusing the pontiff of being "WEAK on Crime, and terrible for Foreign Policy," according to Breitbart.

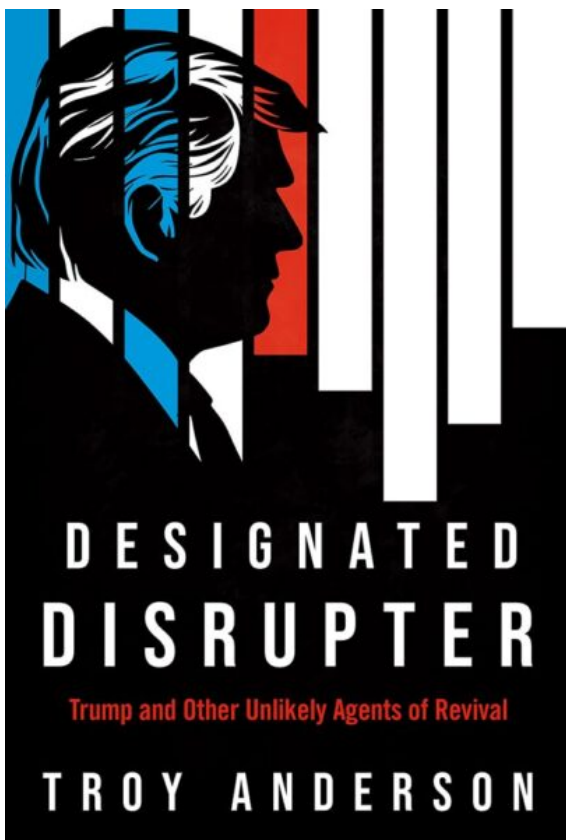
Trump's frustration centered on the Pope's criticism of war and his broader concerns about the direction of Western leadership. The president made it clear he does not want a pope "who thinks it's OK for Iran to have a Nuclear Weapon," or one "who thinks it's terrible that America attacked Venezuela."

The president also accused Pope Leo of ignoring the treatment

churches received during the COVID era.

“He talks about ‘fear of the Trump Administration,’ but doesn’t mention the FEAR that the Catholic Church, and all other Christian Organizations, had during COVID when they were arresting priests, ministers, and everybody else, for holding Church Services,” Trump wrote, as reported by Breitbart.

The rhetoric only intensified from there.



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“Leo should be thankful because, as everyone knows, he was a shocking surprise,” Trump wrote. “If I wasn’t in the White House, Leo wouldn’t be in the Vatican.”

Trump also called on the Pope to “get his act together,” “use Common Sense” and stop “catering to the Radical Left.”

Meanwhile, Pope Leo has continued presenting himself as a global voice for restraint and peace amid rising international

instability. Breitbart noted that the Pope “has consistently condemned the war in Iran,” and during Easter remarks called on “those who have weapons” to put them down.

“Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue,” Pope Leo said. “Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them.”

[The divide between the two men](#) reflects far more than personal disagreement. It represents two radically different visions for the future of the West, global leadership and even morality itself. Trump approaches the world through strength, borders, deterrence and national sovereignty. Pope Leo frames global crises through reconciliation, diplomacy and humanitarian concern.

That collision now sits at the center of world attention.

History has shown repeatedly that when political power and religious authority begin openly clashing, the consequences rarely stay contained. Nations watch these moments carefully. Religious communities react emotionally. Allies begin choosing sides. Narratives form rapidly.

The Vatican still commands enormous moral and diplomatic influence across the globe. The United States still possesses unmatched military and economic power. When those two forces move in harmony, stability often follows. When they begin publicly attacking one another, uncertainty grows.

What makes this situation even more significant is the intensity and personal nature of the language now being exchanged. Trump is not merely disagreeing with papal policy positions. He is directly challenging the Pope’s judgment, leadership and legitimacy on the world stage.

At the same time, Pope Leo appears unwilling to soften his criticism of war, nationalism and global escalation.

There is also a major spiritual layer beneath the headlines. The Bible repeatedly warns about division, pride and the destructive nature of unchecked conflict. We are watching two of the most influential men on earth harden their positions in real time before the eyes of the world.

Hopefully wisdom prevails before this feud deepens further.

Because regardless of political affiliation or denominational background, a prolonged fracture between the world's most powerful political leader and the world's most influential religious figure carries consequences nobody can fully predict yet.

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Bermuda Triangle Mystery May Finally Be Solved After Stunning Underwater Discovery

For generations, the Bermuda Triangle has occupied a strange place in the modern imagination. Stories of disappearing ships, strange compass behavior and unexplained anomalies turned the waters surrounding Bermuda into the stuff of legend. Skeptics mocked it. Hollywood sensationalized it. Yet

beneath all the speculation sat a very real mystery scientists themselves struggled to explain.

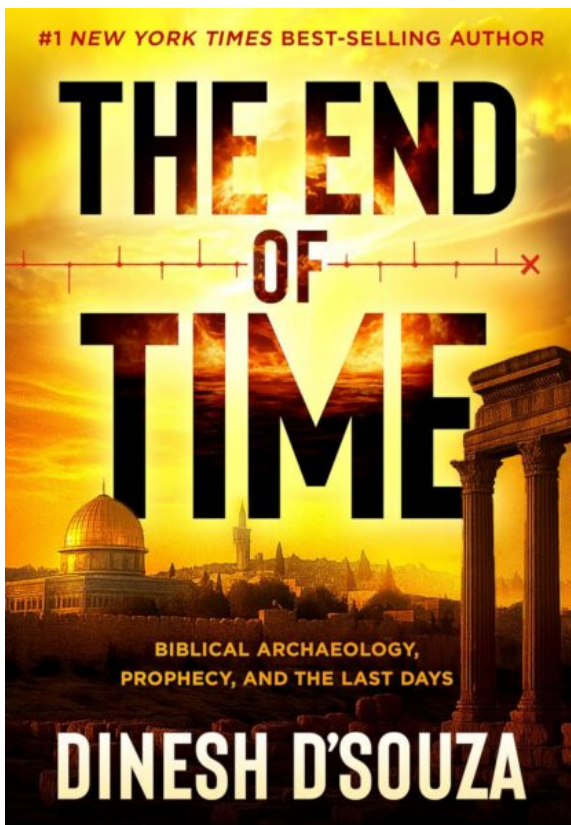
Why was Bermuda still there?

Why had this island remained lifted high above the Atlantic Ocean despite the absence of active volcanic activity?

Now, researchers believe [they have uncovered a hidden answer](#) buried deep beneath the seafloor.

Scientists from the Carnegie Institution of Washington and Yale University discovered a massive slab of lighter rock beneath Bermuda that appears to function “like a giant raft” underneath the island. According to the report, the underground structure formed after volcanic activity beneath the region spread molten material underneath the crust where it eventually cooled and hardened into a buoyant layer.

The article states the slab is roughly 12 miles thick and light enough to keep the area elevated thousands of feet above the surrounding Atlantic seafloor.



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In a recent Daily Mail report, researcher William Frazer said, "Bermuda is an exciting place to study because a variety of its geologic features do not fit the model of a mantle plume, the classic way for deep material to be brought to the surface."

He added, "This suggests that there are other convective processes within Earth's mantle that have yet to be well understood."

That line is what grabs your attention.

Yet to be well understood.

We are living in a time [when hidden things are being revealed at an astonishing pace](#). Ancient cities once buried beneath dirt and rubble are emerging into the light. Archaeologists continue uncovering discoveries tied to biblical history, including major excavations surrounding the City of David. Underground structures are being mapped beneath ancient monuments. Long-forgotten civilizations are being reexamined with technology previous generations never possessed.

The prophet Daniel foresaw a future era when knowledge would dramatically increase.

But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. – Daniel 12:4

We often think of that prophecy in terms of artificial intelligence, global communication and scientific advancement. But there is another side to this explosion of knowledge unfolding right now: humanity is rediscovering the ancient world.

The deeper we look, the more mysteries emerge.

And for Christians, discoveries like this do not challenge the biblical narrative. They remind us how much of God's creation remains unexplored and not fully understood.

The Bermuda mystery was never simply about legends of vanished ships or sensational television specials. Beneath the folklore sat real geological questions scientists could not answer for decades. Now they believe the answer was hidden under the Atlantic all along.

That should humble all of us.

Modern society often acts as though we already understand the world completely. Yet new discoveries continue exposing how limited human knowledge truly is. Entire underground systems, ancient structures and geological anomalies remain hidden beneath the earth and oceans.

Scripture repeatedly reminds us that creation itself contains depths humanity cannot fully comprehend.

And perhaps that is part of why stories like this resonate so deeply.

They pull back the curtain just enough to remind us there is still mystery in God's world.

Not fantasy. Not mythology.

Mystery.

The ancient world is not finished revealing its secrets.

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Temple Mount Shock: 21 Arrested in Attempted Biblical Sacrifice

The tension on the Temple Mount just crossed another prophetic threshold.

For years, [we have watched the growing movement](#) among religious Jews seeking expanded access to pray on Judaism's holiest site. What once seemed politically impossible slowly became normalized. Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount increased. Activist groups grew bolder. Conversations surrounding the rebuilding of the Temple moved from the fringes into mainstream Israeli discourse.

Now comes another milestone: the public push for ritual sacrifice.

According to reporting from Israel365 News, Israeli police detained 21 Jewish activists on Friday after they allegedly attempted to enter the Temple Mount carrying a young goat intended for a Pesach Sheni sacrifice. Police said some of the suspects also carried a slaughtering knife as they attempted to bypass security checkpoints near one of the entrances to the Mount.

☐☐☐ *Arrests at the Temple Mount*

21 people were reportedly arrested on the Temple Mount last

Friday after allegedly attempting to carry out an animal sacrifice.

- *21 individuals were detained by authorities*
- *The group was allegedly attempting to sacrifice a baby goat*
- *All... pic.twitter.com/0v0T8V673v*

– Conflictory X (@Conflictory_X) [May 4, 2026](#)

The activists based their actions on Numbers 9:6-7, which describes the biblical institution of Pesach Sheni, or Second Passover:

“But there were some men who were unclean by reason of a corpse and could not offer the Pesach sacrifice on that day,” Scripture says. “They said, ‘Why must we be debarred from presenting Hashem’s offering at its set time with the rest of the Israelites?’”

That phrase, “Lama nigara,” translated as “Why should we be excluded?” has become a rallying cry for Temple activists pushing for renewed sacrificial worship in Jerusalem.

This is no longer simply about symbolic prayer rights.

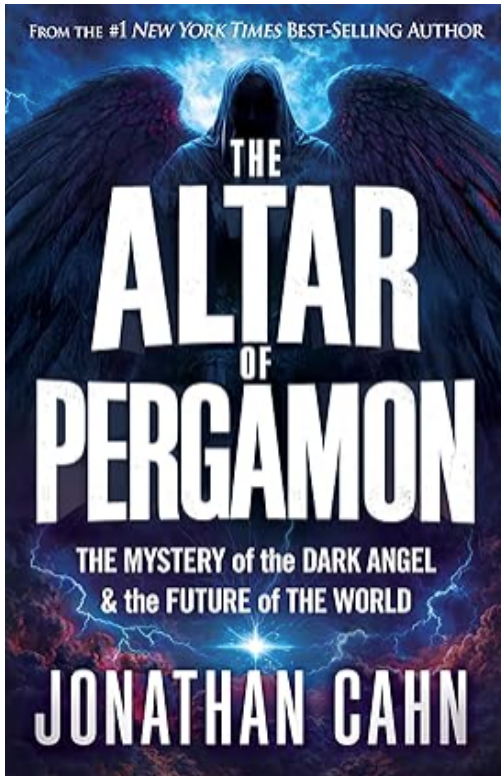
This is about preparation.

For students of biblical prophecy, the implications are impossible to ignore. Scripture repeatedly points to a future Temple in Jerusalem during the last days. Jesus warned of the “abomination of desolation” standing in the holy place in Matthew 24. The apostle Paul described the “man of sin” sitting in the Temple of God in 2 Thessalonians 2. Revelation also references the measuring of a future Temple.

A Temple requires worship.

Old Covenant Temple worship requires sacrifice.

That reality is what makes incidents like this so significant.



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Israeli authorities continue treating these attempts as serious security threats because of the explosive religious tensions surrounding the Temple Mount.

According to Israel365 News, police detained the activists, but courts later ordered their release after judges rejected police appeals to keep them in custody.

Attorney Daniel Shimshilashvili, representing the activists through the Honenu legal organization, criticized the police response and argued claims of regional escalation were exaggerated, according to the report.

Similar incidents have unfolded repeatedly in recent years, including arrests connected to activists allegedly concealing goats in bags and strollers near Passover observances. But this latest attempt signals something deeper than isolated activism. The momentum is building.

The conversation has changed.

What was once dismissed as impossible is increasingly becoming part of public discussion inside Israel itself.

[The desire for restored Temple worship](#) is no longer fading into history. It is accelerating in real time before our eyes.

There is no reversing course from here. The movement now pushes only in one direction: forward toward the eventual rebuilding of the Temple on the Temple Mount and the fulfillment of the biblical events Scripture prophesied would come in the last days.

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Who Was Melchizedek? The Ancient Priest-King Still Fascinating Christians Today

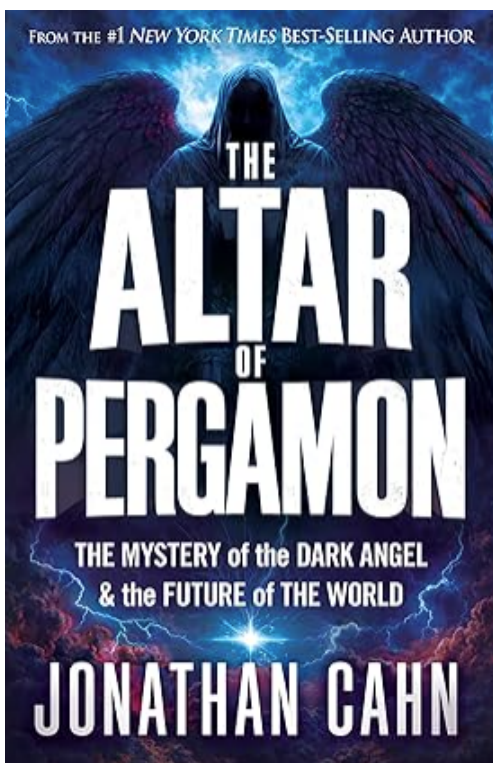
For thousands of years, one man has stood in the shadows of biblical history while theologians, historians and curious believers alike wrestled with the same question: Who exactly was Melchizedek?

In a recent video, [Joe Kirby of Off the Kirb Ministries](#) dove headfirst into that mystery, exploring theories ranging from ancient Jewish traditions and the Dead Sea Scrolls to the book of Enoch and the Nag Hammadi writings. The result was a fascinating deep dive into one of the Bible's most mysterious figures.

“There is one guy from Jerusalem who is easily the most mysterious man who ever lived,” Kirby said. “Some say he’s an angel. Others say he was a real person. And some would even go as far as to say that He is Jesus Christ Himself.”

Kirby centered much of the discussion around Genesis 14, where Melchizedek suddenly appears after Abraham’s victory in battle. Scripture identifies him as both a priest and a king, an unusual combination that immediately sets him apart.

“He was the king of Salem which means peace,” Kirby explained, “and which we also understand to be ancient Jerusalem.”



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That means Melchizedek carried two extraordinary titles at

once: king of righteousness and king of peace.

Kirby also pointed to another stunning detail often overlooked by readers. Melchizedek brought bread and wine to Abraham, something Kirby described as “the first ever communion service in history.”

From there, the video launched into a whirlwind journey through ancient writings and controversial interpretations.

Kirby discussed the bizarre account found in the Second Book of Enoch, where Melchizedek is described as miraculously born fully developed and taken away by the Archangel Michael before the flood. He explored the Dead Sea Scrolls theory portraying Melchizedek as a supernatural heavenly warrior leading God’s forces against evil. He even examined Gnostic teachings that elevated Melchizedek above Christ Himself.

Kirby did not mince words about those teachings.

“So, let’s stop here and remember there is a word that describes all of this and it’s called heresy,” he said.

He then turned the focus back to the gospel message.

“The Bible could not make it any clearer that for us to be saved, for us to come to the Lord Jesus Christ, you have to come to Him empty-handed,” Kirby said. “There is nothing you can do to contribute to His perfect work that He completed at the cross.”

The deeper Kirby went, [the more compelling the mystery became.](#)

One of the most fascinating sections of the video explored archaeological discoveries tied to ancient Jerusalem, including a 4,000-year-old ritual complex uncovered near the City of David that dates to the era traditionally associated with Melchizedek. Kirby connected the site’s altar and evidence of bread and wine offerings to the Genesis account.

Still, the biggest question remained unanswered: Was Melchizedek simply a historical king and priest, or was he something far more supernatural?

By the end of the video, Kirby revealed where he personally lands.

“It seems that the most logical thing to say about Melchizedek was that He wasn’t an ordinary man at all, but a supernatural figure, possibly even a pre-incarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ,” he said.

Kirby argued that Scripture repeatedly presents what many Christians call Christophanies, appearances of Christ before His birth in Bethlehem. He pointed to Hebrews 7 and Melchizedek’s mysterious lack of genealogy as evidence that places him outside the boundaries of ordinary human history.

And then came the moment that tied everything together.

“Do you not find that incredible that the priest himself was also the sacrifice?” Kirby said. “The Lamb of God took away the sins of the world 2,000 years ago.”

Whether Melchizedek was a real historical king, a prophetic foreshadowing of Christ or a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ Himself, one thing remains undeniable: this mysterious priest-king still captures the imagination of believers thousands of years after Abraham first met him on the road home from battle.

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CIA Document Revives Mystery of Hidden Chambers Beneath Egypt's Great Sphinx

A resurfaced Cold War-era CIA document is reigniting worldwide fascination with one of archaeology's oldest mysteries: [what may lie beneath the Great Sphinx of Giza.](#)

The renewed attention comes after a 1952 CIA archival document referenced a "Temple under Sphinx" while cataloging photographic negatives from Egypt. The document itself appears to be a routine inventory rather than an intelligence briefing, but the unusual wording has fueled fresh speculation surrounding the legendary "Hall of Records," a supposed hidden archive linked to ancient Egyptian lore.

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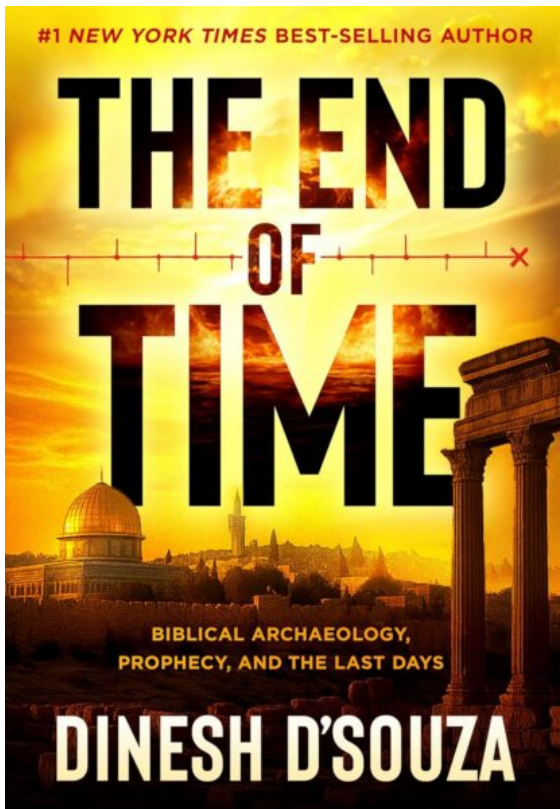
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 - 3: Photot of arroyo, near Koh-i-Duzd; looking NW, Dec. 1950.

The mystery has only intensified amid recent claims from researchers using synthetic aperture radar, or SAR, technology to scan beneath the pyramids and surrounding Giza Plateau.

According to recent reports, Italian and Scottish researchers studying the Pyramid of Khafre claimed radar imaging revealed "massive vertical shafts, spiral staircases" and interconnected underground structures deep beneath Giza.

The researchers suggested the findings could point to a vast subterranean network beneath the pyramids and even raised the possibility that the legendary Hall of Records could be connected to the site.



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Interest in hidden chambers beneath Giza is not new. In the 1990s, seismic studies and ground-penetrating radar detected underground anomalies near the Sphinx, though mainstream archaeologists disputed claims they represented artificial chambers.

The Hall of Records legend is most closely tied to Edgar Cayce, who claimed in the 1930s that [a hidden chamber beneath the Sphinx](#) contained ancient records from Atlantis and lost civilizations.

Not everyone is convinced the new radar claims are credible.

Veteran Egyptologist Zahi Hawass has repeatedly rejected theories about a hidden underground city beneath Giza. According to AFP Fact Check, experts criticized the recent SAR claims as exaggerated and lacking scientific validation.

Hawass previously stated that the Sphinx had been thoroughly excavated and said, "Nothing like a Hall of Records has been

found in or near the Sphinx.”

Still, legitimate scientific studies continue uncovering new anomalies around Giza using non-invasive technologies. Researchers involved with the ScanPyramids project previously confirmed the existence of a massive “Big Void” inside the Great Pyramid using muon imaging technology.

Other recent studies identified possible air-filled voids and hidden structures beneath parts of the Giza complex, adding to the growing sense that the ancient plateau may still hold undiscovered secrets.

For now, no mainstream archaeological authority has confirmed the existence of a hidden city, the Hall of Records or a buried temple beneath the Sphinx. But with advancing imaging technology and renewed global interest, the mysteries beneath the sands of Giza are drawing more attention than they have in decades.

What lies beneath these ancient monuments remains uncertain. Yet after centuries of speculation, the age of unanswered mystery surrounding the pyramids and Sphinx may finally be approaching a turning point.

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