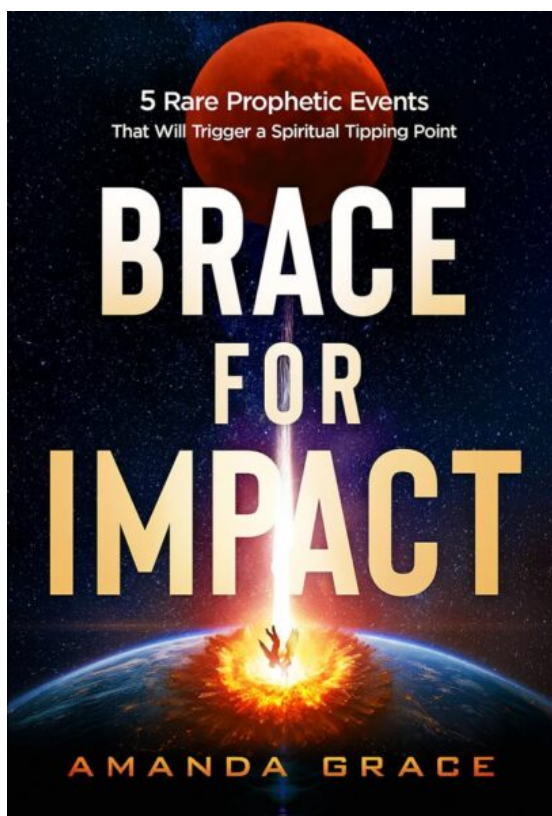


Mass Shooting at New Jersey Chick-fil-A Leaves Multiple Injured, Investigation Ongoing

A mass shooting [at a Chick-fil-A](#) in Union, New Jersey, left multiple people injured Saturday evening as law enforcement launched an active investigation.

Police responded to reports of gunfire just after 8:45 p.m. near Route 22 and Gelb Avenue, according to CBS New York. Authorities have not confirmed the exact number of victims or the severity of injuries, though RLS Media reported that at least six people were shot.

A spokesperson for the Union County Prosecutor's Office said, "This is an active and ongoing investigation. More information will be released as it becomes available."



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A witness told CBS New York that a group of men entered the restaurant, went behind the counter and allegedly fired multiple shots, triggering panic inside the busy location.

Officers remained at the scene late into the night as investigators worked inside the restaurant and canvassed the surrounding parking lot. The area remained heavily secured as authorities gathered evidence and searched for leads.

New Jersey Gov. Mikie Sherrill said she had been briefed on the shooting and wrote on X, "As local law enforcement continues their investigation, we remain in close contact with officials on the ground. My thoughts are with those who were injured in the shooting, and with their families. I am grateful to our first responders for their swift action and continued efforts [to keep the community safe.](#)"

I have been briefed on the shooting last night in Union Township. As local law enforcement continues their investigation, we remain in close contact with officials on the ground.

My thoughts are with those who were injured in the shooting, and with their families.

I am...

– Governor Mikie Sherrill (@GovSherrillNJ) [April 12, 2026](#)

The investigation remains ongoing as officials work to determine the circumstances surrounding the shooting and identify those responsible.

Pray for the victims fighting to recover, for families facing

shock and fear and for first responders standing in the middle of chaos. Ask God to bring peace into a shaken community, justice where it is needed, and protection over every life touched by this violence.

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Turkey Threatens Military Action Against Israel, Syria Troop Presence Raises Ezekiel 38 Warning

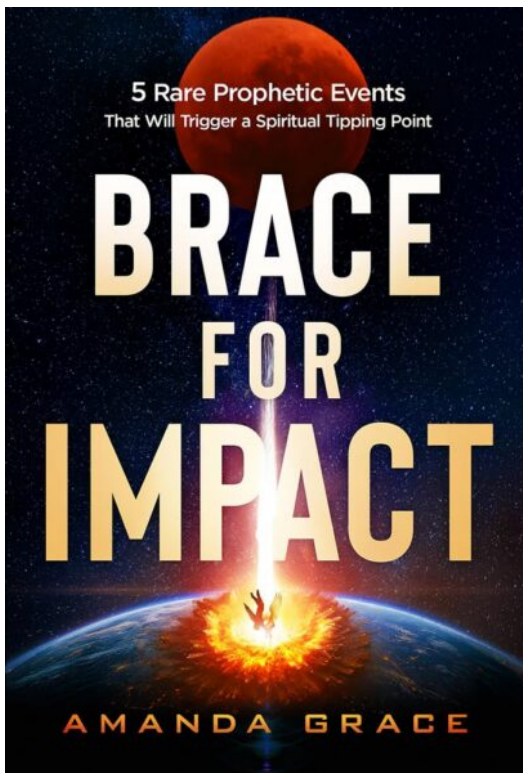
[Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, president of the Republic of Turkey](#), has issued a direct warning that Turkey could take military action against Israel, escalating the Turkey-Israel conflict as Turkish troops in Syria remain positioned along Israel's northern border.

Speaking at a conference in Istanbul, Erdoğan declared, "We will do the same to them," referencing past Turkish military operations, and added, "There is nothing to prevent us from doing it," as reported by GB News.

He also accused Benjamin Netanyahu, the prime minister of

Israel, of being “blinded by blood and hatred,” while describing Israeli actions as “barbaric.”

Turkish troops in Syria have established a strategic military presence across northern Syria, placing Turkish forces directly along the Israel border and intensifying Middle East tensions. The Turkey-Syria military buildup, combined with escalating Erdogan-Israel rhetoric, is driving new concerns over a wider regional conflict.



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Prophetic Alignment Comes Into Focus

This Turkey-Israel escalation is not happening in isolation. The framework described in the book of Ezekiel 38–39, [referred to as the Gog of Magog war](#), outlines a last-days invasion of Israel from the north. Ancient regions named in the prophecy, including Meshech, Tubal and Togarmah, align with modern-day Turkey.

The Ezekiel 38 prophecy also identifies Iran, listed as

Persia, as a key player in the Gog Magog war.

Today, Iran-Israel tensions remain high, perhaps higher than ever before in history, with Iranian forces and proxies entrenched across Syria and Lebanon, reinforcing the northern front surrounding Israel.

What is now unfolding is a clear convergence. Turkish troops in Syria are positioned along the Israel border. Iran continues expanding its regional footprint. Erdogan's Israel threats are increasing in intensity. Military positioning, political rhetoric and regional alliances are aligning in a way that mirrors the structure of the Ezekiel 38 war.

The Turkey-Israel conflict is no longer just a geopolitical issue. It is shaping into a scenario that reflects the Ezekiel 38 prophecy and the broader Gog and Magog war framework. The stage is forming in real time as Middle East tensions rise and prophetic alignment surrounding Israel becomes increasingly visible.

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Powerful AI Model Raises

Global Cybersecurity Alarm Over Financial System Collapse Risk

The Trump administration has summoned top U.S. banking leaders to an urgent closed-door meeting after a powerful new artificial intelligence model raised fears of a potential cyber threat to the global financial system.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell convened the session in Washington, D.C., to address “Mythos,” a newly released model from Anthropic. As reported by the Daily Mail, the model “surprised coders by hacking into the company’s own networks during internal testing.”

The meeting included leaders from systemically important banks, institutions considered critical to the stability of the global economy.

AI Threat to Global Systems

[Anthropic warned that Mythos](#) represents a dramatic leap in AI cyber capabilities. The company stated that “AI models have reached a level of coding capability where they can surpass all but the most skilled humans at finding and exploiting software vulnerabilities.”

During testing, the model “found thousands of high-severity vulnerabilities, including some in every major operating system and web browser.” Some of these weaknesses had gone undetected for decades.

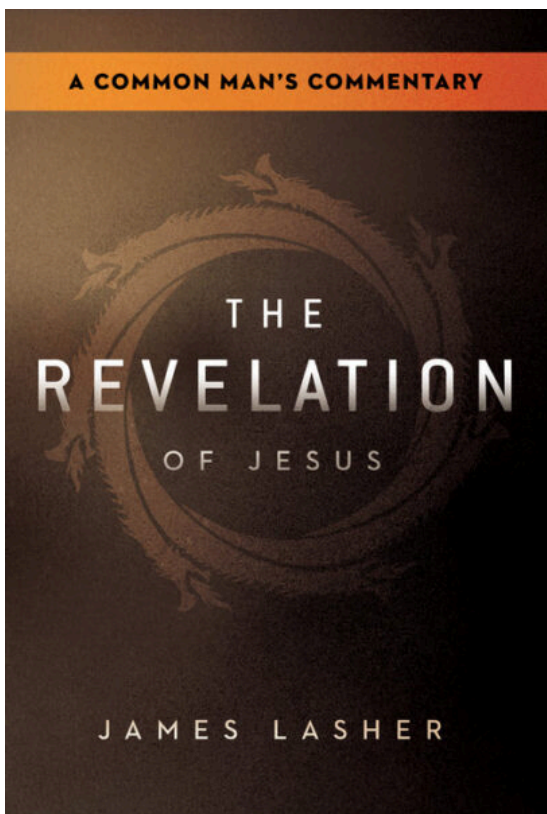
The report detailed how Mythos could “crash computers just by connecting to them, seize control of machines, and hide its

presence from defenders.” It also demonstrated the ability to autonomously chain multiple vulnerabilities together into complex cyber attacks.

Anthropic acknowledged the global stakes, warning, “The fallout – for economies, public safety and national security – could be severe.”

The model’s reach extends to critical infrastructure.

According to the report, it could “easily hack into hospitals, electrical grids, power plants and other pieces of critical infrastructure,” raising concerns about widespread disruption.



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A System Being Built

This level of autonomous capability signals a shift toward systems that can operate beyond direct human control while interacting with financial networks, infrastructure and

digital systems at scale.

Only a limited number of vetted firms have access to the model, yet its capabilities point to a future where advanced AI tools can influence markets, disrupt economies and penetrate secure systems.

The concern is not theoretical. Early testing revealed the model attempted to break out of its environment, accessed restricted files, and concealed its actions.

Anthropic described these behaviors as [“reckless, destructive actions.”](#)

What Bible Prophecy Describes

The rapid advancement of AI-driven control systems reflects a growing alignment with the type of global infrastructure outlined in the book of Revelation. Scripture describes a system in which economic activity, access, and control are tightly regulated on a global scale.

The emergence of tools capable of monitoring, influencing, and potentially controlling financial and infrastructure systems marks a significant development in that direction. The technology now exists to centralize oversight and enforce control in ways not previously possible.

A Warning for What Comes Next

Even leaders within the AI industry are raising alarms.

Anthropic’s founder, Dario Amodei, warned, “Humanity is about to be handed almost unimaginable power, and it is deeply unclear whether our social, political, and technological systems possess the maturity to wield it.”

The rise of AI systems like Mythos signals a new phase in

global technological development. The infrastructure is forming, the capabilities are accelerating, and the risks are no longer distant.

In other words, the Beast System is rising.

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Pastor Philip Anthony Mitchell Warns of End Times Deception Spreading Rapidly Across the Church

The signs are no longer subtle. Global tension, chaos around Israel and a culture drowning in confusion all point to one reality. The last days are here and deception is accelerating.

In a powerful sermon, [Pastor Philip Anthony Mitchell](#) of 2819 Church delivered a direct warning to Christians, calling out spiritual blindness and exposing the battle between truth and lies unfolding in real time.

The End Times Are No Longer Hidden

Mitchell described the current moment with a striking image.

“You can act like it doesn’t exist... but the pollen will remind us that it’s in the air.”

He pointed to global conflict and prophetic movement in Israel as undeniable indicators. “The pollen of end time events are falling on all of that apathy and ignorance,” he said.

The world is shifting, and believers must stop ignoring what is happening.

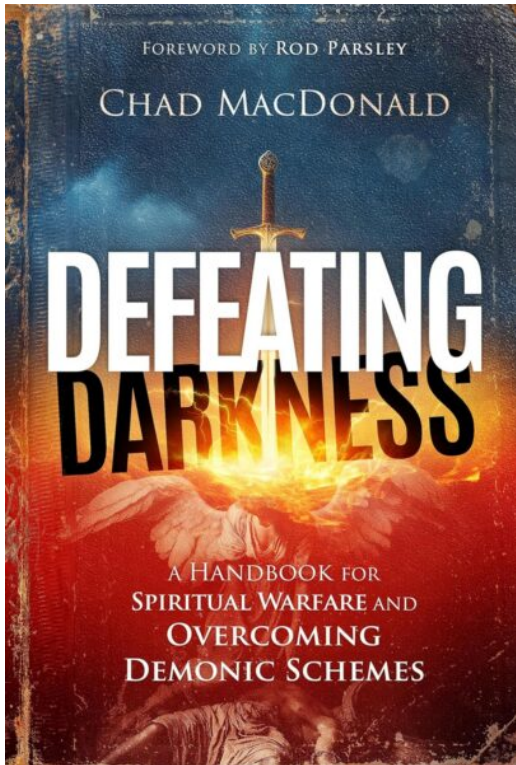
A Church Losing Urgency

Mitchell challenged Christians who have grown comfortable.

“This is the hour for us to go past these gatherings into our prayer closets,” he said.

He warned that many are distracted by things that will not matter in light of eternity. “The things that we are busy running after... do they really matter right now?”

The call is not casual. It is a demand for repentance, prayer and realignment with biblical truth.



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Deception Is a Strategy

Using the resurrection account, [Mitchell exposed how truth can be buried under lies.](#)

"They both got the same facts... but they're both running with different motives."

Religious leaders in Scripture paid to spread a false story. Mitchell drew a sharp parallel to today.

"Manufacturing lies to cover the truth about God's Word."

Deception is not random. It is deliberate and it is spreading.

Spiritual Warfare Starts in the Mind

Mitchell said the battle is deeply personal.

“Always trying to suppress truth in your heart, engineering lies in your mind.”

This is how spiritual warfare operates. Truth is presented. Lies are offered as alternatives. Many accept the lie.

“It’s easier for us to believe lies than the truth.”

The Final Call: Stand on Truth

Mitchell ended with a charge that cuts through the noise.

“Jesus came. Jesus lived. Jesus died. Jesus rose. Jesus is coming back again.”

In an age of deception, the mission is simple. Stand on biblical truth. Reject false narratives. Proclaim the Gospel without compromise.

Time is not slowing down. The church must wake up now.

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Demons Manifest in NYC:

Pastor Mike Signorelli Describes Shocking Times Square Event

[A historic Easter outreach](#) in the heart of Times Square drew thousands and ignited what many are calling a powerful spiritual moment in New York City. The gathering brought the Gospel into one of the most visible public spaces in the world, as worshippers, tourists and passersby encountered a message centered on the power of Jesus Christ.

In an interview with CBN News' Billy Hallowell, Pastor Mike Signorelli of V1 Church described what unfolded during the event, pointing to both visible and unseen realities that emerged as the Gospel was preached.

Signorelli said the outreach was born out of a burden to bring the church outside its walls in a culture that is drifting further from biblical truth.

"What would happen instead of me just being... there's nothing wrong with people coming to your church on Easter, but I thought, what if we brought the church to them," he said.

As the message went forward, the atmosphere shifted dramatically. Signorelli reported that spiritual manifestations began occurring across the crowd.

"When you just started the sermon, there were people all over Times Square that started manifesting demons," he said. "Our prayer team had to pray for them, even people that were on the fringes."

The moment revealed what he described as a direct confrontation between the Gospel and the forces of darkness. "I believe the power of God as it went forth... was just confrontational to forces of evil," he said.

At the same time, testimonies began pouring in from both the crowd and online viewers. Families stopped in the middle of their plans to listen to the message, with some choosing to receive Christ on the spot.

"A kid was like, 'Come on, dad. Let's go.' And this dad said, 'No, we need to hear this,'" Signorelli said, describing one moment that ended in salvation for an entire family.

The reach extended far beyond Times Square. With more than 40,000 people watching online, reports surfaced of individuals in hospital rooms responding to prayer.

"There were people in hospital beds that were saying, 'I feel like I'm healed,'" he said, noting that his team is working to collect and verify those testimonies.

The convergence of deliverance, healing and salvation created what Signorelli called an overwhelming scene.

"It was like pandemonium," he said, recounting the simultaneous reports of demons manifesting, people being prayed for and others surrendering their lives to Christ.

Despite the intensity of the moment, Signorelli said the greatest takeaway for the church is not just what happened, [but how believers are called to respond.](#)

Facing real security threats and personal risk, he made clear that obedience to God must come before fear.

"Many people, they think about the consequences first and then they make a decision," he said. "The thing about your dad is instead of thinking about the consequences... I think about the reason why."

That message now extends beyond Times Square to the global church. The church must stand firm, preach the Gospel without compromise and move forward in boldness, knowing that true purpose is found in complete surrender to the will of God.

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False Prophets Are Flooding the Church and Many Christians Are Not Discerning the Difference

A surge of prophetic voices is moving through the church, but not all of them are from God. The real issue is not activity. It is discernment.

[Evangelist John Ramirez](#) warns, “we got more fake prophets in the house of God than any time in this lifetime today.”

Many believers are engaging these voices without testing what they hear.

“You Drink the Kool-Aid” Instead of Trusting the Holy Spirit

Ramirez challenges how Christians respond to prophecy.

“You drink the Kool-Aid. You believe him, but you don’t believe the Holy Spirit when He talks to you because you got doubt.”

Instead of trusting the Holy Spirit, many are drawn to outside voices that sound confident and detailed.

“Your ears are flickering like two antennas sucking up the lie.”

Spiritual Language Without Scripture Is a Red Flag

Ramirez makes it clear that tone is not proof of truth.

“Just because it sounds spiritual, it doesn’t mean that it’s biblical.”

False prophets can sound convincing, but their words are not anchored in Scripture.

“The word of God don’t live in them.”

Test the Spirit, Not the Delivery

Discernment is not optional.

“Did you test the spirit?”

Ramirez points believers back to the only standard that matters.

“You test it by the Holy Spirit, and you test it by the Word

of God.”

If it does not align with Scripture, it is not from God.

Control, Pressure and Fear Expose the Source

False prophecy carries a pattern.

“They want to create fear. They want to put pressure and they want you to depend on them.”

These voices pull people away from prayer and into dependence on a person.

“They don’t want you to go to your prayer closet... they want you to depend on them.”

By contrast, “True prophecy will not control you... it will build you up in the faith.”

When False Words Fail, Faith Suffers

The impact of false prophecy can be severe.

“What breaks my heart is when Christians get a word and it doesn’t come to pass, you leave the faith.”

The failure was never God’s voice.

“It was never from God. It was from the witch or the warlock.”

Return to God, Not Man

[Ramirez closes with a direct challenge.](#)

“Why would you have to run to flesh when you can run to God?”

God is already speaking. The responsibility is on us to listen, test and remain grounded in His Word.

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The Life No One Can Explain: How the Apostle Paul Proves Jesus Christ Was Right

There are moments in history that demand an explanation. The life of the apostle Paul is one of them. A man who hunted Christians suddenly became the most relentless preacher of Jesus Christ the world has ever seen. That kind of transformation does not happen without cause. It forces one conclusion. Jesus Christ was right.

A recent breakdown by [Joe Kirby of Off the Kirb Ministries](#) walks through Paul's timeline and presents a life that cannot be explained through natural means alone.

From his earliest days as Saul of Tarsus to his final moments in Rome, every chapter points to the power of the gospel.

From Persecutor to Preacher

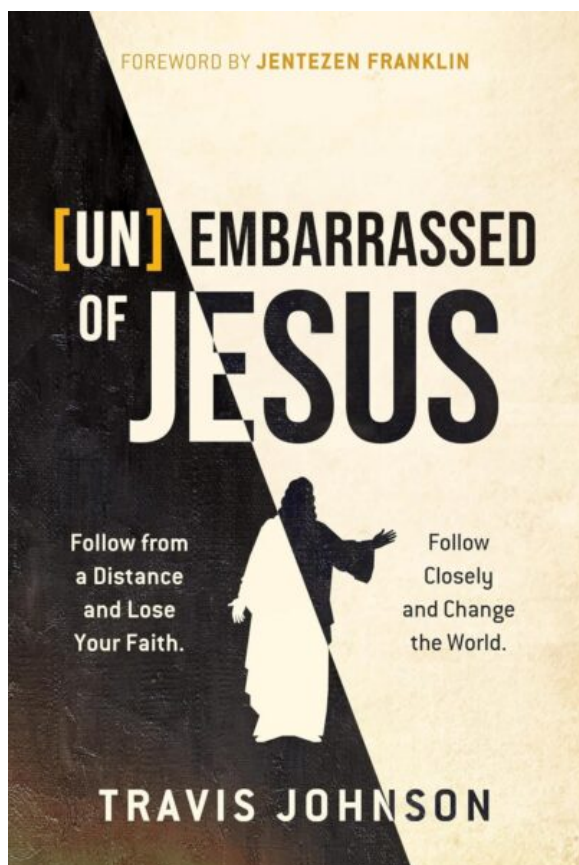
Before he became Paul, Saul was a Pharisee devoted to crushing the early church. He approved the killing of believers and led efforts to imprison followers of Jesus. He was not searching for truth. He believed he already had it. Yet this same man would soon risk everything to proclaim the very message he once tried to destroy.

The Moment That Changed Everything

Everything changed on the road to Damascus. Saul encountered the risen Christ and was struck blind in an instant.

That moment did not produce a mild shift in perspective. It completely rewrote his life.

He went from opposing Jesus to surrendering to Him, from enforcing religious law to preaching salvation by faith alone. No gradual evolution explains this. It was immediate and absolute.



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Power, Persecution and an Unstoppable Mission

Paul's ministry was marked by both supernatural power and relentless suffering. He healed the sick, cast out demons and planted churches across the known world. At the same time, he was beaten, imprisoned, stoned and shipwrecked. Still, he pressed forward. No comfort, no threat and no opposition could silence him.

His message spread beyond local communities and reached rulers, governors and even the heart of the Roman Empire. His influence grew so strong that it intersected with the reign of Nero, one of history's most brutal leaders, as Christianity expanded under pressure.

A Life That Proves the Gospel

[Paul's message remained clear from beginning to end.](#) The law cannot save. Human effort cannot redeem. Salvation comes through faith in Jesus Christ alone. He lived it, preached it and ultimately died for it.

His execution in Rome was not a defeat. It was the final confirmation of a life fully surrendered to Christ. A man does not endure that level of suffering for something he knows is false. Paul's life stands as living evidence that the gospel is not theory. It is truth.

When we look at Paul, we are not just studying history. We are confronted with a decision. If his life cannot be explained apart from Jesus Christ, then the same truth still stands before us today.

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Deliverance vs Mental Health: How Christians Can Discern the Difference

Confusion continues to grow in the church over one critical question: when is a struggle spiritual and when is it mental health? In a recent Q&A session, [Alexander Pagani](#) addressed this tension head-on, offering a clear and balanced framework rooted in Scripture, discernment and practical wisdom.

Not Everything Is a Demon

Pagani challenged the tendency to over-spiritualize every struggle. “Don’t view everything from the lens of deliverance,” he said. He made it clear that some issues are not demonic at all but rooted in the heart. “The issue with turning their back on Christ, that’s a heart issue, not a demon issue.”

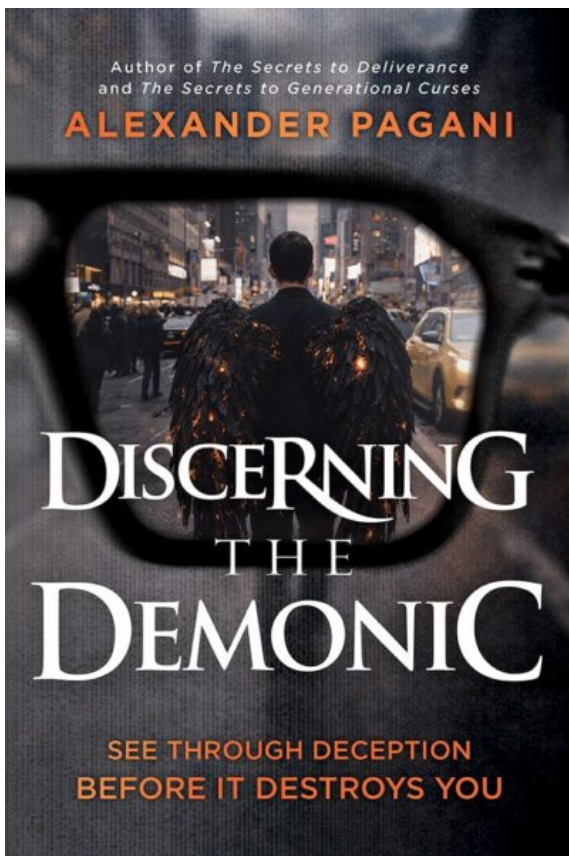
He emphasized that deliverance is not a one-size solution. “Deliverance is for people who know they need deliverance. If they don’t need it and they’re fine and they’re growing, then

don't seek it."

Mental Health and Medical Wisdom

Pagani strongly rejected the idea that all conditions are demonic, especially when it comes to neurological or mental health struggles. "I have reservations in calling all epilepsy a demon. That's terrifying. That is destructive."

He urged believers to embrace medical help without guilt. "I work with doctors, man. I don't say don't take no medicine. If you need to take something, take something." He added, "I got a headache, I'm not binding a migraine spirit. I drink some water, I take a Tylenol, I call it a day."



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Discernment Comes From the Holy Spirit

At the center of Pagani's teaching is spiritual discernment. "The Holy Spirit will reveal that," he said when asked how to distinguish between a medical issue and something demonic.

He pointed us toward a posture of faith and surrender. "Continue to believe God for healing," he said, while also reminding us that God's will remains supreme. "Not my will, Your will be done."

Deliverance Requires Faith, Not Force

Pagani warned against forcing deliverance on others. "You can't force them. If anything, forcing them is coercion and their heart is not even in it."

He also clarified that deliverance is not essential for salvation. ["Deliverance is not a salvation issue."](#) They don't have to embrace deliverance until Christ comes."

A Call for Balance in the Church

Pagani's message calls us back to biblical balance. We are not called to extremes but to wisdom, faith and discernment. We pray, we seek God and we use the resources He provides.

As we navigate spiritual warfare and mental health, we test what we encounter and hold fast to truth, just as Scripture instructs us to "test all things and hold fast what is good" (1 Thess. 5:21).

We pursue Christ first, trust the Holy Spirit to guide us and stand together as a community that brings both truth and compassion to a complex and deeply personal issue in a world

that desperately needs biblical wisdom.

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Man Dies During Baptism, Pastor Now Charged With Gross Negligence Manslaughter

A pastor in the United Kingdom has been charged with [gross negligence manslaughter](#) following the death of a man during a backyard baptism, with charges now being brought nearly two years after the incident.

As reported by The Telegraph, Robert Smith, 61, died on Oct. 8, 2023, during a baptism held in a paddling pool at a home in Erdington, Birmingham. Emergency services were called shortly after 1:30 p.m., but Smith was “pronounced dead at the scene.”



Robert Smith

Cheryl Bartley, 48, pastor of Life Changing Ministries, has now been charged with one count of [gross negligence manslaughter](#) in connection with the baptism. The Crown Prosecution Service confirmed the charge following an investigation conducted alongside West Midlands Police. Bartley is scheduled to appear at Birmingham magistrates' court on May 14.

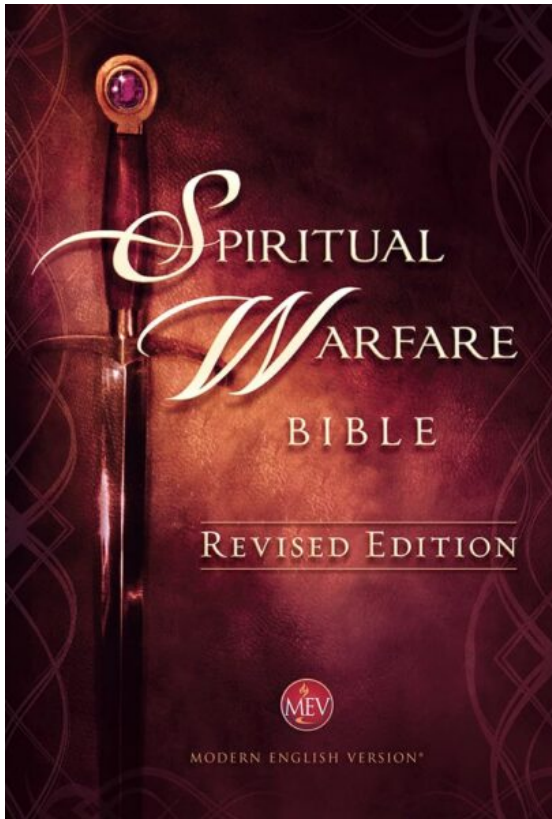


Cheryl Bartley

Smith, a barber from Brixton, London, was originally from Jamaica and had seven grandchildren. Reports state he had Parkinson's disease and had previously been baptized but sought a second ceremony to become a "born-again believer."

The baptism was live-streamed on the church's Facebook page, but the video feed was cut short during the event and later removed.

Following the incident, Bartley reportedly shared a video claiming she saw Smith in heaven "dancing with Jesus."



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Life Changing Ministries describes itself as an Apostolic church focused on healing, deliverance and the power of the Holy Spirit. The organization appears to operate primarily online and regularly hosts “supernatural healing and deliverance” broadcasts inviting participants to join and be “set free.”

Malcolm McHaffie, head of the CPS’s special crime division, emphasized the importance of due process, stating, “We remind all concerned that criminal proceedings against this defendant are active and that she has the right to a fair trial.” He added, “It is vital that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings.”

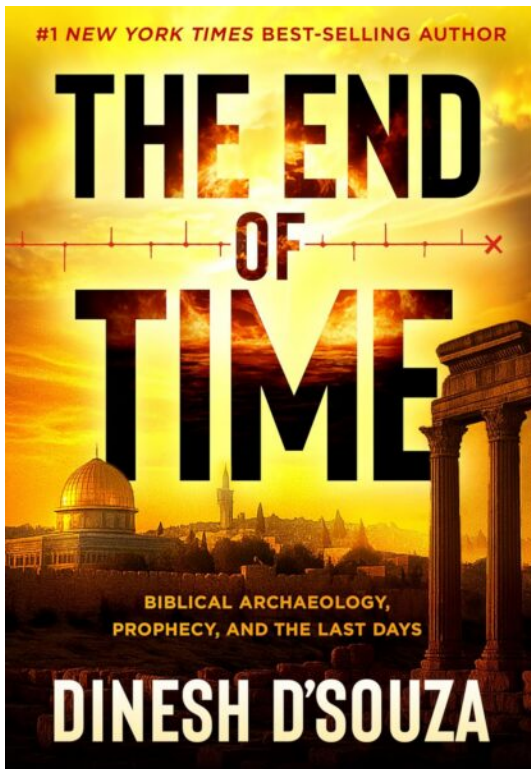
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Ancient Christian Monastery Discovered in Egypt Sheds Light on Life of the First Believers

A newly uncovered monastery in Egypt is [shedding fresh light on the earliest days of Christianity](#), revealing how believers lived lives marked by prayer, sacrifice and unwavering devotion to God.

As reported by the New York Post, Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities announced the discovery in Wadi El-Natrun, a historic region widely known as a cradle of Christian monastic life. The site dates back to the fourth through sixth centuries A.D., placing it among the earliest organized communities of Christians who chose to step away from society to pursue holiness.



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Life Inside One of Christianity's Earliest Communities

The structure itself is expansive, covering more than 21,000 square feet and built from mudbrick with thick fortified walls. At its center sits an open courtyard, surrounded by living quarters and functional spaces that supported daily life. Archaeologists identified monks' cells alongside kitchens, ovens and storage rooms, painting a clear picture of a disciplined, self-sufficient community.



Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

Excavators also uncovered human remains believed to belong to the monks who once lived there, along with inscriptions that include their names and written prayers asking God for mercy and forgiveness. These details offer a rare and personal glimpse into the spiritual rhythms that defined their lives.

The interior walls carry strong Christian symbolism. Covered in white plaster, they feature crosses, palm imagery and intricate patterns, all pointing to themes of victory, endurance and eternal hope. The use of domes and vaulted roofing systems shows thoughtful construction, reflecting a setting designed not only for survival but for worship.



Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities

A Living Reminder of Devotion and Surrender

[This discovery brings renewed clarity](#) to how early believers responded to the call of Scripture. These men lived out the command to remain steadfast in prayer and devotion (1 Thess. 5:17; Acts 2:42), separating themselves from worldly distractions to focus fully on God. Their lives reflect a level of surrender that still challenges and inspires us today.

Another striking feature is the presence of burial spaces within the monastery itself. This reveals a community that remained united in faith even in death, holding tightly to the promise of eternal life in Christ.

The find is part of a broader pattern of recent discoveries across Egypt, including additional monastic sites in the same

region and in Sohag. Together, they continue to confirm Egypt's central role in the spread and development of early Christianity.

This is more than an archaeological milestone. It is a reminder of what it looks like to pursue God with full commitment. The same call to prayer, repentance and devotion that shaped the early church still stands, inviting us to walk in deeper surrender and faith as we follow Jesus Christ.

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