

China Defies US Blockade as Tanker Passes Through Strait of Hormuz

A Chinese tanker sailed through the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday in open defiance of a sweeping U.S. naval blockade, escalating tensions in one of the world's most critical oil chokepoints.

The vessel, Rich Starry, which is under U.S. sanctions, had initially turned back late Monday before completing its passage a day later. The tanker is owned by Shanghai Xuanrun Shipping Co. Ltd. and is carrying roughly 250,000 barrels of methanol after loading cargo in Hamriyah in the United Arab Emirates, according to shipping data cited by the Daily Mail.

The move comes just days after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a sweeping military action targeting Iranian shipping routes.

Trump said Sunday the U.S. Navy would block "any and all ships trying to enter, or leave, the Strait of Hormuz."

He doubled down Monday, declaring the U.S. would blockade vessels "entering or exiting Iranian ports," according to the Daily Mail report.



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China quickly condemned the move, warning it could destabilize an already fragile situation in the region.

"The US increased military operations and took a targeted blockade action, which will only exacerbate tensions and undermine the already fragile ceasefire agreement and further

jeopardize [the] safety of passage through the Strait,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said at a news conference. He added the blockade was “dangerous and irresponsible behavior.”

The confrontation is raising alarm across the Middle East. Saudi Arabia is pressing Washington to abandon the blockade and return to negotiations, fearing the move could provoke Iran into retaliating against other vital shipping lanes.

The passage of the sanctioned tanker marks a direct challenge to U.S. enforcement in the region and signals a potential flashpoint as global powers clash over control of the Strait of Hormuz, a critical artery for the world’s energy supply.

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4 Reasons America Is Missing From Bible Prophecy in the End Times

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 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

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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