

# **Is AI Reviving the Dead? Michael Knowles Issues Strong, Spiritual Warning**

There's a statement from Amir Tsarfati that immediately reframes how many believers think about the return of Jesus: "If you are face to face with Jesus at his Second Coming, you have missed the rapture."

That idea challenges a common assumption in the Church and gets to the root of a deeper issue. Many Christians have merged two distinct biblical events into one, creating confusion about what Scripture actually lays out.

Tsarfati, founder of Behold Israel, addresses that confusion directly. "There's a critical distinction most churches are missing," he said, pointing back to the biblical foundation that "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33).

## **Two Events, Not One**

At the center of his message is a clear distinction between the Rapture and the Second Coming. These are not different descriptions of the same moment. They are separate events with different purposes.

"The Bible clearly teaches two distinct events. The rapture and the Second Coming," Tsarfati said.

## **Rapture vs. Second Coming Explained**

The Rapture:

- Jesus comes for believers
- Believers meet Him in the air
- It can happen at any moment
- It is deliverance from coming wrath

“The Lord himself will descend from heaven... and we who are alive and remain shall be caught up... to meet the Lord... in the air,” Tsarfati said. “We meet him in the air, not on earth” (1 Thess. 4:16–17).

The Second Coming:

- Jesus returns with believers
- He comes to Earth
- It happens after the Tribulation
- It brings judgment and establishes His kingdom

“In the Second Coming, believers will be behind Jesus, following him on white horses. We’ll see his back, not his face,” he said (Rev. 19:14; Zech. 14:5).



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## **Why This Matters Right Now**

Tsarfati connects this teaching to the moment the world is in right now. “Our present days are like the days of Noah, when everyone did whatever they wanted,” he said (Matt. 24:37–39).

That comparison is not abstract. It frames how believers understand what comes next. Just as Noah was lifted above the flood, the Church will be taken before judgment is poured out.

The timeline matters. The Rapture is imminent. The Second Coming follows a sequence of events that Scripture lays out in detail, including the rise of the Antichrist and a seven-year

Tribulation (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2:4).

## **What Many Churches Are Getting Wrong**

One of the clearest corrections Tsarfati makes is about what believers are actually preparing for.

“I heard a pastor tell his congregation, ‘We must get ready for the Second Coming of Jesus.’ It sounds spiritual, but is that really what believers should be preparing for?”

Jesus’ own words point in a different direction. He spoke of preparing a place for His people and returning to receive them, not instructing the Church to prepare the world for His arrival (John 14:2–3).

## **What Happens If You Miss It**

Tsarfati returns to the central warning that frames the message. If someone is on Earth watching Jesus return in power, they were not part of the Rapture.

“If you’re facing Jesus at his Second Coming, it means you weren’t raptured,” he said. “You don’t want to be in that position.”

One event is rescue. The other is judgment. Scripture draws that line clearly, with believers not appointed to wrath but to salvation (1 Thess. 5:9).

## **Living With Expectation**

This is not meant to create confusion or fear, but clarity. The New Testament consistently points believers toward expectancy.

“This should be our attitude, too,” Tsarfati said, pointing to Paul’s language of living as if Christ could return at any moment (Rom. 13:11–12).

Jesus is coming first for His Church, then later with His Church. That truth is not just theological detail. It shapes how we live, how we watch and how we stay ready for His appearing, our blessed hope (Titus 2:13).

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## **Joe Rogan Calls Revelation ‘Kooky.’ Here’s What He’s Missing About Biblical Prophecy**

On a recent episode of The Joe Rogan Experience, the host of the world’s largest podcast, Joe Rogan, said something many people think but don’t always say out loud.

“The book of Revelations is kooky,” Rogan said. “You just go, ‘Wait, who believes this?’”

He was reacting to the vivid imagery. Jesus returning on a

white horse. Judgment. Armageddon. To someone looking in from the outside, it sounds extreme. That part is understandable.

But here is where the conversation needs to go deeper.

## **Why It Sounds Strange**

The Bible already explains this reaction. The apostle Paul wrote that the message of God appears foolish to those who are not grounded in it (1 Cor. 1:18). He even said, "We are fools for Christ's sake" (1 Cor. 4:10).

That is not an insult. It is a reality check.

If someone is not convinced of who God is, then of course Revelation will sound disconnected from reality. It is describing events that sit outside human control, outside political systems, outside what people think is possible.

So the issue is not that Revelation is unclear. The issue is perspective.

## **Revelation Doesn't Stand Alone**

Revelation is not a random, isolated book filled with strange symbols. It is the final chapter of a story that has been building from the beginning.

Jesus laid out the conditions of the last days in Gospel of Matthew 24. Wars. Global instability. Deception on a massive scale.

Paul warned about a world that would reject truth and embrace what is false.

Long before that, prophets like Daniel and Ezekiel described the rise of kingdoms, conflict in the last days and God's final intervention.

Revelation pulls all of that together. It is not introducing

something new. It is finishing what was already laid out.



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## **This Is Not About Fear**

There is a tendency to hear "end times" and immediately think fear. That misses the point entirely.

God is not springing judgment on the world without warning. He is laying it out in advance.

That is what Revelation is. It is a warning. It is also an invitation. It is the Revelation of who Jesus Christ is, and how He is coming back to establish His kingdom.

It says clearly where history is going, but it also makes it clear that no one has to face judgment unprepared. Salvation has already been offered through Jesus Christ.

## **Look at What's Happening**

Step back for a moment and look at the world right now.

Global tension is rising. Alliances are shifting. Truth is harder to find. People are more divided than ever.

None of this proves a specific timeline, but it lines up with the direction Scripture has always pointed.

That is why brushing Revelation off as "kooky" does not hold up. It ignores how consistent the message has been across the entire Bible.

## **The Real Question**

This is not about winning an argument with Rogan or anyone else. It comes down to something much more personal.

Jesus is returning. That is a promise repeated throughout Scripture.

The question is whether people are paying attention. Rogan is asking questions. A lot of people are. That is a good place to start. But there comes a point where questions have to lead somewhere.

Every person, without exception, is moving toward the same moment. The return of Christ.

The right response is not to dismiss it. It is to take it seriously, to understand what God has already revealed and to live with an awareness that He is coming back.

Not someday in theory. In reality.

And when that day comes, the only thing that will matter is whether we were ready.

*The Joe Rogan podcast is available to listen to on Spotify and YouTube (Editor's Note: strong language, content warning).*

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# **Iran on the Brink: What Pastors Need to Know About the Current Crisis and Biblical Prophecy**

The situation with Iran is escalating fast. President Donald Trump issued a stark warning to Iranian leaders this week, telling them to make a deal “before it is too late.” The Pentagon, under Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, is actively drawing up military options described as a “final blow,” options that reportedly include a ground invasion and a large-scale bombing campaign. A five-day ceasefire on strikes against Iranian energy facilities is set to expire within 48 hours, with no extension on the table.

Iran, for its part, isn't backing down. Tehran rejected Trump's 15-point peace plan, called the terms “excessive” and has begun fortifying Kharg Island, a critical oil hub, against a possible U.S. ground assault. Meanwhile, Israel is pressing hard to strike as many Iranian military targets as possible before Washington cuts any deal.

## **The Prophetic Connection**

Here's what church leaders need to sit with: This isn't just geopolitics. The nation we're watching on the news tonight is one that the Bible addressed directly, by name, in detail, with language that is hard to ignore right now.

In Isaiah 21, the prophet delivers a sobering “burden against Elam,” an ancient region that sat squarely within the borders of modern-day Iran. Isaiah describes a sudden, devastating military assault: chariots, horsemen, and armies rushing in, with Elam's defenses overwhelmed and its people left in

anguish. The imagery of a nation caught off guard by swift military force is striking when set alongside today's headlines about Pentagon strike plans and a closing diplomatic window.



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Jeremiah 49 takes it further. In verses 34 through 39, God declares he will shatter Elam's bow, its primary military strength, scatter its people to the four winds, and bring calamity upon its leadership. But the passage doesn't end in permanent destruction. God also promises that in the latter days, he will restore the fortunes of Elam. That detail matters. It suggests a nation brought low, then ultimately redeemed, a trajectory that carries profound implications for how we pray over Iran today.

God declared judgment on Elam's military power thousands of years ago, and promised restoration on the other side of it.

We don't claim these passages are being fulfilled in real time; that demands more than a news cycle. But we do believe they deserve a place in this conversation, and that pastors are exactly the right people to bring them there with care and theological grounding.

## **What This Means for Your Pulpit**

Your congregation is watching this unfold in real time and asking questions you need to be ready to answer. The goal isn't to preach panic; it's to preach from God's perspective. When current events intersect with biblical prophecy this clearly, silence from the pulpit isn't pastoral caution. It's a missed moment.

Pray specifically: for Iran's civilian population, for wisdom in Washington and Jerusalem, and for the peace that only comes

from above. And keep your eyes open.

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## **She Stood by Her Bible. Finland's Supreme Court Convicted Her Anyway**

Finland's Supreme Court has convicted parliamentarian Päivi Räsänen and Lutheran Bishop Juhana Pohjola in a narrow 3-2 decision for a church pamphlet published more than two decades ago, while unanimously acquitting Räsänen for a 2019 tweet that included a Bible verse.

Räsänen, a former Minister of the Interior, medical doctor and grandmother of 12, was found guilty of "making and keeping available to the public a text that insults a group" based on a pamphlet she authored for her church in 2004. The conviction carries criminal fines of several thousand euros and a court order requiring the pamphlet's contents to be removed from public access and destroyed.

The ruling overturns two unanimous acquittals from lower courts. The Supreme Court heard the case in October 2025 after prosecutors appealed for a third time.

*BREAKING:*

*The Finnish Supreme Court just acquitted the Christian Democrat Member of Parliament Päivi Räsänen in the infamous "Bible tweet hate-speech case."*

*She had been under criminal investigation since 2019 for Twitter post that quoted Bible verses (Romans 1:24–27) and...*

*– Visegrad 24 (@visegrad24) March 26, 2026*

Räsänen responded to the verdict with resolve. "I am shocked and profoundly disappointed that the court has failed to recognize my basic human right to freedom of expression," she said. "I stand by the teachings of my Christian faith and will continue to defend my and every person's right to share their convictions in the public square."

She also signaled she is not finished fighting. "I am taking legal advice on a possible appeal to the European Court of Human Rights," Räsänen said. "This is not about my free speech alone, but that of every person in Finland. A positive ruling would help to prevent other innocent people from experiencing the same ordeal for simply sharing their beliefs."



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The court's own summary of the judgment acknowledged the conduct was "not particularly serious in terms of the nature of the offense" and that the pamphlet "did not contain incitement to violence or comparable threat-like fomenting of hatred." The conviction hinged on Räsänen resharing the 2004 article on her personal social media pages in 2019 and 2020, after a preliminary investigation had already been launched.

On the Bible verse tweet, in which Räsänen publicly questioned

her church leadership's decision to sponsor a Pride event, the court unanimously found she had not met the threshold for criminal incitement, noting she "justified her opinion by citing a biblical text."

The case drew global attention after prosecutors cross-examined Räsänen and the Bishop on their theology and attacked core Christian teachings in open court. State prosecutor Anu Mantila argued before the Court of Appeal that "you can cite the Bible, but it is Räsänen's interpretation and opinion about the Bible verses that are criminal."

ADF International, which coordinated Räsänen's legal defense, condemned the ruling. "Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of democracy," said Paul Coleman, Executive Director of ADF International. "The conviction for a simple church pamphlet published decades ago – before the law under which she has been convicted was even passed – is an outrageous example of state censorship. This decision will create a severe chilling effect for everyone's right to speak freely."

Kristen Waggoner, CEO, President and Chief Counsel of Alliance Defending Freedom, called the ruling a warning for free societies everywhere. "This ruling is a stark reminder that no democracy is immune from the erosion of fundamental freedoms," Waggoner said. "Punishing peaceful expression, especially when it is based on deeply held religious convictions, undermines the very foundation of free societies."

The charge against Räsänen falls under a section of the Finnish criminal code titled "war crimes and crimes against humanity." The third original charge, stemming from a 2019 radio debate, was not appealed by prosecutors and Räsänen's acquittal on that count stands.

ADF International says it will continue backing Räsänen's legal defense as she explores her options at the European Court of Human Rights.

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