

Antichrist and AI? Peter Thiel's Secret Rome Gathering Alarms Church Leaders

A secretive conference in Rome, hosted by billionaire venture capitalist Peter Thiel, is drawing attention from religious observers after reports that the gathering centers on the Antichrist and the possibility of a future global ruler.

According to a report from Reuters, the invitation-only event launched Sunday and features a series of closed-door lectures exploring the theological and philosophical implications of the Antichrist. The gathering is not open to the press and organizers have not publicly disclosed the location.

"The invitation-only conference, which runs until Wednesday, is not open to the press and its venue has not been publicly disclosed," Reuters reported, adding that "participants are drawn from academia, technology and religious circles."

Thiel, the co-founder of Palantir Technologies, has increasingly spoken about religious themes in recent years. The technology billionaire previously held a similar lecture series in San Francisco examining the concept of the Antichrist and its implications in the modern world.

Reuters noted that Thiel has expressed concern that the Antichrist could emerge by presenting himself as a global problem-solver during a time of crisis.

"In particular, Thiel has said he is wary that an Antichrist will emerge who will create a one-world government on the promise of something like stopping nuclear, AI or climate-induced disaster," the report stated.



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Scripture describes a coming world leader who deceives the nations and consolidates power over a global system before the return of Jesus Christ.

Passages such as 2 Thessalonians 2 and Revelation 13 warn that this figure will present himself as a solution to global chaos while leading the world into rebellion against God. The scenario Thiel described closely mirrors the biblical warning about a ruler who rises during a time of crisis and offers peace and security through centralized authority.

Reuters noted that Thiel "grew up in an Evangelical Christian family and has said Christianity shapes his worldview." Yet his life today reflects a clear departure from biblical teaching. Thiel is in a relationship with businessman Matt Danzeisen, a reality that openly contradicts the moral framework laid out in Scripture.

The situation illustrates a broader spiritual truth. Anyone can walk away from God and begin reshaping biblical concepts to fit personal philosophies. Without an active relationship with God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Scripture can easily be reinterpreted through the lens of politics, technology or academic speculation rather than divine revelation.

The reaction in Rome has already been sharp. Catholic commentators have publicly criticized Thiel's approach, including Father Paolo Benanti, an adviser to Pope Leo on artificial intelligence.

Benanti wrote that Thiel functions as a "political theologian" within Silicon Valley and argued that "Thiel's entire action can... be read as a prolonged act of heresy against the liberal consensus."

The conference has also drawn scrutiny from Catholic media

outlets, with the Italian bishops' newspaper L'Avvenire publishing articles warning that technology leaders should not be allowed to define ethical boundaries for society.

Thiel's visit to Rome also carries political undertones. He maintains close ties with figures in Washington, including Vice President JD Vance, and follows recent visits to Italy by prominent U.S. conservative figures such as Steve Bannon and Elon Musk.

Why Thiel is pursuing these discussions about the Antichrist remains unclear. What is clear is that believers must approach such commentary with discernment. The Bible already provides a clear prophetic framework for the rise of the Antichrist and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ.

Speculation from influential figures outside the authority of Scripture must always be weighed carefully against the truth revealed in God's Word.

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14 Stages Still to Come On

God's Prophetic Timeline

Conversations about angels, demons and spiritual warfare are often pushed to the sidelines in modern culture. Journalist and author Billy Hallowell believes that needs to change.

Speaking during a recent interview with Charisma Media at the National Religious Broadcasters convention, Hallowell discussed his new CBN documentary, *Investigating the Supernatural: Angels and Demons*, which releases Monday, March 16.

The project explores real-world accounts of spiritual encounters while urging believers to take the unseen realm seriously.

"I think the big thing for me, and I've been a Christian my whole life, is the fact that there is evidence for the supernatural," Hallowell said. "There's evidence today that these things are still happening."

Hallowell explained that while faith remains central to Christianity, investigating miracles and spiritual encounters revealed compelling cases that strengthened his confidence in the reality of the unseen world.

"I'm kind of a natural skeptic," he said. "If you're telling me you've encountered angels or demons, prove that to me. What I started to find was information that could only be known had somebody gone through the things they were saying they had gone through."

The documentary includes chilling real-life cases investigated

by psychiatrist Dr. Richard Gallagher, who helped evaluate whether certain cases were psychological or spiritual. According to Hallowell, some of those encounters challenged even hardened skeptics.

“When you’re dealing with extreme possession, which is what this woman was dealing with, you’re going to have these sorts of examples pop out at you,” he said.

Beyond documenting supernatural encounters, Hallowell also emphasizes that spiritual warfare is a daily reality for believers. He points to Ephesians 6 as a reminder that Christians must be spiritually prepared.

“Oppression is something that’s very real and I think far more prevalent than people are willing to address,” he said. “When churches do not talk about evil and they don’t equip people to battle like Ephesians 6 tells us, you’re actually leaving people open.”

Hallowell also believes the church must reclaim discussions about supernatural topics rather than allowing secular culture to dominate the conversation.

“We need to stop allowing church topics to be Hollywood topics,” he said. “We are too afraid to address them.”

His new film aims to challenge viewers, believers and skeptics alike, to wrestle with the reality of the supernatural.

“I think this film provides a framework even for non-believers,” Hallowell said. “You will be challenged and you’ll have to ask yourself what you actually believe.”

Investigating the Supernatural: Angels and Demons is now available through CBN. Those interested in exploring the evidence and hearing the powerful stories for themselves can watch the documentary today.

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Pastor Reveals Spiritual Warfare May Be Shaping Global Conflict

Christians often hear about the coming Great Tribulation described in the Bible, yet many still ask why such a dramatic period must occur. Scripture reveals that this future season of upheaval is not random chaos. It is part of God's prophetic plan to shake the earth, judge evil and bring history to the moment when Christ returns to rule.

Evangelist Perry Stone explained that the Great Tribulation is a clearly defined period revealed throughout Scripture. He pointed to Daniel's prophecy to describe its timeline.

"Daniel 9:27, a period of seven years divided up in the book of Revelation into 42 months for the first half and 42 months for the second half."

Jesus warned that this time will surpass every crisis humanity has faced.

"For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time nor ever shall be."

Stone said several major developments unfold during this period.

Cosmic Signs Will Shake the Earth

The Tribulation includes dramatic disturbances in the heavens.

“Revelation chapter 8 indicates an asteroid is coming to affect a third of the earth. Matthew 24 says the stars will fall from heaven. Those are going to be large meteorites and things of that nature.”

These events signal a cosmic shaking that affects the entire planet.



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Natural Disasters Will Intensify

Scripture also describes widespread disasters connected to God's judgments.

“There is a large number of natural disasters that are linked to what the book of Revelation sees as angels pouring out vials and trumpets blowing trumpets of judgments that impact the earth.”

Stone pointed to major earthquakes volcanic eruptions and roaring seas that indicate tsunamis.

Divine Judgment Will Be Poured Out

Revelation describes the Great Tribulation as a period of direct divine judgment.

“It will be a period of time that the early part of the book of Revelation calls the wrath of the Lamb. And the latter part

of the 22 chapters of the book of Revelation calls the wrath of God.”

These judgments include darkness intense heat drought and severe consequences for those who accept the mark of the beast.

The Worst Time in Human History

Jesus made clear that no period in history compares to what is coming.

“For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time nor ever shall be.”

Scripture also says the destruction would be so severe that life would not survive if the time were not limited.

“Except those days be shortened there would be no flesh saved but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.”

Satan Will Be Cast Down to the Earth

Another major purpose of the Great Tribulation is the removal of Satan from the heavenly realms.

“In Revelation 12 Satan has been given access to the third heaven to be an accuser of the brethren.”

That access ends when he is cast down.

“He will then have access only to the earth and he comes down to the earth with great wrath knowing that he has but a short time.”

The Great Tribulation reveals the seriousness of God’s judgment, but it also points to Christ’s ultimate victory. Prophecy shows that history is moving toward the return of

Jesus and the restoration of His kingdom on the earth.

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Pastor Allen Jackson Warns Christians to Prepare Their Minds for What's Coming

Growing momentum is building around the possibility of a freer future for Cuba, and some observers believe history may be aligning in remarkable ways.

With the United States turning renewed attention toward the island nation, the presence of Cuban American Marco Rubio as Secretary of State has brought a unique dimension to the conversation. Rubio has long carried a personal connection to the issue. As the son of Cuban immigrants, he was shaped by the dream of a free Cuba from a young age and reflects the hopes shared by many Cuban families who fled communist rule in search of liberty.

Cuba has remained under communist leadership for decades, from Fidel Castro to his brother Raul Castro and beyond, leaving generations of citizens living under political and economic

oppression.

Today, however, the situation appears increasingly fragile. Economic hardship and humanitarian challenges have intensified on the island, creating conditions many believe could open the door for historic change.



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At the same time, the current U.S. administration has signaled a strong interest in addressing the situation in Cuba, with Rubio playing a central role in shaping policy and diplomacy surrounding the region.

The unfolding developments raise a deeper question about purpose and timing. Rubio's lifelong desire to see Cuba free now intersects with his position as the leader of American foreign policy, creating a moment that some view as more than a political coincidence. Scripture reminds us that God has plans for peace and hope, and moments like these invite reflection on how those plans can unfold even through difficult histories.

To explore the full breakdown of Marco Rubio's role and what may lie ahead for Cuba, watch the video above.

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Europe's Division Could Be Strengthening Russia Exactly as Ezekiel 38 Reveals

Many believers feel the tension in the air. Global conflict, political uncertainty and constant news coverage of war have caused many Christians to ask the same question.

Are we watching the end times unfold?

End times speculation surges whenever major events shake the world. Tensions in the Middle East, wars between nations and economic uncertainty often lead to renewed conversations about biblical prophecy.

But according to evangelist David Diga Hernandez, there is one critical sign of the end times that the modern church often overlooks. Instead of focusing on fear or chaos, Hernandez says believers should focus on the advancing kingdom of God.

Why So Many People Are Talking About the End Times

Hernandez said many Christians are sensing what he describes as a spiritual intensification across the world.

"I know that you can sense it in the spirit because many Christians all around the world are discerning an intensification of spiritual activity," Hernandez said.

Global tensions often cause people to assume the end is near. News of wars and geopolitical turmoil fuels speculation about

prophetic timelines.

But Hernandez urged believers to respond with faith rather than panic.

“Firstly, I think we need to be praying. Whatever the political implications, we need to pray that these events ultimately open more doors for the gospel,” he said.

He also reminded believers that fear is not the posture Scripture calls Christians to take.

“God has not given you a spirit of fear, but one of power, of love, and of a sound mind.”

Jesus Warned About Fear and Deception

Hernandez pointed to the words of Jesus in Matthew 24 when the disciples asked what signs would signal the end of the age.

Christ warned that deception would increase.

“Many will come in my name claiming I am the Messiah,” Hernandez said, quoting the passage. “They will deceive many.”

Jesus also warned about wars, conflict and global instability. But Hernandez emphasized that Christ clearly said these events do not mean the end has arrived.

“You’re going to hear often about wars and rumors of wars. This isn’t a reason to fear,” Hernandez said.

According to the teaching of Jesus, these conditions are only the beginning.

“These things must take place, but the end won’t follow immediately.”



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The Sign Many Christians Overlook

Hernandez said the most important sign of the end times receives far less attention than the others.

He pointed to Matthew 24:14 as the defining marker.

"And the good news about the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world so that all nations will hear it and then the end will come," Hernandez said.

He said the church often focuses on global chaos while ignoring the sign Jesus highlighted.

"I'm hearing that there's this focus on what causes fear. There's the focus on the chaos. There's the focus on what looks like defeat," Hernandez said.

"But Jesus says the end's not going to follow those signs. The end is not yet. This gospel shall be preached to the ends of the earth and then the end will come."

The Kingdom of God Is Expanding

Hernandez said believers must understand that Christ already secured victory through His death and resurrection.

"When Christ died on the cross and he rose again from the dead, he shamed the powers of darkness. He embarrassed the devil and he took authority," Hernandez said.

Jesus reigns above every government and power.

"Governments can make their plans. Wicked people can make their plans. But Jesus is in charge, not them."

Because Christ rules, Hernandez said the church should view

the end times through a lens of victory rather than defeat.

“The kingdom of God is expanding. The kingdom of God expands in dominion. The kingdom of God expands in power. The kingdom of God expands in influence in the culture, in our lives, in our families.”

Why Believers Should Not Live in Fear

Hernandez said a climate of fear has developed among many believers in recent years, especially following global disruptions and constant exposure to alarming headlines.

He said this environment has pushed some Christians toward suspicion and conspiracy thinking.

“The focus of the believer isn’t conspiracy. The focus of the believer isn’t necessarily just the political climate,” Hernandez said.

Instead, Christians must remain grounded in the truth of the gospel and the authority of Christ.

“Don’t forget who you are in Christ. Don’t forget who ultimately has the victory.”

The Real Focus of the End Times

Hernandez said the church must remain committed to the mission Jesus gave His followers.

Christ commanded believers to take the gospel to every nation.

“Go and make disciples of all the nations,” Hernandez said, quoting Jesus’ instruction to His followers.

The task of the church remains unchanged regardless of world events.

“Souls still need saving, the gospel still needs to be preached and the church still needs strengthening and edification,” Hernandez said.

A Future Marked by Harvest

Hernandez believes the final chapters of history will be marked not by the collapse of the church but by a sweeping harvest of souls.

Jesus described the harvest as plentiful, and Hernandez believes that promise points to a global move of God.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few,” he said.

For believers, the message of the end times is not one of fear.

It is a call to faith.

“The kingdom is expanding,” Hernandez said. “The future is bright. God is in control.”

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