

Pastor Landon Schott Calls Out Texas Politician James Talarico for ‘Scripture Twisting’ and False Teaching

A growing clash within American faith over biblical interpretation has intensified after [Pastor Landon Schott](#) publicly rebuked Texas state representative James Talarico in a pointed Facebook post, warning believers about deception within the church.

Talarico has drawn widespread criticism from pastors and Christian leaders for not only supporting progressive policies such as abortion rights, LGBTQ policies and other left-wing social positions but also for attempting to frame those views as consistent with biblical teaching.

Schott framed his message as a pastoral warning, invoking Jesus’ teaching about false prophets and urging Christians to be discerning about those who use Scripture while promoting beliefs that contradict it.

“It’s time to hunt for WOLVES!” Schott wrote. “It’s a shepherd’s job to protect the flock. Real pastors warn and protect Christians from wolves!”

‘Beware of false prophets’

Schott grounded his warning in the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

“Beware of false prophets, [who come to you in sheep’s clothing](#)

[but inwardly are ravenous wolves,](#)” Schott quoted from Matthew 7:15–16. “You will recognize them by their fruits.”

Schott argued that spiritual deception often appears respectable and religious on the surface.

“Notice, He didn’t say they would look dangerous,” Schott wrote. “He said they would look like sheep. That means they know church talk.”

He continued with a blunt assessment: “But they don’t know Jesus.”

The pastor specifically accused Talarico of twisting Scripture to support political and cultural agendas that conflict with historic Christian teaching.

A warning about ideological Christianity

Schott’s criticism centered on the danger of reshaping biblical teaching to fit modern ideology rather than allowing Scripture to shape belief and conduct.

“When someone claims Christ yet promotes agendas that oppose protecting the unborn, that is abomination,” Schott wrote. “Scripture is clear that God forms life in the womb.”

He also condemned efforts to reinterpret biblical teaching on sexuality and gender.

“When someone speaks about faith while affirming sexual sin or redefining marriage, that is perversion,” Schott wrote.

“When leaders promote the erasing of male and female, even

encouraging irreversible decisions for minors, that is EVIL.”

Schott argued that using the Bible selectively to justify political or cultural ideology mirrors the tactic used by Satan when he quoted Scripture while tempting Jesus.

“His scripture twisting like Satan tempting Jesus has been embraced by the promoters of wickedness in the media,” Schott wrote.

‘The time is coming’

Schott said the rise of biblical reinterpretation reflects warnings found throughout Scripture about deception in the last days.

He cited Isaiah 5:20 which says, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.”

The apostle Paul delivered similar warnings in the Second Epistle to Timothy, cautioning that many would eventually abandon sound doctrine.

“For the time will come when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires,” Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:3–4.

Paul also warned church leaders in the Acts of the Apostles that deception would arise from within the church itself.

“I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock,” Paul said in Acts 20:29.

For Schott, these warnings are clear signs of biblical prophecy.

“WE ARE LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS,” he wrote.

A call for discernment

Schott concluded his message by urging believers to evaluate spiritual leaders by their alignment with Scripture rather than their popularity or political messaging.

“The TRUE body of Christ needs to BE WARNED,” he wrote.

Schott delivered his most direct criticism at the end of the post.

“James Talarico is a textbook WOLF!” he wrote. “Don’t let his Old Navy Seminary suit, sheep’s costume fool you.”

For Schott and other pastors who share his concerns, the issue is not political affiliation but biblical authority. Scripture, they argue, must shape a believer’s worldview rather than be selectively quoted to affirm personal ideology.

The Bible repeatedly calls believers to test teachings carefully.

As the apostle Paul warned in the First Epistle to Timothy, “The Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.” (1 Tim. 4:1)

Schott’s message reflects a growing conviction among many pastors that guarding biblical truth is a responsibility the church cannot afford to ignore anymore.

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Yellowstone Awakens: World's Largest Acidic Geyser Erupts After Being Dormant for Years

A powerful geothermal feature in [Yellowstone National Park](#) has suddenly come back to life after years of silence, drawing fresh attention to one of the most closely watched volcanic systems on Earth.

The world's largest acidic geyser, Echinus Geyser, erupted again for the first time since 2020, according to a recent report from the Daily Mail. The geyser sits in the Norris Geyser Basin and measures roughly 660 feet across.

In earlier decades, Echinus erupted regularly. During the 1970s it blasted acidic water as high as 75 feet into the air roughly every hour, sometimes erupting for up to 90 minutes at a time.

That pattern eventually faded. Only a handful of eruptions were recorded in recent years before the geyser fell silent again.

Now it has suddenly reawakened.

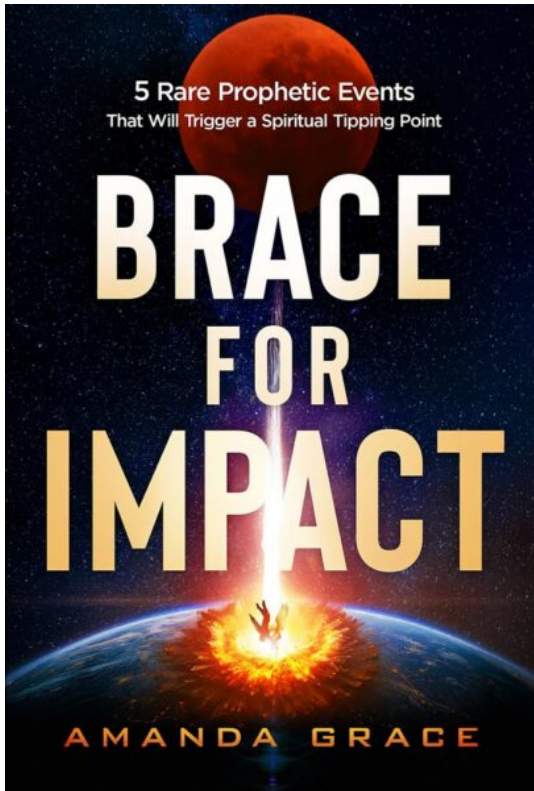
Eruptions began again Feb. 7 and continued sporadically through February. The new bursts are shorter than the geyser's historic displays, lasting up to three minutes with water reaching about 30 feet high.

"For the first time since 2020, Echinus Geyser is erupting!" the U.S. Geological Survey announced.

Mike Poland, scientist in charge of the Yellowstone Volcano

Observatory, confirmed the renewed activity.

“Echinus Geyser is the largest acidic geyser in the world,” Poland said. “And it’s been putting on a bit of a show in February.”



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Poland said small temperature spikes appeared before the eruptions began.

“This was followed by a few more eruptions... and then by the middle of the month, we started seeing very frequent eruptions that lasted until about February 24,” he said.

Despite the renewed activity, scientists say Yellowstone’s supervolcano is not currently on the verge of eruption.

“There is nothing really brewing right now... the magma chamber is nearly solid,” Poland said.

[Still, Yellowstone continues to reveal new activity beneath the surface.](#)

A study published last year uncovered more than 86,000 previously hidden earthquakes beneath Yellowstone between 2008 and 2022. More than half of those quakes occurred in swarms, clusters of small interconnected tremors that sometimes appear in volcanic regions.

Researchers believe the seismic clusters are caused by hot mineral rich water forcing through cracks deep beneath the caldera. The same geothermal processes power Yellowstone's famous geysers.

Scientists also announced the discovery of a newly opened volcanic vent in the Norris Geyser Basin last year. The vent is releasing steam near the base of an ancient lava flow, highlighting the constant geothermal movement beneath the park.

Yellowstone has long been surrounded by speculation about a possible supereruption. The system contains a massive underground magma reservoir capable of producing an eruption far more powerful than historic volcanic disasters such as Krakatoa.

Similar attention surrounds other geological systems across the United States, including the New Madrid Fault Line in the central region of the country and the San Andreas Fault in California. Worldwide volcanic and seismic activity across the Pacific Ring of Fire also continues to remind observers of the immense forces at work beneath the Earth's surface.

Scripture speaks directly about a world increasingly shaken by natural events.

In Matthew 24, Jesus warned that earthquakes and other upheavals would mark the period leading up to His return, describing them as the "beginning of sorrows," a phrase often translated as birth pains.

Birth pains begin slowly and increase in intensity.

Renewed activity at Yellowstone does not signal an imminent eruption. It does serve as another reminder that the Earth is active and constantly shifting beneath human civilization.

The Bible describes a world that will experience increasing turmoil as history moves toward its prophetic conclusion.

No one knows the exact day or hour of the Lord's return. Scripture repeatedly instructs us to watch, discern and remain alert.

When massive forces beneath the Earth stir again, it naturally causes us to look up and pay attention to the times in which we live.

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Randy Kay Calls Church to Reexamine What Biblical Prophecy Really Looks Like

The role of prophets in the church has long been a subject of discussion among Christians.

In a recent message, author and researcher Randy Kay suggested

[the church may need to reconsider how it understands prophetic voices.](#)

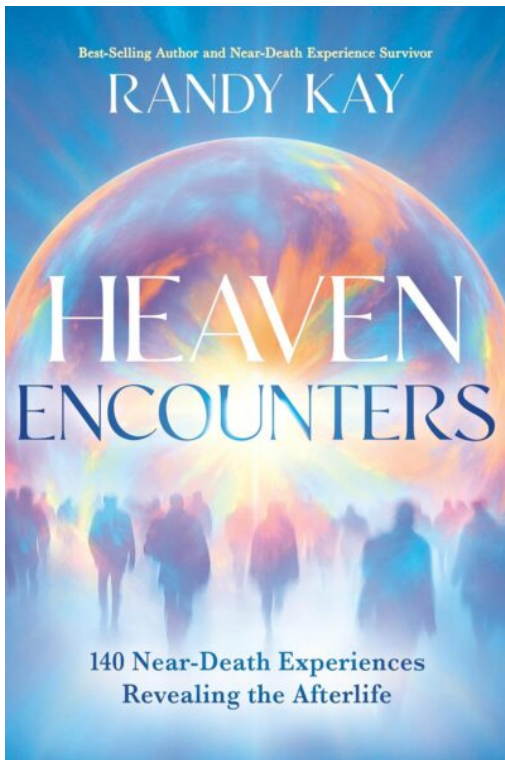
Drawing from years of documenting near-death testimonies, Kay argued that those who have experienced heaven after clinical death may carry a type of testimony that aligns with the biblical pattern of those who stood in the presence of God and returned to speak.

Kay, who has spent more than a decade interviewing people who say they died and encountered heaven, said the modern church often misunderstands the nature of prophetic authority.

“These men and women are not just witnesses. They are prophets,” Kay said. “Not prophets in the way the modern church has diluted the term. Not purveyors of vague declarations and cryptic spiritual language. They are prophets in the deepest biblical sense.”

Kay referenced the apostle Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 13 as he explained the difference between partial revelation and direct encounter with God.

“For now we see in a mirror dimly but then face-to-face,” Kay said, quoting the passage.



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He explained that many spiritual gifts, including prophecy, operate within human limitations.

"These are real gifts of the Spirit," Kay said. "But they are partial. They are refracted. They come through the veil of flesh shaped by human limitation."

By contrast, Kay said individuals who experienced heaven [describe a different kind of encounter.](#)

"The one who has seen face-to-face. The one who is pulled out of their body ushered past the veil and stood in the very presence of the living God," Kay said. "Those who have survived clinical death and encountered Jesus Christ have crossed that line."

Kay also addressed what he described as problems within some areas of the modern prophetic movement. Without naming individuals, he said prophetic language can become so broad that it is difficult to measure or test.

"These statements may contain kernels of spiritual truth," Kay

said. "But they are wrapped in so many layers of abstraction that they could mean almost anything to almost anyone."

Kay pointed to Scripture as the clear standard for prophetic authority. He cited the words recorded in Jeremiah as the defining question for anyone claiming to speak prophetically.

"But which of them has stood in the counsel of the Lord to see or to hear his words," Kay said, quoting Jeremiah. "If they had stood in my counsel they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways."

Throughout Scripture, prophets were shown heavenly realities before delivering messages to God's people. Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up. Daniel witnessed the heavenly court seated before the Ancient of Days. The Apostle John saw events in heaven that revealed the unfolding of God's plans.

"In every case the prophet was not imagining. The prophet was there," Kay said. "And when they returned they spoke with the authority and specificity of someone who had stood in the counsel of the Lord."

Scripture establishes the pattern for how prophetic voices are recognized and tested. The standard remains whether the message aligns with the Word of God and reflects the character and authority of the Lord. Kay's message calls the church to examine prophetic claims carefully while remaining rooted in the biblical understanding of what it means to stand in the counsel of the Lord and declare His truth.

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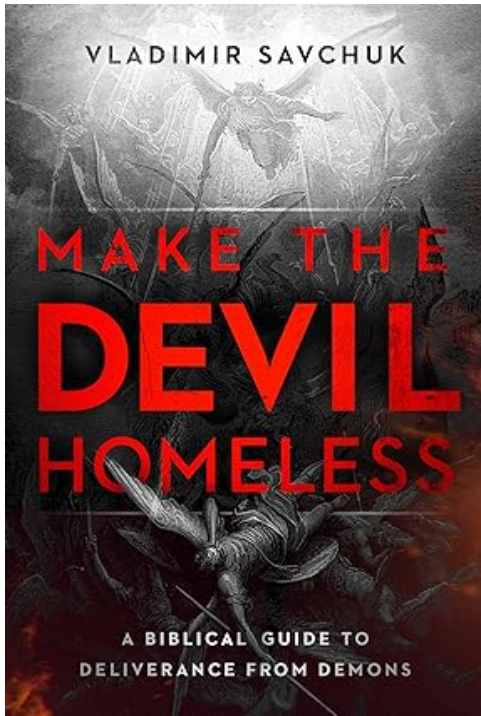
The Rise of AI-Generated Satanism and the Digital Age of Spiritual Warfare

Artificial intelligence [is transforming industries around the world](#). Religious leaders say it is also entering a much older battlefield.

Priests, imams and rabbis are being invited to Rome for a training program examining concerns about artificial intelligence being used in occult practices and digital deception.

The program, called the “Course on the Ministry of Exorcism and Prayer of Deliverance,” will be held at the Vatican affiliated university Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum. About 170 participants from different religious traditions are expected to attend.

The university says the course offers “a solid foundation of theological, canonical, medical and psychological knowledge for those who work or wish to collaborate in discernment and liberation ministry.”



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Concerns About AI and the Occult

Father Luis Ramirez Almanza, a Mexican priest who organizes the annual course, warned that artificial intelligence carries enormous power.

"Artificial intelligence is a great power," Almanza said.

"A force for both good and evil and can therefore be used for devil worshipping."

Organizers say one focus this year will examine how technology allows hidden groups to communicate online and produce digital material connected to occult symbolism.

David Murgia, president of the Gruppo di Ricerca e Informazione Socio-religiosa which monitors cult activity in Italy, said authorities are seeing signs that some groups are experimenting with these tools.

"Police tell us satanists are using AI to hide their content online and communicate with each other," he said.

The Battlefield Is Changing

Every generation has seen the tools of culture change. The early church confronted pagan temples and sorcery. Later generations dealt with secret societies, occult books and hidden rituals.

[Today the battlefield looks very different.](#)

Information moves instantly. Entertainment streams constantly. Images, voices and entire stories can now be generated by machines.

Artificial intelligence can create content that appears real. It can spread messages across the world in seconds. It can shape what people watch, read and believe.

The methods have evolved. The spiritual conflict has not.

Scripture makes the nature of that conflict clear. Ephesians 6:12 says believers “do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age.”

The Bible never changes. The message of the gospel never shifts. Truth remains truth no matter how advanced technology becomes.

The question now facing believers is simple.

If the world has entered a digital age where ideas, entertainment and deception move faster than ever before, has the church entered that age spiritually as well?

Spiritual warfare has not disappeared. It has adapted.

The question is whether believers are ready to stand firm in truth in a world where the battlefield now includes the digital realm.

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Iran Says the 'Gates of Hell' Are Opening. Jesus Says They Never Had a Chance

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps issued a chilling warning this week, declaring that the "gates of hell will open more and more" [against the United States and Israel](#) as the war in the Middle East intensifies.

Iranian forces launched new attacks using combat drones targeting Israeli military areas and American bases in the region, including Al-Udeid Air Base in Qatar. Iranian military officials said the strikes were carried out by the army's ground, air and naval forces.

The threat came as Iran vowed to continue its campaign without pause.

"The enemy should expect continuous and instructive attacks," IRGC spokesperson Brig. Gen. Naeini said. "The gates of hell will open moment by moment, more and more, on America and Israel."

Iran framed the attacks as revenge for the deaths of senior Iranian leaders killed in recent strikes during the U.S.-Israeli military campaign.

At the same time Iran issued a warning to European powers. Iranian foreign ministry spokesman Esmail Baqaei said any move by Germany, Britain or France to join the conflict would be considered an act of war.

“It would be an act of war,” Baqaei said. “Any such act against Iran would be regarded as complicity with the aggressors.”

Meanwhile Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz said Israeli airstrikes targeted major Iranian state institutions in Tehran including the presidential compound and the Supreme National Security Council building. Training facilities and other military infrastructure were also struck.

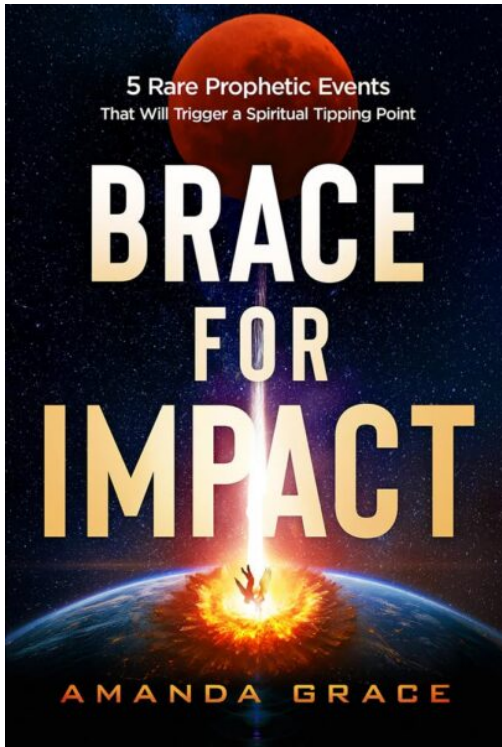
Katz said the campaign will continue until Iran’s military and nuclear capabilities are dismantled.

The United States has also begun reducing its diplomatic presence across the region. The State Department ordered non-emergency personnel to leave several countries, including Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Jordan, due to the growing threat of armed conflict.

But amid the fiery rhetoric coming out of Tehran, one phrase stood out in particular.

“The gates of hell will open.”

Oh ho. The gates of hell will prevail, huh? Not so fast.



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The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail

That phrase should sound familiar to anyone who has spent time reading the Bible.

Jesus Himself used it.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus declared:

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Notice something important. In Scripture the gates of hell are not something that conquer God's people. They are something that fail.

Gates are defensive structures. They do not attack. They try to hold the line.

Jesus' words describe the kingdom of God advancing so

powerfully that [even the gates of hell cannot stop it.](#)

So when Iran's leaders declare that the gates of hell will open against Israel and America, believers cannot help but notice the irony. The very phrase they use as a threat is one that the Bible already declared powerless against the plans of God.

God's Covenant With Israel

The Bible is also clear about something else.

God made a covenant with Israel.

Genesis 12:3 says:

"I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you."

For decades Iran's leadership has openly called for the destruction of Israel. The regime routinely refers to the Jewish state as an enemy that must be eliminated.

Yet throughout Scripture, the survival of Israel is never in doubt.

Nations rise. Empires fall. Kings threaten. Armies gather.

But the God of Israel keeps His word.

Psalms 121:4 reminds us:

"He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

A Region the Bible Said Would Shake

None of this turmoil should surprise students of the Bible.

The prophets warned that the Middle East would be a center of global tension in the last days.

Zechariah wrote that Jerusalem would become “a cup of trembling” to the nations. Ezekiel spoke of massive military tensions surrounding Israel.

Today, the headlines read like daily reminders of those ancient warnings. Missiles. Drones. Military alliances are shifting across the region.

And yet through it all, Israel still stands.

Not because of luck. Not because of politics. Because the God who formed that nation still watches over it.

So when Iran threatens to unleash the gates of hell, believers can read the headline and smile a little.

The Bible already told us how that story ends.

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Museum of Christian & Gospel Music Named Site on US Civil Rights Trail

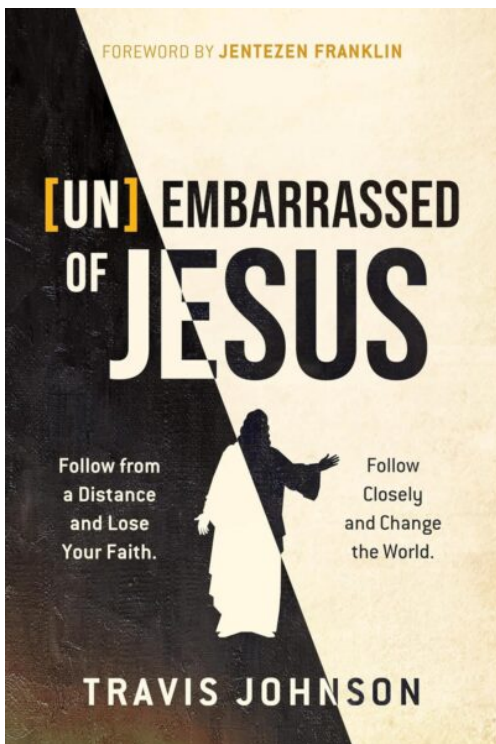
The Museum of Christian & Gospel Music in Nashville has received national recognition after being officially

designated as a site along the U.S. Civil Rights Trail.

The designation was announced by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and highlights [the historic role that gospel music played](#) during the Civil Rights Movement. The Jefferson Street Sound Museum was also recognized this year, bringing Tennessee's total to 17 locations on the Civil Rights Trail.

Museum leaders say the recognition affirms the deep connection between faith, music and the fight for justice.

"There are more intersections between Gospel Music and the Civil Rights Movement than you can imagine," said Museum Executive Director Steve Gilreath. "Music fueled the protesters, defined the moral structure of the effort and gave a national voice to the struggle."



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The museum, which opened in October 2025 in downtown Nashville, [tells the story of how gospel music strengthened communities](#) and inspired hope during one of the most pivotal

periods in American history. Through exhibits, artifacts and storytelling, visitors discover how faith-filled songs became an anthem for perseverance and unity.

Community leaders and supporters gathered last week to celebrate the museum's new designation during a special ceremony co-presented by the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

The event opened with prayer from Frank Stevenson of the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development and included remarks from Commissioner Mark Ezell. Gaither Homecoming artist Lynda Randle delivered a performance during the ceremony while Dr. Chris Williamson of Strong Tower Bible Church and Nashville leader Howard Gentry also shared remarks. Gospel Music Association President Jackie Patillo concluded the gathering with prayer.

The Museum of Christian & Gospel Music stands as a tribute to the enduring influence of faith-filled music. Its inclusion on the Civil Rights Trail highlights how songs of worship became a soundtrack of courage and hope during a defining chapter in American history.

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Shia LaBeouf Shares Powerful Testimony After Fat Tuesday Arrest

Shia LaBeouf is not hiding from the mess of his life.

In a wide ranging Channel 5 interview with Andrew Callaghan filmed in New Orleans, the actor spoke openly about a recent Fat Tuesday arrest [and the fallout that followed](#). He also described what repentance looks like in real time, not as a clean public relations reset but as a man owning his sin and trying to walk forward with God.

“I got some contrition on my heart,” LaBeouf said early in the conversation. “It’s not nice to hurt people ever. It’s ... lame. People got hurt. I got to deal with that. I’mma deal with that in full. I’ll eat it all. It was on me.”

He did not present himself as a finished product. He described himself as being “in the middle of something” and learning while the consequences still hang in the air. Still, his language kept circling back to the same anchor: God is involved.

“God’s involved, bro,” he said later. “I’m learning my lessons. I’m on my path.”

Contrition after the chaos

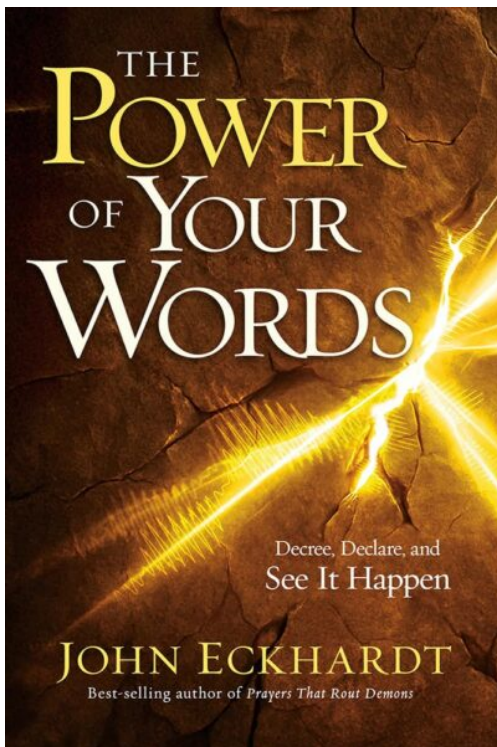
LaBeouf acknowledged the reality of what happened during Mardi Gras, including the public embarrassment and the legal process, while insisting he is not looking for excuses. He repeated that the blame sits with him.

“My behavior is dirty, ugly, disgusting,” he said. [“So I got to eat it.”](#)

In the middle of that honesty, he also spoke about what happens when a man stops defending himself and starts confessing. He described the first steps of making things right in language familiar to anyone who has walked through repentance and restitution.

“You got to make amends,” he said. “First thing you got to do is you got to say what you did. Then you got to say how it’s never going to happen again. And then you got to show and prove.”

Repentance is not a vibe. It is a turning from the old, and embracing the new.



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If you met Jesus face-to-face

Callaghan asked LaBeouf what he would say to Jesus if he could meet Him.

“I wouldn’t say [__],” LaBeouf replied with tears welling up

in his eyes. "I'd kiss Him. I'd just kiss His feet. I wouldn't say nothing."

That answer cuts through the noise. It points to reverence, surrender and the kind of humility pride cannot fake. It also reflects something LaBeouf returned to throughout the interview: faith is not a brand for him. He described it as a relationship.

"I'm in a full-blown love affair with Jesus," he said. "And I believe what I believe."

For the believer who has stumbled, that posture matters. The enemy pushes shame that says, "You have ruined everything." The gospel answers with the cross that says, "Come home." Jesus is not waiting for a perfect speech. He is worthy of worship from a heart that finally yields.

How he says he hit bottom

LaBeouf also described a moment he called his personal breaking point.

"I put a gun in my mouth," he said. "I was ready to kill myself, blow my brains out, writing letters."

He said he did not go through with it because of his mother and because of a call from someone connected to the recovery world.

"She kept me alive that night," he said of his mother. He also described a man from the program who called and told him to talk in the morning, a moment that "bought me the night" and kept him alive.

That is what hitting bottom can look like. It is the end of self confidence. It is the moment a person realizes sin does not just stain the surface. It kills. And yet even there God reaches.

LaBeouf's story also comes with an important reality. He is still clearly finding his way and growing in his faith. Like any new or returning believer he would benefit from discipleship and guidance from mature Christians who can help ground him in Scripture and accountability.

Every believer starts somewhere. Every Christian who now walks faithfully with the Lord once had to take that first step away from the old life.

The Christian walk is not about instant perfection. It is about turning from who we were and choosing the narrow path Jesus described. We stumble. We fall. But the grace of God keeps calling us forward.

LaBeouf's honesty about repentance and brokenness serves as a reminder that no one is too far for God to reach. The same Jesus who receives a broken man on his knees also gives strength to stand up again.

If you are struggling with sin, relapse, shame or the weight of your past, keep your eyes on Jesus. Repentance is not the end of your story. It is the beginning of freedom.

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Secular Media Echoes Biblical Prophecy as Military Commanders Point to Armageddon

Reports circulating in secular media about U.S. military briefings referencing the Bible are revealing a striking moment in the national conversation [about faith, war and prophecy.](#)

A recent article from the British outlet The Mirror reported that some U.S. military commanders referenced biblical passages when discussing the ongoing conflict with Iran. According to the report, some noncommissioned officers claimed commanders spoke about events in the Middle East through the lens of Scripture, including references to the Book of Revelation and the concept of Armageddon.

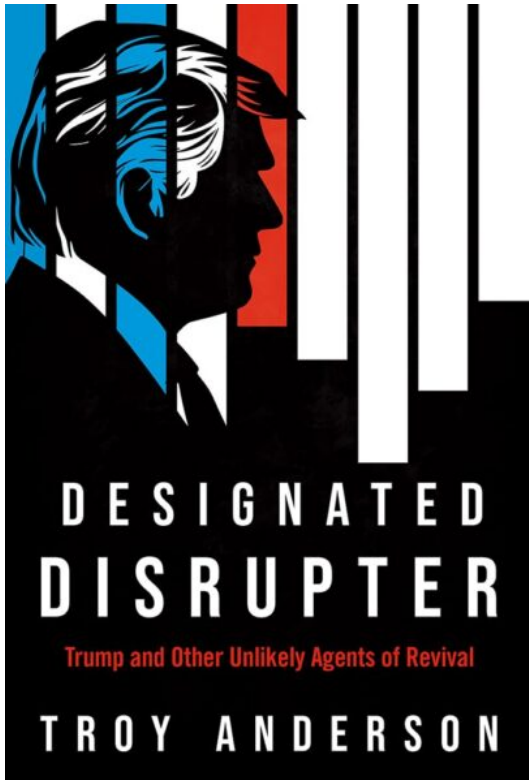
The article placed heavy emphasis on complaints submitted to the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, reporting that more than 110 grievances were filed by troops across dozens of units and installations.

The numbers tell a different story when placed in proper context.

The U.S. armed forces consist of more than two million service members across active duty and reserve components. The complaints represent a tiny fraction of the total force.

At the same time, military recruitment numbers have surged under President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth after several years of historically low enlistment during the Biden administration. The renewed interest in service has followed a return to clear mission focus,

patriotism and traditional values inside the armed forces.



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Scripture has long spoken about the geopolitical importance of the Middle East and the role of nations in events surrounding the end of the age. References to prophecy, Armageddon and the return of Jesus Christ are part of the biblical narrative that has existed for thousands of years.

What stands out in the current moment is that secular news outlets [are now repeating that language in their own headlines and reporting.](#)

The Mirror itself referenced phrases such as "Armageddon" and the "return of Jesus Christ" while describing the claims made by military personnel. Even while attempting to criticize the use of faith inside the military, the outlet ended up amplifying the very prophetic language found in the pages of Scripture.

The result is remarkable. Major media publications are now

broadcasting biblical vocabulary to a global audience while covering events unfolding in the Middle East.

Headlines across the world are echoing concepts that Christians have read in the Bible for generations.

The moment serves as a powerful reminder that God remains active in human history and that His Word continues to shape how the world understands the times in which it lives.

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US Nuclear 'Doomsday Map' Projects 250 Million Dead if Major Cities Targeted

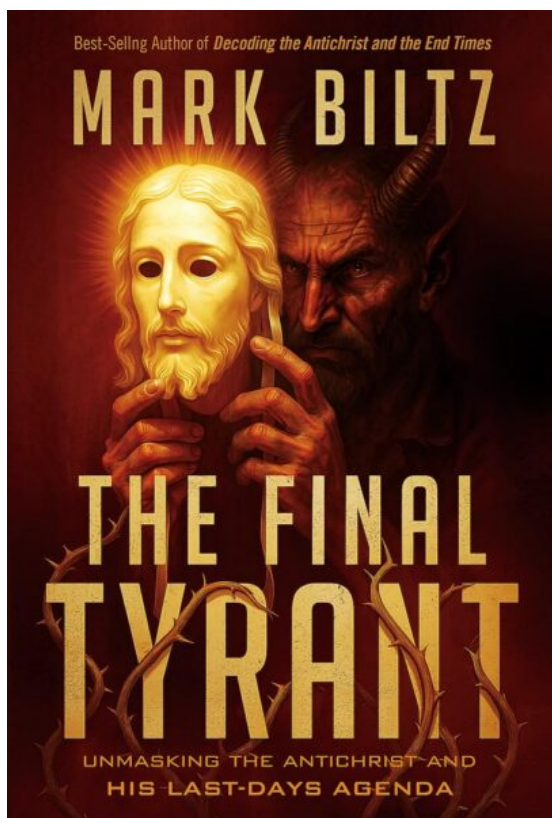
As tensions rise between [the United States, Israel and Iran](#), a newly circulated "doomsday map" is drawing attention for its chilling projection of what a large-scale nuclear strike on American soil could look like.

The Daily Mail reported that the US and Israel have launched "one of their most aggressive military operations in decades," dramatically escalating tensions in the Middle East and raising fears of retaliation.

exposure. The map indicates only limited regions such as western Texas, parts of Nevada and areas of Michigan and Wisconsin would avoid immediate obliteration in the initial blast zones.

But even those areas may not remain safe. The report warns that “even those regions could become uninhabitable in the nuclear winter that scientists warn would follow a large-scale exchange.”

Military installations would also be prime targets. The article notes that “more than 100 military facilities would likely be prime targets,” including ICBM silos in Montana, Colorado, Wyoming and North Dakota, along with NORAD in Colorado and the Pentagon.



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John Erath, senior policy director for the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, told Newsweek, “Any nuclear war or weapons detonation would be bad for everyone. Nowhere is truly ‘safe’ from fallout and other consequences like

contamination of food and water supplies and prolonged radiation exposure.”

While Iran does not currently possess nuclear weapons, the report emphasized that analysts warn escalation involving nuclear-capable states could have catastrophic global consequences.

The projections are sobering. The scenarios are serious. [But fear is not the answer.](#)

Scripture tells believers that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind. The Bible lays out clearly how the end times unfold and reminds us that history is not spiraling out of control. It is moving toward a sovereign conclusion.

In uncertain times, the call is not panic but faith. Stay watchful. Stay prepared. And above all, stay joyful in the Lord.

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A Modern-Day Plague: Millions

of Locusts Descend on the Sahara

A massive locust swarm that recently engulfed a highway in the Western Sahara Desert near Boujdour, Morocco is drawing comparisons to scenes straight out of the Book of Exodus.

On Feb. 24, drivers traveling through the desert were suddenly overtaken by what Fox Weather described as [“a massive swarm of locusts engulfing the road.”](#)

Video footage shows cars pushing through a thick cloud of insects, with “thousands of them hurling themselves against passing cars and sometimes even obstructing the view.”

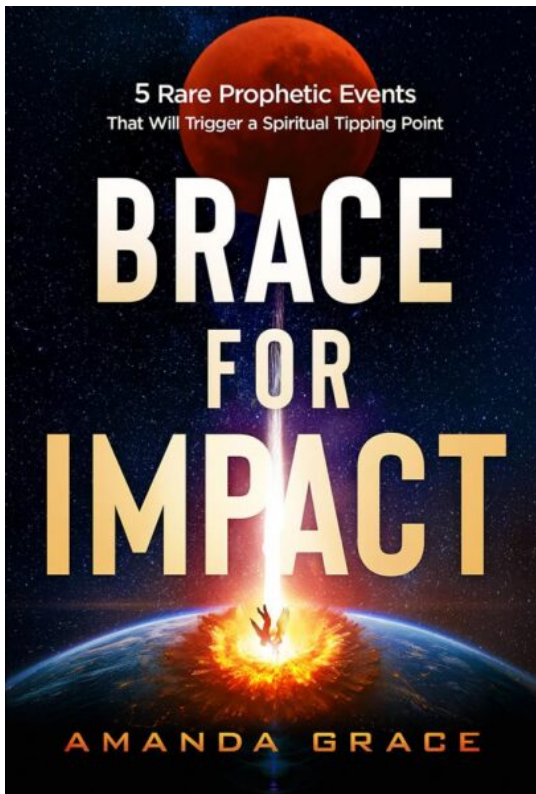
Drivers in the Sahara plowed through massive swarms of locusts, with insects covering the road and crashing against vehicles near Boujdour. □ pic.twitter.com/r2i53iEd17

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The scene looked less like a routine weather event and more like something ancient and apocalyptic.

Reports indicate that the swarm did not remain confined to the desert. Some of the insects were reportedly blown by wind toward the Spanish islands, including Lanzarote and Tenerife. Officials there stressed that the locusts “don’t yet pose a direct threat to the public,” but acknowledged the potential for “serious agricultural damage.”

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has issued several critical updates in early 2026 regarding the growing desert locust outbreak, underscoring the seriousness of the situation.



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According to the FAO, even a relatively small portion of a swarm is staggering in scale. "Just a single square-kilometer of a swarm of desert locusts can contain up to 80 million adults, with the capacity to consume the same amount of food in one day as 35,000 people," the agency said.

That level of consumption can devastate farmland in a matter of hours. As vegetation is stripped away, the consequences ripple outward, leading to economic impacts and environmental damage. Crops disappear. Livestock lose grazing land. Communities that depend on agriculture face uncertainty.

Compounding the threat is the insects' rapid reproduction. Females lay eggs quickly, allowing populations to expand at an alarming rate if conditions are favorable.

The FAO, which has extensive experience tracking desert locust populations, continues to support countries in managing what it calls a "destructive agricultural pest." But the images coming out of Western Sahara are a sobering reminder of how

quickly nature can overwhelm modern infrastructure.

For drivers caught in the swarm, it was a startling and surreal moment. For farmers and officials watching the outbreak spread, it is a warning that [the destructive power of locusts](#) is not merely a story from Scripture, but a present-day reality with the potential to reshape entire regions.

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