

War With Iran Looms as Middle East Tensions Signal End Times Shift

Jerusalem is once again the epicenter of global tension. Diplomats scramble. Terror groups dig in—world leaders posture. Protests erupt on American campuses and in European capitals. What appears to be another chapter in a decades-long conflict, Pastor James Kaddis says, is something far more significant.

In a recent video, Kaddis warned that the instability gripping Israel is not random and it is not merely political. It is prophetic.

“I wish I could tell you that I am surprised,” Kaddis said. “But we have the Scriptures and the Bible teaches us what is coming and what to be expecting.”

At the center of his warning is Zechariah 12, a passage he believes is moving from ancient ink to modern headlines.

A Cup of Trembling

Reading from Zechariah 12:2, Kaddis quoted, “I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about.”

He argued that the imagery fits the present moment with striking clarity.

“What we’re seeing right now is not just conflict, but it’s literally instability. It’s fear. It’s agitation. And it is spreading outward from Israel to the entire region,” he said.

For Kaddis, this is not about a single flare-up between Israel

and Hamas. It is about a regional and increasingly global ripple effect. Nations that once kept their distance are now entangled. Media networks amplify every development. International coalitions float plans for intervention.

“Exactly what the prophet describes being inspired by God himself are things that are beginning to happen,” he said.

He cautioned viewers not to mistake temporary lulls for lasting peace.

“What looks like calm is not peace. It’s the quiet before a massive storm,” Kaddis said. “We are about to watch it break loose.”



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A Burdensome Stone

Kaddis then turned to Zechariah 12:3: “In that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people.”

The language, he said, is deliberate. Jerusalem does not force itself upon the world. The world chooses to lift it.

“God does not say that Jerusalem becomes burdensome because Israel is aggressive,” Kaddis said. “The Bible actually says that this will happen because they choose to burden themselves with it.”

He described global efforts to manage, divide or reshape Jerusalem as attempts to move a stone that cannot be carried.

“Every nation, every organization and leader that tries to move it or manage it or even try to reshape it are going to find themselves in a position where they’re going to be strained,” he said. “They’re going to be exposed, and eventually they’re going to end up being destroyed.”

For Kaddis, the growing involvement of the United States, Qatar and international diplomatic forces illustrates that burden in motion.

All Nations Gathered

Zechariah's prophecy goes further, declaring that "all the people of the earth" will be gathered against Jerusalem. Kaddis believes the groundwork for that gathering is visible.

The conflict, he said, is no longer regional. It is ideological, global and accelerating.

"The conflict is not going to stabilize nations. It's going to destroy those nations," he said. "It's going to fracture those nations."

He pointed to verse 9 as the ultimate conclusion of the chapter: "I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

"It's a bad idea," Kaddis said. "God is going to come and he's going to deal with the situation himself."

Not Politics, but Prophecy

Kaddis emphasized that Zechariah is not offering commentary but divine decree.

"Zechariah opens by reminding us that prophecy here isn't coming from him. It's actually coming from the Lord," he said. "It's a divine declaration."

To him, the rising hostility toward Israel, the deepening international entanglement and the unrelenting pressure on Jerusalem are not coincidences. They are markers.

"None of this should surprise us," he said. "We're watching it manifest. It's happening and it's serious."

Kaddis closed with urgency, not fear.

“If you don’t know the Lord, put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ,” he said. “God has given you a call to speak the truth and make sure people know the truth because things are changing, and they’re changing rapidly.”

Jerusalem is not merely a geopolitical flashpoint. It is the stone Zechariah described, and the nations are already straining under its weight. What many call breaking news, he believes, is the early rumble of a storm Scripture said would come.

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Lisa Bevere Warns of Generational Strongholds Tied to Freemasonry, Calls Christians to Spiritual Warfare

He was preparing to carry out a globally recognized satanic

ritual. Candles flickered inside a dark room reserved within a satanic church building. The atmosphere was heavy and deliberate. Riaan Swiegelaar, once a leader within the satanic church, said the ritual had international significance within occult circles and required formal appointment.

He had just lit a second candle when everything changed.

"This whole room lit up," Swiegelaar said during a recent interview with Isaiah Saldivar. The space, normally illuminated only by torches and candlelight, suddenly filled with a brilliance that did not come from any earthly source. He stood up and turned around.

"A man was standing there," he recalled. Assuming at first it was an intruder, he demanded to know who had entered. The response stunned him.

"When he said to me, 'I'm Yeshua of Nazareth,' I said to him, 'I'm sorry, but I don't believe you. You're going to have to prove it then.'"

What followed, Swiegelaar said, was not condemnation but overwhelming love. "He flooded me with so much love," he said. In that moment, he described seeing the full weight of his own sin while simultaneously encountering what he called undeniable compassion and authority. "Everything that I've seen in the occult and in Satanism... doesn't compare even closely to who Jesus is."

The encounter lasted less than two minutes. It was enough to dismantle years of allegiance.

Swiegelaar abandoned the ritual and eventually resigned from the satanic church. He lost homes, properties, cars and financial stability. He severed ties with the influence and access that once defined his life. "I lost everything," he said. "And you know what? I don't regret it for a second." The power he once pursued through occult practices faded in

comparison to what he now describes as a solid, unchanging foundation in Christ.



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In the days that followed the encounter, he said he felt physically exhausted and emotionally undone. On the fifth day, he awoke at 3 a.m. to what he described as a voice instructing him to go to the beach. There, for the first time in his life, he began speaking directly to God.

His transformation did not happen in isolation. His parents had discovered his involvement in Satanism through a newspaper article years earlier. Though their relationship was strained, his mother asked him one question. Was it real? She needed to know how to pray.

After nearly four years without speaking, Swiegelhaar would later see in his mother's Bible the verses where she had written his name again and again. She had dedicated him to God as a baby and believed she could pray him back into the kingdom. "She said to the devil, 'Sorry, you're not going to have my child because he belongs to God.'"

Testimonies like Swiegelhaar's raise uncomfortable questions within the modern church. Deliverance ministry and open discussions about demonic oppression were once central to Christian preaching and practice. Today, many American churches rarely address spiritual warfare directly. Conversations about casting out demons, confronting occult influence or engaging in intercessory battle are often avoided in favor of more culturally palatable themes.

The silence has consequences. When believers neglect the reality of spiritual warfare, the enemy faces little resistance. Scripture portrays a spiritual conflict that demands vigilance, prayer and authority rooted in Christ.

Swiegelhaar's account underscores that the occult is not imaginary theater but a spiritual system he says carries real influence.

Yet his testimony also highlights something more powerful. The authority of Jesus is not fragile or passive. It confronts darkness. It exposes sin. It restores what was lost.

The Gospels show that nearly 30 percent of Jesus' earthly ministry involved casting out demons and delivering those bound by unclean spirits. Deliverance was not a fringe activity. It was central to demonstrating the kingdom of God advancing against darkness.

If spiritual bondage remains a present reality, then deliverance remains a present necessity. Swiegelhaar's story is a reminder that no one is beyond redemption and no darkness is beyond the authority of Christ. The church must not retreat from engaging in spiritual warfare but stand firm in the power that Scripture declares still sets captives free.

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Pete Hegseth Draws Line in

the Sand: Pentagon Spiritual Civil War Heats Up Over Shiva Worship

Something big just went down at the Pentagon, and a lot of Christians are seeing it as a straight-up moment in the spiritual battle that's been brewing for a while.

Just a couple days ago, on February 15, the Army Chaplain Corps put out a post on X celebrating Maha Shivaratri, the Hindu festival honoring Shiva, describing him as a god of transformation and renewal, encouraging meditation and devotion.

The post read: "Today is Maha Shivaratri, celebrating the Lord Shiva's power to transform & renew. This Hindu festival calls for meditation, devotion, & introspection. May all who observe be inspired by Shiva's example of transformation to find clarity in their spiritual journey."

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– Army Chaplain Corps (@ArmyChaplains) February 15, 2026

That kind of recognition hits hard. From a biblical standpoint, passages like Deuteronomy 32:17 and 1 Corinthians 10:20 make it clear that sacrifices to other "gods" are actually offered to demons. So when an official military channel promotes devotion to what Scripture calls a false deity, it feels like a line being crossed, and not in a good

way.

Then bam, just two days later, on Feb. 17, the Department of War's Rapid Response account drops photos from the Pentagon's monthly worship service with the caption: "We have gathered at the Pentagon for our monthly worship service. We are One Nation Under God."

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– DOW Rapid Response (@DOWResponse) February 17, 2026

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth hosted the gathering, and he brought in pastor Doug Wilson to preach. Wilson talked about trusting God for protection in battle and pointed to the military as a potential spark for real spiritual revival across the country. Hegseth jumped in afterward, thanking Wilson, calling him a friend and doubling down on the belief that God is sovereignly in charge of the nation.

Pentagon Press Secretary Maj. Gen. Pat Ryder's office backed it up, saying: "Secretary Hegseth, along with millions of Americans, is a proud Christian and was glad to welcome Pastor Wilson to the Pentagon today."



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The timing? Hard to ignore. One post lifts up a demonic entity (from a Christian view), and the very next major signal from leadership blasts back with unapologetic Christian worship and "One Nation Under God." Folks on X, including analyst Sam Shoemate, are calling it exactly what it looks like: a public escalation in the silent war that's been playing out behind

closed doors in the Pentagon for years, policy fights, agenda clashes, and now it's breaking out into the open on social media.

I used to talk to a Major General assigned to the pentagon. He told me about this silent war between ideals and agendas that played out quietly in policy and political jockeying.

This post from the DOW was absolutely a response to the Army Chaplain Corp's demon god post 2 days...

– Shoe (@samosaur) February 18, 2026

This isn't just about two posts. It's part of a bigger spiritual civil war inside the military that lines up perfectly with what's happening across America. On one side, there's pressure to "include" every belief system, even ones the Bible warns against. On the other, leaders like Hegseth are pushing hard to bring back real faith, virtue and biblical truth, scrapping what he calls "New Age" or watered-down chaplain fluff and going top-down to restore spiritual strength.

Hegseth started these monthly services back in 2025 for exactly that reason: to remind everyone who's really running things and to build spiritual readiness in the ranks. Supporters see it as a much-needed course correction in a force that's supposed to defend a nation founded on Judeo-Christian principles.

Social media blew up over it. People cheered the bold Christian stand, while others worried about optics or career pressure. But for many believers, it's refreshing to see a high-level pushback rather than quiet compromise.

Hindu service members make up less than 1% of the active-duty force, according to DoD numbers, so the push for these

recognitions feels out of step to many, especially when it risks opening doors to spiritual confusion or worse.

Bottom line: This back-to-back sequence feels like a clear line in the sand. The Pentagon isn't just a building. It's ground zero for bigger fights over America's soul. And right now, in the heart of it, there's a growing call to choose sides: stick with biblical truth or keep blending in everything else.

As we watch this series of spiritually poignant events unfold, it's a reminder to pray, stay alert and support the moves that honor God above all else. Because if the military, the tip of the spear, gets this wrong spiritually, the whole nation feels it.

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Begun

This moment is not another news cycle. The darkness is concentrating. Sin is no longer hidden in shadows but flaunted in plain sight. The same forces that prepared the way for Christ are now being mimicked and corrupted to prepare for the man of perdition. Israel stands at the center as prophecy converges: surrounding armies, rising antisemitism, the Ezekiel alignment forming before our eyes.

Scripture does not leave us guessing. Revelation records the conclusion. The Great Commission has not expired. Believers are summoned to more than private prayer. Offensive spiritual warfare is required alongside the proclamation of the gospel. The Holy Spirit grants discernment to recognize the season.

The Epstein files are a siren. Ignore them, and the cost will be measured in souls. Pay attention now. The battle is here. The Word of God has already declared the outcome, but the responsibility to stand for Christ in this hour belongs to us.

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Boonville Church Explosion Leaves 5 in Critical Condition

Five people were injured Tuesday morning after an explosion ripped through Abundant Life Fellowship church in Boonville, New York, leaving catastrophic damage and sending multiple firefighters and the church's pastor to the hospital.

The blast happened shortly after 10:23 a.m. on Feb. 17 after people inside the church reported smelling gas, as reported by WKTV News. According to New York State Police, "first responders were dispatched to the church on the 4930 block of St. Rt. 12 at about 10:23 a.m. after people inside smelled gas." A member of the Boonville Fire Department entered the church during the response, and "an explosion happened while they were inside," police said.