

Revelation Warns of a Global Religious System. Is Rome at the Center?

Bible teacher Amir Tsarfati is cautioning believers that a growing push for global religious unity may reflect patterns Scripture warns will emerge in the last days.

In a recent teaching, Tsarfati suggested the final religious system described in the Bible may not appear suddenly but develop from an existing institution. "I believe that there is an existing religion that is ready to be as a shell for something new that is being injected into it," he said.

He added, "This is the only one that fits the bill of all the descriptions of the book of Revelation," [referring to the Catholic Church.](#)

A Global Faith Described in Revelation

The book of Revelation repeatedly warns of a worldwide religious system that exerts global influence prior to the return of Christ.

Revelation 17:1–2 describes "the great prostitute who sits on many waters," explaining that "the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her sexual immorality." Verse 15 clarifies that the waters represent "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues."

Tsarfati emphasized the universal nature of Catholicism. "The word Catholic means universal. It means it belongs to everyone," he said.

He also pointed to a large-scale global effort underway. “For the last at least seven, eight years, maybe more, we see an unbelievable concentrated effort with hundreds of millions of dollars that are being poured into it to reach out to every part of world population,” Tsarfati said.



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Drawing All Christians Into One System

Tsarfati highlighted a conference at Kenneth Copeland Ministries where Bishop Tony Palmer addressed Protestant believers on behalf of Pope Francis.

“He said to them, ['Catholic means universal.](#) And if you are Christians, it doesn't matter where you're from. You're Catholic,” Tsarfati said.

Scripture warns that end-times deception will not be obvious or openly hostile. Revelation 13:8 states, “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.”

Tsarfati noted that Pope Francis appeared via video and “did not even mention Mary even once knowing it's a crowd of Protestants that don't believe that Mary is anything divine.”

Unity Without Doctrine

Tsarfati also referenced declarations signaling the end of Protestantism. “The Protestant movement has come to an end. No more protest,” he said.

Revelation 17:5 describes the system behind this unity as

“Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and Abominations of the Earth,” indicating spiritual compromise rather than biblical purity.

Tsarfati summarized the ecumenical shift by saying, “It’s the glory that glues us together, not the doctrines.”

A Final End-Times Warning

Tsarfati rejected that premise outright.

“To tell people that glory is more important than doctrine is literally leading them astray,” he said.

Revelation 18:4 issues a direct warning to believers: “Come out of her, my people, so that you do not share in her sins.”

For Tsarfati, these developments are not proof of fulfillment, but signals calling Christians in the last days to remain anchored in biblical truth rather than swept up in a deceptive unity Scripture foretold long ago.

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‘Be Prepared for Anything’:

Mike Huckabee Says Only Trump Knows What Comes Next on Iran

As tensions simmer between Israel and Iran, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee offered a sober but steady message during an interview with Joel Rosenberg: uncertainty is unavoidable, fear is not.

“We should be prepared for anything, but we should not be afraid of anything,” Huckabee said, framing the current moment as one that demands vigilance without panic. Living in the Middle East, he added, means accepting that [“on any given day something could happen that we were not expecting.”](#)

Despite the speculation swirling around Washington, Jerusalem and Tehran, Huckabee repeatedly returned to one central point. Decisions about Iran rest with one man alone.

“I would say that only the President of the United States knows what he will do,” he said. “Nobody else has the absolute word.”

Hostages Home, a Nation Breathes Again

The interview followed the recovery of the remains of the last Israeli hostage held in Gaza, a moment Huckabee described as both historic and deeply emotional. The return marked the first time since 2014 that Israel no longer had a hostage in Gaza.

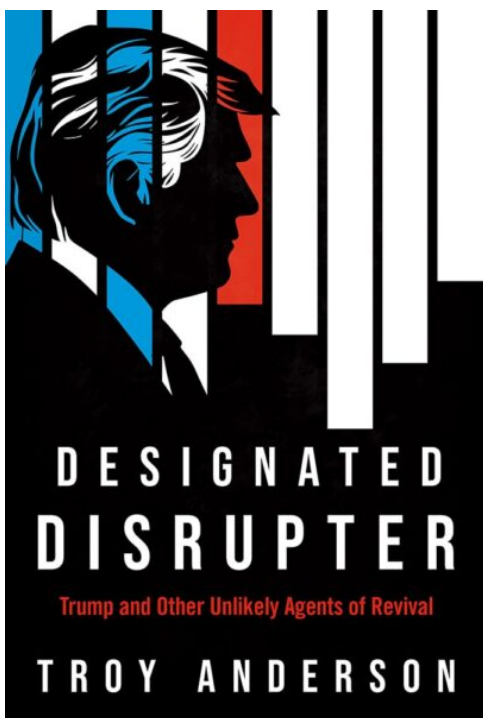
“It gave everyone here a combination of euphoria and relief,” Huckabee said. “Everyone breathed a deep sigh of relief because just the thought that there was still a hostage and Hamas was holding them.”

He credited the success to coordinated efforts by Israeli

intelligence, security forces and regional cooperation, calling the outcome remarkable amid the devastation of war.

“It really strikes me as a miracle and the answer to a lot of people’s prayers,” Huckabee said.

The recovery also reinforced, in his view, the credibility of President Donald Trump and Israeli leadership. “It’s also a great testament to the commitment both President Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made, which was, [‘We will not leave a hostage there.’](#)”



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Three Broad Paths on Iran

As discussion turned to Iran, Rosenberg outlined three broad possibilities facing the White House, scenarios Huckabee did not dispute while cautioning against predictions.

1. **Do nothing**, maintain pressure, assess risks and avoid military action.
2. **A large but limited strike**, punish the Iranian regime

without explicitly seeking to topple it.

3. **An all-in campaign**, sustain attacks until the regime falls, a path described as “messy, expensive, complicated.”

Huckabee declined to forecast which path the president might choose.

“If I were to speculate and say, ‘Here’s what I think is going to happen,’ I would be making it up,” he said. “I don’t know.”

What he did emphasize is that military action, while possible, is not Trump’s first instinct.

“One thing that people may not fully understand or appreciate about President Trump is that for him, military action is not the first resort,” Huckabee said. “It’s the thing he wants to do last.”

‘ Hamas Has No Future in Gaza ’

On Gaza’s long-term future, Huckabee spoke with certainty about one outcome the administration rejects outright.

“The president has never been in any point in any facet other than saying Hamas has no future in Gaza,” he said. “They will disarm.”

How that happens, and how long it takes, remains unclear. Still, Huckabee urged viewers to judge by precedent rather than pessimism.

“When he said all the hostages will come home, they did,” Huckabee said. “When he said we will have a ceasefire, we do.”

For Huckabee, the lesson of the moment is not to guess the calendar or script the next move, but to recognize the gravity of the hour and the resolve behind it.

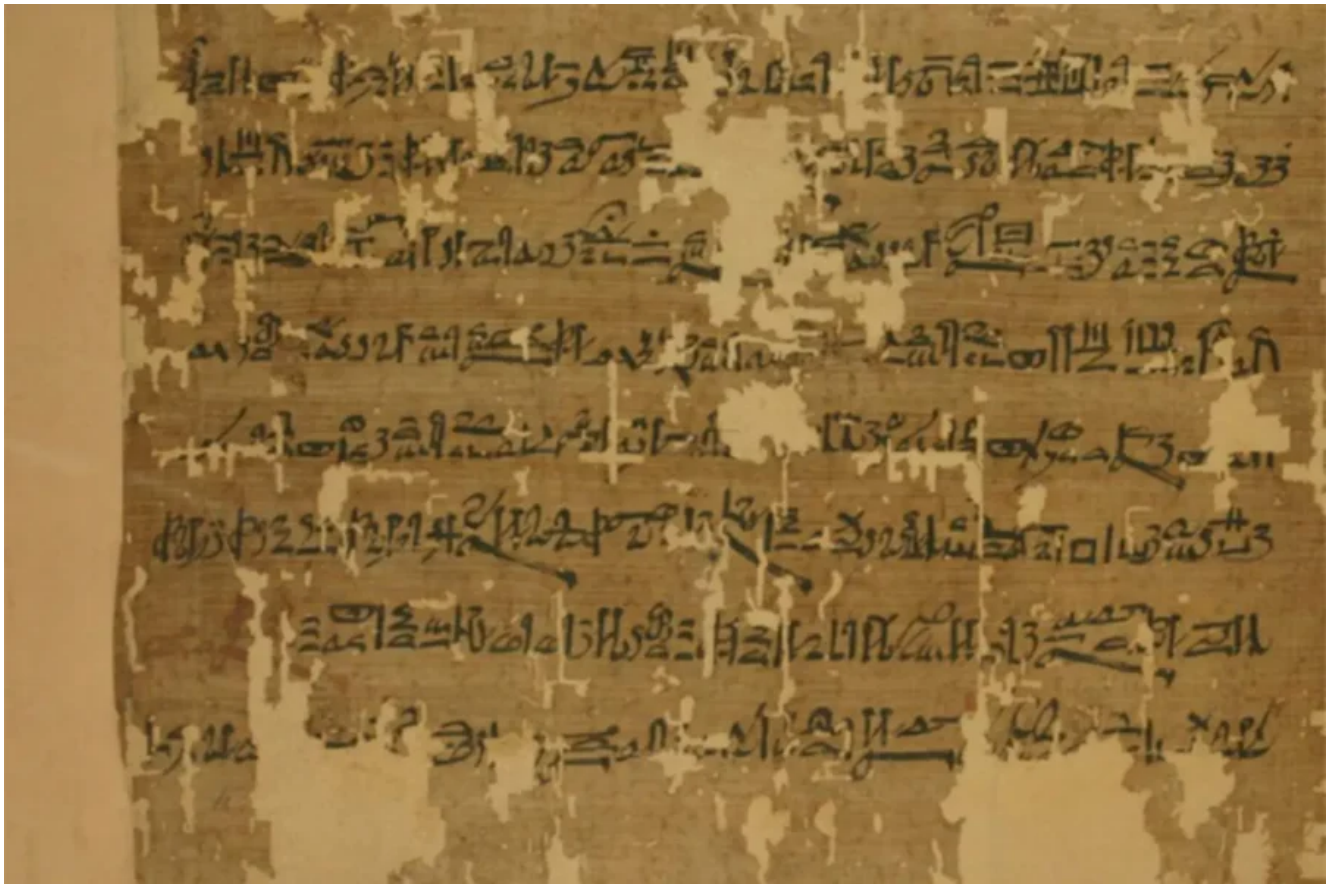
“Stand back and watch,” he said.

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Jesus' End Times Warning and the Nephilim: Why an Ancient Egyptian Papyrus Is Stirring Debate

A 3,300-year-old Egyptian papyrus housed at the British Museum is renewing debate over one of the Bible's most controversial subjects: the existence of [giants known as the Nephilim](#).

The document, known as Anastasi I, dates to Egypt's New Kingdom period and has been part of the museum's collection since 1839. While long studied for its insight into scribal training and military logistics, a passage describing encounters with unusually tall warriors has recently drawn fresh attention.



In a letter attributed to an Egyptian scribe, travelers are warned about dangers along a narrow mountain route. The text states the pass is "infested with Shosu concealed beneath the bushes; some of them are of four cubits or of five cubits, from head to foot, fierce of face, their heart is not mild, and they hearken not to coaxing."

Using standard Egyptian measurements, those heights place the figures well above average for the ancient world.

The New York Post reported that the passage has reignited interest among biblical researchers, particularly the Pennsylvania-based Associates for Biblical Research, who argue the description closely resembles biblical accounts of giants. Scripture describes similar figures as "mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

However, scholars remain divided. The British Museum characterizes Anastasi I as a historical document reflecting Egyptian military knowledge and does not endorse supernatural interpretations. Critics also argue the letter may have been

written with satirical intent, exaggerating dangers to instruct less-experienced scribes.

Israel365 News reported that Egyptian records outside the Bible also reference formidable peoples in Canaan, including ritual texts and reliefs depicting unusually large captives.

A Resurgence of Nephilim Interest and a Biblical Question

Interest in the Nephilim has surged in recent years across theology, archaeology and popular culture. Ancient texts, newly digitized artifacts and renewed scrutiny of biblical passages have brought fresh attention to figures long dismissed by many as symbolic or mythical.

Jesus Himself framed the end times in striking terms. In the Gospel of Matthew, He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matt. 24:37; Luke 17:26). Those days, according to Genesis, were marked by corruption, violence and the presence of the Nephilim.

That raises an unavoidable question for modern readers. If the ancient world recorded encounters with unusually large and fearsome peoples, and if Scripture places such beings at pivotal moments in history, [could their reemergence](#) be part of what Jesus was warning about?

The papyrus does not offer definitive proof. However, it challenges the assumption that biblical accounts of giants were isolated or purely theological inventions. As ancient records continue to surface and long-studied texts are

reexamined, the line between biblical narrative and historical memory may be thinner than once believed.

And if the days of Noah are indeed a template for the end of days, many are left asking: Are we simply studying the past, or glimpsing what may return again?

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Eric Trump Deletes Cryptic Post as Epstein Files Fuel Online Speculation

A cryptic social media post from [Eric Trump](#) sparked intense online speculation this week before being abruptly deleted. The move only deepened questions surrounding its meaning.

[@EricTrump](#) ReTHE HOUR HAS COME.

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THERE IS NOWHERE TO HIDE.

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THEIR REIGN ENDS NOW.

THE AIR WILL TREMBLE WITH THE SOUND OF JUSTICE.
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– Eric Trump Commentary x.□□ (@parody85808) [January 18, 2026](#)

The post, which featured an image of the Statue of Liberty engulfed in flames, was written in stark, apocalyptic language:

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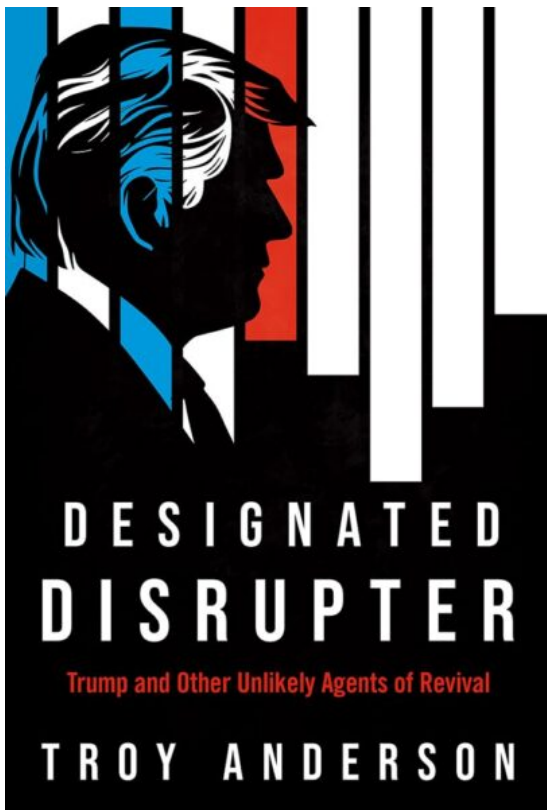
Within hours, screenshots of the post circulated widely after it was removed. That only ignited further speculation about whether the message was symbolic, political or tied to recent revelations involving newly released Epstein-related documents.

Timing Raises Questions, But No Claims Made

It is important to note that [Trump has not publicly explained the post](#), nor has he confirmed any connection between his message and the recent Epstein file disclosures tied to Jeffrey Epstein.

However, the timing has led many online commentators to speculate openly. Speculation is all it remains. Some have suggested the message could refer to powerful individuals

exposed by the documents, to broader corruption narratives or to a looming political reckoning.



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Symbolism of the Image Fuels Online Theories

The Statue of Liberty, a symbol of American freedom and justice, appeared in flames, adding another layer of interpretation. Some viewed the image as representing a nation in crisis. Others interpreted it as a warning of upheaval or judgment.

Again, no factual claim has been made tying the image or message to specific individuals, events or legal actions.

Silence After Deletion

As of publication, Trump has not reposted the message, commented on its deletion or clarified its intent.

Until clarification is offered, the post remains what it is. A mysterious, symbolic message that was posted, deleted and left unexplained at a moment when public trust and accountability are once again at the center of the national conversation.

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CBN Responds After Podcaster Calls Evangelical Christianity a 'Cancer'

A recent viral clip featuring radical left-wing podcaster Jennifer Welch has sparked backlash after she labeled “white evangelical Christianity” a “cancer” and accused evangelicals of being the “worst people” in America.

“This is a cancer. White evangelical Christianity is a cancer,” [Welch said](#). “These are the worst of our country. These are the worst people in our country because they use their religion in two ways. As a weapon and as a shield.”

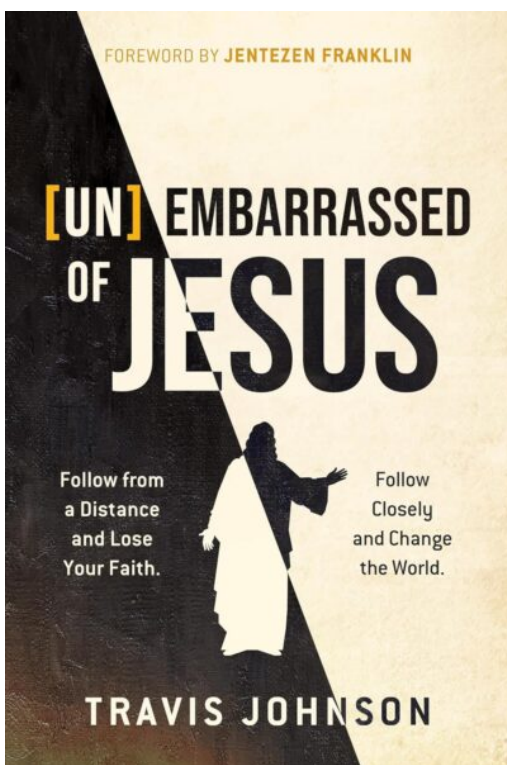
Welch accused evangelicals of justifying hatred toward LGBTQ individuals and immigrants, while also claiming they portray themselves as victims of persecution. “White Christians are so oppressed in this country and they want it both ways,” she

said. She later added that “over 80% went and voted triple Trumped.”

The remarks were addressed on CBN News by hosts Raj Nair and Billy Hallowell, who rejected Welch’s claims as inaccurate and harmful.

“I’ve been an evangelical for a very long time,” Hallowell said. “Anybody who’s out there saying you’re this or that and you deserve to die is violating what Scripture tells us to do.”

Hallowell pointed to the teachings of Jesus as contradicting Welch’s depiction of evangelical beliefs. “Anybody who knows anything about Jesus knows that he says to love your enemies,” he said. “Even people you really don’t like who are horrible to you and mean to you and terrible to you, you’re supposed to feed them, clothe them, love them, pray for them.”



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Hallowell described Welch’s claims as a “straw man,” saying, “These are things that are being said that are not accurate.

They're not true."

He also cited charitable data and community impact. "I would say that without evangelical Christians, charity would basically be cut in half, if not more so, in this country," Hallowell said.

Nair criticized [the rhetoric as dehumanizing and racially divisive](#). "That was an extraordinarily ignorant thing that she said," Nair said. "That was a vile, destructive thing that she said."

Nair also rejected the repeated emphasis on race. "Can we just stop with the skin color stuff?" he said. "Like, can't we get past skin color?"

He warned that the language used against evangelicals mirrors the intolerance being alleged. "Calling anyone a cancer is the actual way you do dehumanize people," Nair said.

Despite the strong rebuke, both commentators urged a restrained response. "Pray for her," Hallowell said. "Nobody needs to go attacking her."

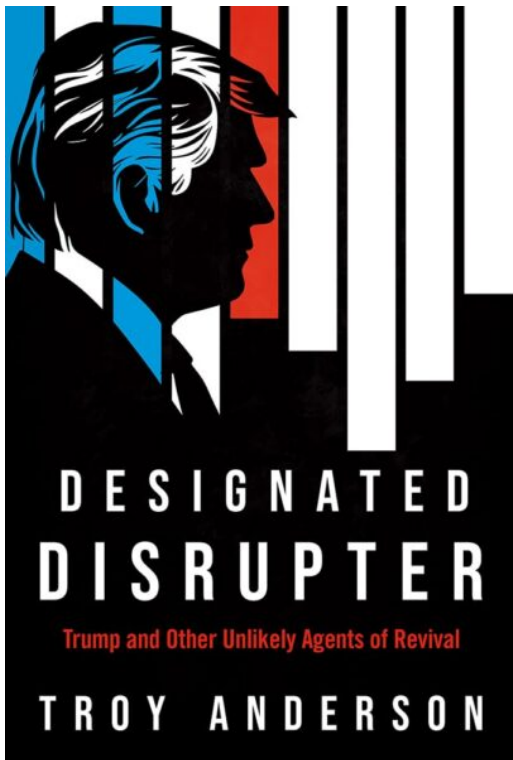
Hallowell continued by criticizing what he described as a double standard. "You set up the straw man, you attack the evangelicals, and then you're like, 'Oh, and then they want to be victims,'" he said. "It's really the ultimate form of gaslighting."

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Nicki Minaj Declares God's Protection Over Donald Trump in Surprising Public Statement

Nicki Minaj's recent appearance alongside President Donald Trump offered a moment that felt less like a standard political endorsement and more like a cultural curveball. Known for explicit lyrics and a bold public persona, [the chart-topping rapper](#) used spiritual language to frame her support for the president, signaling what appears to be a renewed openness about faith and redemption.

As reported by The Christian Post, Minaj told the audience at the Trump Accounts launch event that she believes divine protection surrounds Trump, declaring that "God is protecting him." She added that backlash over her support has only strengthened her resolve. "It's going to motivate all of us to support him more," Minaj said. "We're not going to let them get away with bullying him."



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Minaj also addressed criticism she says Trump has faced, calling it the result of "smear campaigns," and insisted that he "has a lot of force behind him." Trump, in turn, praised the rapper onstage and announced that she was "investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in Trump Accounts to support the children ... of her incredible fans," tying her appearance to the administration's new pro-family investment initiative.

Later that day, Minaj revealed on social media that she had received a Trump Gold Card and was completing her U.S. citizenship process, writing that she was "finalizing that citizenship paperwork as we speak as per MY wonderful, gracious, charming President." She has also spoken publicly in recent months about reigniting her relationship with God and has voiced gratitude for religious freedom in the United States.

For many observers, Minaj's faith-forward comments stand in stark contrast to the mature-themed content that defined much of her career.

Yet her words echo a core Christian belief that [no one is beyond redemption or repentance](#). Her declaration that “God is protecting” the president, coming from such an unexpected voice in pop culture, shows the world how faith can surface in unlikely places and reminds believers that transformation remains possible for anyone the Lord chooses to draw to Himself.

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This 1 Debate Nearly Split the Early Church Apart

In a recent teaching, [Rabbi Kirt Schneider](#) walked listeners through Acts 15, describing it as a defining moment when core Christian doctrine was formed.

“What we’re reading in Acts 15 is truly authoritative doctrine being formed in the early church,” Schneider said. “This is historical.”

The controversy centered on a crucial question: Was faith in Jesus enough for salvation, or did Gentile believers also need to keep the law of Moses and be circumcised?

Grace Under Fire

Schneider explained that certain believers from Judea, often called Judaizers, were insisting Gentiles must convert fully to Judaism to be saved.

“They were teaching Gentile believers that unless you are circumcised according to the law of Moses, you cannot be saved,” he said.

This message sparked sharp disagreement with Paul and Barnabas, who had witnessed Gentiles come to faith through grace alone. The dispute grew serious enough that church leaders traveled to Jerusalem to resolve it before the apostles and elders.

Peter's Turning Point

[According to Schneider](#), Peter's testimony marked a decisive shift in the debate. He reminded the leaders that God had already given the Holy Spirit to Gentile believers apart from the law.

“God made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith,” Peter said, as quoted in Acts.

Schneider emphasized Peter's conclusion: “We believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way as they are also.”

That statement, Schneider noted, silenced the room.

James Brings Unity

James, the leader of the Jerusalem church, ultimately settled the matter. Schneider highlighted James' authority and clarity.

"This is my judgment, that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles," James declared.

Instead of imposing the full law, James asked Gentile believers to abstain from four practices tied to idolatry and immorality. Schneider explained these instructions were relational, not salvational.

"These four things were the things that would have prevented the Gentile believers from being able to have fellowship with the Jewish believers," he said.

Freedom That Fuels Growth

Schneider stressed that the decision protected both unity and momentum in the early church.

"We don't want to put a yoke on these new Gentile believers that's going to crush them," he said, noting such burdens would have stalled the spread of the gospel.

At the same time, James pointed out that Moses was taught every Sabbath, allowing Gentile believers to grow gradually in understanding the biblical foundations of their faith.

An Encouraging Reminder for Today

Schneider concluded that Acts 15 offers lasting encouragement for believers.

"Salvation is by grace," he said, while adding that understanding the Law and the Prophets enriches faith rather than replacing it.

The early church's decision stands as a hopeful reminder that God's grace brings freedom, unity and growth, and that faith in Jesus remains the unshakable foundation for all who believe.

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Turkey Targeting Jerusalem? Erdogan's Rhetoric Is Raising Prophetic Red Flags

Recent statements from Turkish leaders are drawing renewed attention from those who follow both Middle East geopolitics and biblical prophecy. During a recent episode of MidEast & Beyond, Israeli analyst Amir Tsarfati discussed these developments in conversation with U.S.-based pastor Barry Stagner, connecting current events to long-standing prophetic texts.

Once a secular NATO ally of Israel, [Turkey has increasingly adopted rhetoric](#) pointing toward regional dominance and religious leadership, particularly concerning Jerusalem.

"For the longest time, Turkey was a secular country," Tsarfati said, explaining that this trajectory shifted after President

Recep Tayyip Erdogan rose to power. “More and more we hear that the Turks are no longer interested in staying in Turkey, but they want to go back to their role in the Ottoman Empire.”

Jerusalem and Neo-Ottoman Ambitions

That shift has included explicit references to Jerusalem. Tsarfati pointed to recent remarks from Turkish political figures suggesting that Muslim leaders who historically controlled Damascus also went on to control Jerusalem. Erdogan himself, he said, has spoken openly about wanting to pray in Jerusalem “as a liberator.”

The rhetoric follows Turkey’s growing influence in Syria after the fall of the Assad regime, fueling speculation that Ankara views Damascus as a stepping stone to broader regional authority.

“These are not fringe voices,” Tsarfati said. “This is language coming from the heart of Turkish political discourse.”

Alignment With Iran Raises Alarms

Tsarfati also highlighted Turkey’s increasingly open alignment with Iran, including public praise for Tehran’s handling of domestic protests.

“Erdogan actually complimented the Iranian regime and the way they handled the protests,” Tsarfati said, describing it as endorsement of a crackdown that left tens of thousands of civilians dead.

At the same time, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan has warned against any military strike on Iran, urging negotiations and positioning Turkey as a mediator between Tehran and Washington. Tsarfati noted that cooperation between Sunni-led Turkey and Shiite-led Iran would have been unthinkable decades ago.

Why Students of Prophecy Are Paying Attention

For those familiar with Scripture, Tsarfati said [these developments echo Ezekiel 38](#), which describes a future coalition led from the far north that includes Persia and regions many scholars associate with modern Turkey.

“Turkey is identified as Gomer and the house of Togarmah,” Tsarfati said, noting that the passage places Turkey alongside Iran in a coordinated attack against Israel.

“Turkey for expansion and honor, Iran for revenge, Russia for energy,” he said. “Everyone has their own reason, but they will put aside their differences.”

Direction, Not Dates

Tsarfati stressed that these developments do not establish a timeline, but they do suggest alignment.

“I’m not sure we will see these exact leaders attack Israel,” he said. “But I am sure these types of regimes will still be there when it happens.”

Stagner added that biblical prophecy provides clarity rather than fear. “If God said it, that settles it,” he said. “We’re not watching chaos. We’re watching convergence.”

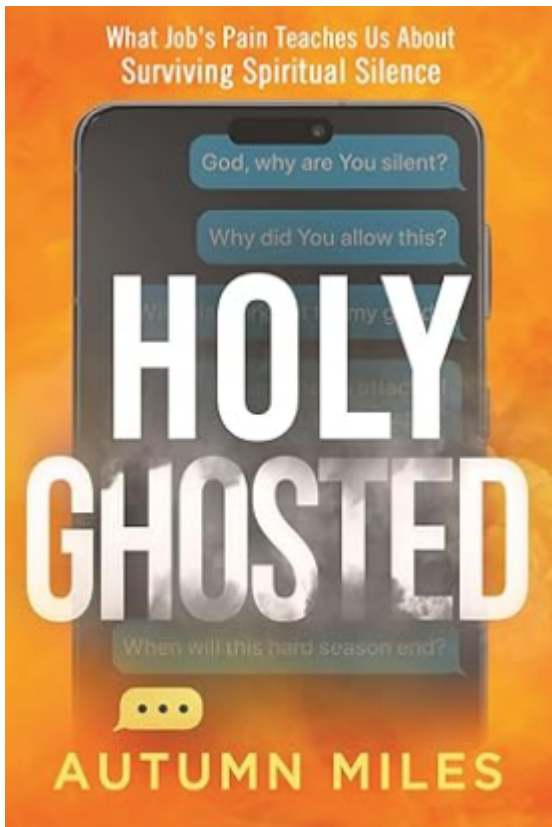
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'American Idol' Contestant Brings Carrie Underwood to Tears With Faith-Filled Testimony

Country music star Carrie Underwood was visibly moved during a recent audition [on American Idol](#) after contestant Hannah Harper shared a song born out of pain, prayer and faith. Harper, a mother of three, performed her original song "String Cheese," a raw reflection of her struggle with postpartum depression and the moment she encountered God's steadying presence.

As reported by The Christian Post, the audition aired in a sneak preview of the show's 24th season and captured a deeply personal testimony that resonated with judges and viewers alike. Underwood was seen wiping away tears as Harper sang, later calling it "about the most relatable song I've ever heard."



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Harper explained that the song was written during [one of her darkest moments](#) as a mother. "I remember being on the couch. They were all crying at the same time," she said, referring to her three boys. "All I wanted was to be a mom, and I couldn't do it." Overwhelmed and exhausted, Harper turned to prayer. "I was praying that the Lord would calm my spirit," she shared. "I got up off my couch, and I wrote this song."

In social media posts shared outside the audition, Harper has continued to frame her journey through the lens of faith. She described motherhood not as a burden but as a calling, writing that God reminded her of her purpose while caring for her children in the everyday moments of life. She has encouraged listeners to hear "String Cheese" with open hearts, hoping it would "resonate with your heart."

Moments like Harper's remind us why testimonies of faith still matter. In seasons when emotions run low and strength feels gone, God remains near. The comfort of God is good for our souls, steadying us when life feels overwhelming. No matter

how dark our current season may be, we can always turn to Him and find rest, hope and quiet assurance that we are not alone.

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Church Disruptor, Former CNN Host Don Lemon Arrested by Federal Agents

Former CNN anchor [Don Lemon was arrested](#) by federal agents following his involvement in a coordinated disruption of a Sunday morning worship service at Cities Church, an incident that has since drawn national scrutiny and a federal investigation, USA Today reports.

Lemon's arrest stems from his presence and participation in a protest that forced its way into the church during worship on Jan. 18. While Lemon has attempted to frame his actions as journalism or protected protest, video evidence and witness accounts show he accompanied protesters into the sanctuary as they intentionally disrupted a religious service on private property.

BREAKING: Don Lemon has been arrested for storming Cities Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is facing conspiracy against rights charges and violation of the FACE Act.

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– Benny Johnson (@bennyjohnson) [January 30, 2026](#)

In livestream footage from Lemon's own YouTube channel, roughly 30 protesters entered the church chanting slogans while congregants were gathered to worship. The demonstrators targeted pastor David Easterwood, accusing him of hypocrisy because of his alleged work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

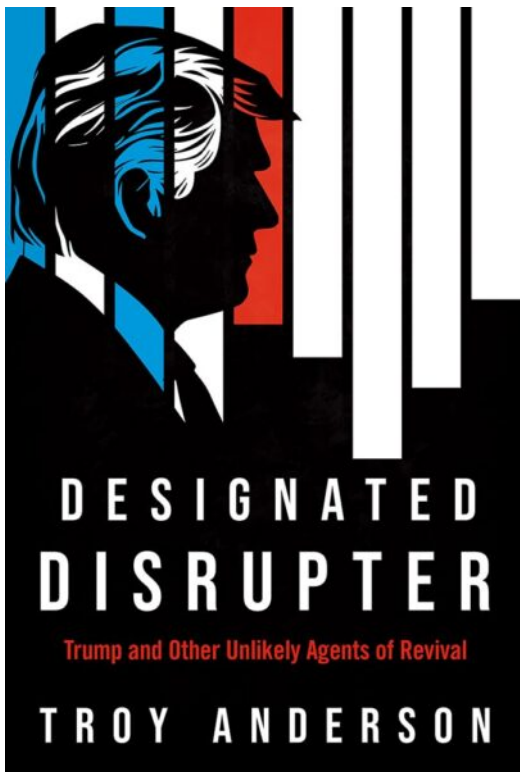
Lead pastor Jonathan Parnell repeatedly asked the group to leave. "This is unacceptable. This is shameful. It is shameful to interrupt a public gathering of Christians in worship," Parnell told Lemon during the disruption.

Lemon responded by invoking the First Amendment. "There is a Constitution. There is a First Amendment of freedom of speech and freedom to assemble and protest," he said. Parnell answered plainly, "We are here to worship Jesus. That is the hope of the world."

[Pastor Jack Hibbs later addressed the incident](#), warning that it should concern Christians far beyond Minnesota. Hibbs said the disruption was deliberate, premeditated and unlawful, stressing that the service was held on private property. "This was a church service on a Sunday morning on private property," Hibbs said. "Outsiders came in to private property to disrupt a religious church service, which is against the law."

Hibbs rejected claims that the First Amendment justified the invasion, arguing that the Constitution protects worship, not its interruption. ["You cannot hinder or restrict the expression of religious freedom](#) in the United States of America," he said. "It's a felony." He warned the incident was a test of Christian resolve. "This is a testing of the water

to see what Christians will do,” Hibbs said. “If there’s no pushback, it will continue.”



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Federal authorities confirmed the seriousness of the incident. The Department of Justice said it is investigating potential civil rights violations, including possible violations of the FACE Act.

Harmeet Dhillon underscored the legal boundaries, stating that a house of worship “is not a public forum for your protest” and is protected by federal law.

A White House statement issued by Karoline Leavitt said President Trump “will not tolerate intimidation or harassment of Christians in their sacred place of worship.”

Lemon later attempted to justify the disruption by comparing it to Jesus cleansing the temple, a claim widely criticized as a misuse of Scripture.

This was not journalism or peaceful protest. It was an

intentional disruption of worship. Lemon entered the sanctuary with the protesters and remained as congregants were harassed. His arrest reflects a necessary line being drawn.

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