

Pastor Jack Hibbs: Church Disruption in Minnesota Was a Test

A Sunday morning church service in Minneapolis was not a political rally, a protest forum or a media spectacle. It was a worship gathering on private property.

That distinction, Pastor Jack Hibbs says, is precisely why the coordinated disruption of the service should concern Christians far beyond Minnesota.

In a reaction video addressing the incident, Hibbs said the invasion of the sanctuary by activists was deliberate, unlawful and revealing.

["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."

A planned disruption, not a spontaneous protest

According to Hibbs, the interruption was not accidental or emotional but premeditated. He noted that cameras were rolling before the activists entered the sanctuary and that participants later described the action as a "clandestine operation."

"That's a confession," Hibbs said. "This is premeditated, planned, orchestrated."

The group targeted the church because one of its pastors also works as a federal immigration enforcement officer, Hibbs

said. Out of hundreds of churches in the Minneapolis–St. Paul area, that congregation was singled out intentionally.

“That’s why they picked that church,” he said. “This is selective targeting.”

Constitutional rights and legal boundaries

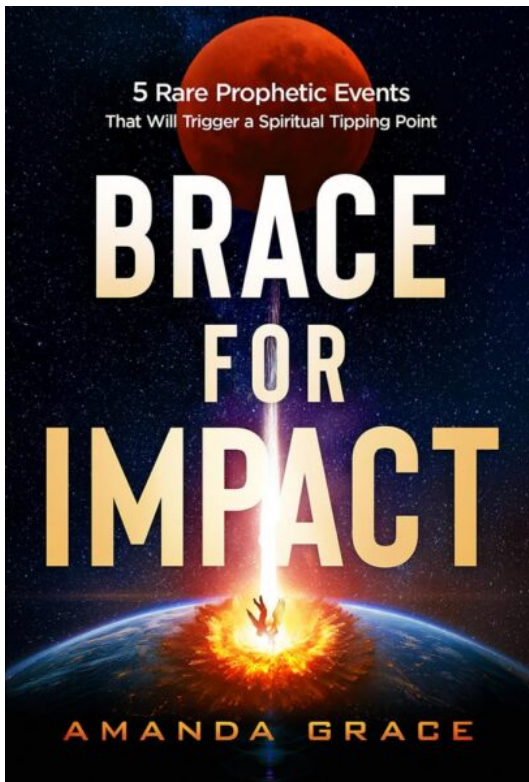
Hibbs pushed back strongly [on claims that the disruption was protected by the First Amendment](#), a justification raised during the confrontation by disgraced journalist Don Lemon, who attended the event.

“You cannot hinder or restrict or do anything to sequester the expression of religious freedom in the United States of America,” Hibbs said. “It’s a felony.”

He argued that the First Amendment protects worship, not its disruption, and that invoking free speech to justify commandeering a religious service is a distortion of constitutional law.

“The pastor is 100 percent legally right,” Hibbs said. “He needs to double down on this.”

Hibbs added that national law firms had already begun offering legal assistance to the church.



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Political endorsement raises alarm

Hibbs also criticized Minnesota state Rep. Leah Frink for publicly supporting continued disruptions of churches, calling it a violation of her oath of office.

"She swore an oath to the Constitution," Hibbs said. "Actions like this should disqualify someone from public office."

The lawmaker described the incident as "essential" and suggested similar actions should continue. Hibbs rejected claims that the disruption was "nonviolent."

"Words can be violent," he said. "Intimidation is violence."

A warning, not an overreaction

Hibbs framed the incident as a probe, not an isolated episode.

"This is a testing of the water to see what Christians will do," he said. "If there's no pushback, it will continue."

He warned that cultural and spiritual disorder often advance incrementally, starting where resistance is weakest.

“The enemy is always probing,” Hibbs said. “Once they get in, they spread.”

While Hibbs drew broader conclusions about spiritual warfare, he avoided urging retaliation. Instead, he called for preparedness, legal clarity and pastoral leadership.

“Pastors need to stand up,” he said. “Churches need to be prepared for the evil day.”

Preparing the church

Hibbs urged churches to take practical steps, including security planning, video documentation and safety teams, noting that government protection cannot always be assumed.

“You need to be prepared,” he said. “Hopefully it never comes, but if it does, you caught it on tape, and it’s admissible in court.”

He emphasized that preparation does not contradict faith.

“Don’t weep. Don’t worry,” Hibbs said. “Jesus said there would be days like this.”

Holding the line

Hibbs concluded by grounding his warning in Christian hope rather than fear, reminding believers that endurance and faithfulness are expected in turbulent times.

“Your liberty, your life, your freedoms will be brought under attack,” he said. “That’s not strange. That’s how close it is to His return.”

For Hibbs, the issue is not politics but precedent.

“When worship is interrupted and the law is ignored, that’s not activism,” he said. “That’s disorder. And the church must recognize it for what it is.”

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Israel Warns of Possible ‘Surprise War’ as Ezekiel 38 Appears Closer

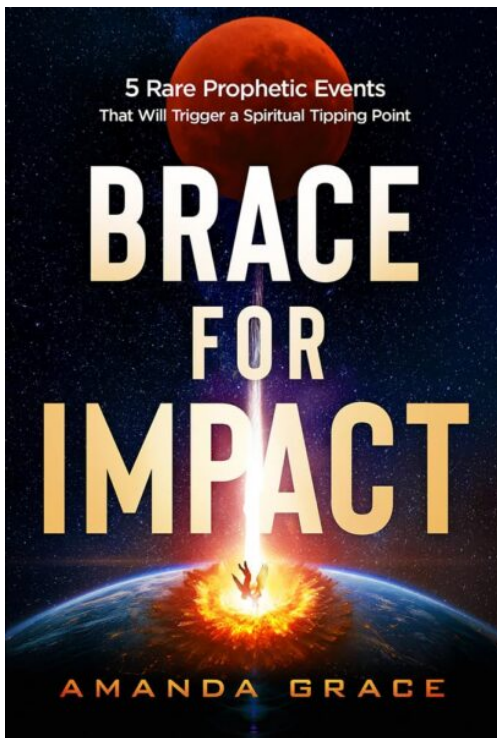
Israel’s military leadership says the country is preparing for the possibility of a sudden, wide-ranging conflict as tensions escalate across the Middle East and hostile forces continue to position themselves near Israel’s borders.

IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir said Israel’s Home Front Command is on high alert, warning that the nation must be ready for what he described [as a potential “surprise war.”](#) Zamir made the remarks during a visit to the Home Front Command headquarters, alongside senior commanders responsible for civilian defense and emergency preparedness.

“We are fully prepared defensively for every scenario,” Zamir said, adding that the Israel Defense Forces have internalized lessons from recent operations and are prepared for both defensive and offensive responses.

Zamir warned that any attack on Israel would be met with an unprecedented military response, underscoring the seriousness of the current threat environment.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu echoed the warning during remarks at the Knesset, vowing that if Iran attacks Israel, the response will involve force “it has not seen before.”



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Turkey's Presence in Syria Deepens the Regional Fault Lines

Adding to the volatility is Turkey's continued military presence in northern Syria, where Turkish forces have operated for years through direct deployments, buffer zones and coordination with allied Syrian factions.

Turkey's footprint places a major regional power in close proximity to Israel's northern front, an area already crowded with Iranian-backed militias, Hezbollah operatives and Syrian regime forces. The result is an increasingly complex and

unstable security environment just beyond Israel's borders.

Syria has become a staging ground where global and regional powers converge, creating constant friction and raising the risk of escalation.

From a strategic standpoint, this convergence tightens the pressure around Israel.

[From a biblical prophecy standpoint,](#) it mirrors the alignment of nations and forces described in Scripture long before modern borders existed.

Damascus and the Unfinished Prophecy

Among the most striking biblical passages connected to the region is Isaiah 17, which declares that Damascus will cease to be a city and will become a heap of ruins. Damascus is widely regarded as one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, and its complete destruction has never occurred in recorded history.

Today, Damascus sits amid repeated airstrikes, foreign military operations and escalating regional hostility. Iranian infrastructure, weapons transfers and command centers have made Syria, and Damascus in particular, a focal point of ongoing conflict.

Biblical prophecy speaks plainly about the city's fate, and the current conditions surrounding Damascus place it squarely within a landscape of instability that aligns with that declaration.

A Board Being Set for a Larger

Confrontation

Scripture also describes a future moment when Israel faces a coordinated threat from surrounding nations. The shifting alliances, military posturing and growing hostility now visible across the region reflect a pattern of alignment that has been unfolding steadily.

Turkey's positioning in Syria, Iran's aggressive posture, Hezbollah's entrenchment in Lebanon and Israel's heightened state of readiness are not isolated developments. Together, they form a regional picture marked by convergence rather than diffusion.

Israel's leadership is responding with preparation, deterrence and clear warnings. Biblical prophecy speaks of these conditions as precursors, not conclusions. The emphasis is not on timing, but on readiness.

The Middle East is moving toward confrontation, not stability. Forces are aligning, cities are under threat and long-dormant prophetic texts are increasingly difficult to dismiss as merely symbolic.

The board is not yet revealed, but it is being set.

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Megachurch Pastor Warns Scripture Is Being Repackaged to Serve Politics

Pastor Josh Howerton isn't warning about a church drifting into politics. He says the real danger is far more serious: Scripture itself is being reshaped to make room for ideas the Bible has already settled.

In a recent episode of "Live Free w Josh Howerton," [the senior pastor of Lakepointe Church](#) responded to viral claims from Texas state Rep. James Talarico, arguing they represent a growing form of apostasy inside modern Christianity.

"What's happening right now is not that the church is getting more political," Howerton said. "Politics have gotten spiritual in the last 20 years. We didn't move. Politics did."

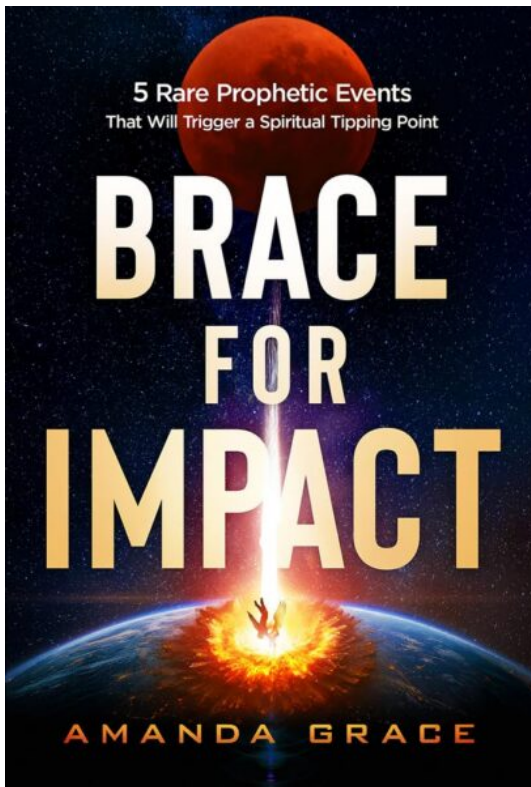
Winning the Debate by Redefining Reality

Howerton argued that progressive Christian messaging succeeds by controlling language first, then theology second.

"Whoever controls the terms wins the debate," he said. "If you redefine life and redefine murder, then you can say the Bible never mentions abortion. And if you argue on those terms, you will always lose."

He rejected the claim that Scripture is silent on abortion, pointing to Psalm 139, Exodus 21 and the biblical account of John the Baptist responding to Jesus in the womb.

"The Bible extremely clearly defines life as beginning in the womb," Howerton said. "You have to jettison 2,000 years of near-unanimous Christian theology to say abortion isn't murder."



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'Jesus Never Talked About It' Isn't Theology

Howerton also dismantled the familiar argument that Jesus never addressed abortion or same-sex relationships.

"Jesus never mentioned bestiality, incest or nuclear warheads either," he said. "That doesn't make them morally neutral."

Instead, he emphasized that Jesus reaffirmed the Old Testament moral law and positively defined marriage.

["Jesus defined the one thing that's right,"](#) Howerton said. "By implication, everything outside of that is forbidden."

Romans 1 Leaves No Loophole

One of Howerton's strongest rebukes focused on claims that the Bible only condemns abusive same-sex relationships.

“That’s just false,” he said. “Romans 1 literally says they were inflamed with lust for one another. That’s mutual. That’s consensual.”

Howerton said attempts to reframe those passages rely on selective reading and intentional omission.

“It’s not confusion,” he said. “It’s deception.”

Justice Isn’t What It’s Being Sold As

While affirming that Christians are commanded to feed the hungry and care for the poor, Howerton drew a clear line between personal obedience and government authority.

“Jesus commanded Christians to do those things,” he said. “He did not command governments to forcibly acquire people’s wealth and redistribute it.”

He also challenged the modern use of the word “justice.”

“In the Bible, justice is equal weights and measures,” Howerton said. “Progressive justice is equal outcomes for groups. You actually have to commit injustice to get there.”

Why This Message Is Spreading

Howerton said the reason these arguments gain traction is simple: they tell people what they already want to hear.

“We’re warned about this,” he said. “People will gather teachers who say what they want said because they have itching ears.”

His concern isn’t theoretical. It’s pastoral.

“This stuff works,” Howerton said, “because it lets people keep Christian language while emptying Christianity of its authority.”

For Howerton, the issue isn't tone or politics. It's whether Scripture still defines truth, or whether it's being quietly rewritten to keep pace with culture.

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Illinois Earthquake Renews Focus on the New Madrid Fault and End-Times Prophecy

A small earthquake rattled central Illinois this week, and for many people, it did exactly what earthquakes tend to do in the Midwest: It got their attention.

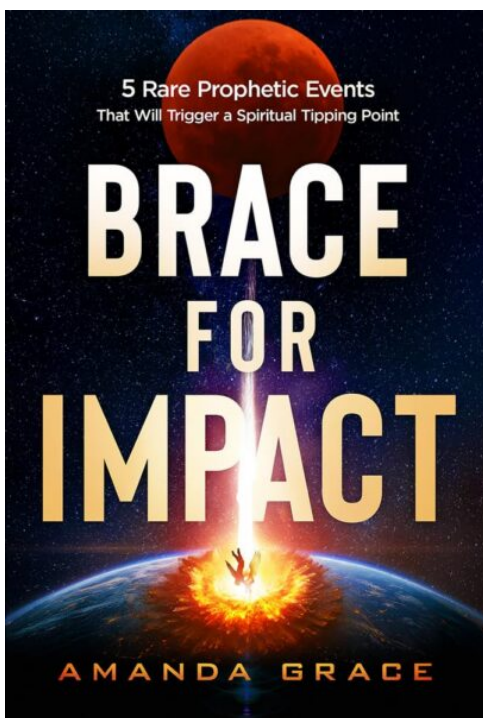
The 3.8-magnitude quake struck just after 1:30 a.m. near Ohlman, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was shallow, widely felt and, importantly, caused no damage or injuries. For a region not accustomed to frequent seismic activity, it was enough to spark late-night texts, social media chatter and inevitable questions about whether something bigger might be coming.

To be clear, earthquakes of this size are not unheard of in Illinois. They are uncommon, but not rare. Quakes in the low-to-mid 3 range happen occasionally and are often felt precisely because they occur close to the surface. In other

words, a tremor like this does not automatically signal a looming disaster.

Still, it is understandable why events like this cause some Christians to pause, especially when the shaking occurs in proximity to the [New Madrid Seismic Zone](#), one of the most studied fault systems in North America.

For decades, that fault line has been associated not only with scientific concern but also with prophetic discussion, most notably by Bob Jones.



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Jones famously spoke of a future, catastrophic earthquake along the New Madrid Fault, describing a vision in which the fault was being restrained until an appointed time. In his prophecy, he warned of massive destruction, altered waterways and cities profoundly impacted.

Those words resurface almost every time the ground shakes in the Midwest.

This is where discernment matters.

Scripture does not call believers to panic at every tremor, nor does it instruct them to dismiss signs outright. Jesus Himself said there would be “earthquakes in various places” (Matt. 24:7), yet He also warned against assuming every disturbance meant the end had immediately arrived. Discernment lives in the tension between awareness and restraint.

Not every earthquake is prophetic. Not every tremor is a harbinger of judgment. Treating every natural event as a cataclysmic signal risks dulling spiritual sensitivity rather than sharpening it.

At the same time, [discernment does not mean indifference](#). The times we live in are marked by global instability, moral confusion and increasing pressure on biblical truth. In that context, even small events can serve as reminders, not of fear, but of fragility. They remind us that creation groans, that human systems are not as stable as they appear and that Scripture consistently calls God’s people to be watchful.

The Illinois quake should be understood for what it was: a minor seismic event in a region with a documented history of occasional earthquakes. But it can also function as a moment of reflection. Not reflection rooted in sensationalism, but in sober awareness.

Discernment asks better questions. What does Scripture say about the season we are in? Are we anchored in truth or driven by headlines? Are we watching with wisdom, or reacting with fear?

The ground may shake from time to time. Our response should not be panic, nor dismissal, but clarity.

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The Gospel Beneath Middle-earth: Why The Lord of the Rings Still Matters

As *The Lord of the Rings* returns to theaters, audiences are being reminded that the beloved fantasy epic is about far more than elves, swords and epic battles.

[“It’s a story that matters,”](#) Kirk Cameron said on a recent episode of his podcast, *The Kirk Cameron Show*. “Because beneath the adventure, beneath the dragons and the dark lords, there is deeper magic at work.”

Cameron argues that *The Lord of the Rings* endures because it does not merely entertain. It shapes the imagination, forms moral clarity and reflects the gospel in ways that continue to resonate across generations.

Tolkien’s Faith Woven Into the Story

The Lord of the Rings was written by J.R.R. Tolkien, a committed Catholic who believed stories had the power to shape souls, particularly those of children.

“Stories are not just entertainment. They shape souls, especially children’s souls,” Cameron said.

While Tolkien famously rejected writing direct allegory, he did not hide his worldview. Cameron noted that Tolkien once

described *The Lord of the Rings* as “a fundamentally religious work,” even though it never preaches overtly.

“Somehow without ever preaching, his story has preached to millions,” Cameron said. “And that’s why people keep flocking back to Middle-earth again and again.”

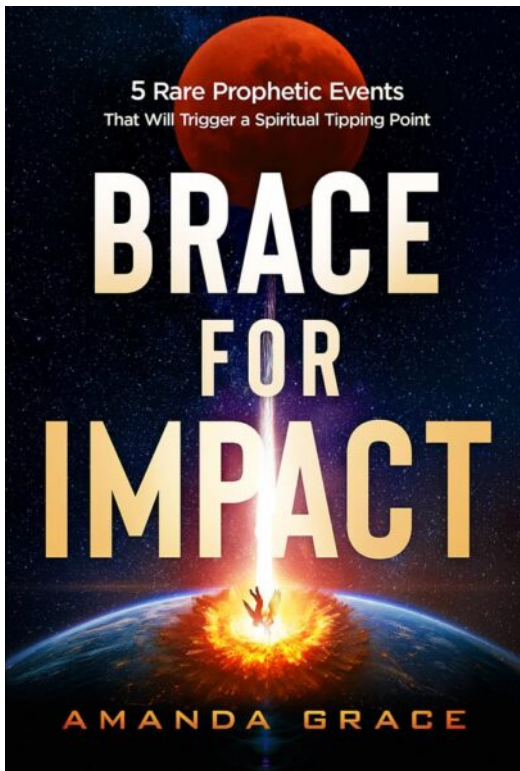
A World Not Confused About Good and Evil

Cameron emphasized that one reason the story resonates so deeply with Christians is its moral clarity.

“In a world where many are confused about reality, Middle-earth is not,” he said. “There is good, there is evil, and the two are not the same thing.”

The Shire, he explained, reflects Eden, peaceful, green and innocent, while Mordor resembles hell, dark, enslaving and consuming. The central danger is not merely evil’s existence, but the temptation to wield it for good.

“That is the ring,” Cameron said. “That’s the power of the ring that promises control, safety and victory, but it’s always at the cost of your soul.”



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Frodo and the Weight of Redemption

At the heart of the story is Frodo Baggins, an unlikely hero who reflects a deeply biblical pattern.

"Small, ordinary, not a warrior, not a king, and yet he is the one who's chosen to carry the burden that could save the world," Cameron said.

The ring wounds Frodo, isolates him and slowly breaks him. Though he has a good heart, he is not victorious through strength or willpower.

"He becomes a picture of the suffering servant bearing a weight that he didn't create for the sake of saving others," Cameron said.

In the end, Frodo is not saved by his own triumph, but through mercy shown long before, when Bilbo spared Gollum.

"That small, quiet decision was epic," Cameron said. "What we

do in mercy today, even if it seems small and insignificant, can shape the future for someone else in ways that we can't see."

Eucatastrophe and the Shape of the Gospel

Cameron also highlighted Tolkien's concept of "eucatastrophe," a word Tolkien coined to describe a sudden, joyful turn when all appears lost.

"A eucatastrophe is a sudden turn of joy," Cameron said. "That is the gospel."

He compared it directly to the Resurrection.

"Terrible crucifixion on Friday, silent Saturday and then Sunday, life bursting out of death when no one expected it," he said. ["The resurrection is the ultimate eucatastrophe."](#)

This, Cameron explained, is why The Return of the King resonates so deeply.

"It feels right because it is the eucatastrophe of the universe," he said.

Why These Stories Still Matter Today

Cameron placed Tolkien among other Christian storytellers, such as C.S. Lewis and G.K. Chesterton, men who understood that stories prepare people to face reality rather than escape it.

"Children don't need softer stories. They need true ones," Cameron said.

Quoting Chesterton, Cameron added: "Fairy tales don't inform children that dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell the children that the dragons can be killed."

A Call to See With New Eyes

As the films return to theaters, Cameron urged viewers to see *The Lord of the Rings* not as nostalgia, but as formation.

“See it as a reminder that truth is beautiful, that courage is costly, that mercy matters, and that hope, real hope, never disappoints,” he said.

Because, as the story ultimately reflects, the light has shone in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

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Hockey Player Declared Dead After Collapse Shares Holy Spirit Encounter

A routine hockey game in 2022 suddenly became a life-and-death moment for Billy Garaffa – and what followed, he says, transformed his faith forever.

Garaffa collapsed on the ice after his heart went into ventricular fibrillation. [Doctors later confirmed he was legally dead for 16 minutes.](#) Yet what he experienced during that time, he says, felt more real than anything he had ever

known.

“I never felt like I died,” Garaffa said. “I was standing in the light. I was standing with God. And I felt more alive than I ever had before.”

Garaffa shared his story during an interview on Saturday In America w/Kayleigh McEnany, describing a near-death experience he believes was an encounter with God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ.

A Prayer Before the Collapse

Moments before collapsing, Garaffa said something unusual happened. He prayed with teammates on the ice – something he said he had never done before.

“There was a sense of foreboding,” he explained. “Something told me this was important.”

Shortly afterward, his heart stopped.

Standing in the Light

Though medical professionals declared him dead, Garaffa said his consciousness never faded.

“To me, I never felt like I died,” he said. “That felt more real than this right now.”

He described standing in a radiant light and being fully aware, peaceful and alive – without fear or confusion.

A Message From God

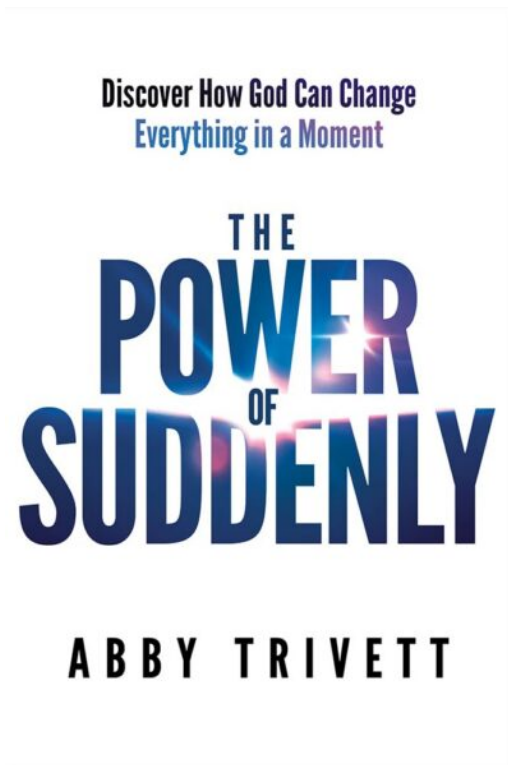
Garaffa said he felt God speaking directly to him, reminding him of what truly matters.

“He asked me what Jesus said was the most important commandment,” Garaffa said. “To love your God with all your

mind, all your soul and all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

The message, he said, brought clarity.

“Everything absolutely made sense,” he said. “It made it so simple, but yet we make it so hard sometimes.”



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Led by the Holy Spirit

Garaffa said the experience continued as he felt the Holy Spirit physically guiding him.

“I felt the Holy Spirit on my shoulder just leading me back,” he said.

He described being guided away from the light toward what he called a “bubble” – a boundary between the spiritual realm and the physical world.

The light, he said, was impossible to describe.

“It would be like trying to describe the color blue to a blind man that’s never seen,” Garaffa said.

Seeing His Own Body

As he approached the bubble, Garaffa said he could see his physical body on the ice – though he did not recognize it at first.

“When I recognized it was me, I woke up,” he said.

Where Was Jesus?

After regaining consciousness, Garaffa said he had one lingering question.

“I asked, ‘Where was Jesus?’” he recalled.

Though he said he had clearly perceived God and the Holy Spirit, [he wanted to understand Jesus’ role in what had happened.](#)

A Vision That Answered Everything

Garaffa said that answer came later, during prayer.

“God really brought me back to that moment,” he said.

In a vision, Garaffa said he saw Jesus inside the bubble, kneeling and standing near his body while medical professionals worked to save his life.

“I saw Jesus in the bubble, standing and kneeling around my body,” he said. “Guiding all the people doing the right things to bring me back to life.”

He said Jesus was directing those performing CPR and using the AED.

“He was there,” Garaffa said. “He came through that bubble and

was next to me to save my life.”

The Power of One Name

Garaffa credited prayer – especially his wife’s – with playing a critical role in his survival.

“All my wife could pray at that moment was the name Jesus,” he said.

His conclusion is unwavering.

“Without Jesus, I wouldn’t be here today,” Garaffa said.

A Faith Without Doubt

Asked whether the experience left him with any uncertainty about his faith, Garaffa was emphatic.

“Without a doubt I know that He is,” he said. “Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.”

His story stands as a powerful reminder to many who have heard it: even in moments of apparent death, faith, hope and life can be more alive than ever.

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Ancient Legends, Biblical Giants and the Unsettling Mystery of Devil's Lake

On a recent episode of the Ninjas Are Butterflies podcast, the hosts stumbled into one of those stories that sounds outrageous at first, the kind you expect to dismiss halfway through, until you realize how deeply it [mirrors patterns found throughout Scripture](#).

The subject was Devil's Lake, an isolated body of water tucked into Wisconsin's Baraboo Range. It is ancient, formed by glacial runoff, with no natural inlets or outlets. Scientists estimate it could be as old as 10,000 years. In other words, it is the exact kind of place where history gets buried and where legends refuse to stay dead.

According to Ho-Chunk oral tradition, the land surrounding Devil's Lake was once dominated by red-haired giants. These were not peaceful beings. They were described as violent, cannibalistic and cruel, living in caves carved into the surrounding bluffs. They terrorized local tribes, hurling massive stones and preying on entire communities.

That detail alone should make Bible readers pause.

The Scriptures repeatedly speak of giants, the Nephilim, described as mighty, violent and fearsome. Genesis 6 introduces them before the flood, while later passages describe giant clans occupying the land, terrifying nations and resisting God's people. In several extra-biblical traditions and early historical accounts, these giants are described with abnormal traits, including unusual size, aggression and, notably, red hair.

Different continents. Different cultures. The same description.

The Ho-Chunk account says the people cried out for divine help. According to the legend, help came violently. A catastrophic storm descended on the region. Fire rained down from the sky, killing the giants in a single event. The lake itself was said to have turned red with their blood for years afterward.

That is not mythology foreign to the Bible.

Scripture records fire falling from heaven multiple times, including on Sodom and Gomorrah, on rebellious armies and on false prophets. Divine judgment by fire in the biblical narrative is literal, sudden and devastating.

But if this were just about giants, it would already be unsettling enough. [The story goes further.](#)

The same traditions describe Devil's Lake as home to a massive serpent, an intelligent and predatory creature that consumed those who ventured too close. Eventually, the serpent was confronted by what the Ho-Chunk referred to as a "Thunderbird." This was not a bird in the modern sense, but a powerful sky being. Their battle was said to rage through violent storms, lightning and upheaval in the water itself, until the serpent was defeated.

If that imagery feels familiar, it should. The Bible consistently links serpents with chaos, destruction and rebellion, while portraying heavenly beings executing judgment through storms, fire and lightning.

Here is where the conspiracy stops feeling like ancient

folklore.

For more than 100 years, people have reported seeing something moving beneath Devil's Lake. Witnesses describe enormous shadows under boats, fish vanishing instantly and strange environmental changes such as dimming light, pressure shifts and altered sound, as if the lake itself reacts to whatever is there.

Around the lake are ancient snake-shaped earthworks. There are unexplained claw-like gouges carved into solid rock, including a three-pronged mark that does not resemble known animal damage.

Then there are the modern details that make people uncomfortable. There are reported military exercises in the lake, restricted underwater zones, unmarked black vehicles and stealth-style helicopters appearing after sightings. No explanations are offered. No statements are given. Only silence.

Devil's Lake is often compared to Loch Ness and other ancient, isolated lakes around the world. What is striking is not just the creatures, but the pattern. Giants. Serpents. Fire from heaven. Judgment. Survivors who pass the story down for generations.

At some point, the question stops being whether this sounds crazy.

The real question becomes why it sounds so familiar.

The Bible has been telling versions of this story for thousands of years, and Devil's Lake may be one more reminder that the ancient world was not nearly as quiet as modern society would like us to believe.

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Beneath a Wisconsin Lake, an Ancient Discovery Older Than the Pyramids Is Reshaping History

A remarkable prehistoric discovery beneath Lake Mendota is forcing archaeologists to reconsider the depth and sophistication of ancient life in North America, revealing evidence of organized communities thriving thousands of years earlier than previously believed.

A Daily Mail article reports that [researchers have uncovered](#) six previously undiscovered ancient canoes from the lake, including one estimated to be about 5,200 years old – older than the Great Pyramid of Giza, which dates to roughly 4,500 years ago.

Since 2021, a total of 16 prehistoric “dugout” canoes have been found submerged about 30 feet below the surface.



Wisconsin Historical Society

The boats were carved from individual tree trunks using fire and simple tools such as stones and shells. Scientific testing revealed that the canoes were constructed between 3000 B.C. and 1300 A.D., indicating thousands of years of continuous human activity in the region.

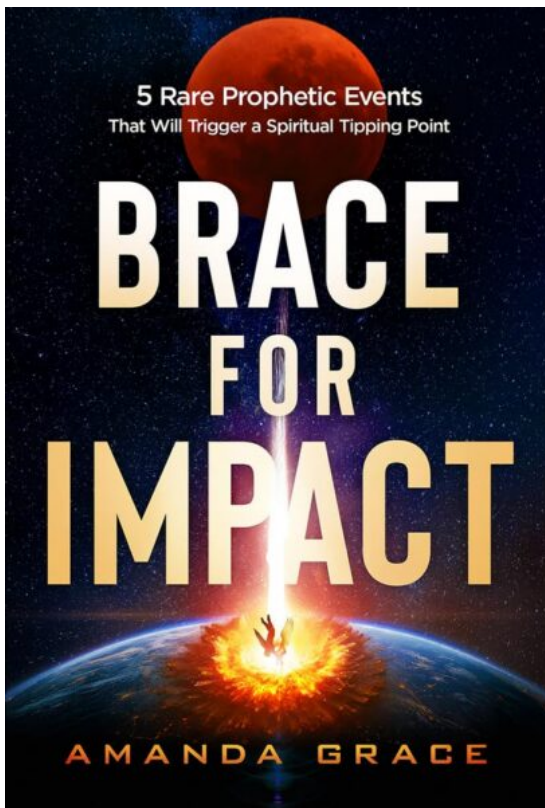
Researchers said the discovery suggests a previously unknown civilization that relied on the lake as part of a sophisticated travel network used for fishing, trade and possibly spiritual journeys across what is now the Midwest.

“The canoes were found in clusters near natural paths, suggesting the lake was a busy spot for generations,” the report said.

The findings are being led by researchers from the Wisconsin Historical Society, who say the discovery [dramatically alters long-held assumptions](#) about North American history.

The oldest canoe places the ancient ancestors of the Ho-Chunk

people on a timeline comparable to that of early Egyptian civilization in terms of technological development, particularly in boat-building skills.



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So far, only two of the 16 canoes have been removed from the lake and are nearing the end of a multi-year preservation process, including a 14-foot-long vessel estimated to be about 3,000 years old.

Most of the boats were crafted from durable hardwoods such as red and white oak. Researchers noted the use of red oak was unusual because it typically absorbs water through open pores, making vessels heavier and less buoyant.

However, archaeologists believe the builders may have intentionally prepared the trees to form natural blockages called tyloses, which seal the wood against water and rot and improve flotation. Some experts suspect the trees may have been stressed or deliberately wounded while growing to produce

more resistant trunks.

Maritime archaeologist Tamara Thomsen compared the discovery process to assembling a puzzle.

“Archaeology is kind of like putting together pieces of a puzzle, and the more pieces you can find, the better you can start to form a picture of what was going on and why during a period of history,” Thomsen said.

“We can’t go back in time to get answers to our questions, but we can examine the available data alongside knowledge from First Nations and cultural history to form theories to answer our questions,” she added.

The canoes were also found with rocks carefully placed on top of them while underwater, which experts believe was done to prevent warping during the winter months.

While the Ho-Chunk tribe historically lived in the Lake Mendota region, archaeologists note the area’s earliest inhabitants were Paleo-Indian peoples who arrived roughly 12,000 years ago. The Ho-Chunk are believed to have migrated to the region no earlier than 800 A.D.

Beyond its archaeological importance, the discovery resonates powerfully with biblical prophecy.

The book of Daniel foretells that in the latter days “many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” While that passage is often associated with modern technology and global connectivity, discoveries like those beneath Lake Mendota reveal another dimension of that prophecy being fulfilled.

Knowledge is not only expanding forward but backward. Long-buried truths are resurfacing. Civilizations once assumed to be lost or primitive are being revealed as advanced, intentional and enduring.

As the tides of history continue to recede, what was hidden is coming into view – just as Scripture said it would.

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Suicide Pods for Couples Signal the West's Full Embrace of a Culture of Death

The euthanasia movement continues to advance across the Western world, and its latest innovation reveals just how far society has drifted from the sanctity of life established by God (Gen. 1:27; Deut. 30:19).

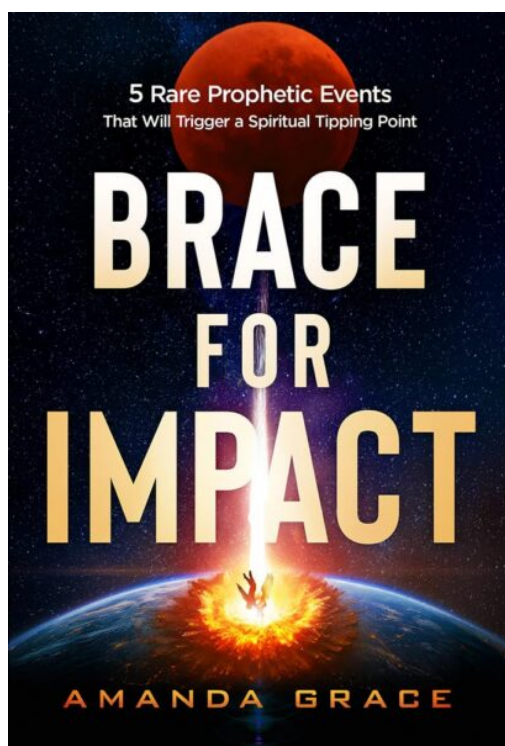
For years, [we at Charisma Media have reported](#) on the steady normalization of assisted suicide, particularly in nations such as Canada, where state-sanctioned death has expanded beyond the terminally ill and now includes those suffering from mental illness, disability and despair. What was once unthinkable is now marketed as compassion (Isa. 5:20).

A recent Daily Mail report exposes the newest frontier of this movement: a so-called “suicide pod for couples,” a device designed to allow two people to end their lives together in a single chamber.

The device, known as the “Double Dutch” Sarco pod, is the latest creation of euthanasia activist Philip Nitschke. The pod is engineered so that “if they both want to die, they have to die together,” requiring two people to press activation buttons simultaneously before nitrogen floods the capsule.

This is not love. [It is a grotesque imitation of covenant \(Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:25–32\).](#)

Marriage, according to Scripture, is a reflection of Christ and the church, rooted in sacrificial love, endurance and faithfulness through suffering (Eph. 5:25–27). The Sarco pod instead presents death as intimacy and self-destruction as devotion. What God designed to point humanity toward life eternal is being rebranded as a shared exit from existence (John 10:10).



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Nitschke told the Daily Mail that feedback from potential users led him to develop the dual pod because dying alone felt “so lonely,” adding that some said, “I want to be held by someone when I die.” The solution, in his view, was not hope,

community or spiritual care, but synchronized death (Gal. 6:2; Rom. 15:1).

Even more troubling is the incorporation of artificial intelligence to determine mental capacity. Under the new system, users will no longer undergo traditional psychiatric evaluations. Instead, they will complete an AI-based assessment with an avatar. If they pass, the machine is activated for 24 hours, during which they may enter the pod and end their lives.

This automation of death represents a chilling abdication of moral responsibility. Human life, once recognized as sacred, is now subjected to software approval (Prov. 14:12).

While Switzerland's permissive laws make it the only country where such a device could currently be used, the cultural momentum behind euthanasia is unmistakable. Canada's experience shows how quickly "medical aid in dying" expands once society accepts the lie that some lives are no longer worth living (Gen. 9:6).

Scripture teaches the opposite.

[Life is not a burden to be discarded](#) when suffering arises. It is a divine gift. Even in a fallen world marked by pain, God remains the author of life and death (Job 1:21; Deut. 32:39). Everlasting life is not found through nitrogen gas or mechanical capsules, but through Jesus Christ, who conquered death itself (Rom. 6:23; 1 Cor. 15:54–57).

The rise of devices like the Double Dutch Sarco is not merely a medical or legal issue. It is a spiritual one. It reflects a civilization that has abandoned God's ways and replaced them with autonomy, convenience and despair (Judg. 21:25).

When a society rejects the Giver of life, death becomes its solution (Rom. 1:21–25).

And when death is celebrated as freedom, it is no longer compassion that guides culture, but deception (2 Thess. 2:10).

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The Bible Reveals a Timeline for Jesus' Return and a Warning for the Unprepared

On a recent episode of The John Bevere Podcast, ministry leader John Bevere explained that while Scripture [does not give an exact date for Christ's return](#), it does reveal clear prophetic timelines that help believers understand God's timing and live prepared.

Bevere emphasized the difference between predicting a moment and recognizing a season. "Nobody knows the day or the hour," he said. "Not the angels of God, not even the Son of Man. Let's just be ready at all times."

He pointed to Luke 2 and the account of Simeon, who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when He was only a few days old. Bevere said Simeon's discernment came from three defining traits Scripture highlights: righteousness, devotion and eager expectation.

“He didn’t just hear the Scripture, he obeyed the Scripture,” Bevere said. “He was righteous, not just outwardly but inwardly.”

Bevere contrasted Simeon with Israel’s religious leaders, who were experts in Scripture yet rejected Jesus even after witnessing miracles. The issue was not a lack of knowledge but a lack of spiritual readiness.

“When you start flirting with and pursuing sin, indulgence of the flesh, [you literally position yourself to be deceived,](#)” he [said.](#)

Bevere also walked through Daniel 9, commonly known as the 70-week prophecy, explaining that it outlines a measurable timeline leading to the Messiah’s first coming. He said ancient Jewish groups carefully guarded these writings and understood the season in which Jesus appeared.

“They understood the times,” Bevere said. “They knew exactly what to do.”

For Bevere, biblical timelines are not about speculation but preparation. He said Scripture consistently shows that God reveals His timing to those who pursue holiness, walk in the fear of the Lord and eagerly anticipate His promises.

“The Second Coming isn’t an event,” Bevere said. “It’s a lovesick groom who can’t wait to be united with His bride.”

He concluded that prophecy is meant to awaken readiness, not curiosity. Understanding God’s timeline should lead to obedience, reverence and lives lived in expectation of Christ’s return.

To hear the full conversation on discerning the times and understanding Scripture's prophetic timeline, watch the full video above.

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