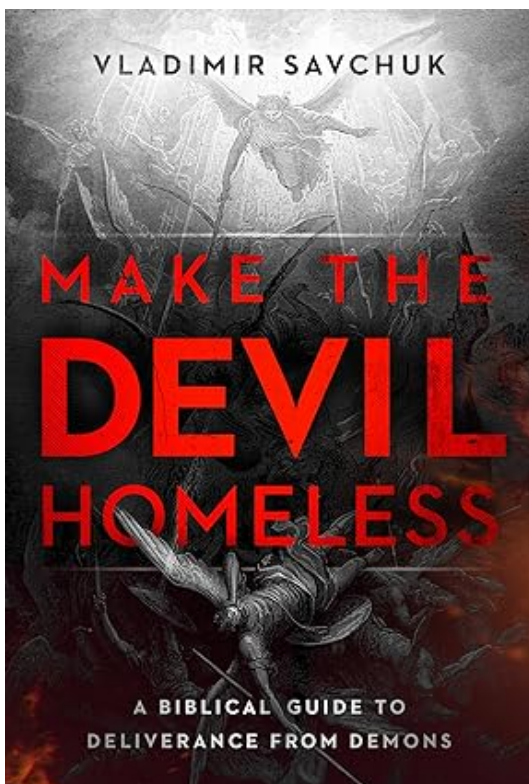


# 5 Reasons the Bible Can Feel Like Homework Instead of Daily Bread

Many Christians know the routine well. You open the Bible, read the assigned passage, close the cover and move on with your day. Yet by the time you're finished, little to nothing stands out. The words were read, but they didn't linger. For countless believers, Scripture can begin to feel more like a spiritual obligation than a living source of nourishment.

That tension is the focus of a recent teaching [by Vlad Savchuk, pastor of HungryGen Ministries.](#)

In his message, Savchuk argues the problem is not the Bible itself or even a lack of discipline, but the way many believers approach God's Word. His solution centers on five practical shifts that move Scripture from something we skim into something that actually feeds the soul.



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## **Five reasons you read the Bible and remember nothing**

### **1. Start with hunger, not habit**

Savchuk teaches that Bible reading begins in the heart, not with tools or techniques. He emphasizes that Scripture is described as spiritual food, not a task to complete. Reading without hunger is like sitting down to a meal without an appetite. Before opening the Bible, he encourages believers to pause and invite the Holy Spirit, praying simply, "Holy Spirit, I am here. I am hungry. Open my eyes to see what you are saying."

### **2. Build a simple, sustainable routine**

According to Savchuk, most people don't struggle to understand Scripture as much as they struggle to show up consistently. He urges believers to remove friction by choosing a specific time, a regular place and basic tools. Treating Bible reading as a non-negotiable appointment helps establish a rhythm in which Scripture becomes part of daily life rather than something squeezed in when convenient.

### **3. Slow down with the SOAP method**

Savchuk points to the SOAP method as a practical way to move from reading to remembering. SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer. Instead of rushing through large portions, he encourages focusing on short passages, writing them out, noting what stands out, applying the truth personally and then responding to God in prayer. He stresses that transformation happens not by gathering information but by applying what is read to everyday life.

### **4. Read in context and let Scripture interpret Scripture**

One reason people misunderstand or misuse the Bible,

Savchuk explains, is that verses are often pulled out of context. He warns against imposing personal ideas on the text and instead encourages reading passages within their broader biblical context. Letting Scripture explain Scripture through cross-references and related passages protects believers from error and deepens understanding.

#### **5. Grow in community and obey what you already know**

Savchuk emphasizes that spiritual growth was never designed to happen in isolation. While personal Bible study is essential, believers are also called to learn with others in the church. He adds that the greatest obstacle is not a lack of knowledge but a lack of obedience. Scripture shapes lives only when it is lived out, not merely studied.

Savchuk's message echoes a consistent theme found throughout Scripture. God's Word is repeatedly described as bread, light and life, not as information to be collected but [as truth meant to be embodied.](#)

When we approach the Bible with hunger, humility and obedience, it becomes more than words on a page. It becomes our daily bread, shaping hearts, renewing minds and drawing us into deeper fellowship with God, just as Scripture was always intended to do.

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# Revealing ‘the Persian Mystery’: Has an Ancient War Awakened in the Middle East?

As missiles streaked across Middle Eastern skies and the world braced for wider war, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn says something far older than modern geopolitics was stirring beneath the surface.

On a recent episode of [The Jonathan Cahn Podcast](#), Cahn described Iran’s direct missile attack on Israel as the visible eruption of a mystery embedded in biblical prophecy for millennia.

“It was the first time ever that Iran directly launched an attack on the nation of Israel,” Cahn said, calling the moment unprecedented and deeply significant.

Cahn framed the sudden global fixation on Israel as a signal long anticipated by Scripture.

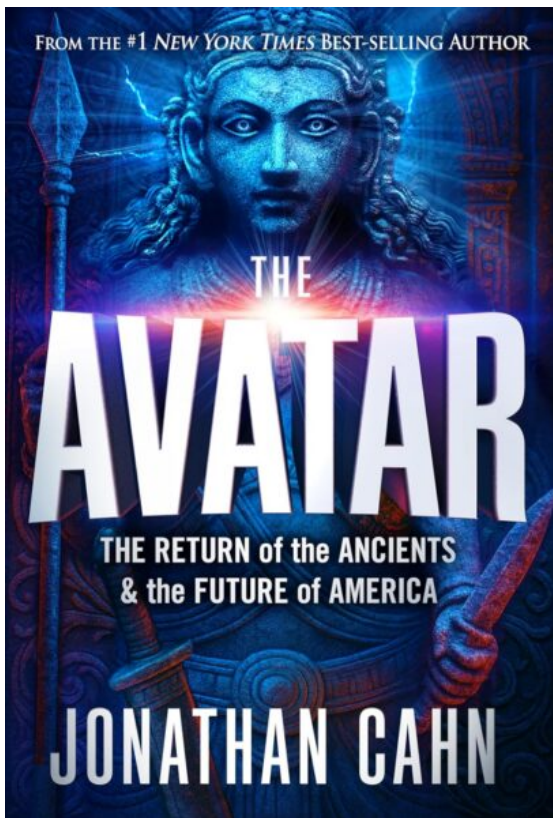
“The Bible says that at the end of the age, the world will be focused on Israel,” he said. “Israel will be the center of controversy. It’s going to be attacked.”

According to Cahn, the events unfolding today align with a prophecy recorded in Ezekiel 38 and 39, describing a future invasion of Israel by a coalition of nations in the “latter years,” after the Jewish people are regathered to their land. One of those nations, he emphasized, is named outright. “Verse 5 says, ‘Paras, Cush and Put are with them,’” Cahn said. “Paras is Persia.”

Persia, Cahn explained, is modern-day Iran, a connection that transforms current headlines into prophetic markers. “When Ezekiel wrote this, Persia had not even come into its world empire,” he said. “Yet it names it.”

That alone, Cahn suggested, should give pause. But the mystery deepens.

Iran was not always Israel’s enemy. In fact, Cahn noted, Iran once maintained close ties with the Jewish state and became the second Muslim nation to recognize Israel. “Israel saw Iran as a natural ally,” he said. But Scripture, Cahn argued, indicated that the relationship could not endure. “According to Ezekiel, Iran could not remain an ally of Israel.”



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The turning point came in 1979, when [the Iranian Revolution overthrew the shah](#) and installed a radical Islamic regime. “That’s when everything changed,” Cahn said.

Since then, Cahn said Iran has waged a covert war against Israel through a web of proxies, including Hezbollah, Hamas,

Islamic Jihad, militias in Iraq and Syria, and the Houthis in Yemen. He tied the Oct. 7 Hamas massacre directly to Tehran. "Iran funded Hamas. Iran trained Hamas. Iran encouraged Hamas," he said.

Yet Cahn warned that focusing solely on politics misses the deeper reality. To understand what is happening now, he turned to the book of Daniel.

In Daniel 10, an angel sent to deliver a revelation is mysteriously delayed. "The angel says he was stopped," Cahn explained. "The angel calls the entity the Sar Malchut Paras." Translated, he said, it means "the prince of Persia."

Cahn described this figure not as a human ruler but as a demonic power assigned to Persia, now Iran. "Spirits do not die," he said. "So the prince of Persia did not perish in ancient times but still exists."

According to Cahn, that entity's mission is singular: to oppose God's purposes for Israel in the end times. "This demonic entity is particularly focused on the Jewish people, on Israel," he said.

Standing in opposition, Cahn said, is Michael the archangel. "Behind the nation of Persia or Iran is the Sar Paras," he said. "And behind the nation of Israel is Michael, the prince of your people."

The result, Cahn argued, is that an ancient spiritual war is now manifesting in the physical world. "It's the spiritual realm that determines the physical realm," he said. "And it's all here in the Word of God."

Cahn linked Daniel's vision to the book of Revelation, where Michael again appears in battle. "In Daniel, Michael wars against the prince of Persia," he said. "In Revelation, he wars against the dragon."

For Cahn, the implications are staggering. “What does this tell you?” he asked. “God is real. His Word is true. What He foretold thousands of years ago is coming true in our own day before our very eyes.”

While the revelations point to escalating conflict, Cahn ended on a reassuring note rather than a fearful one. “Do not fear the darkness,” he said. “Much, much greater is He who is in you.”

And as the mystery continues to unfold on the world stage, Cahn offered a final reminder. “For He who keeps Israel,” he said, “will keep you.”

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## When TMZ Talks Doppelgangers, the Bible Enters the Chat

It started the way so many cultural rabbit holes do. A casual conversation. A strange visual. A question that won't quite go away.

Inside the newsroom of TMZ, founder Harvey Levin sparked a discussion around a viral internet obsession: celebrity doppelgangers. Not just lookalikes, but historical doubles.

Faces from centuries ago that look uncannily like today's most famous stars.

The room quickly filled with examples. Old photographs and paintings side by side with modern celebrities.

Matthew McConaughey is compared to a 19th-century doctor. Justin Timberlake resembles an 1870s outlaw. Mark Zuckerberg is likened to a long-dead European king. Sylvester Stallone appears eerily similar to a Vatican-era pope. Jay-Z matched with a man photographed in 1939. Even Peter Dinklage lined up next to a court jester from the Spanish monarchy.

Some of the reactions were playful. Some skeptical. Some, openly unsettled.

Are these just coincidences? Simple genetics? Reincarnation? [Time travel?](#) Or something else entirely?

As the theories bounced around the room, one voice shifted the conversation in a direction few would expect in a TMZ newsroom.

Marah Williams, host of the Sistas Who Kill podcast, reached not for science fiction, but Scripture.

"In the Bible, in the book of Daniel, it talks about God having Watchers that walk among us that look just like us," Williams said. "So there is a chance that these people have not aged because they are God's Watchers."

That single reference reframed the entire discussion.

Williams wasn't arguing definitively that celebrities are ancient beings hiding in plain sight. She was doing something

arguably more interesting: pointing out that the Bible already contains language and concepts that sound strikingly similar to the questions modern culture keeps circling back to.

Daniel 4:17, written more than 2,500 years ago, states in the Modern English Version:

*'This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules over the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He wills and sets up over it the basest of men.'*

The verse is mysterious. It doesn't fully explain who the watchers are or how they operate. It simply assumes their existence and authority under God's sovereignty.

And that's where the conversation gets uncomfortable in the best possible way.

For all our modern confidence, humanity is still asking the same questions it always has. Why do patterns repeat? Why do certain faces, figures and archetypes seem to reappear across centuries? Why does history sometimes feel less linear and more layered?

Most of the TMZ staff ultimately circled back to familiar explanations. There are only so many genes. Humans are bound to resemble one another. People have always been told they "look like someone else."

All of that is reasonable.

But the moment lingers.

We live in a culture obsessed with [conspiracies, simulations and multiverses](#); it's more than a little wild that an ancient biblical text gets name-dropped as a possible framework for understanding it all. Not in a pulpit. Not in a church. But in

a TMZ newsroom, surrounded by celebrity mug shots and historical paintings.

No one claimed to have the answer. That may be the point.

Maybe these are just doppelgangers. Maybe they aren't. Maybe the Bible isn't giving us neat explanations so much as reminding us that the world has always been more complex, more mysterious and more spiritually charged than we like to admit.

And maybe the strangest part isn't that people see patterns where they may not exist.

Maybe it's that, once again, Scripture seems to have already anticipated the questions culture is only now daring to ask.

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## **Pastor Kap Chatfield Sounds Alarm on Candace Owens and Christian Discernment**

[Pastor Kap Chatfield](#) says he avoids building a platform by tearing others down. But in a recent video that sparked backlash and unsubscribes, he made clear that silence becomes dangerous when confusion spreads through the church.

“So Candace Owens, a prominent conservative and Christian-adjacent influencer, has been promoting narratives that many believers are seeing as spiritual and it’s actually factually misleading a lot of people,” Chatfield said. “And it’s driving people away from the church and away from the truth.”

He framed the issue not as politics, but as discernment, warning that influence, algorithms and platform pressure can slowly distort judgment.

## **A Leadership Vacuum and a Dangerous Substitution**

Chatfield pointed to the assassination of Charlie Kirk as a turning point many underestimated.

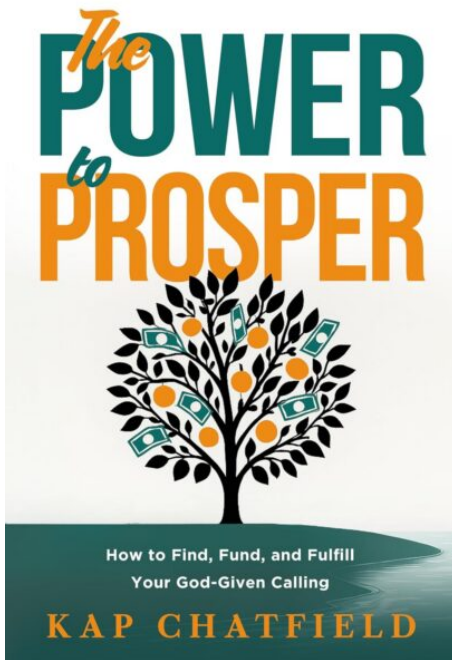
“You will know them by their fruits,” he said. “The fruit of that man’s work resulted in a spiritual revival in this country and across the world. It’s undeniable.”

But he warned that Kirk’s absence created a leadership vacuum now being filled by voices claiming Christian authority without biblical grounding.

“Right now, what you have is a lot of quote ‘conservative Christian influencers’ who are stepping into that vacuum,” Chatfield said. “And most of what these people are saying is unbiblical.”

[He named Candace Owens,](#) Nick Fuentes, and Tucker Carlson, warning that Christian language is being used as cover for deception.

“They’re hiding behind phrases like ‘Christ is King,’” he said. “That’s the problem with being deceived. You don’t actually know that you’re deceived.”



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## **Virality, Influence and Selling the Message**

One of Chatfield's strongest warnings centered on the business model of online influence.

"When your business model is purely built on ad revenue and virality, it is a cocktail that you've got to sip really slowly," he said. "You can allow the algorithm to tell you what your message needs to be."

He shared that he intentionally stepped back from reaction content after realizing he was drifting toward what would perform best rather than what the Holy Spirit was leading him to say.

"If it goes viral, great. If it doesn't, it's not affecting my paycheck. It's not affecting my ministry," he said.

## **Backlash, Unsubscribes and a Clear Line**

Following the video, Chatfield addressed critics in a blunt

social media post.

“It seems I have hit a nerve with my last video on Candace Owens,” he wrote. “Lots have unsubscribed.”

“Please let me apologize if you’re upset... because it’s going to get worse.”

He made his allegiance explicit. “My allegiance is to the Word and the Spirit of God for the sake of God’s flock. Not self-made arbiters of truth.”

Chatfield warned that many who believe they are exposing darkness are actually participating in deception.

“People want to ‘expose darkness’ but don’t realize they’re partnering with a false light,” he wrote, citing 2 Timothy 3:6–7 and 2 Corinthians 11:14.

## **A Call Back to Scripture and the Church**

Despite the sharp tone, Chatfield said his aim is restoration, not destruction.

“My genuine prayer for Candace Owens is that she’s come to her senses,” he said. “But until then, my prayer for you is that you really start taking seriously where you’re consuming your content from.”

He warned that online content cannot replace biblical community.

“YouTube alone without being connected and submitted is not church,” Chatfield said. “You are susceptible to becoming deceived if you’re not planted in a church.”

Chatfield, who pastors at Love Church, closed with a call to discernment without fear.

“Get your discernment up. Don’t be afraid,” he said. “If I can

point you to the Scriptures, it's going to add clarity to your life and not confusion."

In his follow-up post, he ended simply. "Regardless of whether you do or don't, Jesus loves you. And I do, too."

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## **Is the Rapture a Secret or a Mystery? What the Bible Actually Says**

Standing in Israel with the Temple Mount behind him, Amir Tsarfati addressed one of the most debated and often neglected doctrines in modern Christianity: [the rapture of the Church](#).

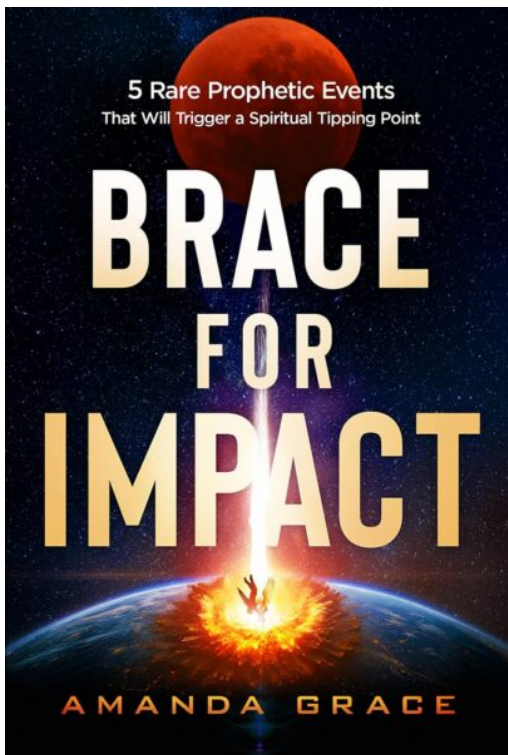
Tsarfati said the rapture is frequently treated as controversial or avoided altogether by churches worldwide. He warned that this neglect serves a spiritual purpose aimed at weakening believers by removing their hope. He said, "The most important thing that can be promised to the believers in Jesus is definitely to steal from them their only hope, their blessed hope, the main hope for every believer."

At the center of Tsarfati's message was a biblical distinction he said is often misunderstood. He emphasized that Scripture

does not describe the rapture as a secret, but as a mystery.

“Mystery is not secret,” Tsarfati said. “Secret is secret and mystery is a mystery.”

He explained that a mystery is not something hidden from view, but something previously seen without full understanding. “Mystery is something that is not hidden but transformed from shadow to substance. Something that at certain point we saw it but we didn’t understand,” he said.



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By contrast, Tsarfati said a secret is entirely concealed. “Secret is something that is hidden and that we cannot see nor feel,” he said. He added that the difference becomes clear when God reveals truth. “When God reveals secrets, it’s something we never heard of. When God reveals a mystery, we are going to say, ‘Aha, now I understand it.’”

Tsarfati pointed to the Bible’s repeated use of the word “mystery,” noting that it appears 33 times in Scripture. He said the term appears once in the Old Testament, in the book

of Daniel, connected to King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

"That mystery eventually was solved by God, the God of Israel, who revealed the true meaning of that dream to Daniel for him to share with the king," Tsarfati said. "That mystery was all about things that existed and will come to pass."

He explained that the dream itself already existed, but its meaning required divine interpretation. "Daniel just interpreted it. He received an understanding of something that existed. Thus, it's a mystery," Tsarfati said.

Tsarfati said the New Testament [continues this pattern of revealed mysteries](#). Referring to Romans 11, he said it addresses "the mystery about Israel and God's plan for Israel," explaining that Israel's role existed long before but is clarified in light of Jesus and New Testament revelation.

He also cited Colossians 2, which he described as revealing "the mystery of the true Messiah," and Ephesians 5:31-32, which he said speaks of "the mystery of the relationship between the church and Christ."

By defining the rapture as a revealed mystery rather than a hidden secret, Tsarfati shifts the conversation from speculation to preparedness. His message presses churches to confront why a doctrine meant to produce hope and readiness has been sidelined, especially as global instability grows and prophetic attention increasingly turns toward Jerusalem and the unfolding events Scripture says will follow.

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# **Pastor Assaulted, Church Harassed: Religious Freedom is Collapsing in the West**

Across much of the Western world, freedoms once considered foundational, including religious liberty, freedom of assembly and freedom of conscience, are increasingly constrained. Governments now exercise heightened scrutiny over faith-based communities, and Christian churches that adhere to biblical teaching are often treated with suspicion. What was once associated with authoritarian regimes is now emerging within democratic societies, where state power is increasingly [used to pressure or intimidate believers.](#)

A recent report by CBN News highlights a striking example in Germany, where a rapidly growing Christian congregation in Duisburg has faced government obstruction, public suspicion and violent police action, even as its membership continues to expand.

## **A Bible-Believing Church Under Scrutiny**

Bible-believing congregations in Germany are often portrayed as dangerous or extremist, particularly when they experience rapid growth. In a nation where only a small fraction of the population regularly attends church, a thriving congregation can quickly draw suspicion from authorities and critics alike.

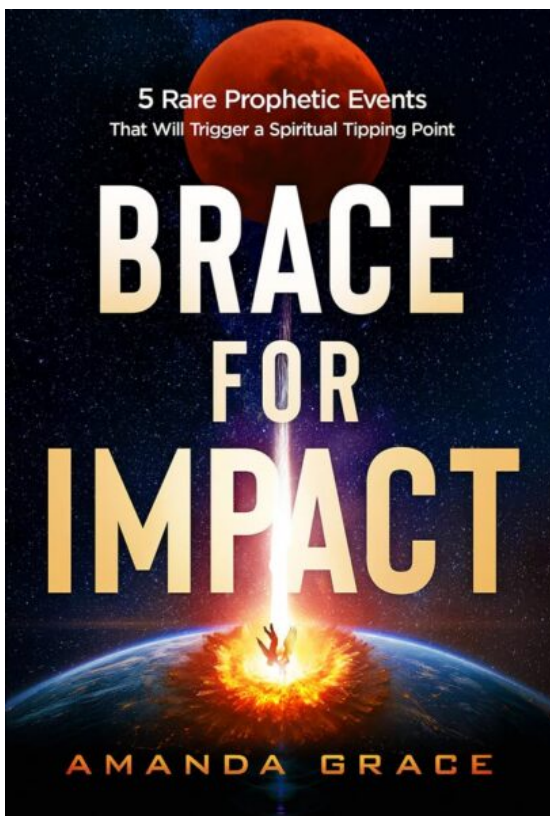
The church, known as Wera Forum, grew into the largest congregation in the city, offering services in both German and Russian and drawing hundreds each week for extended worship and fellowship. Its size and influence prompted accusations

that it functioned as a cult and exerted psychological pressure on attendees, claims the church publicly rejected by emphasizing transparency, accountability and voluntary participation.

## **Obstructed at Every Turn**

As the congregation outgrew its original building, leaders sought land for a new facility. Their efforts were repeatedly blocked. Authorities denied permits to build a church, banks refused to provide financing and the land eventually identified for construction was declared contaminated, a designation that would have required costly remediation.

Rather than abandoning the project, church members gathered to pray and sought a second environmental assessment. That evaluation concluded the soil was free of toxins, allowing construction to proceed. With no bank loan and no formal church permit, members built the structure themselves after registering as a tax-free religious organization.



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## **Armed Raid on the Pastor's Home**

The most severe incident occurred after a former attendee falsely claimed the pastor possessed an illegal firearm. Based on that accusation, police launched an early-morning SWAT-style raid on the pastor's home.

Dozens of masked officers forced entry by blowing off the front door and stormed the residence with automatic weapons. The pastor was physically assaulted during the raid, suffering a broken nose and internal bleeding to his eye. He was thrown to the ground while injured and restrained.

The pastor later said the scale and violence of the operation led him to believe the attackers were criminals rather than police.

## **Family Intimidation and Religious Mockery**

During the raid, officers pointed weapons at the pastor's wife, who later required hospitalization due to medical complications triggered by the encounter. As the pastor cried out to Jesus while being beaten, one officer reportedly mocked his faith, telling him that Jesus would not help him.

Despite the aggressive operation, no firearm was found.

## **Church Targeted and Property Seized**

Following the home raid, police extended the operation to the church itself. Armed officers entered the building, broke down doors and searched offices and classrooms. Computers and equipment were seized and later returned after authorities found no evidence of criminal activity.

Nevertheless, the pastor was charged with resisting police. No apology was issued for the injuries, damage to property or

trauma inflicted on the family, and no compensation was provided for medical expenses. Authorities declined to offer an explanation for the raid.

## Pressure That Strengthened the Church

The pastor, who previously lived under Soviet rule, said the treatment he experienced in Germany was the worst persecution of his life. Yet the attention surrounding the raids drew new visitors to the church, accelerating its growth rather than diminishing it.

Church leaders say the sustained pressure has deepened their faith and reinforced their dependence on God rather than human institutions. What was intended to intimidate has instead strengthened the congregation.

The case serves as a warning that [Christian persecution is no longer confined](#) to distant or openly hostile regions of the world. Increasingly, it is unfolding in the heart of the West, where believers are learning that religious freedom can no longer be taken for granted.

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# Pastor Issues Urgent, Prophetic Warning: A Force Is Rising to Conquer America

An Arab Christian pastor is warning that Islam's rapid expansion in the United States and across the Western world is not merely a demographic or religious shift but a deliberate ideological movement aimed at domination.

Speaking on the Watchman Newscast with host Erick Stakelbeck, Pastor Andrew Sedra delivered a blunt assessment of what he believes America is facing if current cultural and immigration trends continue unchecked.

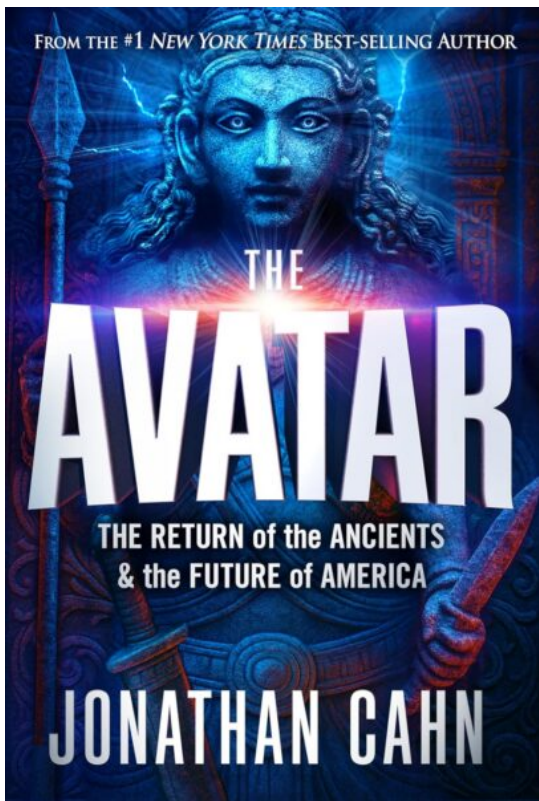
["The reality is Islam is not here to immigrate,"](#) Sedra said. "Islam is here to invade. Islam is not here to live and let live. Islam is here to take over."

Sedra argued that Western leaders have misunderstood Islam by treating it solely as a private faith rather than a comprehensive political and legal system. He said Islam's theological foundations are incompatible with Western concepts of freedom, pluralism and individual liberty.

"Islam is about Sharia law," Sedra said. "Sharia law is fundamentally incompatible with any Christian free civilization. America is about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Islam is about jihad, death and the pursuit of war."

During the interview, Sedra repeatedly rejected the idea that Islam seeks peaceful coexistence within Western societies, saying history and current events tell a different story. He urged Americans to take public rhetoric from Islamist movements seriously.

“When Islam tells America, ‘Death to America,’ they actually mean it,” he said. “You better believe terrorists when you hear them tell you something.”



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Sedra also warned that rising antisemitism in the West is not an isolated phenomenon but a key indicator of Islamism's growing influence. He said attacks on Jewish communities in the U.S., Europe and Australia should be viewed as a warning sign, not random acts.

["Israel and the Jewish people are the dividing line,"](#) Sedra said. "That's always been the case historically, and it's the case now."

The pastor criticized what he described as an emerging alliance between radical Islamists and left-wing political movements, saying the partnership is rooted in a shared hostility toward Christianity and biblical morality.

"Both violent Islam and godless leftism hate Christianity," Sedra said. "They both hate freedom, because freedom is

fundamentally a Christian concept.”

Sedra dismissed claims that criticizing Islam amounts to racism, emphasizing that Islam is a belief system, not an ethnic group.

“Islam is not a race. Islam is a religion,” he said. “Shielding it from critique destroys free speech and honest discussion.”

He also warned that so-called “Islamophobia” and hate speech laws are increasingly being used in Western nations to silence Christian voices and suppress criticism of Islam, a trend he said America is beginning to mirror.

“Just talking about the supremacy of Christ, just talking about the violence of Islam, is now being classified as hate preaching,” Sedra said. “That’s where the West is heading.”

Stakelbeck closed the segment by framing Sedra’s warning as a spiritual crossroads for the United States and the broader Western world, urging viewers to recognize the moment as both urgent and consequential.

“The hour is late,” Stakelbeck said. “Time is short.”

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# 'Duck Dynasty' Robertson Family Says the Real Reason America Is Falling Apart Is Spiritual, Not Political

America's most recognizable cities are unraveling, and the hosts of the "Unashamed with the Robertson Family" podcast argue the cause runs deeper than policy failures or economic strain. They say the collapse is spiritual, the inevitable result of abandoning God's order, rejecting Christ as truth and [surrendering moral authority to darkness disguised as freedom](#).

From open drug use to lawlessness and fear-filled streets, the Robertsons frame citywide decay as the visible consequence of losing biblical foundations.

The hosts of the podcast, Jase and Al Robertson and Zach Dasher attributed this to one thing: "This is what happens when something other than God is in charge."

## When Light Is Rejected, Reality Is Lost

A central theme of the episode is the biblical contrast between light and darkness, drawn from Genesis, John and First John. The Robertsons argue darkness is not merely immoral behavior, but the inability, or refusal, to see reality as God defines it.

Dasher explained that Christ is not simply a moral guide but the source of true understanding.

“With Christ, you can see everything,” Dasher said. “It’s through Christ that we can actually see reality.”

Jase Robertson reinforced the point, emphasizing that darkness becomes frightening not because danger is always present, but because people cannot see clearly. When truth is removed, confusion and fear fill the gap, both personally and culturally.

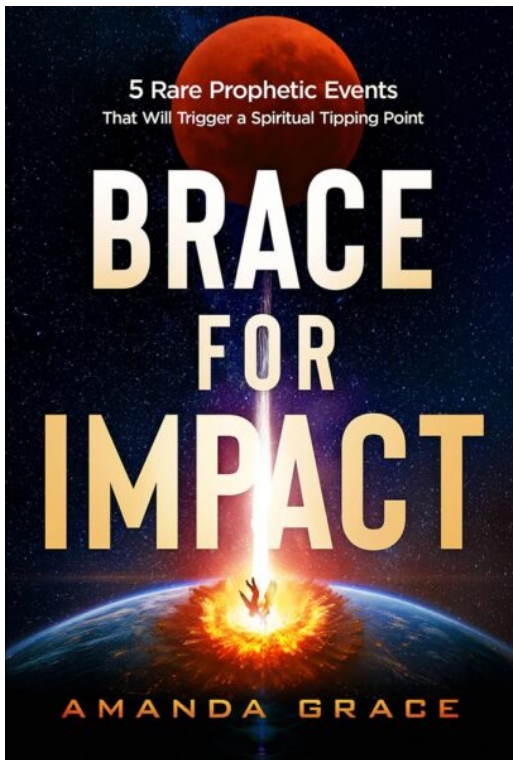
## **Blindness Disguised as Progress**

The podcast repeatedly warns that the greatest danger is not blindness itself, but claiming to see while blind, echoing Jesus’ words in John 9.

Al Robertson applied that warning directly to modern leadership, arguing many city officials deny reality even as conditions deteriorate.

“They’ll clean up a small area and say, ‘Everything’s fine,’” Robertson said. “That’s whistling through the graveyard.”

The hosts argue moral blindness allows decay to deepen while leaders insist nothing is wrong.



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## From Garden to Ruin

Using Genesis 1:28 as a foundation, the Robertsons describe humanity's calling as one of stewardship and dominion under God. Cities, they argue, should reflect order, creativity and beauty, echoes of the original garden.

When that mandate is reversed, collapse follows.

"When you worship and serve the creation rather than cultivate it," Dasher said, "the result is always death."

Robertson pointed to Seattle as a real-world example, describing how a once-beautiful city became increasingly unsafe and unlivable as restraint disappeared and chaos was tolerated.

# Idolatry Repackaged as Freedom

A major argument in the episode is that modern idolatry rarely looks religious. Instead, it elevates desire, impulse and autonomy above God.

“Idolatry is giving dominion over to creation instead of exercising dominion over it,” Dasher explained.

The hosts redefine sin not as arbitrary rule-breaking, but as missing the mark, failing to be what humans were designed to be. When societies normalize that failure, moral structure collapses.

## Cities Reflect the Soul

Throughout the discussion, the Robertsons stress that cities mirror the spiritual condition of [those who lead and inhabit them.](#)

“When you take away God’s light and God’s order, this is what you get,” Al Robertson said. “You can watch it happen in real time.”

They contrasted God’s design, a cultivated and expanding garden, with cities that shrink into disorder and fear.

## Jesus Is the Only Real Cure

The hosts reject surface-level fixes, arguing renewal begins with returning to Christ.

“If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,” Dasher said, citing First John.

Al added that cultural restoration begins with the individual.

“Studying Scripture, praying, having Jesus conversations, those simple things ignite faith,” he said.

The message was urgent and unmistakable. Cities cannot be healed while rejecting the One who defines truth, order and life.

“Jesus doesn’t just forgive,” Robertson said. “He turns the lights on.”

Until America is willing to see again, the Robertsons warned, the decay will continue, no matter how loudly leaders insist otherwise.

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## **Temple Mount Developments Signal End Times Prophecy Taking Shape in Jerusalem**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly backed National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir in his push to allow Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, reinforcing Jewish rights at the holiest site in Judaism.

As reported by The Jewish Chronicle, Netanyahu rejected claims that [the policy represents a break](#) from long-standing arrangements governing the site.

“The changes Ben-Gvir is making are not changing the status

quo and it is in coordination with me. I decide on the policy,” Netanyahu told reporters.

The Temple Mount is the site of the First and Second Temples and the only location where a Jewish Temple has ever stood. While it also houses the Al-Aqsa Mosque and is administered by the Jerusalem Waqf, Israel controls security and access. For decades, Jewish prayer on the mount has been unofficially prohibited, even as Muslim worship continues uninterrupted – a reality many Israelis view as an unjust restriction on Jewish religious freedom.

*The Temple Mount is open to non-Muslims only Sunday–Thursday, early morning hours only, and closed on Fridays, Saturdays, and Muslim holidays.*

*Non-Muslims:*

- *May walk the plaza*
- *Cannot enter the Dome of the Rock or Al-Aqsa*
- *Must follow strict dress and movement rules*
- ... [pic.twitter.com/ULtbPKGJ6P](https://pic.twitter.com/ULtbPKGJ6P)

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Ben-Gvir has long challenged that policy and said last May that it is his position to allow Jewish prayer on the mount, “including full prostration.” Netanyahu’s endorsement makes clear that the Israeli government is asserting its authority over the site and rejecting claims that Jewish worship there is illegitimate.

Ben-Gvir has also suggested building a synagogue on the mount, drawing condemnation from Washington at the time. Then, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller, a member of the Biden administration, said such statements “only sow chaos and exacerbate tensions” and warned they “directly undermine

Israel's security." Netanyahu has since dismissed internal and external criticism, insisting Ben-Gvir will not be removed from his post.

## The Temple Mount at the center of end-times prophecy

These developments are not merely political. [Scripture is unambiguous](#): a rebuilt Temple stands in Jerusalem in the last days. The book of Revelation speaks plainly of a functioning Temple, and history confirms there is only one place on earth where such a Temple can exist: the Temple Mount.



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What is unfolding now is the real-time ordering of biblical prophecy. The growing international pressure against Israel, the fixation of the nations on Jerusalem and the intensifying conflict over the Temple Mount are exactly what the Bible prophesied.

Israel, though small in size, stands at the center of global controversy because God placed His name there.

While no one knows the exact day or hour of the Lord's return, Scripture teaches that the season will be unmistakable. The reassertion of Jewish control and worship rights on the Temple Mount is a critical marker in that prophetic timeline.

Jerusalem is once again the focal point of the world, and the Temple Mount is at the heart of it all, just as the Bible said it would be.

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## **Los Angeles Protest Turns Violent as U-Haul Drives Into Crowd at Anti-Iran Rally**

A peaceful anti-Iranian regime rally in Westwood descended into chaos Sunday afternoon after a U-Haul truck drove into a crowd of demonstrators outside of a federal building, prompting violent clashes and police intervention.

Video captured the moment the truck moved toward protesters on Veteran Avenue around 3:30 p.m., sending people screaming and running for safety. Officers were seen pulling the driver from the vehicle as demonstrators surrounded him, attempting to strike him with flag poles, trash and their hands. One protester climbed onto the truck and kicked in its windshield.

*BREAKING:*

*Vehicular Jihad in Los Angeles! A person driving a U-Haul with a banner on it that says "No Shah" just rammed into a group of Iranian protestors in Los Angeles who were rallying in support of the Iranian protestors fighting for their freedom!*

*Would not be surprised... [pic.twitter.com/1JKzDMxDc9](https://pic.twitter.com/1JKzDMxDc9)*

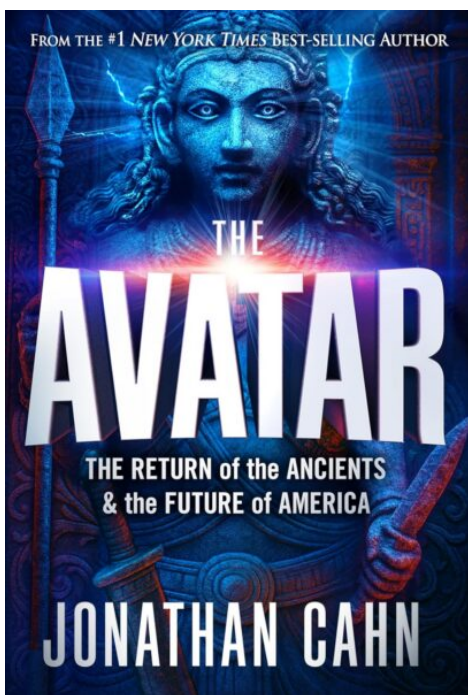
*– Laura Loomer (@LauraLoomer) [January 12, 2026](#)*

After police removed the driver, protesters chased him as officers escorted him away in handcuffs. Authorities said the driver was hospitalized for injuries and is expected to face attempted assault with a deadly weapon charges. One protester suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene.

Sean Zarrabi, who recorded video of the arrest, said, [“People are getting their voice out,](#) and this person comes through the crowd and tries to kill people.”

The rally was held in solidarity with ongoing protests in Iran, where demonstrators are demanding regime change amid economic collapse and political repression. Human rights activists claim at least 538 people have been killed and more than 10,000 detained during recent demonstrations.

Shilla Aran, whose family remains in Iran, described the situation as dire. “Young people are dying every day there,” she said. “They have no freedom. ... Women don’t have freedom. They have to wear hijabs. They have no rights.”



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The incident comes as international tensions rise over Iran’s violent crackdown. President Donald Trump warned that [Iran may](#)

[have crossed a "red line,"](#) saying the U.S. has "strong options" if peaceful protesters continue to be killed.

Police eventually issued a dispersal order, and the crowd dispersed. The damaged U-Haul was later seen surrounded by shattered glass, debris and crime scene tape. The investigation remains ongoing.

As the dust settles in Westwood, we must pray for those injured in this vile attack and for the people of Iran who continue to risk their lives in the fight for freedom against a radical and oppressive regime.

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