

# A 'Systemic' War on Christians Is Being Waged Through Kidnappings

Christians in north-central Nigeria are facing what experts describe as a deliberate and systematic campaign of kidnapping designed to devastate their communities economically and spiritually. Multiple sources say the abductions are not isolated crimes but a calculated strategy aimed at dismantling Christian life in the region.

The spate of kidnappings is being driven largely by Muslim Fulani militants, as reported by Fox News, with experts warning the tactic is meant to "target, bankrupt and destroy Christian communities." Steven Kerfas, lead researcher for the Observatory for Religious Freedom in Africa, told Fox News Digital that "kidnapping for ransom is a strategic aim of the Fulani militants," explaining, "They do it to fund their terrorism, but also to bankrupt the Christian community."

In Nigeria's Middle Belt, Kerfas said the kidnappings are explicitly targeted. "These mass abductions are targeted," he said. "You have cases where 100 Christians will be marched into the forest and kept there for months." Victims are forced to pay ransoms far beyond their means, leading to the destruction of their livelihoods. "They are forced to cough out ransoms they don't have, so they have to sell everything – [including] their farmland," Kerfas said.

The loss of land is devastating for families who survive through subsistence farming. "Now you force them to sell the farmland that they are surviving on to pay ransom," Kerfas continued. "So by the time you release them, what do they go back to? Nothing."

Data from Open Doors UK reinforces the claim that Christians

are being singled out. The organization reported that 4,407 Christians were abducted in north-central Nigeria between 2020 and 2025. When adjusted for population size, “a Christian was 2.4 times more likely than a Muslim to be abducted,” according to Open Doors.



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Henrietta Blyth, CEO of Open Doors UK, said the pattern is unmistakable. “The kidnapping for ransom epidemic in north-central Nigeria doesn’t just affect Christians, but it’s clear that they are disproportionately singled out,” she told Fox News Digital.

Blyth added that “tactics by kidnapers include raids on churches and schools,” noting that “priests and pastors are singled out because they represent high-value targets.”

Families often sell land, livestock, and property to meet ransom demands, a burden Blyth warned “can bankrupt families for generations.” She described what she called a “horrific dilemma” facing Christian families: “Pay ransoms in the hope of saving lives, (knowing) that payment allows the attacks to continue, or refuse and risk their loved ones being slaughtered.”

Even paying does not guarantee survival. International Christian Concern reported that a kidnapped pastor, Rev. James Audu Issa, was held for weeks and then killed, “even though a ransom had been paid.”

A Nigerian lawyer, identified under the pseudonym Jabez Musa for safety reasons, told Fox News Digital that the religious targeting is clear. “In the (Nigerian) Middle Belt, they kidnap Christians, they kidnap the clergy, they abduct women. They hardly kidnap any Muslims,” he said. “The reason for these ransom demands is to economically weaken Christians.

That is the way Christians look at it.”

The financial toll on churches has become crushing. Musa cited a case in which the Evangelical Church Winning All paid 300 million naira, about \$205,000, for the release of roughly 50 kidnapped members. He said such payments place “an unbearable financial strain on the church and affected families.”

Kerfas warned the violence is fueled by jihadist ideology. “The Fulani militants are on a jihad, and, of course, they need to fund that jihad,” he said. “So the Christians being abducted have to cough out huge sums as ransoms.” He added that the danger never truly ends: “If you don’t pay ransom, you get killed. And sometimes, even after paying the ransom, you still get killed.”

Christian communities remain the majority in the Middle Belt, but experts say the long-term goal of these kidnappings is their eradication.

As believers around the world absorb these reports, the call is clear. Christians are urged to pray fervently for protection, endurance and deliverance for their brothers and sisters in Nigeria, and to remember those who are suffering for their faith in Jesus Christ under constant threat of violence, loss and death.

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# **Josh Howerton Reveals One Moment Where Eden, Moses and Jesus Collide**

Joseph Z warned in a recent prophetic broadcast that the United States is approaching a decisive crossroads, one he says will determine the nation's economic stability, political future and spiritual direction heading into 2026.

In a recent prophetic update, Z framed the coming period as conditional rather than inevitable, repeatedly arguing that outcomes hinge on two factors: economic recovery and visible justice. Without both, he warned, the nation faces instability rather than renewal.

## **A Global Power Shift and the Reemergence of Babylon**

Z said even the language surrounding geopolitics is changing. He predicted increased emphasis on the "Western Hemisphere" as contested territory and said a familiar biblical term is resurfacing.

"You're going to hear this word said... just the term Babylon," Z said, calling it a word that "wants to manifest in language in the culture."

He described the moment as a broader realignment of power, saying, "The global shift of power is here," and likened it to a "changing of the guard" among nations.

## **Economic Shaking Before Economic Recovery**

Much of the broadcast focused on economics, particularly silver, which Z said sits at the center of a coming financial

disruption.

“What this means is it’s huge for JP Morgan,” he said, claiming the bank has long suppressed silver prices while accumulating supply. “Now tech companies... they have to depend on them as the sole gatekeeper of the majority of all silver.”

Z said this would contribute to near-term volatility but not collapse. “There’s going to be financial shaking,” he said, adding later, “Things are not falling apart. If we stay the course... things will fall into place.”

He urged viewers to “watch the housing market,” saying, “I’m going to do a miracle in your days.”

## **Midterms Will Be Decided by Economy and Justice**

Z repeatedly tied his economic warnings to political consequences, especially the 2026 midterm elections.

“Two things will bring victory in the midterms,” he said. “Number one, economy... Number two, justice.”

Without accountability and prosecution, he warned, voters will respond accordingly. “If we don’t see this,” Z said, “we’re going to see a very catastrophic midterms.”

He described justice as action-driven, not symbolic, calling for “aggressive prosecution to those that have blatantly broke the law.”



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## **Exposure of Technocracy and Elite Control**

Z used vivid imagery to describe what he believes is coming for powerful systems tied to technology, surveillance and

finance.

“I saw the finger of God coming and poking this in the eye,” he said. “The technocracies, the technocrats, the elite powers... God is saying, ‘I am poking that in the eye.’”

He connected the image to technology and markets, predicting “price falls that take place in tech investments and the AI bubble that will burst,” and added, “I believe that has to do with surveillance... the elites that use the eye as their symbol.”

## **Conflict, Disclosure and Deception**

Z warned that exposure would provoke backlash, including rising violence and instability.

“I see violence that wants to accelerate,” he said, describing attempts to induce chaos through mass events and unrest as pressure mounts on corrupt systems.

He also predicted major public discussion around UFOs and UAPs, cautioning viewers not to be shaken. “The ultimate word is deception because Jesus is Lord,” Z said, rejecting the idea that such narratives undermine Christian faith.

## **A July Turning Point in 2026**

Z repeatedly pointed to mid-2026, especially July, as a decisive moment tied to America’s 250th anniversary.

“There’s a champion anointing in July,” he said, calling it a hinge point for the nation. “The valley of decision is 2026.”

For Christians, he emphasized protection amid uncertainty. “It was dark in Egypt, but there was supernatural light in Goshen,” Z said. “So shall it be for you.”

## Why It Matters

Throughout the broadcast, Z stressed that nothing is automatic. Economic recovery without justice, he said, will fail, while accountability without stability will not hold.

“This will not come by default,” he said. “We’ve got to pray.”

Whether viewed as prophetic warning or theological interpretation of current events, Z’s message centers on a single claim: the next two years will test whether economic recovery and justice arrive together – or not at all.

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## Jack Hibbs Debunks False Claims About Jesus Christ

For nearly two thousand years, Christians have debated whether the Antichrist is a future figure, a recurring spirit or a single individual who emerges at a precise moment in history. Scripture offers warnings but not a name, outlining traits rather than identities. What has changed, some argue, is the world itself. Technology, global governance, surveillance, and economic integration have advanced to a point that earlier generations could scarcely imagine.

That reality is central to a recent teaching by Randy Kay, a Christian author and speaker known for his work on biblical prophecy and spiritual testimony. Kay argues that the Antichrist should not be viewed merely as a lone villain but as the eventual head of a global system already under construction. In his view, modern technology—especially artificial intelligence, biometric identity, and centralized economic control—has made biblical descriptions in Daniel, Revelation, and 2 Thessalonians newly plausible.

Kay is careful to say he is not declaring any individual to be the Antichrist. Instead, he examines prominent global figures whom he assesses as aligning with one or more biblical “fingerprints” associated with that role.

Here is a structured summary of the people Kay names and the reasons he gives for placing them under prophetic scrutiny.

## **1. Jared Kushner**

Kay frames Jared Kushner as a uniquely significant figure because of his direct involvement in Middle East diplomacy.

- Played a central role in brokering the Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and several Arab nations.
- Fits the biblical description of someone who “confirms” or strengthens an existing covenant involving Israel rather than creating a new one.
- Maintains close relationships with Israeli leadership, Saudi Arabia’s ruling class and U.S. political power.
- Oversees investment ventures linked to Saudi capital and emerging technology, including artificial intelligence.
- Possesses real estate and negotiation experience that Kay suggests could matter in future Jerusalem or Temple-related talks.

## **2. Mohammed bin Salman**

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, often referred to as MBS, is presented by Kay as a builder of systems rather than a traditional political dealmaker.

- Oversees massive investments in artificial intelligence, data infrastructure and surveillance technology.
- Sponsors NEOM, a planned city designed around near-total data collection, biometric monitoring and AI governance.
- Holds relationships with nearly every major Western AI and technology company.
- Exercises centralized authority with little domestic accountability and controls vast financial resources.
- Is young enough to remain in power for decades, a factor Kay sees as prophetically relevant.



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## **3. Ahmed al-Sharaa**

Kay cites Ahmed al-Sharaa, the interim president of Syria and a former Islamist militant, as an example of how radical transformation and deception could operate on the world stage.

- Rose from militant extremism to political leadership in a remarkably short time span.
- Successfully rebranded his public image from terrorist commander to diplomatic actor.
- Emerged from Syria, a region heavily featured in biblical prophecy.
- Demonstrates, in Kay's view, how global perception can be reshaped quickly when conditions demand it.

## **4. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is discussed in connection with ancient prophetic geography and religious authority.

- Has consolidated power over more than two decades, transforming Turkey's political system.
- Draws on Ottoman and Islamic symbolism, including the reconversion of Hagia Sophia into a mosque.
- Positions himself as a defender of the Muslim world and regional power broker.
- Rules territory associated by some biblical scholars with ancient Assyria, referenced in prophetic texts.

## **5. Emmanuel Macron**

French President Emmanuel Macron is presented as a potential European figure within a revived Roman Empire framework.

- Rose rapidly from political obscurity to national leadership at a young age.
- Operates at the center of the European Union, which some prophecy teachers associate with Rome's legacy.
- Advocates for expanded European military and political integration.
- Exhibits global charisma and ease on the international stage, traits Kay links to Revelation's language.

## **6. Sam Altman**

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman is discussed not as a political ruler but as a technological architect.

- Oversees artificial intelligence systems shaping communication, labor and information access.
- Is connected to biometric identity initiatives that tie proof of humanity to economic participation.

- Promotes a vision of AI as the foundational layer of the future global economy.
- Represents, in Kay's view, how economic control could be enforced digitally rather than militarily.

## **7. Elon Musk**

Tech entrepreneur Elon Musk is included because of the scale and integration of his enterprises.

- Controls platforms that span communication, transportation, satellites, artificial intelligence and brain-computer interfaces.
- Has secured contracts integrating AI systems into government operations.
- Collects vast amounts of real-time behavioral and movement data through consumer technology.
- Is widely known and controversial, which Kay argues may ultimately work against a prophetic "stealth rise."

## **8. The Unknown Figure**

Kay concludes by emphasizing that the Antichrist may be someone not currently in the spotlight.

- Scripture suggests a rise from relative obscurity rather than immediate global fame.
- The individual could already be embedded within institutions such as global finance, AI development or international governance.
- Access to the system may matter more than public recognition.
- Kay ties this possibility to biblical language describing restraint until a specific moment of revelation.

Kay's argument ultimately returns to a theological warning rather than a political prediction. He maintains that technology and global systems can prepare the ground, but timing remains under divine control. His message to believers centers on discernment, spiritual grounding and attentiveness to Scripture—not on naming a final villain, but on recognizing the direction of the world itself.

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