

Red Cup Rebellion: How the Starbucks Strike Reflects Biblical Warnings

Starbucks workers staged what the union calls a national “Red Cup rebellion” this week, walking off the job at about 65 stores across the United States during one of the company’s biggest promotional days. Starbucks Workers United said the effort was meant to “galvanize public support” and pressure the company to meet union demands and address what it calls unfair labor practices.

The union framed the walkout as a deliberate act of defiance. “We’re turning the Red Cup Season into the Red Cup Rebellion,” Pittsburgh barista Amos Hall told ABC News. “Starbucks’ refusal to settle a fair union contract and end union busting is forcing us to take drastic action.” With more than 1,000 workers participating, the strike marks the latest chapter in a long-running conflict that has increasingly drawn in far-left organizations and openly socialist groups backing the unionization effort.

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Starbucks pushed back firmly, emphasizing the union’s small representation and its unwillingness to return to the table. Company spokesperson Jaci Anderson said she was “disappointed that Workers United, which only represents around 4% of our partners, has voted to authorize a strike instead of returning to the bargaining table.” She added that Starbucks already offers “more than \$30 an hour on average in pay and benefits for hourly partners.”

While the public debate focuses on wages, staffing, and corporate negotiations, Christians watching these events may

see something deeper at work. Scripture warns that the end times will be marked by a culture that embraces rebellion against authority and elevates self-interest above all else.

The Bible describes a generation that will become “lovers of themselves” and “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (2 Tim. 3:1–4). This is not merely about personal preference; it represents a mindset where self takes the place of moral order. When a movement cultivates defiance as a virtue, celebrates conflict and demands submission to an ideology rather than seeking truthful compromise, it mirrors the very spirit Scripture warns will dominate society.

Likewise, the Bible addresses the rise of rebellion against authority—a pattern increasingly normalized in Western culture. Romans 13 teaches that “whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed,” not as a blanket defense of government, but as a warning that habitual defiance is a spiritual danger. Jude describes those who “reject authority” as acting out of a deeper spirit of pride and lawlessness.

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Many of the organizations backing today’s labor movements promote openly socialist ideologies that run counter to biblical values and America’s founding principles. Socialism often elevates the state above God, diminishes individual responsibility and relies on perpetual agitation against authority. This worldview views rebellion not as a last resort, but as a necessary catalyst for societal transformation—a philosophy incompatible with Scripture’s call

for humility, order, and respect.

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The Starbucks strike, its messaging, and the broader political forces behind it reflect more than a labor dispute. They represent a cultural shift toward the very attitudes the Bible says will intensify in the final days: self-focus, defiance and rejection of the authorities God has established for societal order. Christians are called to discern the times, remain aware of the spiritual currents beneath the surface, and stand firm in truth as the world grows increasingly chaotic.

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Joe Rogan Reveals That Tucker Carlson Isn't the Only One Having Demonic Encounters

Throughout Scripture, God has used dreams to reveal His will, deliver warnings and call people to repentance. From Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's vision in Egypt to Daniel decoding Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Babylon, the Lord has long spoken through the night to guide those willing to listen. Yet the

Bible also warns that Satan, “the father of lies,” seeks to mimic God’s methods to deceive humanity through false visions and demonic manifestations. The unseen realm is not neutral—it is a battleground for souls.

In recent days, two of the most recognizable voices in American media have described chilling nighttime encounters that draw this spiritual conflict into sharp focus. Joe Rogan told his guest, former biology professor Bret Weinstein, that he had “the most bizarre dream I’ve ever had in my life last night.”

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Rogan said he found himself “in some weird corridor that looked like a building but was odd. Very strange.” He continued, “I was encountering these beings that looked like people but very different. They were very thin, and they were slightly on the tall side. Um, and they had big heads—like, larger than normal, with larger-than-normal eyes.”

Rogan went on to say that despite their unsettling appearance, “they looked like people and they were playful. Like, they scared me, and then they joked around like, ‘We’re just joking around.’ It was the most realistic dream I’ve ever had in my life. And I woke up and I could not go back to—I had to stay up.” The experience jolted him awake at 3:30 a.m., and he headed straight to the gym, unable to shake what had happened.

Weinstein told Rogan that his “subconscious is trying to tell you about something,” but Rogan insisted the beings were “like a person—but not a person.” He explained, “Like they all had Michael Jackson bodies, you know what I mean? Like, they were

devoid of testosterone. And the heads were larger but not crazy. Not like a gray alien. It was like slightly larger than ours, but smaller chins and larger eyes. It was weird. It was weird because it was not crazy. It wasn't completely alien. It was way closer to us."

Just days earlier, former Fox News host Tucker Carlson described a far more violent experience that he said occurred in 2023. "I couldn't breathe at all. My throat was closed," Carlson told Megyn Kelly. "I stand in the doorway of our bedroom and I'm like, 'Wow, I'm dying.'" He added that he discovered "claw marks on both sides, on the right and left side on my ribs. And they're bleeding." Carlson said that the experience left him with an "intense desire to read the Bible," declaring, "I'm not embarrassed at all, and I don't care if I'm mocked. I don't get anything out of making this up, and I'm not making it up."

While Carlson's account bears the marks of a direct demonic attack, Rogan's "dream" appears more subtle—more deceptive.

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Scripture teaches that Satan "masquerades as an angel of light" (2 Cor. 11:14), disguising his influence through experiences that seem harmless or even enlightening. Rogan's description of playful, humanoid beings who joke and appear "almost human" mirrors countless historical reports of demonic deception designed to sow confusion and distract people from the truth of Christ.

For years, Rogan has wrestled openly with questions about faith and spirituality, often expressing curiosity about Jesus but stopping short of personal belief. The enemy would have much to gain in keeping the world's largest podcaster—whose voice reaches millions daily—from proclaiming the gospel. The

encounter may not have been just a strange dream, but a strategic move from the adversary to divert him from the One who can bring true peace.

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We live in a world where spiritual warfare often hides behind science, psychology or entertainment, these accounts remind believers that the battle for the human soul is very real. God still speaks through dreams, but not every dream comes from Him. As Scripture warns, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (1 John 4:1).

If even the most influential voices in media are being touched by the spiritual realm, then now more than ever, discernment—and the truth found in Jesus Christ—is essential.

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Apple’s Digital ID Marks a Prophetic Step Toward the

Beast System

Apple's introduction of its new Digital ID is being hailed as a breakthrough in convenience and security. Yet for those who view current events through the lens of biblical prophecy, the development signals something much greater: a defining step toward the Beast system described in the Book of Revelation.

The company's new feature allows users to create a Digital ID in Apple Wallet using information from their U.S. passport, enabling them to verify their identity at TSA checkpoints in more than 250 airports across the United States. Apple says the process is secure and private, with all data encrypted and stored locally on each device.

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Revelation 13 warns of a global system in which "no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark." The introduction of Digital ID lays the groundwork for that system. It represents the growing union of identity, economy and technology, forming the framework through which the future world ruler, the Antichrist, will control global commerce during the Tribulation.

Apple Vice President Jennifer Bailey said the company is "excited to expand the ways users can store and present their identity, all with the security and privacy built into iPhone and Apple Watch." To the world, those words sound like progress. To those who understand prophecy, they sound like preparation.

Today's digital identification systems are voluntary. But the Bible makes clear that a time is coming when such technology will be required for participation in society. The mark of the beast will not simply be a number. It will be a sign of allegiance to the Antichrist and his empire. What begins as

convenience will end in compliance.



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Every new advancement brings humanity closer to that reality. Biometric scanning, digital passports and central bank digital currencies are merging into a single structure of control. The same technology that grants access today will be used to restrict tomorrow.

Even Apple's logo carries symbolic weight. The bitten apple has long represented mankind's rebellion in Eden, the moment humanity chose knowledge over obedience to God. Now that symbol represents humanity's renewed attempt to reach godlike power through technology.

Apple claims it cannot see when or where users present their Digital ID. That assurance offers little comfort to those who recognize the prophetic pattern. Once global governments and corporations unite behind digital systems, privacy will no longer be a guarantee. It will be an illusion.

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The Antichrist's empire will not rise overnight. It will be built through systems like this one, disguised as innovation and efficiency, until the world is fully dependent on technology to buy, sell and live. When that day comes, the same digital infrastructure will enable the enforcement of the mark, and those who refuse will be cut off from society.

The progression is clear. The systems of Revelation are already forming. What Apple calls progress is the construction of the network that will one day empower the Antichrist's rule. The world is being prepared for total digital dependence, a system that will demand loyalty, not simply

participation.

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Believers are called to remain alert and discerning. Technology itself is not evil, but when it replaces human freedom with digital control, it becomes a tool of deception. The signs of Revelation are unfolding now, and the rise of the Beast system is no longer a distant prophecy. It is the reality taking shape in front of us.

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Man Lost in the Wilderness for 19 Days Says Prayer Saved His Life: 'It Was Me and God Every Night'

For more than 14 centuries, the stillness of the Sinai desert has guarded one of Christianity's oldest treasures: St. Catherine's Monastery. The ancient sanctuary rests at the base of Mount Sinai, where Scripture tells us that Moses encountered God in fire and cloud. The monastery has survived

empires, invasions and the slow crawl of time, continuing its sacred rhythm of prayer and preservation while the world around it modernized. Now that silence is being drowned out by bulldozers and blueprints.

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According to recent reports discussed on the Ninjas Are Butterflies podcast, the Egyptian government has seized dozens of land parcels surrounding the monastery in what it calls the Great Transfiguration Project. The sweeping plan aims to “modernize” the region with hotels, shopping centers, villas, cable cars and visitor attractions. The move followed a May 2025 decision from Egypt’s Court of Appeals granting state control over 71 parcels long associated with the monastery. What the monks once cultivated as holy ground and refuge is now being prepped for concrete and commerce.

The monastery, built in the sixth century, is not only a cornerstone of Christian heritage but also a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is home to ancient manuscripts, chapels, gardens and the graves of generations of monks. Despite its protected status, large portions of the surrounding landscape have reportedly been demolished or altered, with graves relocated to make way for parking lots. Egypt’s leaders insist the project will boost tourism and revitalize the area, but to those who understand the monastery’s spiritual weight, such plans feel more like desecration than transformation.

The Orthodox Church of Greece and many in the Christian world have condemned the move, calling it a violation of sacred history. For them, this is not just about land. It is about reverence. It is about what happens when the modern appetite

for development tramples the timeless sanctity of places where heaven once touched earth.

The podcast's hosts reflected on how strange it feels to see holy ground treated as commercial real estate, especially when the site has stood for more than a millennium as a refuge of faith. The irony of naming the project "The Great Transfiguration" was not lost on them. The title, drawn from one of Scripture's most radiant moments, is now being used to justify luxury hotels and malls. To many believers, it feels like a spiritual inversion, turning a mount of revelation into a monument of profit.

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Their discussion also raised questions of power and ownership. Who really controls these ancient places? Organizations such as UNESCO, while preserving history, can also represent a global management of heritage that feels increasingly detached from faith and meaning. The world may protect these sites in name, but not necessarily in spirit.

There was also mention of an ongoing debate about whether the traditional Mount Sinai is the true one described in Exodus. Some researchers believe the real mountain lies elsewhere, its location obscured by centuries of misidentification. Yet even if the site in Egypt is not the biblical Mount Sinai, the monastery's historical and spiritual value remains undeniable. The sacred should not have to prove its authenticity to deserve protection.

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In the end, the loss being witnessed at Sinai is not only architectural. It is spiritual erosion. What is being built in its place may dazzle the eyes, but it dulls the soul. When

sacred history is paved over for modern convenience, humanity loses more than old stones and desert silence. It loses a piece of itself – a memory of what holiness looks like when it stands unmoved by the tides of time.

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Christian Ministry Founder and Daughter Killed in Tragic Plane Crash

A tragic plane crash in Coral Springs, Florida, claimed the lives of Christian ministry founder Alexander Wurm, 53, and his 22-year-old daughter, Serena, as they were en route to Jamaica on a humanitarian mission.

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SkyWatchTV CEO and author Joe Horn says America is in the midst of a “Luciferian assault,” a global effort to corrupt, confuse, and destroy the innocence of children through technology, pornography and spiritual deception.

“The reason that I called it a Luciferian assault,” Horn said in an interview with Charisma Media, “is because this is

everything from big money, big tech, big AI, the attempt to normalize this stuff to purposefully indoctrinate them.”

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Horn described a growing system that works to “intercept a child before he’s familiar with his calling,” dismantling the family structure and replacing it with artificial intelligence, addictive entertainment and digital isolation. “Lucifer takes pleasure in the suffering of children because of their innocence,” he said. “It is his ultimate treasure. It is his most coveted win.”

The Foster Care Crisis

Horn highlighted the foster care system as one of the most vulnerable fronts in this war. “There’s 420,000 children in the foster care system right now,” he said. “Ninety percent of these kids are statistically guaranteed to experience at least two to five types of abuse.”

He said that eight to 12 children go missing every day from foster programs across the nation, often without any record or investigation. “No chain of custody. Nobody’s looking for these kids,” Horn warned, calling it a “system beyond a system” that allows abuse and disappearance to go unchecked.

While acknowledging that the foster care system itself is not the enemy, he said it is “exploited by predators” because of underfunding and lack of oversight. “People have made an expertise out of exploiting those blind spots,” Horn said.



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Pornography and the Church's Silence

Horn also pointed to pornography as one of the chief engines driving this spiritual decay, describing it as “an industry that fuels the demand” for exploitation. “This is why mass murderers and people that have enacted assaults would admit on death row that porn was one of the fastest ways that they progressed in their mental deterioration,” he said.

Even more alarming, Horn noted that the church has become complicit through silence and hidden sin. Citing Barna Research, he said, “Fifty-seven percent of our senior pastors and 64% of our youth pastors admit to at least currently or sometime in their past struggling with pornography.”

He warned, “With every click, with every view, you’re indulging in an industry that is responsible for the demand that is on the rise for paid-for interactions with children.”

The Church's Calling

Horn said the modern church has replaced compassion and outreach with spectacle. “We’ve made it about fog machines and rock concerts,” he said. “But what is the gospel? If you look at the most fundamental, day-one responsibility of the church, it’s taking care of the orphans and the widows.”

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Quoting Scripture, Horn reminded believers that Jesus calls His followers to care for “the least of these.” He added, “Where is the church with this massive crisis? We are entertaining ourselves to death.”

Real Hope and Restoration

Horn's message is not without hope. His family's Whispering Ponies Ranch, a ministry underwritten by SkyWatchTV, provides rehabilitation for abused and trafficked children. "You cannot divorce the supernatural," he said. "True rehabilitation comes only through Jesus Christ."

He encouraged viewers to take action through prayer, ministry and support for organizations defending the vulnerable. "Father God, I'm ready to give you my yes," he wrote in *Innocence Shattered*. "Maybe I can't build a ranch, but I can start a prayer group at my church. Prayer changes things."

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Horn's challenge is simple yet profound: recognize the battle, reject apathy and return to the mission of protecting the innocent. "We battle not against flesh and blood," he said, "but against powers and principalities. And it's time the church starts acting like it."

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