

Manipulated Faith: The Hidden Spirit Twisting Scripture and Controlling Believers

Legalism has quietly crept into the church, disguising itself as holiness while binding believers in fear and guilt. Apostle Alexander Pagani says this deceptive spirit twists Scripture and replaces grace with performance.

In a recent Charisma Media interview, he shared how this spirit operates and how believers can break free.

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There are moments when everything looks perfect on the outside yet something deep inside whispers “Something isn’t right.”

John and Lisa Bevere’s recent Conversations podcast reminds believers that this quiet unease isn’t paranoia but often the Holy Spirit nudging us toward discernment.

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Discernment, the Beveres explain, is a divine safeguard in an age of confusion. It’s what keeps us anchored when “good” things may actually rebel against God’s authority. John shares how he once ignored a spiritual check over a publishing deal that seemed promising. The decision led to months of turmoil until he finally realized flattery had blinded his discernment. The moment he repented peace and health returned. His story is a reminder that when we follow God’s prompting He protects us even from our own ambitions.

The Beveres also warn that living in a culture steeped in offense clouds our spiritual senses. When we let bitterness or hurt fester it becomes nearly impossible to see clearly. But when our hearts remain humble and filled with love discernment thrives. True discernment isn't about judging others but about walking in wisdom peace and alignment with God's Word.

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If you've been sensing something "off" lately in a relationship a job or even a spiritual environment pause and listen. God may be guiding you not away from something good but toward what's right. As John and Lisa remind us the voice of discernment is one of the greatest gifts God gives His children.

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To hear the full discussion watch the video above.

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Do Nephilim Still Walk the Earth? The Truth About the Kandahar Giant

Throughout Scripture God has spoken to His people through words of knowledge and wisdom—divine insights meant to guide, prepare and awaken His church for seasons ahead. Bishop Alan DiDio believes such a moment is approaching in 2026, a year he says will bring the fulfillment of long-awaited promises. In a recent message DiDio declared that the Lord is raising up what he calls “a reaping generation” positioned to see dormant prophecies come alive and the Word of God manifested in power.

A Prophetic Clock Strikes: A Season to Reap

“I believe that God is giving birth to a reaping generation,” DiDio said. “Reaping the fulfillment of prophecies that have gone before us.” He urged believers to recognize their role in seeing long-delayed promises fulfilled: “You are about to see the fulfillment of every prophecy that has gone before you.”

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DiDio likened this moment to David’s confrontation with Goliath saying believers must wield the Word as a weapon. “Has there not been a prophecy that went before that I can grab like a weapon and wield it in this moment?” he said. “There have been some prophecies that have been made that have been waiting on you to get to this moment this time this season and it is about to be activated in your life.” He added, “Time is pregnant and it is about to give birth to a breakthrough.”

Scripture Over Experience

As the church approaches 2026, DiDio said believers must anchor themselves in Scripture not personal experience. “We are not moved by experience,” he said. “We cannot allow ourselves to be defined by experiential theology.” When life contradicts the Word he reminded his audience that “it does not invalidate what this book says. That’s why it’s called the fight of faith.”

A Reformation Day Reminder

DiDio tied this call for biblical faithfulness to the Protestant Reformation noting that October 31 is Reformation Day. “On October 31st... that’s when Martin Luther attacked the 95 thesis on the Wittenberg church in Germany,” he said. He emphasized the enduring truths of “faith alone,” “grace alone” and “Scripture alone” before asking his congregation, “Are you willing to accept what the Bible says over your traditions?”



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Poverty Prosperity and the Mission

In his message DiDio declared that material resources are vital for advancing the gospel and meeting human need. “Poverty is from hell,” he said describing it as “degrading” and a driver of addiction violence and despair. “The only way we can send missionaries out onto the mission field and set slaves free is if you have more than enough.”

A 2026 “Financial Inversion”

DiDio pointed to a coming “financial inversion” he believes will take shape in 2026, a transfer of wealth from the wicked to the righteous. Citing Job Ecclesiastes Proverbs Psalms and Deuteronomy he said, “The wealth of the sinner is laid up for

the just.” He told believers, “I believe that over the next year for Christians who are prepared to receive it there is going to be a financial inversion and a transfer.”

He emphasized that this blessing has a purpose. “God gives me power to get wealth and I will use it to establish His covenant,” DiDio said quoting Deuteronomy 8:18.

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How Believers Participate

For those wanting to walk in this promise DiDio outlined a simple posture: “Willingness and obedience releases God.” He added that diligence discipline and biblical speech are essential. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue,” he said. “A man’s belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth.”

Patterns and Precedents

DiDio connected this prophetic vision to historic examples of divine provision from Joseph in Egypt to Israel leaving with “silver and gold.” He reminded his audience that God’s timing always positions His people for purpose whether at the walls of Jericho or in the outpouring at Pentecost.

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The Bottom Line

For DiDio, 2026 represents more than a calendar year. It marks a prophetic threshold. “There is a word,” he said. “There is a cause that has gone before us.” His message is a call for believers to ready themselves to be grounded in Scripture and to expect that “time is pregnant” with the promises of God

soon to be fulfilled.

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Religion Is Not Your Savior: How to Escape Its Grip and Find True Freedom

Spiritual warfare is not a metaphor or a myth. Every day unseen forces battle for control of human hearts and minds. Demons target believers because they fear what happens when the Spirit of God takes full residence inside a person. They cannot destroy God directly, so they attack His image in us. Pastor Vlad Savchuk of HungryGen Ministries reminds Christians that this conflict is real and that we must guard our hearts as living temples of God.

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In a powerful sermon, Savchuk tackled one of Christianity's most misunderstood subjects: the reality of demons and their relentless pursuit to invade and corrupt God's creation. Drawing from Matthew 12 and other passages, he revealed how these spirits operate and what believers must do to remain

free.

Below are four key truths he shared that every believer must understand about the unseen battle for the human soul.

1. Demons Need Hosts to Carry Out Their Agendas

Demons cannot act independently in the physical world. As Savchuk explains, they look for human hosts to establish their operations: “Satan cannot kill or destroy directly; he needs a host.” Their mission is to vandalize God’s creation, to take what was meant to reflect His glory and twist it into something dark.

When a person yields to sin, bitterness or rebellion, they open spiritual “doors” that allow demonic forces to operate through them. What begins as a whisper of temptation can evolve into full-blown bondage if left unchecked.



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2. Demons Don’t Want Influence; They Seek Indwelling

Savchuk emphasized that demons are not satisfied simply influencing people; they crave residence inside a person. Quoting Matthew 8:31, he noted how the demons begged Jesus to send them into the pigs rather than remain homeless.

“Demons are not looking to influence; they are looking to indwell,” Savchuk said. “They loathe dry places and find rest only in inhabiting someone.” This obsession with dwelling within a host is a direct counterfeit of the Holy Spirit’s indwelling in believers.

3. Demons Don't Just Want to Torment You; They Want to Turn You Into an Instrument of Torment

The demonic goal extends beyond personal misery. Savchuk warned that demons seek to multiply their destruction by using people as conduits of harm: "They find rest in your torment and through your brokenness they torment others."

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Once a person is spiritually compromised, the enemy uses that person's pain to spread chaos, destroying families, relationships and communities. The demonic agenda is contagious, aiming to reproduce pain and rebellion wherever possible.

4. You Are Meant to Be the Dwelling Place of God, Not a Den for Demons

Believers are called to be vessels of God's presence. Savchuk reminded the congregation that the heart is meant to be a temple for the Holy Spirit, not a habitation for evil. "You are meant to be the dwelling place of God," he said. "Deliverance makes demons homeless."

This means keeping one's spiritual house clean, confessing sin, forgiving others and allowing God to fill every space. When God dwells within, there's no room for the enemy to take residence.

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The battle for the soul isn't about superstition; it's about ownership. Either we make room for God to dwell in us or we

leave the door open for the enemy. As Savchuk put it, “Deliverance isn’t about demons; it’s about protecting the dwelling place of God.”

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Ancient Leaders Parallel Donald Trump’s Alliance with Israel

Trump and Alexander the Great: The Protector of Israel

A recent Jerusalem Post opinion piece likened President Donald Trump to Alexander the Great, drawing a line between the Macedonian conqueror’s respect for the Jewish people and Trump’s actions toward Israel.

“Alexander is the only name of non-Jewish origin which has been accepted by the Jews,” the article states, noting that after his victories over Persia, modern-day Iran, Alexander treated Jewish sages with “great respect.”

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In gratitude, High Priest Shimon HaTzaddik decreed that all male priests born that year should bear the name Alexander.

The piece goes further, declaring that “as Alexander saved the Jews, President Trump is a Savior of Israel.” The author argues that Trump’s role in bringing freedom to Israeli hostages held in Gaza mirrors Alexander’s defense of Judea, calling him a protector raised up for such a time as this. “Therefore,” it concludes, “from now on the name Donald must be accepted as a Jewish name.”

In essence, Trump’s political actions are framed as divine intervention, his boldness and loyalty to Israel placing him in the same category as one of history’s most celebrated leaders who safeguarded the Jewish people.

Trump and King Cyrus: The Modern Anointed Ruler

Charisma Media previously reported that Pastor Larry Huch made an even more direct biblical comparison. He claimed Trump’s presidency reflects the story of King Cyrus of Persia, the ruler who freed the Jewish captives and helped restore Jerusalem as foretold in Isaiah 45.

“Could President Trump be a modern-day King Cyrus?” Huch asked. “It’s not a coincidence that we’re seeing America and the world move into this blessing under President Trump who’s being guided by the Lord.”

Huch pointed to Trump’s unwavering support for Israel as proof of divine orchestration. He reminded viewers that Trump’s “very first foreign official” to visit the White House was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. “Being blessed in America or anywhere in the world,” he said, “is directly linked to being a blessing to the nation of Israel.”



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According to Huch, the Hebrew language has no word for "coincidence," underscoring that Trump's foreign policy toward Israel was part of a divine design rather than random diplomacy. "You ought to listen to my teaching on President Trump and King Cyrus," he added, referencing Isaiah 45, "where God said about Cyrus, 'I'll lead him and guide him.'"

To Huch, Trump's leadership is more than political, it is prophetic. America's prosperity, he claimed, is directly connected to its alignment with God's covenant promises to Abraham: "I will bless those who bless you."

Trump and Jehu: The Warrior Raised Up to Confront Evil

Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Cahn extended the parallels even further, drawing from the story of King Jehu, the unpredictable warrior who overthrew the corrupt "House of Ahab."

"Jehu was wild, unpredictable. You never knew what he was going to say or do next," Cahn explained on Charisma's Media Day. "He wasn't a politician. He was a fighter. He fought with everybody. Trump fights with everybody."

Cahn described Jehu's rise as a template for Trump's political journey. Both men allied with religious conservatives, challenged powerful rulers and faced female opponents representing anti-God agendas, Jezebel in Jehu's case and Hillary Clinton and Kamala Harris in Trump's. "In 2016 and 2024 it was the template of Jehu," Cahn said.

The rabbi also connected Trump's first run for office in 2000 to Jehu's 28 years of national influence, claiming the timeline was prophetic. "Trump was used," he said, "to strike down the house of Ahab," referring to the modern spiritual

strongholds of abortion, gender ideology and idolatry in America.

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Cahn went so far as to link the 2024 assassination attempt on Trump to a priestly anointing, saying, "The blood touched his right ear and right hand, the same pattern required of the priests. For the priest to minister, his shoes had to be removed. Trump's shoes were removed. The moment that happened, it was done, he was going to win."

Ultimately, Cahn sees Trump's rise not as coincidence or charisma but as a continuation of God's ancient patterns. "It's not about politics," he said. "It's about God using a vessel. The trumpet doesn't know it's a vessel, it's just being blown through."

A Modern Pattern of Prophecy

Across these comparisons, Alexander the protector, Cyrus the liberator and Jehu the reformer, Trump is portrayed as a vessel chosen for divine purposes. Each figure symbolizes a different aspect of leadership: the warrior who defends Israel, the ruler who restores it and the reformer who purges corruption from within.

Cahn reminded believers that the ultimate answer isn't political power but revival. "If we change the government but we don't change the people, the unchanged people will change the government back," he warned. "The only thing that can save America is not a person or a government, it's revival."

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In the eyes of these prophetic voices, Trump's story is not

just history repeating, it's prophecy unfolding, showing that even in unpredictable times God still raises up leaders to carry out His will for Israel, America and the nations.

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