

Ancient Clues Reveal Where the Temple Mount Really Stands

Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship marked a turning point with a restoration service for its founding pastor Dr. Tony Evans. The elders announced that Evans had completed a formal process of discipline and restoration and that he “will not be returning in a staff nor leadership role at OCBF.” Associate Pastor of Outreach Chris Wheel told the congregation, “We are pleased to report that Dr. Evans has fully submitted to the church’s discipline and restoration process,” which included outside counseling, pastoral mentoring, “evidence of genuine repentance and godly sorrow” and a public stepping away from all formal roles for a season.

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From the platform, the church rooted its actions in Scripture. Wheel cited Galatians 6:1 as the spirit of the work, restoring the one who has fallen “in a spirit of gentleness.” He also emphasized why certain details were not disclosed, saying the elder board’s discretion was meant “to uphold the integrity of the process, to protect the dignity of all involved and prevent unnecessary speculation or sensationalism.” The service itself carried a pastoral tone with prayers over Evans, communion and a public commissioning toward the future.

Evans, who pastored OCBF for 48 years, described the season as “bittersweet.” He said the hardest part was “disappointing the Lord,” then his family and church family. He apologized openly to his wife Carla, to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and to the congregation, deacons, deaconesses and ministers. In words that framed the day’s meaning beyond

one leader, Evans told the church, "I'm thankful that you have followed the teaching that the church is not about a man. It's about Jesus Christ." Months earlier, when he stepped away, he had said, "While I have committed no crime, I did not use righteous judgment in my actions."



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Jonathan Evans, newly appointed as an elder and expected to be installed as lead pastor, set the tone at the outset. "Today is a special day," he said. He told his father, "It's one thing to watch you preach the Word; it's another thing to watch you live under its authority even when it hurts." He then led the congregation in communion and prayer, underscoring that restoration is not the end of accountability but the fruit of it.

What the Bible Says About Restoration

Biblical restoration is neither denial nor dismissal. It is the hard work of telling the truth, submitting to oversight and seeking healing under the lordship of Christ. Galatians 6:1 calls spiritual leaders to restore the fallen with gentleness while also watching themselves. 2 Corinthians 2:6-8 urges the church to reaffirm love after appropriate discipline so that sorrow does not "overwhelm." Psalm 147:3 says God "heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." The arc of John 21 shows Jesus restoring Peter not by minimizing sin but by recommissioning him after repentance.

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OCCF's public statements and service order reflected these texts. Confession without voyeurism, care for the wounded without excusing the wound, and a future oriented toward

faithful service rather than titles. The elders insisted on time, counseling and demonstrable fruit before pronouncing restoration, then decoupled that restoration from a return to institutional power.

The Fruit on Display

By the end of the service, several marks of healthy fruit were evident.

- **Submission and accountability:** Evans said he needed “to submit to the very process I helped to install,” accepting outcomes that included not resuming a leadership role.
- **Transparency with restraint:** The church explained its process and rationale in detail but refused to trade dignity for disclosure.
- **Congregational unity:** The elders’ prayer, communion and corporate worship fostered shared ownership of the church’s future.
- **Clear succession:** Jonathan Evans’ appointment as elder with an expectation of installation as lead pastor signaled stability and direction.
- **Repentance and repair:** Evans’ apologies to family and church were public, specific and coupled with gratitude, not self-defense.

Compared to Other Outcomes

Churches facing moral failure often veer toward two unhealthy poles: swift reinstatement that undercuts accountability or punitive shunning that forgets grace. OCBF’s path threaded a different line, discipline with dignity, measured time away, outside care and restored fellowship without restored office. That is closer to the New Testament pattern where restoration aims at the person’s reconciliation to Christ and his people,

not automatic return to authority.

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No local church's process is perfect and this one will be weighed over time by its long-term fruit. But as an example, the service offered a public catechism in how the church can confront sin truthfully, protect people carefully and celebrate grace meaningfully. As Wheel put it, the goal was never punishment for its own sake but "restoration through accountability, humility and grace." And as Evans reminded everyone, the center holds when Christ, not any leader, is the focus: "The church is not about a man. It's about Jesus Christ."

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Texas Church Ousts Member for Refusing to Repent Over Immigration Comments

A Texas business owner says his life has been turned upside down after a social media post criticizing H-1B visas led to online harassment, business backlash and ultimately, church discipline.

As first reported by Sebastian Pestritto of The Blaze, Daniel Keene of North Texas posted a short video on X showing an Indian block party that filled an entire suburban street, adding, “We have to cancel the H-1Bs. I want my kids to grow up in America. Not India.”

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The post went viral, and “all hell broke loose,” The Blaze reported. Keene said he and his family were subjected to doxxing, threats, and even an extortion attempt from someone claiming to represent millions of Indian Americans demanding \$20,000.

Google later shut down reviews for Keene’s business, Boundaries Coffee, after it was targeted with false reviews and online attacks. His gym, CrossFit Prosper, revoked his membership soon after, citing “core values of inclusivity and respect.” The gym’s owner told him in a text message that “a large part of our community is Indian and inclusivity is central to who we are.”

But Keene said the most painful blow came from his church.

“They Just Hammered Me for Hours”

Leaders of The Trails Church called Keene to confront him about his immigration stance, telling him to repent and labeling his post “uncharitable.” Keene said he deleted the post soon after it went viral but refused to disavow his position.

He told The Blaze that he and his pregnant wife were summoned to a meeting with “all the elders and staff who could be there.” Keene recalled, “They just hammered me for ... hours.”



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According to Keene, the elders reviewed three years of his X posts, highlighting two they found “concerning.” When he asked for clarification on what sin he was being accused of, he said the answers shifted. “On one hand, they are saying that the issue is not the position itself; it’s how I expressed it,” he said. “But then we’ve had three hours of phone calls, and they’re just hammering me on the position itself.”

When Keene asked the elders to put his alleged offenses in writing, they refused. He offered to post clarifying messages on X or speak with anyone offended, but said the church leadership demanded an apology and for him to renounce his position on Indian immigration.

“As far as the content, I stand behind it,” he said. “That’s the policy position I stand behind.”

Placed on “Path of Discipline”

Keene said church elders told him he was on “the path of discipline,” which could lead to removal from membership if he refused to repent. He described it as a serious measure within Baptist churches, saying, “They are basically saying, ‘We don’t think you’re a Christian anymore because you haven’t repented of a sin.’”

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Soon after, Keene posted a clip from The King’s Hall podcast discussing immigration and asked his followers, “What would get you in more trouble at your church? Significant doctrinal error on the Trinity? Or opposing immigration to the harm of your neighbor?”

The post prompted another summons. This time, elders asked Keene to bring his wife. He refused, saying, “Why would you need to meet with my wife? What does my wife have to do with

this?"

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When Keene met with them alone, he said the elders formally asked him to leave the church.

"I knew I was poking the bear a little bit," Keene admitted, but added he does not regret standing by his position. "What are the values of your church? Are they doctrinal? Scriptural? Or is it public policy with regard to immigration?"

Many are left wondering what this situation says about the modern church. Is the body of Christ called to remove members who differ on political or policy opinions? Or has the line between spiritual accountability and ideological conformity become dangerously blurred? As cultural and political divides are deepening, this episode raises a serious question for every congregation: is this truly what the church is called to do?

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Unveiling the Smithsonian and

Vatican Secrets That Align With Biblical Prophecy

More than 30 Christians were brutally beheaded by Islamic State militants in Mozambique's northern province, according to reports confirmed by CBN News. The attack, carried out by members of the Islamic State Mozambique Province, is the latest in a string of violent assaults on Christians throughout Africa.

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During a recent broadcast, CBN's Raj Nair and Billy Hallowell discussed the growing wave of Christian persecution across the globe. They reflected on the stark contrast between the freedom many Christians enjoy in the United States and the daily terror faced by believers in nations hostile to their faith. Both men emphasized how the story has received little to no coverage from major media outlets, despite its horrific nature.



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They also pointed to similar massacres in Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo, where extremist groups have slaughtered Christian villagers and displaced thousands. The pair expressed frustration over the global silence that often follows these tragedies, noting that many in the West remain unaware or unmoved by the persecution of their brothers and sisters in Christ.

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Hallowell highlighted that the ongoing violence is part of a larger spiritual battle. He explained that the Bible warns of opposition to those who follow Jesus and that the forces behind such atrocities seek to destroy faith wherever it thrives. Despite the darkness, he affirmed that Scripture promises ultimate victory through Christ.

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As persecution against Christians continues to escalate worldwide, believers are urged to pray fervently for those suffering for their faith. Pray for courage, endurance and comfort for every follower of Christ facing danger and loss, and that their witness would shine brightly amid oppression.

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Lee Strobel Reveals the Evidence for Heaven That Even Scientists Can't Explain

D'Souza's documentary opens with actual footage from Hamas terrorists placing the viewer in their midst. "You're seeing the attacks not from the point of view of the victims," he

explained, “but with the attackers approaching you. It’s almost like you’re on a motorcycle with a GoPro on your head. You’re riding into the kibbutz with Hamas.”

In one of the most haunting moments a captured Hamas fighter admits that “the devil took him over” while committing his crimes. The film drives home what many in the West still refuse to believe, this was not just terrorism. It was demonic.

Ancient Enemies Rise Again

Cahn’s prophetic analysis ties the modern war directly to ancient Scripture. “In ancient Hebrew, Hamas means evil, violence and destruction,” Cahn says in the film. “It actually appears in the Bible. You’ll have a Scripture that says, ‘Lord, save me from the men of Hamas.’ Hamas dwells in the dark places of the earth. Rid Hamas from the land.”

The film draws powerful parallels between the modern terrorists and Israel’s ancient foe, the Philistines. “Samson is captured by the Philistines. He’s blinded in somewhat the same way that Israel was blinded on Oct. 7,” D’Souza explains. “He’s dragged to Gaza, and the Bible says that the people of Gaza said, ‘Bring out Samson so that he might entertain us.’”

Thousands of years later the same spirit reappeared. Hostages stripped and paraded through Gaza as crowds shouted “Allahu Akbar.” Cahn calls Samson “the first hostage of Gaza.”

The Dragon Behind the War

D’Souza says the hatred for Israel is not merely political or ideological. “It is demonic,” he warns. “There’s a reason why the dragon, aka the devil, targets God’s chosen people. Because he can’t overthrow God, he picks on the things and the people that God cares about. His idea is that if I can ruin them, this will be my revenge. This will be my last laugh on

God.”

The documentary connects the dragon of Revelation to the modern powers that hate Israel and Christianity alike. “The jihadis themselves are really clear that they might be the little Satan but we are the big Satan,” D’Souza said. “We are the ultimate target.”

This is more than politics, it is the fulfillment of prophecy. “If the devil’s platoon are mobilized against Israel and the Christians,” D’Souza says, “this is a clarion call for Christians and Jews to come together.”

The American Connection

D’Souza stresses that America and Israel are tied together on multiple levels. “On one level, you can look at it purely as strategic,” he said. “Israel is fighting on the front line against radical Islam. They are doing a lot of our work for us.”

But beyond strategy lies a shared foundation. “Western civilization is based upon two pillars, Athens and Jerusalem,” he explains. “Athens is classical reason but Jerusalem is the Hebrew Scriptures, the Exodus, the Ten Commandments, the prophets. You can’t kick out either pillar without the building coming down.”

Spiritually he reminds Christians that the Old and New Testaments are “joined at the hip.” “The New Testament is a fulfillment and not a repudiation of the old,” he said. “This so-called new right that is attacking Israel is actually breaking with Christianity itself.”

The Rise of a Spiritual Disease

D'Souza addresses the rising tide of antisemitism worldwide and calls it for what it is. "Antisemitism really is judging the Jews by a different standard," he said. "But the natural explanation doesn't fully capture it. There is a demonic component to it."

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He identifies a dangerous alliance between radical Islam and the far-left united by hatred of Israel, Christianity and the West. "They are joined by a demonic hatred of Israel on the one hand and the West and Christianity on the other."

That hatred he says reveals the nature of the true enemy, the dragon.

Trump's Role and Prophetic Purpose

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also highlights President Donald J. Trump's biblical alignment with Israel in the documentary. "President Trump, the greatest friend that Israel has ever had, understands that we are fighting a common enemy," he said. "He can be used by God in the same way that some of the flawed characters in the Old Testament were used."

Quoting Trump's own words from his speech before the United Nations, "I will not allow the Jewish state to be threatened with destruction. I will not allow another Holocaust of the Jewish people. I will support Israel's right to win its war on terror."

D'Souza sees divine timing in both Trump's leadership and the film's release saying, *The Dragon's Prophecy* "has that beautiful combination of timeliness and timelessness."

A Call to Choose a Side

The film closes with both warning and hope. “The film takes you into some dark places but it doesn’t end in a dark place,” D’Souza says. “It ends with the good news, with the gospel and with revival.”

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He reminds viewers that neutrality is no longer possible. “You have a side to take and a choice to make,” he declares. “It’s not optional.”

See the Film That Connects Ancient Prophecy to Today’s War

The Dragon’s Prophecy is available for streaming and on DVD Thursday, Oct. 9. Visit to watch this groundbreaking new documentary from Dinesh D’Souza revealing how the war in Israel ties to the ancient prophecies of Scripture and the rise of the dragon in our world today.

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