

# Tony Evans Restored to Fellowship but Not to the Pastorate

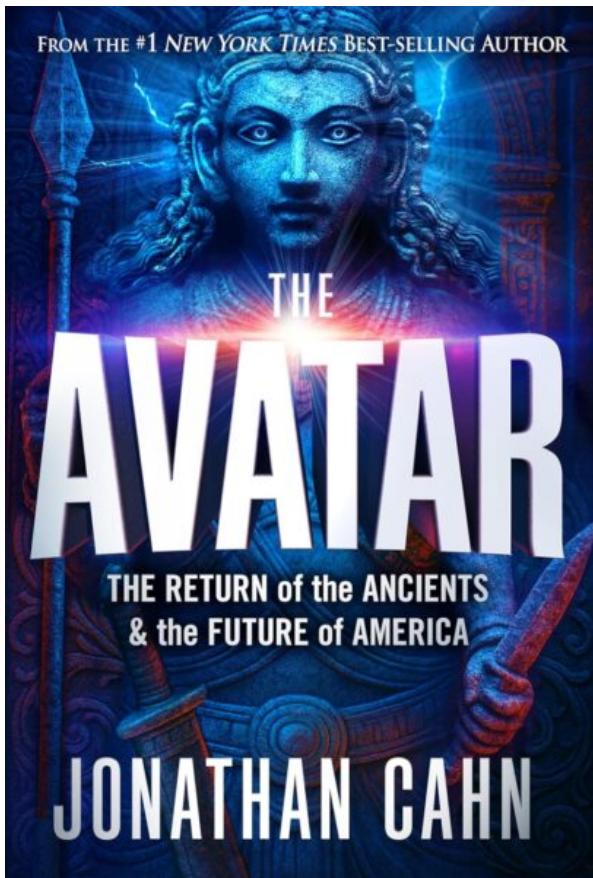
Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship marked a turning point with a restoration service for its founding pastor Dr. Tony Evans. The elders announced that [Evans had completed a formal process of discipline and restoration](#) and that he “will not be returning in a staff nor leadership role at OCBF.” Associate 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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OCCB'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

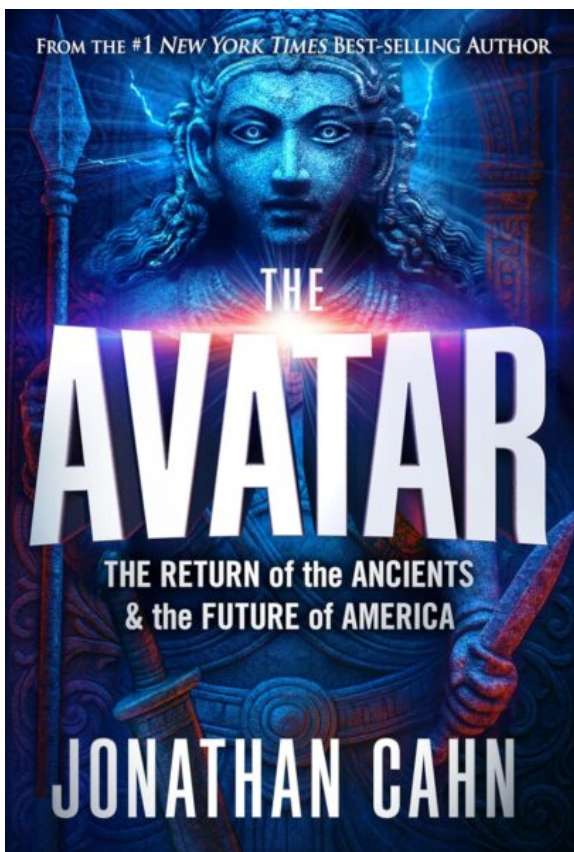
central to who we are.”

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**

# A Hidden History Beneath Our Feet

On a recent episode of The Shawn Ryan Show, host Shawn Ryan spoke with AJ Gentile about one of the most mysterious claims in archaeology that the Smithsonian Institution has hidden evidence of ancient giants.

“The story is always the same,” Gentile said. [“This guy’s digging and finds these giant bones,](#) calls the Smithsonian, they come over, they investigate, they take the bones, they go back, and then it disappears.”

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According to Gentile, more than a thousand newspaper reports from the late 19th and early 20th centuries tell nearly identical stories of giant bone discoveries that vanished after being turned over to the Smithsonian.

## Smithsonian and Vatican Comparisons

Gentile said he respects the Smithsonian’s public museums but believes there is a deeper hidden side. “What we don’t see is the dark underside of the Smithsonian like when it was formed, like the Vatican,” he said.

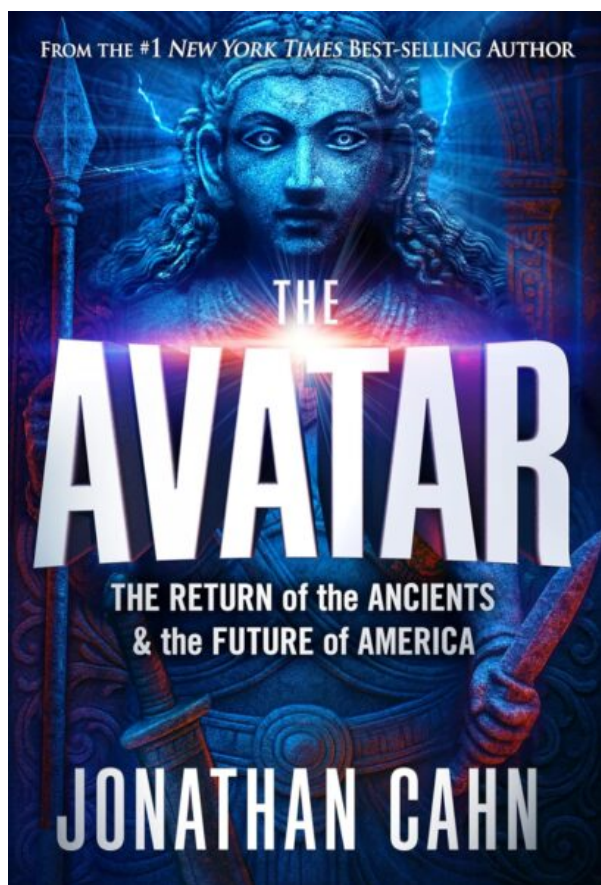
He used the comparison to show how both institutions maintain a public image of knowledge and preservation while guarding archives that remain sealed from public view.

## Bias Against Native Americans

Gentile traced the Smithsonian’s secrecy back to its early years when certain leaders viewed Native Americans as inferior. “They called them specimens. He would put like their body parts on display and stuff,” Gentile explained.

This mindset fueled the isolationist theory, the belief that

Native Americans were too primitive to build advanced structures like the Serpent Mound or to have contact with other civilizations. Gentile said this prejudice caused researchers to dismiss the achievements of cultures such as Cahokia, which once rivaled European cities in size and complexity.



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## **Lovelock Cave and the Red-Haired Giants**

Among the most intriguing stories Gentile discussed was the legend of the Lovelock Cave giants in Nevada. Native tribes told of a race of red-haired cannibalistic giants who were eventually trapped and burned inside a cave.

“An archaeologist goes in there and finds sandals that are like size 29 and these giant clothes,” Gentile said. “You can go see this... like why is there a sandal that size found in the cave and bones and red hair?”

He said the remains and artifacts were sent to the Smithsonian where they reportedly disappeared.

## **Biblical Parallels: The Nephilim and the Flood**

Gentile tied these legends to the biblical account of the Nephilim in Genesis 6:4 described as the offspring of “the sons of God and the daughters of men.” He said the Book of Enoch, found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, expands on that story and provides a broader view of the events leading to the flood.

“The Watchers become corrupt and fascinated with human women,” Gentile said. “They interbreed with humans and then their offspring are the Nephilim. In some books, they’re 350 feet tall. They’re vicious, they’re violent, they’re cannibals.”

According to Gentile, their corruption and violence brought divine judgment leading to the Great Flood.

### **Biblical timeline summary:**

- Angels known as Watchers guided mankind
- They fell into sin and took human women
- Their hybrid offspring, the Nephilim, filled the earth with violence
- God sent the Flood sparing Noah’s family

## **The Story of Adam and Eve and CIA Involvement**

Gentile also discussed The Story of Adam and Eve by Dr. Chan Thomas, a 1966 book partially redacted by the CIA. “That story title sounds cute until you read it,” Gentile said. “He’s talking about really Adam and Eve.”

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The book describes catastrophic pole shifts that destroy civilizations. Gentile said many believed it was classified to prevent panic but his research found otherwise. "It was never classified," he said. "He was an engineer at McDonnell Douglas working on anti-gravity and missile guidance."

## **Knowledge Increasing in the Last Days**

For thousands of years, subjects like giants, fallen angels and ancient cataclysms were rarely discussed outside of small circles. Yet today they are captivating audiences of millions. From online forums to streaming documentaries, ancient mysteries are being revisited with new intensity and at the center of it all is the Bible.

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The Bible prophesies this awakening of understanding. In Daniel 12:4, the angel told the prophet, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." As discoveries and discussions multiply, it raises an important question. Is this revival of ancient knowledge coincidence or part of God's plan unfolding before our eyes?

"Our ancestors recorded what they saw," Gentile said. "Maybe it really happened."

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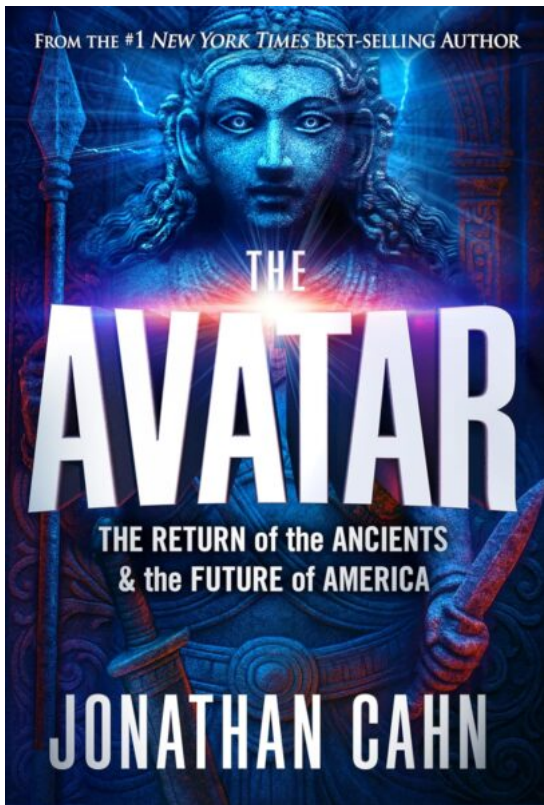
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# Over 30 Christians Beheaded by ISIS as Global Persecution Intensifies

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

Heaven isn't a myth or a metaphor, it's a promise backed by both Scripture and evidence. That was the heart of [author and apologist Lee Strobel's message](#) when he spoke at Pastor Robert Jeffress' First Baptist Dallas. His story of doubt, investigation and faith reminded listeners that death is not the end but the beginning of something far greater.

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## **From skeptic to believer**

Strobel, once an atheist and legal editor for the Chicago Tribune, set out to disprove Christianity. But his research led him to faith in Jesus. That same desire for truth resurfaced years later when a medical emergency left him near death.

*“The doctor said I was one step away from a coma and two steps away from dying,” Strobel said.*

Lying in a hospital bed, he faced the question that every person must answer: What happens when we die?

## **Searching for evidence of the afterlife**

Strobel’s search for answers became his book *The Case for Heaven*. He said the Bible clearly teaches two stages of the afterlife: the soul’s immediate presence with the Lord and the final resurrection when Christ returns.

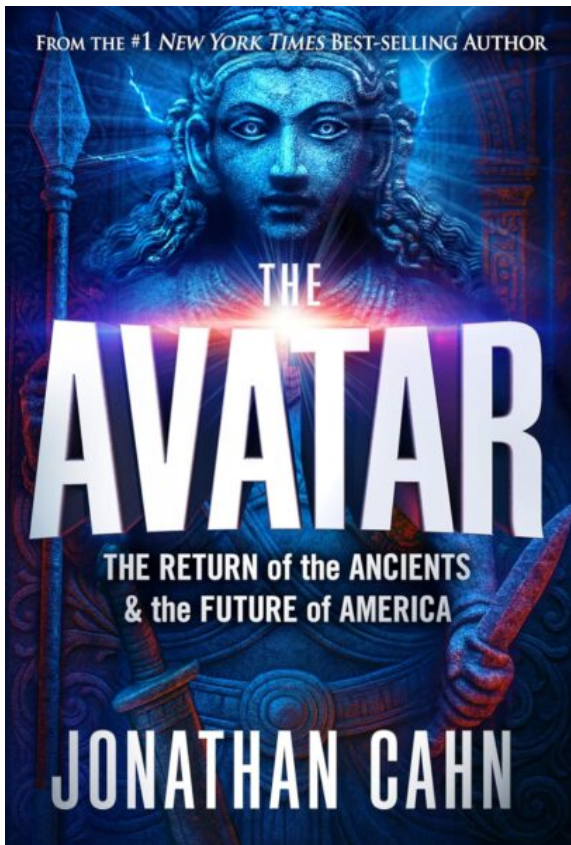
He pointed to research on near-death experiences, citing hundreds of documented cases that support the existence of consciousness beyond death.

### **Key points Strobel highlighted**

- The soul exists apart from the body and continues after death
- Verified experiences match biblical descriptions of life beyond the grave
- Some experiences confirm the reality of both heaven and hell
- These accounts strengthen rather than contradict Scripture

## The resurrection as the ultimate proof

“If anyone can speak about the afterlife, it’s Jesus because He conquered the grave,” Strobel said. He cited multiple historical and medical sources confirming Jesus’ death and resurrection, noting that early accounts appeared within months of the crucifixion, too soon to be legend. Even skeptics acknowledged the empty tomb.



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He quoted world-renowned attorney Sir Lionel Luckhoo who concluded, “The evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.”

## Heaven is a home, not a cloud

Strobel reminded the church that heaven is not an abstract concept but a physical renewed creation. “Heaven is the complete renewal of our world, a very earthy physical place,” he said. “Not just for souls but for resurrected bodies

designed for God's kingdom."

Knowing heaven is our destination, he added, helps believers endure hardship. "When you know heaven is on your calendar, it helps you get through the trials of this world."

## **Freedom from the fear of death**

Citing Hebrews 2:15, Strobil said Jesus frees people from the lifelong fear of dying. [Christianity, he said, offers the greatest hope possible](#), eternal life in the presence of God, reunited with loved ones and free from pain and sorrow.

He shared a conversation with evangelist Luis Palau who was dying of cancer but full of peace. Palau told him, "After I close my eyes for the last time, I go to be with God."

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If he could text Christians from heaven, Palau said, his message would be simple: "Go for it."

Take risks. Tell others about Jesus. Live courageously for Christ.

To those who reject faith, he said, "Don't be stupid. Don't miss the party God has waiting for you in heaven."

## **The greatest invitation**

Strobil closed with the gospel's central truth from Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord."

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He urged the church to be bold in sharing that message. "When you get to the end of your life, you'll never regret being

courageous for Christ.”

## **The best is yet to come**

Heaven is not a dream, it's home. Strobel ended with a word of hope:

*“Friends, when you close your eyes for the last time in this world, you will open them in the presence of God forever. The best is yet to come.”*

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# **The Dragon's Prophecy: Ancient Prophecies and Modern Terror Collide**

## **The Temple Mount: The Flashpoint Behind October 7**

“Behind Oct. 7 was actually the Temple Mount,” says Jonathan Cahn in his prophetic revelation that inspired [the new documentary, The Dragon's Prophecy](#). “Months before Oct. 7 there was an intention that there were Jewish worshippers who

wanted to go on the mount and celebrate Passover on the mountain. All hell broke loose.”

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That simple event, Cahn says, was more than politics or religion. It was a sign. “The nation of Israel is a resurrected nation. So what if there was going to be a resurrection of another people, an enemy people of Israel?”

According to Cahn, that ancient battle has been revived in our time. What happened on Oct. 7, 2023 when Hamas terrorists invaded Israel was not just a geopolitical crisis. It was a prophetic warning unfolding in real time.

## **Hamas and the Face of Evil**

When Dinesh D’Souza first began working on *The Dragon’s Prophecy* he said one thing immediately stood out, the horror Hamas proudly displayed. “The first thing that struck me about it was the fact that Hamas itself broadcast these atrocities,” D’Souza said. “When we think back to World War II, the Nazis put all the death camps outside of Germany because they were ashamed of it. They didn’t want to show this to the German people. They were not in that sense proud of it. But Hamas was. They livestreamed a lot of it.”

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 [www.thedragonsprophecyfilm.com](http://www.thedragonsprophecyfilm.com) 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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## **Unlocking Heaven’s Courtroom: How Prophecy Becomes a Weapon of Spiritual Authority**

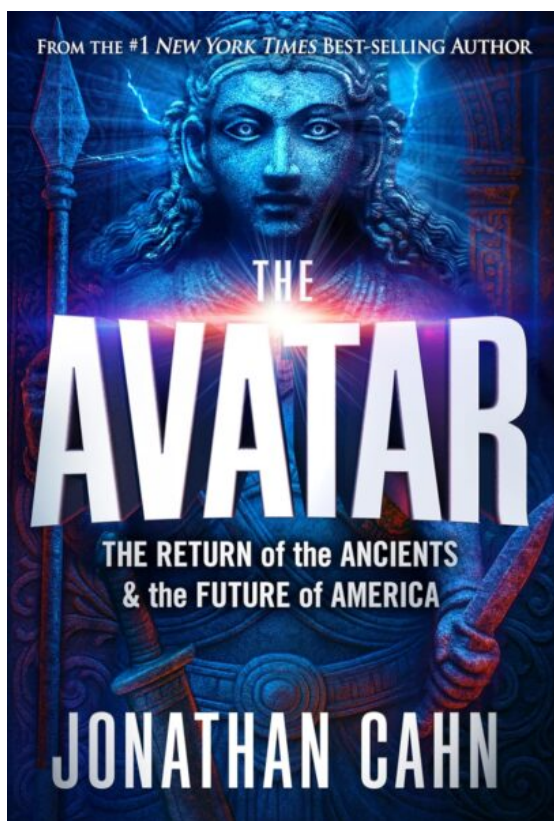
The concept of the “Courts of Heaven” has drawn growing attention among Christians who view prayer not merely as a plea for mercy but [as a legal proceeding before God’s throne.](#)

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The idea suggests that prophetic words, repentance and faith-filled petitions function as courtroom actions that can shift outcomes in both the spiritual and natural realms. Within this framework, prophecy becomes more than encouragement; it becomes a divine legal tool that enforces Heaven's will on earth.

## **Prophecy as Legal Evidence**

In a conversation with Taylor Welch on The Deep End podcast, author and minister Robert Henderson explained how prophetic gifts operate within Heaven's judicial system. "Prophecy reveals God's intent but it must be legislated into reality," Henderson said. He taught that prophetic words carry judicial weight and can be presented as evidence in the heavenly court to request that God's decrees come to pass.



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According to Henderson, the role of prophecy is not to predict random events but to confirm what is already written in a person's heavenly book of destiny. "Prophets read the scroll," he explained, "discerning what's been ordained and declaring it into the earth." Once spoken under Heaven's authority those words become legal testimony. Christians can later [bring them before God as documented proof of His intent.](#)

## **The Risk of Illegal Decrees**

Henderson also warned that prophetic declarations made without Heaven's sanction can have unintended consequences. "If we speak outside the authority of the court we make illegal decrees," he said, urging prophets to remain humble and aligned with God's timing and authority. He emphasized that the prophetic gift must always operate from the presence of God not from human ambition or emotional impulse.

## **Prophecy and Spiritual Warfare**

The discussion then turned to how prophecy connects directly to spiritual warfare. Henderson said true warfare is not waged through volume or emotion but through divine verdicts rendered in the courts of Heaven. "We don't win because we're louder; we win because the verdict has been rendered in our favor," he said.

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He described the enemy as a prosecuting attorney who uses legal technicalities to delay or block God's promises. Prophetic decrees when paired with prayer and repentance remove those legal rights. "Prophecy reveals what Heaven intends and prayer enforces that intent," Henderson said. Without taking prophetic words back to God in prayer many promises, he warned, will remain dormant.

# Aligning Heaven and Earth

Henderson explained that once Heaven's rulings are established angels are dispatched to carry them out. "They excel in strength to do His word," he said, referencing Psalm 103:20. Through prophecy and intercession Christians partner with God to align earth with Heaven's decrees, fulfilling the prayer of Jesus: "on earth as it is in Heaven."

Henderson's message offers hope to Christians seeking to see God's promises fulfilled in our lives. By walking in humility, praying with authority and standing firm on the words God has spoken, every one of us can participate in Heaven's divine order.

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When we align our words and prayers with God's intent, we help release His justice, mercy and power into the world, bringing transformation not only to our own circumstances but to the generations that follow.

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# Are Mormons Christian? 10 Stunning Differences Explained

Revivalist Isaiah Saldivar recently tackled a controversial topic that has stirred confusion for years: are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints truly Christians? In a recent video, Saldivar said bluntly, “There is no way that you can consider [the LDS church, the Mormon church, as Christians](#). It is a falsehood and textbook cult.”

Saldivar began his message by recounting the origin of Mormonism and the story of its founder, Joseph Smith. “The corruption in the Mormon church starts at conception,” he said. “It starts at the very start with him saying he had an angel appear to him, which was likely a demon, fallen angel.”

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He explained that Smith’s so-called revelation led to the publication of The Book of Mormon in 1830 and the founding of the LDS church. “He gets a revelation nobody else gets but him,” Saldivar said. “He starts writing doctrine, saying he’s the only one that has the true gospel.”

Saldivar read from a statement by Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the LDS church in the 1970s, who said, “Mormonism must stand or fall on the story of Joseph Smith. He was either a prophet of God, divinely called, properly appointed and commissioned, or he was one of the biggest frauds the world has ever seen.”

“If Joseph Smith was a deceiver who willfully attempted to mislead people, then he should be exposed,” Saldivar said. “His claims should be refuted and his doctrine shown false.”

After laying out the history, Saldivar turned to doctrine, listing 10 fundamental differences [between Mormon beliefs and biblical Christianity](#).

## 1. The Nature of God

- **Christianity:** Believes in one eternal, unchanging, triune God.
- **Mormonism:** Teaches eternal progression, that God was once a man who became divine, and humans can also become gods.

## 2. Deity of Christ

- **Christianity:** Jesus is eternally God, the second person of the Trinity.
- **Mormonism:** Jesus is a created being, “our elder brother,” not equal to God the Father.

## 3. The Trinity

- **Christianity:** One God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- **Mormonism:** Rejects the Trinity; views the Godhead as three separate beings working together.

## 4. Salvation

- **Christianity:** Salvation is by grace through faith alone (Eph. 2:8-9).

- **Mormonism:** Mixes faith and works, requiring obedience, baptism and righteous living for progression to godhood.

## 5. The Holy Spirit

- **Christianity:** The Holy Spirit is eternal and omnipresent.
- **Mormonism:** Claims the Holy Spirit became divine through progression and is not omnipresent.

## 6. The Atonement

- **Christianity:** Jesus' sacrifice fully pays for sin and brings salvation.
- **Mormonism:** Treats the atonement differently, often tied to destruction narratives and not as the sole basis for salvation.

## 7. The Church

- **Christianity:** The body of all believers worldwide.
- **Mormonism:** Considers all other churches false and calls them abominations.

## 8. Life After Death

- **Christianity:** Heaven or hell based on salvation through Christ.
- **Mormonism:** Believes in levels of heaven and eternal progression toward godhood.

## 9. Humanity

- **Christianity:** Humans are made in God's image and begin existence at conception.
- **Mormonism:** Claims humans existed pre-mortally and were born near a star called Kolob.

## 10. The Bible

- **Christianity:** The Bible is the sole, infallible Word of God.
- **Mormonism:** Accepts additional scriptures: the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price, as equally authoritative.

Saldivar said these differences prove the LDS church teaches "a completely different gospel." He noted that Mormons believe "God the Father has a physical body" and that "humans have potential to achieve godhood if they follow Mormon teachings."

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He contrasted these teachings with Scripture. "The Bible does not need to be added to," he said. "You don't need a second revelation, a second book, an expansion pack, an update for the Bible."

Saldivar came to a clear conclusion on the matter: "Mormons are not Christians. Mormon churches are not considered biblical churches. It is considered a cult started by a man that got a revelation from a quote unquote angel, which was probably a fallen angel."

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He urged viewers to turn away from false revelation and to cling to the Word of God alone. “You do not need the Book of Mormon,” Saldivar said. “You do not need to follow Joseph Smith. You need to follow Jesus Christ. He’s the author and the finisher of our faith.”

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# **A 1,500-Year-Old Secret Hidden in the Hills of the Golan Heights Discovered**

Archaeologists in Israel have uncovered a 1,500-year-old synagogue deep within the Yehudiya Nature Reserve in the Golan Heights, adding yet another layer of proof that Jewish life and worship flourished across [this biblically significant region for thousands of years](#). The discovery, led by researchers from the University of Haifa, the Israel Nature and Parks Authority and Kinneret Academic College, sheds light on a thriving Jewish community that once stood where modern political debate now rages.

The synagogue dates back to the 5th or 6th century CE, standing as a silent witness to the continuous presence of the

Jewish people in the heart of what the Bible calls Bashan. Its preservation after 15 centuries serves as a powerful reminder that the connection between the people of Israel and their land runs deeper than modern timelines or geopolitical arguments.

*The Golan has a Jewish history;*

*Archaeologists unearth 1,500-year-old synagogue below abandoned Syrian village in Golan*

*A team from the University of Haifa and Kinneret College identify an ancient wall facing Jerusalem and some 150 synagogue items, including a stone engraved...  
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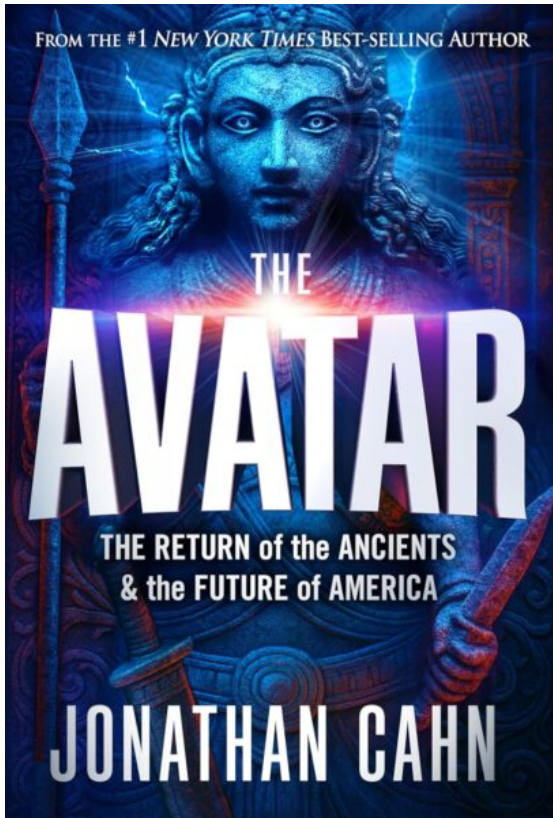
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As reported by Israel365 News, “Already at the start of the excavation, dozens of architectural fragments were uncovered and later, to our surprise, the southern wall of the structure was revealed with three openings facing Jerusalem,” said Dr. Mechael Osband of the University of Haifa. “This was the final confirmation that we had found the ancient synagogue itself.”

## **Architecture Rooted in Worship**

The synagogue, measuring roughly 13 meters wide and 17 meters long, was built in the basilica style common to ancient Jewish houses of worship. It featured two rows of columns, benches along the walls and intricate carvings throughout. Among the artifacts unearthed were decorated lintels, basalt columns and stones engraved with menorah motifs, as well as fragments believed to belong to the Torah ark, a clear indication that

Torah study and prayer were central to community life.



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“The discovery of the ancient synagogue at Yehudiya is clear evidence of Jewish settlement in the Golan as early as 1,500 years ago when Jewish communities flourished here,” explained Dr. Dror Ben-Yosef, archaeologist for the Israel Nature and Parks Authority. “These synagogues were not only houses of prayer but also centers of study and literacy where sages taught Torah and Jewish knowledge to the entire community.”

*A magnificent 1,500-year-old shul (synagogue), whose location was previously unknown to experts, has been unearthed in an archaeological excavation within the Yehudiya Nature Reserve in the Golan Heights.*

*The discovery was announced on Sunday morning following an excavation... [pic.twitter.com/ba9GkmcEhC](https://pic.twitter.com/ba9GkmcEhC)*

*– Shiri\_Sabra (@sabra\_the) [October 5, 2025](#)*

Each engraved stone, menorah carving and Torah fragment uncovered from the volcanic soil stands as both an archaeological and spiritual testimony. These finds speak of a people who lived, worshiped and educated their children [in the land they were given centuries before the rise and fall of empires](#) that would later dispute it.

## **Ancient Roots in the Biblical North**

The Golan Heights, biblically known as Bashan, is referenced repeatedly in Scripture as territory conquered by Moses and incorporated into the inheritance of the tribe of Manasseh (Deut. 3:10–11). For generations this rugged region has served as both a strategic high place and a spiritual reminder of God's faithfulness to His covenant people.

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Archaeological surveys across the Golan have uncovered approximately 25 ancient synagogues, each one a fragment of a larger narrative revealing how Jewish life thrived from the 1st century BCE to the 8th century CE. The newly found Yehudiya synagogue joins a long list of sites including Gamla, Katzrin and Ein Nashut that display similar architectural patterns, all oriented toward Jerusalem, symbolizing unity of faith and direction of worship.

## **Standing Stones of Promise**

Within the remains of a now-abandoned modern village, the excavation team identified two layers of the synagogue's southern wall still standing after 15 centuries with three entrances perfectly aligned toward Jerusalem. These details reveal not just architectural precision but spiritual intentionality, each entrance a doorway of prayer, each stone a marker of promise.

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“We intend to complete the excavation of the magnificent synagogue at Yehudiya and make it accessible to everyone who visits the reserve,” said Dr. Ben-Yosef. Once completed, visitors will be able to walk through the same thresholds where ancient worshipers once gathered to hear the Word of God read aloud.

The discovery of this synagogue is more than an academic triumph. It is a divine echo through the dust of time. It confirms what Scripture and history have always testified: that the Jewish people’s connection to the Golan and to the broader Land of Israel is not recent or temporary but rooted in covenant and carved into the very stones of the earth.

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## **The Great Prophecy Debate: Why the Rapture and Israel Are Under Fire**

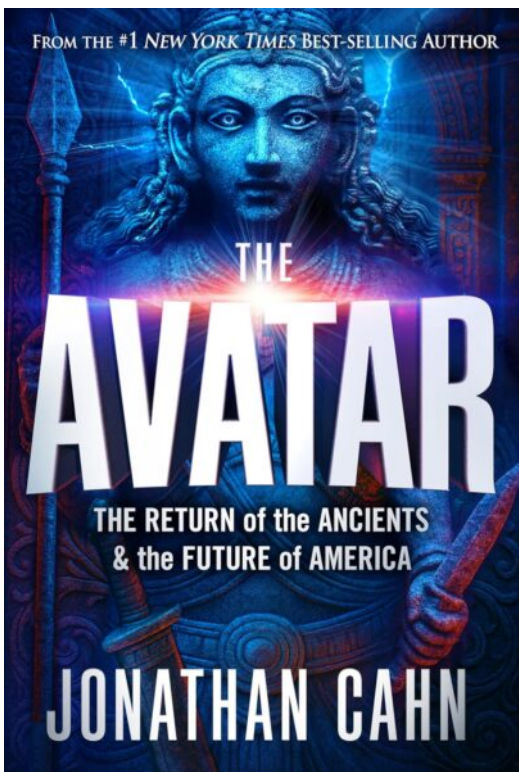
Pastor Tom Hughes joined Prophecy Watchers to preview his upcoming conference messages on two of the most contested

topics in biblical prophecy: the rapture and the rebirth of Israel. He explained why both subjects face constant attacks and how misinformation has spread among believers and skeptics alike.

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Hughes emphasized that [the rapture was not an invention of John Nelson Darby](#), as some critics claim, but a biblical truth taught throughout history. His goal is to simplify complex theology so that everyday Christians can understand and defend their faith against false narratives.

He also addressed the growing belief that the Rothschild family or the Elders of Zion “invented” modern Israel, calling such ideas historically and biblically unfounded. He aims to expose the spiritual deception behind these claims and reaffirm God’s everlasting covenant with the Jewish people.



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According to Hughes, the global rise in antisemitism [and the](#)

[denial of Israel's legitimacy](#) are not merely political issues but part of a larger spiritual war tied to prophecy and the enemy's attempt to thwart God's plan.

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### **Key Points from Pastor Tom Hughes:**

- The rapture and God's plan for Israel are two of the most attacked biblical doctrines.
- John Nelson Darby did not invent the rapture; it is rooted in Scripture and church history.
- Pastors and seminaries often neglect prophecy, leaving believers unequipped.
- Online "rabbit holes" and echo chambers spread confusion and half-truths.
- Modern Israel's rebirth in 1948 fulfills biblical prophecy, marking a countdown Satan recognizes.
- Rising antisemitism is a spiritual battle aimed at preventing Christ's return.

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To hear Pastor Hughes explain these topics in full detail, watch the complete interview in the video above.

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