

# Marine Veteran Identified as Gunman in Michigan Church Massacre

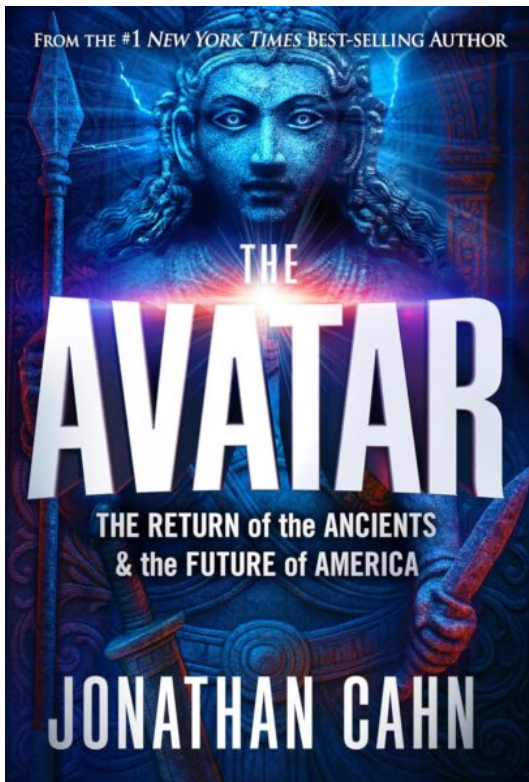
The tragedy that unfolded inside a Michigan church Sunday morning has left a community grieving and searching for answers.

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Authorities identified the suspect as [Thomas Jacob Sanford, a 40-year-old Marine veteran](#) from Burton, Michigan. Police say Sanford drove a Chevy Silverado into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Grand Blanc Township during services before opening fire on the hundreds of worshipers gathered there.



Grand Blanc Township Police Chief William Renye described the horrifying scene. "He drove his vehicle through the front doors of the church," Renye said. "He then exited his vehicle, firing several rounds at individuals within the church. Ten gunshot victims have been transported to local hospitals at this time, including one who has died."



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Officials later confirmed the death toll had risen. Two more victims were found inside the burned church hours after the attack bringing the total to at least four. Authorities believe Sanford set the building ablaze with gasoline or another accelerant before being killed in a shootout with police.

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## **Sanford's Military Service**

Sanford's background adds another layer of complexity to the grief. He served in the Marines from 2004 to 2008 and deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. According to the Marine Corps, his service included:

- Worked as an organizational automotive mechanic
- Served as a vehicle recovery operator

- Deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Achieved the rank of sergeant
- Final duty station: 2d Maintenance Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, 2d Marine Logistics Group at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina

This tragedy has left many in the Michigan community mourning, stunned that violence would erupt in a place of worship.

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As families grieve and a shaken congregation begins the painful process of healing [we must remember them in prayer.](#) Let us pray for the victims, for the families left behind and for all who were scarred by this devastating act of violence. May God bring comfort, peace and strength to those who need it most.

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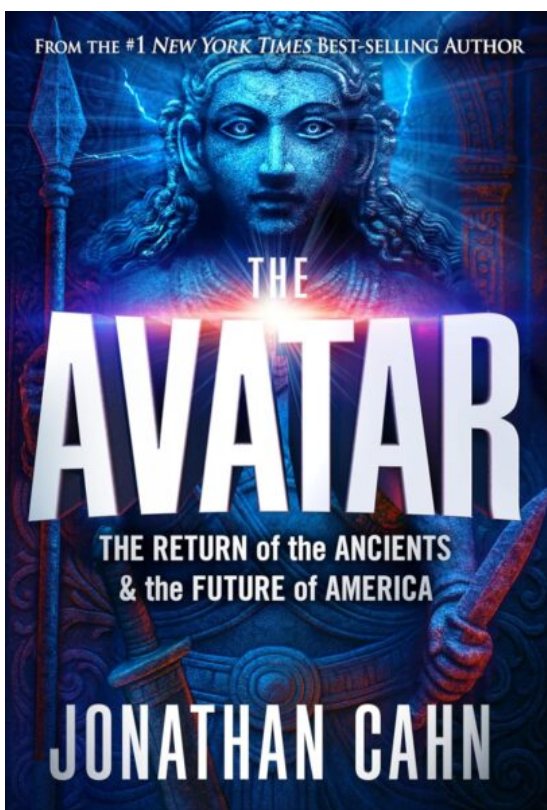
## **How Yom Kippur Breaks Cycles of Sin and Releases**

# Transformation

As the biblical calendar moves through the fall feasts, Yom Kippur stands out as a powerful day of repentance and renewal. In a recent podcast discussion, the focus was on the deep spiritual meaning of this appointed time and what it offers [to both Jewish and Christian believers.](#)

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The journey begins with Rosh Hashanah, which serves as a wake-up call to examine one's life and identify areas out of alignment with God. This leads into the 10 Days of Awe, a season of reflection and preparation that culminates in Yom Kippur. Unlike daily or individual acts of repentance, this day carries a unique weight because millions across the world engage in repentance together. The collective nature of this act releases spiritual power, creating an atmosphere of faith, renewal, and restoration.



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Families are encouraged to take their struggles—whether health, financial or relational—before the Lord during this season. Using prayers such as the Lord's Prayer as a framework, they can bring these needs before God while practicing forgiveness. Letting go of offenses, forgiving others, and even forgiving oneself opens the way for healing and transformation.

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The discussion also touched on the significance of the current Hebrew year 5786. Seen as a year of grace, perfection, new beginnings, and it is believed to be marked by a double covenant blessing. This represents a uniting of Jew and Gentile into one new humanity under God's promises.

Past gatherings on Yom Kippur have shown the power of unity when believers from diverse backgrounds come together in repentance and worship. This unity is seen as central to breaking cycles of sin and moving forward [into God's plans with strength and courage.](#)

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Ultimately, Yom Kippur is presented as a time to step out of the wilderness of fear and doubt and to enter into the promises of God through repentance, forgiveness, and unity.

If you want to learn more about the spiritual significance of Yom Kippur, watch the video above.

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## **Another Prophetic Signal Sounds from the Temple Mount**

There are moments in history that grab us by the collar and demand our attention. Not because they dominate the headlines, but because they are mile markers on God's prophetic timeline. What just took place [on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem](#) this Rosh Hashanah is one of those moments.

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In 2025 on the Gregorian calendar, but year 5786 on the Jewish calendar, nearly 900 Jews ascended the Temple Mount for Rosh Hashanah. That is the largest number in modern history for the Feast of Trumpets. Even more significant, for the fourth time since 2024 the shofar was blown on the Temple Mount after nearly 2,000 years of silence.

This time there was video. A man stood blowing the shofar as a policeman looked on. The officer did not stop him mid-blast or tackle him to the ground. He let him finish, then quietly confiscated the shofar and escorted the man away. There were no riots or clashes, just a quiet, peaceful moment. That is history unfolding before our eyes.

# The Meaning of the Shofar

The shofar has always carried deep spiritual meaning. At Mount Sinai it announced the covenant of God with His people in Exodus 19. The prophets described it as a call to repentance and readiness, such as Joel 2 and Isaiah 27:13 which says, “A great trumpet will sound and it will gather God’s people from exile.”

The New Testament connects the shofar to the return of Christ. Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 4 that “the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God.” The fact that the shofar is sounding again on the Temple Mount after two millennia is not coincidence. It is a prophetic signal that we are closer than ever to the events foretold in Scripture.

## Israel Against the Nations

But the prophetic picture goes beyond Jerusalem. On Sept. 18 the United Nations Security Council held its 10,000th meeting. Members voted on a resolution demanding Israel lay down its arms and accept a permanent ceasefire with Hamas. Fourteen nations voted for the measure. The United States stood alone and vetoed the resolution.



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The American representative Morgan Ortagus said the resolution failed to condemn Hamas and instead legitimized false narratives. She was right. Yet the picture could not be clearer. Fourteen against one. Israel against the nations. This is exactly what the prophet Zechariah declared when he said Jerusalem will become a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone to all people.

The UN presents itself as a force for peace, but in reality it rewards Hamas for October 7 while condemning Israel. It pressures God's people while excusing terrorists. Scripture told us this would happen, and now it is unfolding before our eyes.

## **America's Fragile Allyship**

For now, America remains Israel's last line of defense on the world stage. Among the permanent members of the Security Council, the United States is Israel's only consistent ally. Yet this will not last forever. All it would take is a single administration to reverse course. The Biden administration came close, but the day is coming when a future administration will fully abandon Israel.

When that day arrives, Israel will stand alone. This is not speculation but biblical prophecy. Zechariah 14:2 says God will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle. All nations means none will stand with Israel in the end.

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Genesis 12:3 still stands as a warning. God told Abraham, "I will bless those who bless you and curse him who curses you." To turn our back on Israel is to invite judgment upon ourselves. Do not buy into the lie that the church has replaced Israel or that God has revoked His promises. Romans 11:29 declares the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. His covenant with Abraham still stands.

## **The Prophetic Clock is Ticking**

Taken together, the shofar blasts on the Temple Mount, the world aligning against Israel, and America's fragile allyship are not random events. They are converging signs pointing us

toward the final chapters of God's plan.

Jesus told us in Matthew 24:32 to learn the lesson of the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and puts forth leaves, you know summer is near. In the same way, when we see these things, we know the end is drawing closer. This is not meant to stir fear but to wake us up. Time is short and the mission is urgent.

## **Our Call to Action**

So what must we do? Two things. First, stand with Israel. Do not be deceived by the lies of this world. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, because Psalm 122:6 promises that those who love her will prosper.

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Second, stand boldly in faith and fulfill the Great Commission. Jesus told us in Matthew 28:19 to make disciples of all nations. That is our calling until the trumpet of God sounds and Christ returns.

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# Pray: 2 Tropical Cyclones Could Trigger Rare Fujiwhara Effect and Threaten East Coast

Two tropical cyclones are swirling in the Atlantic Ocean on a potential collision course, raising the possibility of a rare weather event that could create a massive storm system threatening the East Coast.

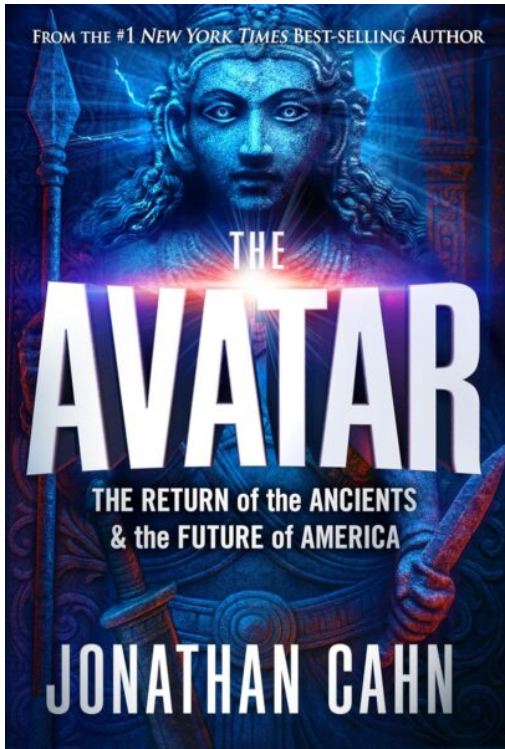
Tropical Storm Humberto developed in the North Atlantic on Wednesday and is projected to become a major hurricane this weekend. Meanwhile, another system in the Caribbean may soon strengthen into Tropical Storm Imelda, according to Fox Weather meteorologist Greg Diamond.

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“If these two storms get too close, they could trigger the rare phenomenon known as the Fujiwhara Effect,” the New York Post reported.

The Fujiwhara Effect, named for Japanese meteorologist Sakuhei Fujiwhara in 1921, happens when two cyclones come within 900 miles of each other and begin orbiting a shared center. “Or simply, they dance around each other,” the Post noted.

What happens next depends on [the size and strength of the storms](#). The National Weather Service said they can spin around each other before fading apart, or in rare instances, smash together into one giant storm. In some cases, the stronger storm absorbs the weaker one.



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Diamond emphasized that the occurrence is more common in the Pacific than the Atlantic. "This is mostly due to the West Pacific producing more tropical systems each year than the Atlantic," he said. "When it does occur, it's usually in the open ocean and far away from land."

## **Humberto's path**

Humberto, moving northwest at 8 mph with 50-mph sustained winds, is expected to rapidly intensify into a Category 3 hurricane by early next week. While the storm is not forecast to make landfall in the United States, Bermuda could be in its path.

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"There is high confidence that the center of Humberto will remain out to sea and away from the United States, posing no direct threat," Diamond said. "At most, some extra rain will be possible in the Carolinas due to a brief intrusion of

moisture from the periphery of the storm. Residents in Bermuda will need to watch the forecast closely as it could impact the island next week.”

## **Imelda’s potential track**

The second system, Invest 94L, is currently bringing heavy rain to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hispaniola. Forecasters say it could strengthen into a tropical storm or hurricane in the coming days.

Diamond said the storm could “threaten the Georgia and Carolina coasts with damaging winds, life-threatening storm surge and heavy flooding starting Sunday.” He also noted it may weaken over the Dominican Republic or stall near the Bahamas or South Florida before heading back out to sea.

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Despite the alarming scenarios, meteorologists say a storm collision is unlikely. “When it comes to Humberto and soon-to-be Imelda, the higher-odds scenario now is that the large upper-level low-pressure system and front that’s producing the rain from the Gulf Coast to New England will pick up likely-Imelda and pull it north,” Diamond explained. “If this happens, likely-Imelda and Humberto maintain enough distance from each other that they don’t ‘Fujiwhara.’”

## **A call to prayer**

As these storms develop, believers are reminded that the Bible shows God’s power over the seas and the winds. [From calming the storm](#) in the Gospels to setting boundaries for the oceans in Job, Scripture makes clear that the Lord rules over creation. Let us pray for those in the potential path of these storms and take comfort in knowing that God remains sovereign over the earth He created.

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## **Record-Breaking Visits to the Temple Mount Show God's Prophetic Clock Is Ticking**

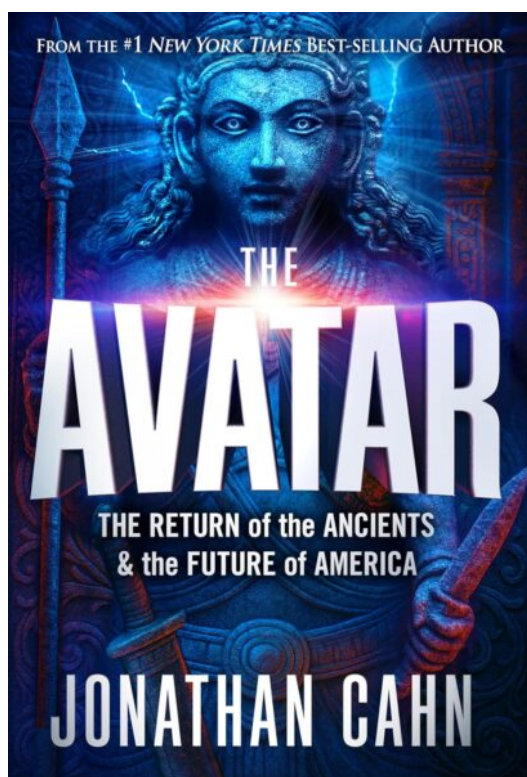
The record-breaking surge of Jewish visitors to the Temple Mount in Hebrew year 5785 is nothing short of astounding. What was once considered a distant hope for a small group of so-called extremists has become a movement embraced by tens of thousands. For Christians watching with discernment these developments serve as [a powerful reminder that the prophecies of Scripture](#) are unfolding right before our eyes.

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According to Israel365 News, nearly 70,000 Jews ascended the Temple Mount during Hebrew year 5785 a historic milestone unmatched in modern times. Beyadenu, the Jerusalem-based group tracking visits, called it “the highest number recorded since systematic documentation began—and likely the highest since the destruction of the Second Temple” in 70 CE.

This awakening is not only about numbers. Akiva Ariel of Beyadenu explained, “The importance is that there is a change.

There is a very great awakening in the people of Israel. Once, talking about the Temple and the Temple Mount was attributed to supposedly extremist areas. Today, people talk about the Temple and breathe the Temple.”



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From a prophetic perspective this is monumental. Scripture tells us that in the last days Israel will once again turn its eyes toward the Temple (Dan. 9:27, Rev. 11:1–2). The Jewish people returning to the Mount in record-breaking numbers is not a coincidence. It is preparation for what God's Word has foretold.

## Key Developments in 5785

- **68,429 Jewish visitors** to the Mount, a 22% increase from the previous year
- **897 ascended during Rosh Hashanah** nearly double last year's 485
- **200 couples** celebrated weddings and other occasions on the Mount

- **370 young people** participated in activities almost twice as many as last year
- **460 arrests/detentions** still occurred including five Jews detained for blowing the shofar

These events reflect more than human determination. They are signs of prophetic acceleration.

## Prophecy in Motion

The Bible describes Jerusalem as a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone for all nations (Zech. 12:2–3). We see this in the growing controversy. The Palestinian Authority condemned the shofar blasts declaring the act “no longer a passing religious ritual, but has become one of the most dangerous tools of the occupation to impose its alleged sovereignty.”

Yet even in the face of opposition, Israel’s policies are shifting. National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir declared, “My policy is that singing should be allowed all across the Temple Mount.” For the first time Jews were permitted to sing and dance across the entire Mount during Rosh Hashanah.

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These changes are prophetically significant. Revelation 11 speaks of worship in a future Temple. Daniel 9 describes sacrifices that will one day be stopped by the Antichrist. None of this could happen if the Jewish people remained disinterested in the Temple Mount. What we are watching now is the stage being set.

## What This Means

[The prophetic clock is ticking.](#) These developments are not

random political maneuvers. They are pieces of God's divine plan falling into place.

- The awakening in Israel signals that the Temple is moving from distant history to present expectation
- The international backlash shows that Jerusalem is once again becoming the world's flashpoint just as Scripture said it would
- The push toward greater freedom of worship points to the groundwork for the Third Temple

Jesus warned us in Matthew 24 that we would see the signs of the end times. The apostle Paul wrote that the man of lawlessness will one day sit in the Temple of God (2 Thess. 2:4). These prophecies can only be fulfilled if Israel regains both access to and desire for the Temple. That desire is now undeniable.

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We are living in days of acceleration. The Jewish people are awakening to the Temple, the nations are trembling over Jerusalem and the church should be discerning the times. This is not a call to fear but a call to readiness. The rapture could happen at any moment and what follows will be the Tribulation that Scripture so clearly describes.

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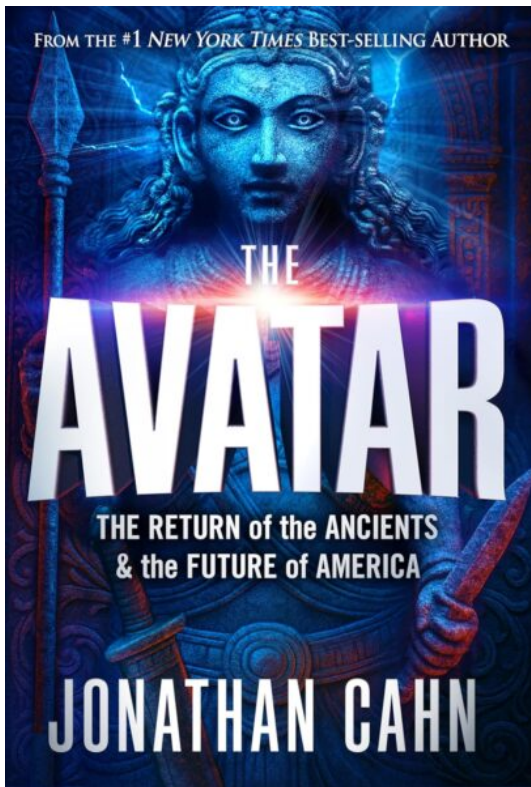
# Outspoken Christian and Former NFL MVP Gives Stunning Family Update

Former NFL MVP Shaun Alexander has never shied away from sharing what matters most in his life: his faith, his family and his calling [to help the next generation](#). Now he and his wife Valerie have even more reason to celebrate.

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During an appearance on the Up & Adams show, the Seattle Seahawks legend revealed that their 14th child is on the way. “We’re just now starting to tell people, but No. 14 is in the belly,” Alexander said. The couple, who married in 2002, already have 10 girls and three boys. Their children include Heaven, Trinity, Eden, Joseph, Justus, Temple, Honor, Jedidiah, Torah, Eternity, Hosanna, Hope and Judea. Sadly, their ninth child Torah passed away 70 days after birth in 2017.

For Alexander, family is at the core of his values. He credits his mother Carol, a strong believer who raised him and his brothers after his parents divorced, as the one who shaped his walk with God. “You’d walk in and you’d see her on the balcony just reading the Bible,” he told Chad Bonham of Youth Worker. “My mom almost made us feel like we weren’t missing that male influence because she took on both roles so powerfully even though there had to have been times of loneliness.”



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Even at the height of his career when a \$62 million contract made him the highest-paid running back in the league, Alexander said money would never define him. "Christians can't be greedy," he explained to Youth Worker. Instead he poured resources into the Shaun Alexander Foundation and Club 37, a mentoring program to raise up young leaders. "People need to understand that God plans even for the financial things," he added. "Make your first choice Jesus Christ and then let God do the rest."

That same faith guided him through challenges on and off the field. After breaking his foot in 2006, he responded not with bitterness but with patience. "I just try to wait for God's timing," he said. "God's good though. His timing is flawless."

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Alexander's story is not only about rushing yards and touchdowns though he earned plenty of those, including a

record-setting MVP season in 2005. It is also about [living a life where faith informs every decision](#). Even being called MVP carried spiritual weight for him. “It really humbles me to say, ‘OK God, I want to make sure that I’m Your MVP first,’” he reflected.

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Now as he and Valerie prepare to welcome their 14th child, Alexander’s journey takes on even more of the character of Scripture itself. His large and growing family, his faith in God’s provision and his commitment to building up others echo the biblical call to be fruitful and multiply.

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## **‘So Help Me God’: The Call to Stand Boldly**

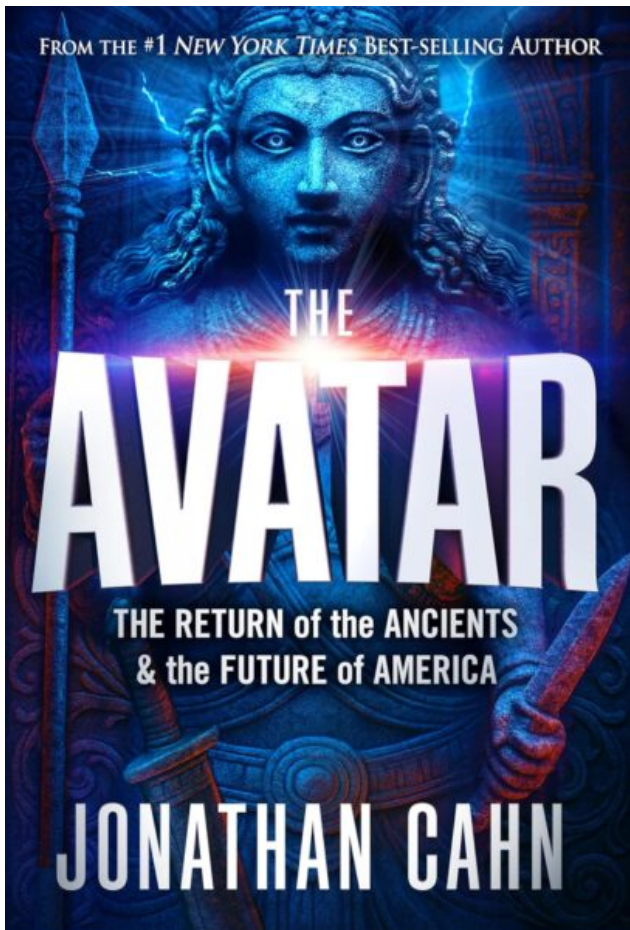
You’ve heard the phrase before. Maybe in a courtroom, maybe during an oath of office. With one hand on the Bible and the other raised, the words ring out: So help me God. [Pastor Jack Hibbs](#) says that phrase is not just for ceremonies but a reminder of how Christians are to live every day. “It is so help me God get through one day. And that is the power of God

that does in fact get us through.”

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Hibbs explained that believers must see themselves as witnesses in every part of life. “How about you and I placing our hand on the Bible and raising our hand to God and say, God, so help me God, please, to walk this walk with you.” He pressed the point that Christians are called to be good witnesses before government, before family, before schools and before those in authority. Authority he reminded, comes from God and is to be honored unless it directly violates His will.

The pastor pointed to Scripture in 1 Corinthians 15:24, noting that one day Christ will abolish all human governments and establish His kingdom. Until then governments are accountable to God for how they wield power. “God will revisit their decision-making process as an authoritative figure that God gave them the authority. He allowed them to have it and they abused it. They did not honor God and they will own that in the end.”



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Hibbs warned that bad leaders may legislate unjust decrees but they are not beyond God's judgment. Quoting Isaiah 10:1 he said, "Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees who write misfortune which they have prescribed." He made it clear that just because a law passes does not make it righteous in God's eyes. Christians must resist injustice through godly means such as voting, contacting legislators and refusing to stay silent. ["Woe unto us if we don't speak up."](#)

The call to courage echoed throughout the message. Hibbs warned against cowardice, pointing to Revelation where cowards are listed at the top of those who face judgment. "Lord, please baptize us in the power of your Holy Spirit. Fill us afresh. And may we fear you and you only and thereby have no fear at all in this world."

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At the heart of the sermon was both a warning and a comfort. Government is designed by God for good but when it goes astray, Christians are to obey God above man. "When the government says for you to do wrong, that's when you stand up against it," Hibbs said. The early believers in Acts were told not to preach in the name of Jesus yet they declared, "We're going to obey God."

In the end Hibbs reminded that no moment in history is accidental. "God governs in the affairs of man," Benjamin Franklin once said, and Hibbs repeated it to drive the point home. God's sovereignty means He is actively shaping the world and has placed His people here for such a time as this. "Your Christian life is not an accident, friend. God has called you to be a Christian at a time like this for a very key purpose."

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Christians must live with conviction, courage and confidence that God's hand is guiding history. As Hibbs closed, he prayed that believers would shine brightly in a darkening world. "Until you come for us, may we shine as lights in this ever increasing darkening world. May we speak up. May we pray. May we get involved."

So help us God.

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# Temple Mount Shockwave: Prophecy Unfolds as Nations Turn Against Israel

## A Holy Gathering in Jerusalem

The Temple Mount has once again become the center of attention, not just politically but prophetically. Recently, a group of Jews and Christians went up together to pray and worship openly on the holiest site in Judaism. They sang psalms, lifted prayers, and even bowed on the ground – actions that only a few years ago would have been impossible under the restrictions [against Jewish prayer on the Mount](#).

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This gathering wasn't just about breaking tradition. It was about honoring the memory of Charlie Kirk, a Christian leader who boldly stood with Israel, defended the Jewish people, and lifted up the cause of Zion until the day he was gunned down. In a striking moment of faith and unity, Jews and Christians stood side by side on the Mount, declaring their hope in God's promises.

## Prophetic Timing

What made the gathering even more remarkable was its timing. It took place seven days after Kirk's assassination and seven days before Rosh Hashanah, the Feast of Trumpets. That feast looks forward to the trumpet blast that will one day call

God's people home. The symbolism is impossible to ignore: a prophetic bookend between loss, hope, and the expectation of God's coming kingdom.

## **The Nations Reward Terror**

While worship was rising in Jerusalem, world powers made their own declaration. The United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, France, and Portugal all chose this very season to recognize a Palestinian state. They demanded nothing in return – no release of hostages, no dismantling of Hamas, no concessions for peace. The recognition came freely, and Hamas celebrated it as a reward for their October 7 massacre.



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This global decision fell on the very day God commanded His people to hear the trumpet blast and turn their hearts toward Him. Instead of repentance, the nations blew their own trumpet of rebellion, declaring a peace that is no peace at all.

## **Israel United in Opposition**

Yet what the nations meant for division brought unity inside Israel. Leaders from across the political spectrum – left, right, secular, and religious – rejected the recognition. Former ambassadors, opposition leaders, and even the usually understated President Herzog called it what it was: a hollow gesture that only empowers terror. In a nation often torn by politics, this moment brought unity. Just as the prophets warned, Jerusalem is becoming a heavy stone to the nations, even as Israel itself steels its resolve.

## **Signs of Prophecy Converging**

These events aren't happening in isolation. Red heifers are

already in Israel, waiting for the day when one ritually pure animal is chosen to restore purification rites for temple worship. The world clamors for a two-state solution, but prophecy points to something else entirely: a united Israel, opposed by the nations, yet standing under the hand of God.

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## Technology and the Coming System

At the same time, the rise of artificial intelligence and global connectivity is paving the way for the very kind of control system described in Revelation. Projects celebrated as progress could easily become the infrastructure of the beast system, preparing the world for economic and social domination under the Antichrist.

## The Urgency of the Hour

[The signs are stacking up.](#) Wars and rumors of wars, lawlessness spreading unchecked, leaders rewarding evil and punishing good. Yet Scripture reminds believers to take heart. The darker the hour grows, the nearer the trumpet blast sounds. What the enemy intends for destruction, God is using to stir hearts to revival.

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The Temple Mount is more than a contested piece of real estate. It is the ground zero of prophecy, the place where spiritual battles spill into world headlines. Every prayer gathering, every political decree, and every prophetic sign reminds us that history is racing toward its conclusion – the return of Jesus Christ.

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## **12-Year-Old Shot in the Head at Church, Now Making a 'Miraculous' Recovery**

A Minnesota family is celebrating what they describe as a miracle after their 12-year-old daughter, Sophia Forchas, survived being shot in the head during a mass shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church in Minneapolis on August 27.

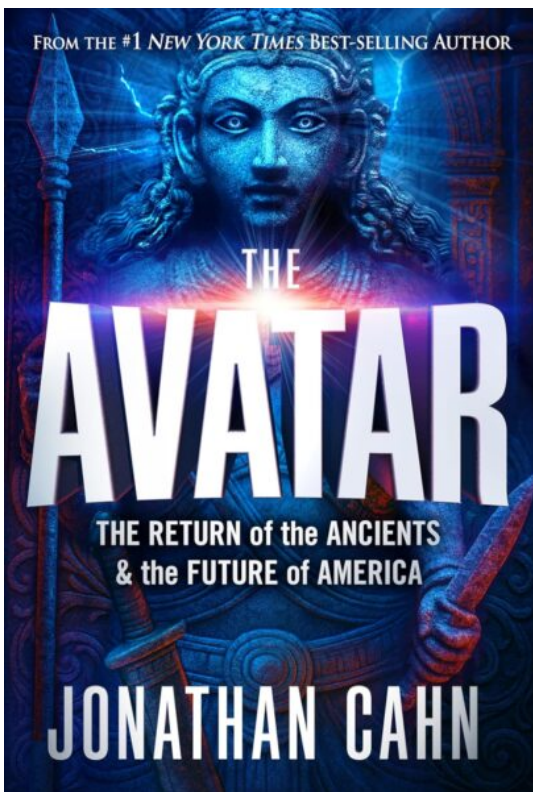
Hennepin Healthcare, where she has been receiving treatment, released a statement from the Forchas family this week updating the public on her progress. "Sophia is winning! [Your prayers are working,](#)" the family said.

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Her parents added that the support they have received from around the world has been overwhelming. "We are humbled by the countless individuals across the globe who have lifted her up in prayer, including His All-Holiness Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew and His Holiness Pope Leo XIV," the family said. They also noted that "each day we uncover new revelations of moments and circumstances that kept her alive and made her recovery possible. God has heard our prayers and wrapped

Sophia in His healing embrace.”

On the day of the shooting, Sophia underwent emergency surgery after a bullet became lodged in her head. Fr. Timothy Sas of St. Mary’s Greek Orthodox Church, where the Forchas family are members, wrote that she endured a “long and difficult” operation. Her neurosurgeon, Dr. Walt Galcich, later confirmed the extent of the damage caused by the bullet but also said there were encouraging signs as her condition began to improve.



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Now several weeks later, Sophia is preparing to leave acute care and begin an inpatient rehabilitation program. Her family explained, “Though she still has a long journey ahead filled with extensive therapy, her resilience continues to inspire hope at every step. Sophia is strong, brave and unwavering in her fight toward healing.”

The Forchas family also expressed gratitude for the dedication of hospital staff and the support of their church and school communities. “To our extended family, the Orthodox Church, our

Annunciation school family, our friends and colleagues and the many strangers who have become prayer warriors for Sophia, [we thank you from the bottom of our hearts,](#)" the family said.

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Sophia's mother, who works as a pediatric critical care nurse at Hennepin Healthcare, was on duty when she learned her daughter had been critically injured. A GoFundMe page established for the family revealed that Sophia's younger brother was also present during the attack but was not physically harmed.

The shooting, carried out during the first Mass of the school year by identified gunman Robin Westman, left two children dead and 18 others wounded. Witnesses recalled chaos in the sanctuary as gunfire shattered stained-glass windows and parishioners shielded children from the attack.

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Even in the aftermath of tragedy, Sophia's story has emerged as a testimony of courage and faith. In their most recent update, the Forchas family urged the community to continue praying, not only for Sophia but also for peace. "Please continue to pray. Pray for peace and when you pray, move your feet. Let us worship God together and walk forward in Faith, Hope and Love. Together, we can create a better tomorrow," the family said.

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# New Digital ID Schemes Spark Prophetic Warnings About Global Control

Jesus warned that in the last days there would be “birth pains” that signal the coming of the end. Wars and rumors of wars, lawlessness, pestilence, and systems of control are not random but are signs that prophecy is unfolding before our eyes. Christians are told to stay awake, watch and discern the times. One of the clearest warnings is about [a future system of global control](#) that will strip people of their freedom and demand their compliance.

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In the United Kingdom, we are seeing the foundation for such a system being laid.

According to the Financial Times, Prime Minister Keir Starmer is “reportedly set to unveil plans for digital ID cards for Brits within days as part of his strategy to tackle illegal immigration.” The report notes the official rollout could be announced at the Labour Party conference beginning September 28.

This plan is not about immigration. It is about power. It would require every British national and lawful resident to obtain a digital ID stored on their phone and tied to their ability to work, rent a home and access essential services.

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood revealed her position clearly: “My long-term personal political view has always been in favor of ID cards.” She boasted that such a system could “help with illegal working enforcement” and “deal with the pull factors that are making the UK a destination of choice.”



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Starmer himself defended the idea by saying, “We all carry a lot more digital ID now than we did 20 years ago.” That kind of reasoning attempts to normalize a dangerous precedent. A poll cited by More in Common found “over half of Brits supported a digital identification system, with 53% in favor. A fifth were against it.”

Public opinion is being steered to accept a policy that will be used to tighten control over people’s daily lives.

This is not a minor administrative change. It is the latest in a long line of moves toward [the prophetic reality described in Revelation](#). The digital ID is nothing less than a tool for oppression. Here are just some of the dangers believers must recognize:

## **The Prophetic Dangers of Digital IDs**

### **▪ Conditioning Toward the Mark of the Beast**

Revelation 13:16-17 warns of a time when no one will be able to “buy or sell” without the mark. Digital IDs tie basic rights like employment and housing to state approval, preparing society to accept exactly the kind of control Scripture warns us about.

### **▪ Total Surveillance and State Control**

By centralizing information about where you live, how you work, and what services you access, the government

gains unprecedented control. Revelation 13:7 speaks of authority being given to the Antichrist over “every tribe, people, language and nation.” Systems like this make such global control possible.

- **Global Integration and Loss of Sovereignty**

A national digital ID can quickly expand into an international one. Revelation 17:13 describes kings giving their power to one ruler. Digital ID systems are a step toward that prophesied unity under a single oppressive authority.

- **Exclusion of the Non-Compliant**

Those who refuse to comply will be shut out of society. Revelation 20:4 says those who refused the mark were killed for their faith. While today’s consequences may begin with denial of work or housing, the prophetic pattern shows this system will grow harsher with time.

- **False Security and Deception**

The policy is sold as safety and order, but 1 Thessalonians 5:3 warns, “When they say, ‘Peace and safety,’ then sudden destruction comes upon them.” Digital IDs are not peace and safety. They are the infrastructure of oppression dressed up as progress.

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This scheme should not cause Christians to shrink back in fear but to stand firm in discernment. Digital IDs are part of the growing web of control that mirrors the very systems Scripture warns about. We are not called to panic but to recognize these “birth pains” for what they are: signs pointing to the soon return of Christ.

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With eyes fixed on Jesus and hearts anchored in His Word, believers can live with confidence, courage and clarity in a world rushing toward the fulfillment of prophecy.

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