

5 of Jesus' Toughest Teachings That Most Christians Refuse to Follow

Rabbi Kirt Schneider recently taught on [the Sermon on the Mount](#) from Israel, emphasizing Jesus' uncompromising call to holiness and warning believers not to blur the lines between the kingdom of God and the ways of the world.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

“You can't mix the kingdom of darkness with the kingdom of light. Tear it out. Cut it off. It's better to be bored and have nothing to do than to indulge yourself in spiritual pornography,” Schneider said.

Sermon on the Mount as Kingdom Living

Schneider reminded listeners that many dismiss the Sermon on the Mount as too lofty, but Jesus meant every word. “When Yeshua gave us the Sermon on the Mount, He said what He meant and He meant what He said. And the principles of the Sermon on the Mount, beloved, teach us and train us how to live a kingdom lifestyle while our feet are planted on the earth today.”

Adultery Begins in the Heart

[Referencing Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5](#), Schneider stressed that sin begins with intent, not just action. “It's not just wrong to commit the physical act of adultery, but it's wrong even to look at a woman to lust after. And if you do that, you've already committed adultery.”

He explained the difference between natural attraction and sinful indulgence. "If you see an attractive woman, all of a sudden, bam, you're attracted. You can't help that. But what you can help is if you continue to look. If you see an attractive woman and then stay there looking at her because you are attracted, then you're lusting, then you're committing the spirit of adultery."

Jesus' command to tear out the eye or cut off the hand, Schneider said, means believers must be ruthless. "That's the whole point, my friend. You do want to. That's why you have to tear out your eye from you."

Entertainment and "Spiritual Pornography"

Schneider applied Jesus' warning to modern culture, especially popular entertainment. "It grieves me that so many Christians watch The Bachelor and The Bachelorette. What is the point of that? You're living in sin. If you're watching The Bachelor and The Bachelorette, that's absolute defilement of your spirit."

He called such shows "spiritual pornography" because they exploit lust and false ideas of love. "You might not think it is, but it is. You're watching because you're attracted to The Bachelor, you're attracted to The Bachelorette, you're attracted to the candidates. You know, it's all garbage."

Jesus' Strict Teaching on Divorce

Turning to marriage, Schneider quoted Matthew 5:31-32 and stressed Jesus' clear boundaries. "I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced

woman commits adultery.”

Schneider acknowledged hardship in marriages but warned against easy excuses. “Unless your spouse has committed adultery on you, if you divorce her, you’re... listen to what he said again. Everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery.”

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

Marriage, he said, is not about personal happiness but about godly commitment. “Relationships are built on commitment, and building a partnership together, and building a friendship together, and having the same vision to serve God, and to lead a godly life, and to have a godly marriage, and to raise a godly home.”

Let Your Yes Be Yes

Schneider also underscored Jesus’ warning against oaths. “Let your statement be yes, yes or no, no. Anything else beyond these is of evil. Especially not to take an oath in God’s name. That’s bringing God right down to the defiled world of our flesh.”

Trusting God and Turning the Other Cheek

Finally, he highlighted Jesus’ teaching on mercy and trust. “‘You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, do not resist an evil person. Whoever slaps you on the right cheek, turn the other also.’”

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

Schneider explained that this does not mean ignoring justice

but trusting God with the outcome. “Yeshua is saying, trust in God. Whatever you lose for His sake, just trust God. Let it all go. Stay in love. Stay in grace. Stay in peace. And God is going to bless you and bless you and bless you.”

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man's Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

Glenn Beck Reveals Chilling Oval Office Encounter With George W Bush

Glenn Beck has shared a story from the late 2000s that left him stunned about who truly runs the country. In a recent video, he recounted being summoned to the White House after his on-air criticisms of the Iraq War caught the attention of President George W. Bush.

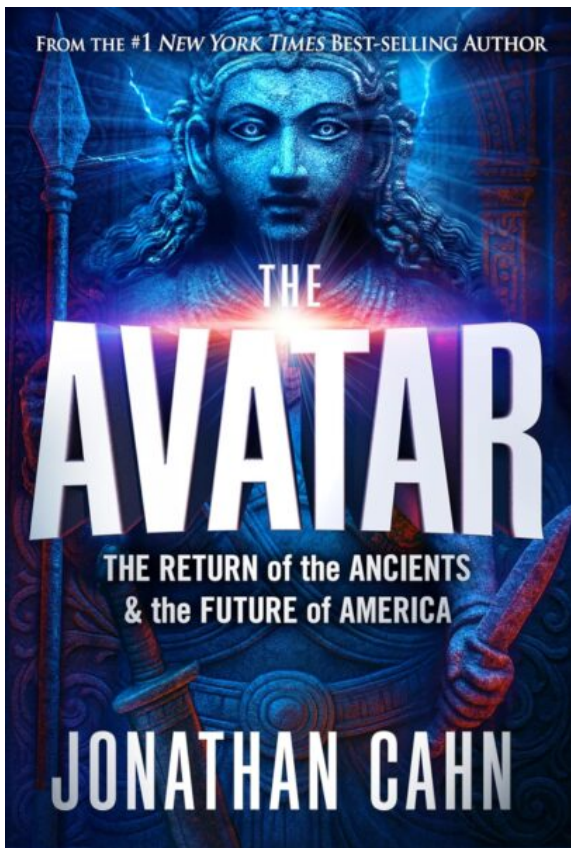
[Beck explained](#) that he had made a comment on-air that the left wanted to impeach Bush for the wrong reasons, but if they wanted grounds they could look elsewhere. “That didn’t sit well with the Bush administration,” he said. Not long after, he got a call that would change the way he saw the presidency.

[Breaking News.](#) [Spirit-Filled Stories.](#) [Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

“It was freaky,” Beck recalled. “‘Mr. Beck.’ ‘Yes.’ ‘The president would like to see you in the Oval tomorrow morning at 10:00.’”

When Beck arrived at the White House, he said the president immediately confronted him with harsh words. Bush let out his frustration, telling Beck that most people had no idea what it was like to be president. Beck sat through what he described as a long hour of being read “the riot act.”

But it was what happened at the end of that meeting that shook him the most.



[Order Jonathan Cahn's Newest Book, "The Avatar" on Amazon.com!](#)

As Beck was preparing to leave, he brought up comments made that day by then-Senator Barack Obama about sending U.S. planes into Pakistan. Beck remembered Bush's response vividly. "He said, 'Oh, I heard that. Don't worry about that. Don't worry about that.'" And I said, 'Okay.' And he said, 'Trust me, Glenn, whoever comes into this office, no matter what party they're in, they're going to sit behind this desk and they're

going to realize because they're going to be advised by exactly the same people that have been advising me that they really have no choice. This is what they have to do.'"

Beck walked away disturbed. "Holy cow," he said. "This is not good. The president isn't really the president. The president is just listening to all these advisers who were advising the last president and the president before that. And it's all State Department stuff. They're just executing a long plan. What difference does it make who we have in the office if that's true?"

[According to Beck](#), that experience convinced him that much of America's leadership was guided by unelected officials and not the elected president.

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

Years later, Beck said he saw a stark contrast when Donald Trump entered office. Unlike Bush, he believes Trump led with his own instincts and refused to be controlled by career officials.

"When Donald Trump sat at the table and said, 'Just going to get old Vlad on the phone,' he didn't ask for permission. He didn't have anybody whispering in his ear. He's leading the State Department. He's leading the world. He's keeping his own counsel. That hasn't been done by a president in I don't know how long."

Beck said that kind of leadership has not been seen since Ronald Reagan. "Donald Trump is doing this in example after example after example. He's keeping his own counsel and he is telling his people this is what I'm going to do. Find the constitutional way to do it because this is what has to be done. And he's not taking no for an answer."

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

For Beck, the memory of that Oval Office meeting still lingers, but he sees in Trump a leader who broke the mold and reclaimed what it means to be president. “America is leading because we actually have a leader who knows who he is, knows what he wants to do, and is not going to take no for an answer unless it’s unconstitutional. He gets it done. That in six months, that’s a remarkable development.”

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man’s Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

Jonathan Cahn and Katie Souza Link Charlie Kirk’s Killing to a Dark Spiritual Pattern

On Sept. 10, conservative activist [Charlie Kirk was assassinated](#) while speaking at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. The tragedy left the nation in shock as word spread quickly that the 31-year-old had been killed in an act of political violence. Condolences poured out to his widow Erika and their two small children as Americans grappled with the loss of a young leader whose voice had become central in cultural and political debates.

Katie Souza and Jonathan Cahn respond

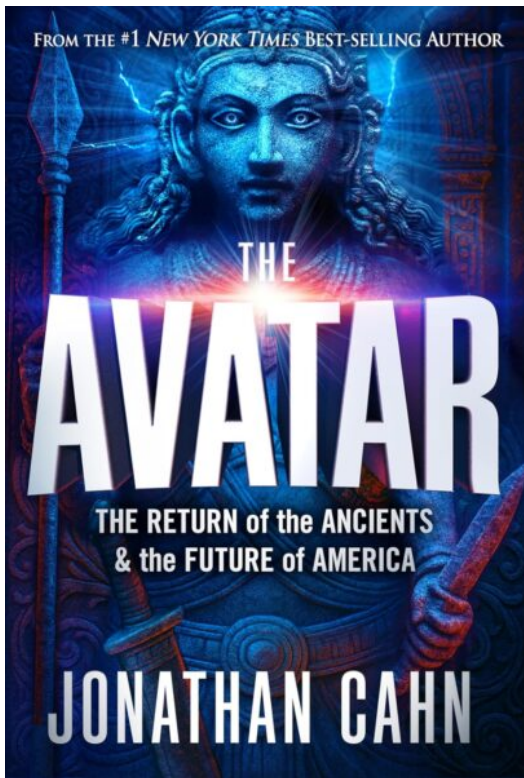
In the wake of the tragedy, Christian broadcaster and author Katie Souza hosted a special discussion with Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, a Messianic Jewish pastor and best-selling author known for books such as *The Harbinger* and *The Avatar*.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

Cahn has become one of the most prominent prophetic voices in America, often linking current events to biblical patterns and ancient spiritual forces. Together they address not just the political implications of Kirk's assassination, but [the deeper spiritual warfare that stands behind it.](#)

Cahn on the war for America's soul

Cahn did not mince words. "We are in a warfare and the Bible says it and it's especially evident now," he said. He tied Kirk's assassination to a larger battle taking place in America. "Charlie Kirk was on one side of it," Cahn explained, describing a clash between forces of faith and those aligned against God.



[Order Jonathan Cahn's Newest Book, "The Avatar" on Amazon.com!](#)

Cahn also connected the murder to other recent shootings targeting Christians. "Both of them were dealing with gender issues, both of them had as their target quote Christian institutions or church institutions," he said, noting that Kirk's death fits the same pattern of spiritual hostility.

A chilling symbol in the name Kirk

Looking deeper, Cahn pointed out the haunting significance of Kirk's very name. "I believe the name Kirk means church," he said. For Cahn, that made the attack not just on a man but on what he represented: a defender of faith and the values of the Christian church.

Avatars and demonic influence

Cahn went further, linking the killer to his teaching on "avatars," individuals who serve as vessels for dark spirits. "Those who do this in a sense are avatars or are possessed you know by the are inhabited by these spirits," he said. "The Bible says that behind the gods are spirits."

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

According to Cahn, Kirk's murder was not simply a political act but an expression of demonic forces seeking to silence Christian voices.

A wake-up call to the church

"This is a wakeup call. It's real," Cahn said soberly. "You said, you know, the demonic secret behind the shooting, behind the Minnesota shooting. Okay. As you laid that out... the Bible says they worshiped demons." For him, Kirk's assassination is a spiritual flashpoint demanding the attention of believers.

A call to prayer and healing

Souza ended the segment with a prophetic word that Kirk's mission would continue through others. "Charlie Kirk's ministry is going to the mantle is going to be picked up and multiplied to honor his sacrifice," she said.

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

Both Souza and Cahn urged prayer. "We pray for his family, we pray for the survivors, we pray for those who are close to him, we pray for his ministry," Cahn said.

In this moment of national mourning, the church is called to lift up Kirk's widow Erika and their two young children, while also praying for healing and unity in a nation reeling from this horrific act of political violence.

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air

Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man's Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

Ancient Discovery in Revelation's Laodicea Sparks End Times Mystery

Archaeologists in Turkey have uncovered the remains of a massive Roman council hall in the ancient biblical city of Laodicea, a site directly connected to [the book of Revelation](#). The discovery sheds new light on a city that holds prophetic weight in Scripture and may point to deeper questions for believers today.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

The find, which includes Christian symbols etched into stone, was located in modern-day Denizli. The discovery was first reported by Anadolu Agency and highlighted "as reported by Fox News." Laodicea is specifically named by Jesus in Revelation 1:11 when He commands John, "What you see, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia... and Laodicea" The apostle Paul also recognized the city as an early Christian community in his letter to the Colossians.



[Order James Lasher's Newest Book, "The Revelation of Jesus" on Amazon.com!](#)

Pictures from the site show "a cross carved into stone, as

well as what appears to be the early Christian Chi-Rho monogram, which represents the first two letters of 'Christ' in Koine Greek." Other ruins include a headless statue of Emperor Trajan, remnants of a theater, and inscriptions of the names of citizens who once filled the council hall that held up to 800 members.



Sebahatdin Zeyrek/Anadolu

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

While this discovery is significant historically, it also raises deeper questions spiritually. Laodicea was the final church addressed by [Jesus in Revelation](#) and is known as the "lukewarm church" that He warns He will "spew out" for its lack of zeal. Many Christians today worry the faith has become marked by spiritual lukewarmness. Could the uncovering of Laodicea at this moment in history serve as a reminder for the church to examine itself?

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

The Bible instructs us to discern the signs of the times and to live ready for the return of Jesus, whether or not His coming materializes within our lifetimes. This archaeological find may not only confirm the historical record but also call Christians to reflect on the spiritual state of the church in these days.

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man's Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

Gary Sinise Reveals How 9/11 Changed His Life Forever

Today marks the 24th anniversary of [the September 11 terror attacks](#), a day that changed the course of American history. Nearly 3,000 lives were taken in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, and countless families were left scarred by the violence and destruction. Each year, the nation pauses to remember the victims, honor the heroes, and reflect on the unity that carried America through its darkest hours.

[Breaking News.](#) [Spirit-Filled Stories.](#) [Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

Great American Media and the Gary Sinise Foundation have joined forces this year to reflect on the anniversary and highlight the ongoing work being done to honor first responders, veterans, and their families. Their collaboration

underscores how the stories told since that day remind the country of the very best America has to offer.

“Every year, as the anniversary [of September 11th](#) approaches, I am deeply moved by the selfless courage of the first responders who ran toward danger, many sacrificing their lives in a heroic effort to save others,” said the president and CEO of Great American Media, Bill Abbot. “Their bravery, along with the determination of thousands of men and women who stood up in the days, months, and years that followed, reminds us of the very best of America, a nation united in the face of tragedy, committed to defending our values, our freedoms and one another.”

Gary Sinise, whose decades-long work serving veterans and first responders has become a hallmark of his life’s mission, shared how his journey began before 9/11 but was transformed by it. “Back in the ’80s, I was very involved with supporting various Vietnam veterans’ organizations in Chicago. And, you know – and then, after playing the disabled veteran in Forrest Gump, that kind of turned a little bit of a corner toward trying to help our wounded, but it really all just kind of catapulted after the attacks of September 11,” Sinise explained.

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

Through his foundation, Sinise has continued to serve America’s heroes for more than 25 years, providing homes for wounded veterans, offering resources for families, and ensuring that those who gave so much are never forgotten.

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

His commitment serves as a reminder that while the pain of 9/11 endures, the resolve to care for those who sacrifice remains strong.

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man's Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

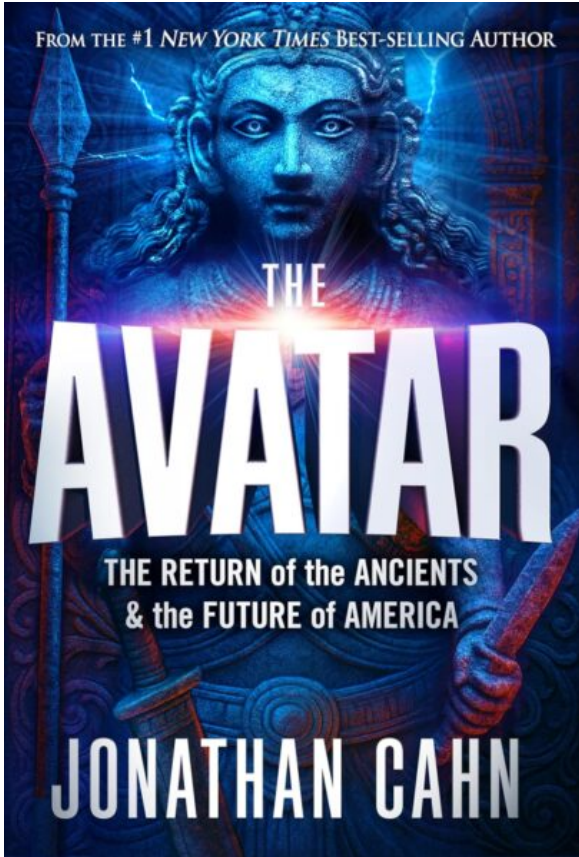
Glenn Beck Exposes Progressives Plot to Rewrite America and Erase God from Its Foundation

A growing movement on the political left seeks to radically alter the structure of American government by eliminating the Electoral College, abolishing the Senate and packing the Supreme Court. At its core this effort is not just about changing laws or institutions. It is about rewriting the nation's founding and stripping away the principles rooted in God that have guided the republic since its birth.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on](#)

YouTube now!

The push to “reimagine” America is in reality a bid to erase divine authority from the nation’s framework and replace it with unchecked human power.



[Order Jonathan Cahn’s Newest Book, “The Avatar” on Amazon.com!](#)

On his program, conservative commentator Glenn Beck addressed a recent opinion piece from the New York Times that calls for sweeping constitutional changes. He argued that progressives are attempting to dismantle the careful balance the Founders designed, one that limited government power and preserved the role of the states.

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

Beck noted that the United States is not a pure democracy but a republic meant to guard against mob rule. He warned that proposals to remove the Electoral College, further alter the

Senate and expand the Supreme Court would strip smaller states of influence, concentrate power in the hands of a few and undermine the separation of powers the Founders established.

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

If Americans remain silent as these nefarious forces press forward the country risks losing its foundation in God and falling into the grip of Satan. What begins as political reform could become the unraveling of the republic itself where evil and corruption dictate the future. The call to vigilance is urgent for without resistance a day may come when God is pushed out entirely and darkness rules the land.

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man's Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

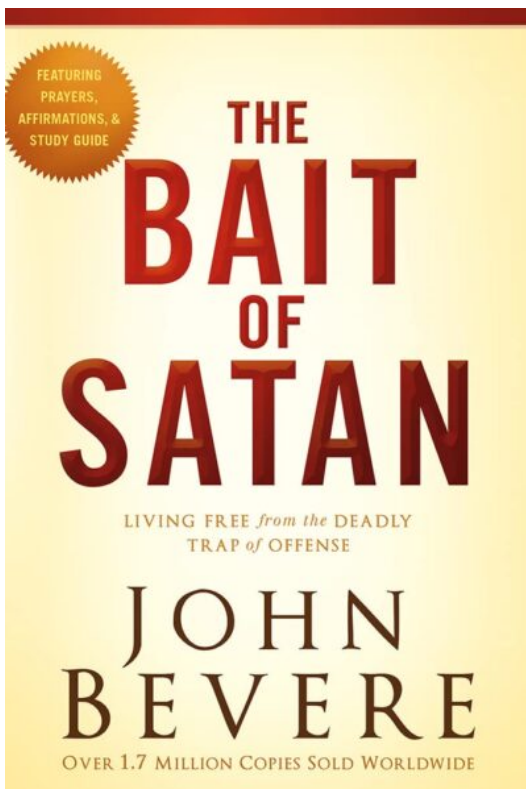
Is This the Greatest Threat Facing Christianity in America?

American Christianity is facing [a cultural and spiritual crisis](#). Leaders and believers alike are raising alarm that compromise, fear of man and the erosion of biblical convictions are leaving the church vulnerable to forces that

seek to weaken and replace it. At the heart of the discussion is the question of whether the church will remain bold in truth or yield to cultural pressures that undermine its foundation.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

In a recent episode of their podcast, John and Lisa Bevere spoke with Martin and Millicent Sedra, a couple now ministering globally after fleeing persecution in Egypt. The Sedras shared their concern that the Western church has grown complacent, trading boldness for comfort and ignoring the cost of true discipleship. They emphasized that the greatest threat to American Christianity is not an outside ideology alone but the church's own unwillingness to confront sin, stand for righteousness and embrace the Holy Spirit's power.



The Bait of Satan

[Order John Bevere's Book, "The Bait of Satan" on Amazon.com!](#)

The conversation pointed to several dangers. They warned that Islam is advancing in the West through family growth while

Western societies are weakening through abortion, declining birth rates and the loss of traditional roles. They lamented that men in the West are increasingly passive while pastors often avoid speaking against cultural sins such as sexual immorality and rebellion against God's design. This silence, they argued, is eroding the church's credibility and [leaving communities spiritually defenseless.](#)

[**Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!**](#)

At the same time the Sedras called Christians to action. They urged believers to strengthen families, raise children in the faith and refuse to compromise biblical truth for cultural acceptance. They pointed to their own story as refugees who became reformers, believing God has positioned them to sound a warning to the West.

[**Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!**](#)

For them, revival will only come when Christians recover their boldness, reject fear and embrace the truth without apology.

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [**The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man's Commentary**](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

Dreams of Water and Fire Reveal Prophetic Warnings for the Last Days

Evangelist Perry Stone opened a recent telecast of Manna-Fest by issuing a stern warning over unhealthy trends in the modern prophetic movement. “There’s been three bad habits that have occurred in the Charismatic community, and I want to share these with you, and they’re concerns of mine,” Stone said.

The first problem is the casual use of the phrase “God told me.” Stone explained, “Never ever get up and say that the Lord told you something [unless you absolutely know from the Word](#). Don’t just look at somebody and say that unless divine inspiration is upon you.” He warned that repeating the phrase as a habit leads to confusion and undermines credibility.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

Stone also cautioned against what he called “prophetic roulette.” He described one church where conflicting words of prophecy created chaos, saying, “I called ‘em dueling prophets. I had to sit both them down and say, you need to keep your mouth shut because you all are contradicting each other.”

A third danger is manipulation through false gifts. Stone recounted an example of a man copying predictions from a psychic and presenting them as divine revelation. “That is an abomination before God,” he said. “Manipulating a gift when it’s not a real gift and saying it’s from God can be borderline blasphemy.”

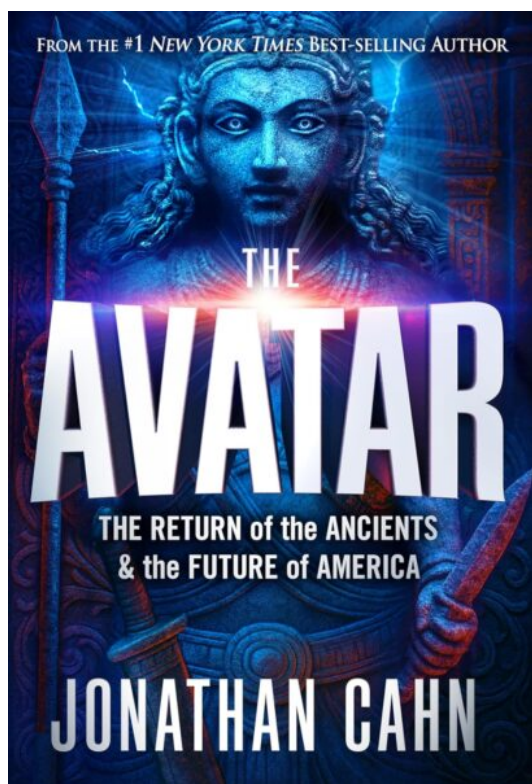
Learning to Hear God Personally

Stone urged believers not to depend on constant personal prophecies from others. [“You need to learn to hear from God for yourself,”](#) he said. “God will speak to your heart, into your spirit when you’re saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and He does it by putting a burden on you or impressing you with information.”

He added that many answers are already available in Scripture. “People will say to me sometime, do you have a word for me? I would just say, I sure do. Go home and read your Bible,” Stone said.

Dreams, Visions and the Last Days

Citing Joel 2:28, Stone explained that [prophecy, dreams and visions are increasing in the last days.](#) “As the Spirit of God begins to move in the earth there’s one thing I can tell you. He brings revelation,” he said.



[Order Jonathan Cahn's Newest Book, "The Avatar" on Amazon.com!](#)

Stone differentiated between the experiences of younger and older believers. “Young men who are young in the Lord, who are starting in the ministry, need a vision to convince them it came from the Lord,” he said. “The older you get, if you stayed in the Word, you have extreme Bible knowledge. You know the symbolism of the Bible.”

Warning Dreams of Water and Fire

The evangelist shared that he has experienced troubling dreams he believes serve as warnings. He described repeatedly seeing coastal flooding and massive waves. “I keep seeing seawater rising. I see seawater coming in. I see large waves coming in,” Stone said. “I would say I’ve seen tsunamis, oh my goodness, 20 to 25 times.”

Stone linked these visions to biblical patterns of judgment. “As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the time of the coming of the Son of Man,” he explained. “Noah’s sign was extreme water and destruction by water. Lot’s sign was destruction by fire. Water is connected with Noah. Fire is connected with Lot.”

[**Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!**](#)

He pointed to activity in the Pacific Ring of Fire as further evidence of prophetic fulfillment. “It’s awakening. Something’s happening where things are awakening, and this is called the Ring of Fire,” he said.

Looking Toward Christ’s Return

Stone closed with a reminder from Luke 21 that end-time signs will be evident in both the heavens and on the earth. “There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the

waves roaring,” he said. “When these things begin to happen, look up, lift up your head, for your redemption is drawing near.”

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

He encouraged believers to recognize the seriousness of the times and rely on God’s Word and Spirit for discernment. “God is going to give us dreams and visions,” Stone said. “When everybody starts seeing the same thing, you know it’s something that’s set to happen.”

James Lasher, a seasoned writer and editor at Charisma Media, combines faith and storytelling with a background in journalism from Otterbein University and ministry experience in Guatemala and the LA Dream Center. A Marine Corps and Air Force veteran, he is the author of [The Revelation of Jesus: A Common Man’s Commentary](#) and a contributor to Charisma magazine.

China’s Military Parade of Power Seen as Prophetic Weakness

China’s latest military parade displayed the might of its armed forces, complete with intercontinental missiles, lasers and undersea drones. With Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korea’s Kim Jong-un at his side, [Chinese leader Xi Jinping](#) declared his nation’s rise “unstoppable.” But Pastor James Kaddis says what the world saw in Tiananmen Square is

not strength, but desperation.

China's Power a "House of Cards"

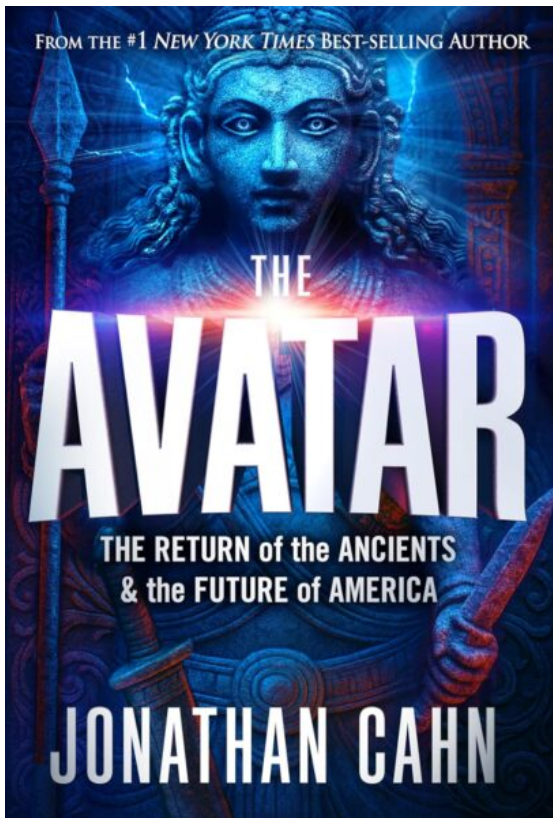
Pastor James Kaddis, a Bible teacher who closely follows geopolitics through the lens of Scripture, warned believers not to be deceived by appearances. "I don't think that it shows strength," Kaddis said of Xi's show of force. "I actually believe that it is a picture of a growing level of weakness that a lot of people are not going to see."

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

He pointed to China's many crises at home, including a collapsing economy, aging population, and social unrest under the grip of the Chinese Communist Party. "What you are seeing is you are seeing them grasp at straws," he said. "Although it may appear to be some kind of alliance that's based on nuclear power or nuclear force, what you are seeing is people play some weird twisted game of show and tell with the understanding that this is their last viable hope to be able to appear to be strong."

Trump's Response and the Global Picture

President Donald Trump reacted with a sharp message, reminding Xi of American sacrifices during World War II while mocking the Chinese leader's alliance with Putin and Kim. Kaddis noted that Trump's words carried both humor and strategy, calling them "designed to put a little bit of fear in these bad actors."



[Order Jonathan Cahn's Newest Book, "The Avatar" on Amazon.com!](#)

While Kim Jong-un seeks deeper ties with Russia, even sending thousands of North Korean troops to Ukraine, Kaddis said [Xi cannot afford such entanglements.](#) "He's got a huge problem that is running right now with respect to Taiwan. He's got even bigger problems with his own economy. He does not have the ability to be able to support a massive war effort on several different war fronts," Kaddis explained.

Prophecy and the Role of China

Kaddis cautioned against forcing China into biblical prophecy. "The Bible does not really mention China as being consequential in Bible prophecy," he said. He addressed those who associate Revelation's 200-million-man army with China, making his position plain:

"I do know that there are a lot of people who were led to believe that this 200 million demon army is the Chinese army and it's not literal demons like the Bible says it is in the book of Revelation. And I know that there's lots of people

who look at many of the things forming right now in the nation or in the country of China and actually associate it with the kings from the east which of course let me make myself clear that's not what the Bible is talking about when it says it."

Instead, Kaddis argued that China's actions point to its diminishing relevance. "The more inconsequential they're becoming, they are grasping at straws to maintain any level or any semblance of strength," he said.

Read Scripture First

Despite the nuclear triad, massive drones, and lasers shown at the parade, Kaddis stressed that the real story is not military strength but prophetic positioning. "All of these are the type of preconditions that we see are necessary in order to put into fruition all that the Bible has talked about," he said.

[**Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!**](#)

His advice for Christians is to view today's headlines through the lens of God's Word. "The headline is never going to be fear, but it's always going to be readiness and faithfulness to the call of God, understanding the fact that He is the one setting the stage," Kaddis said.

Prophetic Comfort for Believers

While nations posture and alliances shift, believers can rest in the certainty of prophecy. "God's Word continues to come to life," Kaddis concluded. "So keep looking to Him and fight the good fight."

[**Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy**](#)

[Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

As China flaunts power on the world stage, Scripture reminds Christians that history is unfolding exactly as foretold, offering both comfort and knowledge about what the days ahead hold.

James Lasher *is staff writer for Charisma Media.*

Demonic Thrones Over Nations: How Ancient Powers Seek to Rule Again

Spiritual warfare is not optional for Christians. Scripture makes it clear that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but [against principalities and powers of darkness](#) that seek to control regions, destroy families and draw people away from God.

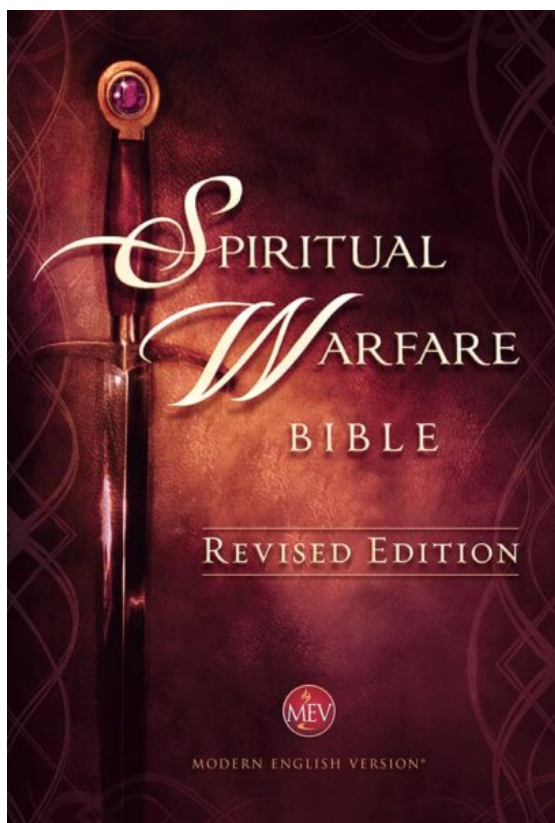
In every generation, the enemy works to reestablish footholds through deception and false worship, but the authority of Jesus Christ remains greater. The battle for souls demands discernment, prayer and boldness to confront these forces with the truth of God's Word.

[Breaking News. Spirit-Filled Stories. Subscribe to Charisma on YouTube now!](#)

On a recent episode of The Confessionals Podcast, host Tony Merkel welcomed Rebecca Greenwood, author of *Dethroning the Queen of Heaven*, to expose the return of ancient demonic powers and discuss how Christians must respond. Greenwood

explained that what the Bible calls the “queen of heaven” is not a benign figure but a dark principality that has manifested in cultures for thousands of years. “When you begin to study this queen of heaven like I was doing at that time... the Hebrew word that is used in this Scripture, it’s malkah and it is defined as a female ruler, one who is a governmental head of a kingdom” (Jer. 44).

Greenwood emphasized that names such as Ishtar, Hathor, Isis, Jezebel and Lilith are all variations of the same ancient spirit. She recounted a spiritual encounter where Jesus revealed to her “throughout history and time... all of these different forms of the queen of heaven had established.” These spirits, she said, are not myths but real forces of darkness influencing societies through occult practices and bloodshed.



The Spiritual Warfare Bible

[Order Your Copy of the Spiritual Warfare Bible on Amazon.com!](https://www.amazon.com/Spiritual-Warfare-Bible/dp/1496110000)

One of the most notorious is Lilith, whom Greenwood described as “a screeching owl, a night hag, a night witch” tied to death, sexual bondage and even infant mortality. In Houston,

she recalled receiving a prophetic warning: "You have three weeks to pray or the night hag is going to establish her stronghold over the city." After focused intercession, Greenwood said the death rate among young people began to drop drastically, a breakthrough she attributed to the power of Christ overthrowing demonic influence.

Jezebel stands as another prototype of these destructive powers. Greenwood noted how her violent death illustrates the nature of principalities. "It was the real dogs that devoured her body and ate her. So what she gave her worship to turned against her and devoured her," Greenwood explained. This, she said, shows how the enemy ultimately consumes those it deceives.

[Get your FREE CHARISMA NEWSLETTERS today! Stay up-to-date with current issues, Holy Spirit news, Christian teachings, Charisma videos & more!](#)

The ministry of confronting these powers is not about human strength but about walking in Christ's authority. Greenwood was clear: "We love people with the heart of our heavenly Father. But what we are allowed to hate is Satan and his army of darkness." Believers, she said, must always act under God's assignment, declaring, "We're not coming for victory, but from victory with victory."

Christians today face a world where Jezebel, Lilith and the queen of heaven are resurfacing in culture under different names and practices. The Bible calls believers to confront these spirits not in fear but in the authority of Jesus, who has already triumphed over the powers of darkness.

[Join Charisma Magazine Online to follow everything the Holy Spirit is doing around the world!](#)

Now more than ever, Christians must take up the armor of God and wage war against principalities with prayer, intercession and the Word of God. At the same time, the church cannot

neglect the Great Commission. The task is not only to cast down strongholds but to preach the gospel to every creature, rescuing souls from the grip of darkness and growing the Kingdom of God until Jesus returns.

James Lasher *is staff writer for Charisma Media.*