

China's Military Parade of Power Seen as Prophetic Weakness

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.

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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.



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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.

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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.

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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.

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Vatican Defies God's Covenant: Calls to Divide Israel With Two-State Demand

The Vatican has issued a statement declaring that a two-state solution is the “only way out of the war,” a position that runs directly counter to the biblical truth that the land of Israel belongs to the Jewish people as a united nation.

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As reported by the LA Times, Pope Leo XIV and his top diplomats told Israeli President Isaac Herzog during their

audience Thursday that peace could only come through dividing the land. The Vatican called for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza, the release of all hostages, and the safe entry of humanitarian aid into Palestinian areas. The statement added that “with goodwill and courageous decisions, as well as the support of the international community, it would be possible to secure the release of all hostages, urgently achieve a permanent ceasefire, facilitate the safe entry of humanitarian aid into the most affected areas, and ensure full respect for humanitarian law, as well as the legitimate aspirations of both peoples.”



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Herzog, for his part, urged the pope to meet with the families of hostages and said Israel was working “in every possible way” to secure their release. He emphasized that the nation was determined to strive for “peace, tranquility and stability” in the region. Herzog also noted that the talks included the importance of protecting Christian minorities in the Middle East and addressing the rise of antisemitism worldwide. “The very fact that Pope Leo XIV, who has only just begun his tenure, received the president of the state of Israel in the Vatican is a very important statement,” Herzog said.

The Holy See, however, used the moment to reiterate its longstanding call for a Palestinian state, with its statement stressing that “the two-state solution is the only way out of the ongoing war.”

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This is a dangerous stance to take. Scripture makes clear that the land of Israel was given by God as an everlasting covenant

to Abraham and his descendants (Gen. 17:7-8). Joel 3 warns of God's judgment on nations that divide His land. Any effort to force Israel into partition is not a blessing but a curse. God's Word promises, "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you" (Gen. 12:3). For the Vatican to oppose the unity of the land of Israel is to put itself at odds with God's eternal decree.

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Israel's existence as one nation is not a political option but a divine mandate. While Israel continues to work for peace and the release of hostages, the call to divide the land in the name of diplomacy ignores the biblical truth that there is no two-state solution, only one state, the nation of Israel as ordained by the Lord.

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Church Threatened by Man Claiming to Be Angel of Death Sent to 'Do the Lord's Reaping'

An Alabama man was arrested after traveling across the country to California where authorities say he threatened a Los Angeles-area church while claiming to be on a divine mission. Officials identified the suspect as 38-year-old Joshua Michael Richardson, also known as Joshua Michael Jericho, who was taken into custody in late August after a series of troubling

threats.

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As reported by WVLT 8, Richardson sent an email to St. Michael's Abbey in Silverado Canyon on Aug. 19 in which he claimed to be "Michael the Angel of Death" and the "rider of the pale horse" from the Book of Revelation. He wrote that he had been sent "to do the Lord's reaping before His harvest" and warned that he would be traveling from Alabama to the abbey, one of the few churches in the nation that still practices the Michaelmas feast.

Authorities said Richardson later attended a service at the abbey, followed a priest into a private area, and told him that he had come "to separate the weak from the weeds." Days later, Richardson was arrested in Santa Monica. Inside his vehicle investigators discovered body armor, high-capacity magazines, brass knuckles and knives.



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While the threats were taken seriously by law enforcement, what stands out most is how Richardson twisted Scripture to justify his intentions.

Michael is described in Scripture as an archangel who defends God's people, not as an angel of death. The "pale horse" of Revelation represents the unleashing of judgment during the Tribulation, not a role for a man to claim in the present. The harvest imagery used in Matthew and Revelation describes angels gathering at the end of the age at God's command, not individuals carrying out violence today. Even the parable of the wheat and the tares makes it clear that separation between the righteous and the wicked happens at the end of time, not

at the hands of misguided people.

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Instead of following Christ's commands to preach the gospel and make disciples, Richardson claimed authority that belongs only to God and His appointed agents. His actions show how dangerous it is when someone confuses symbolic prophecy for a personal mandate and attempts to carry out divine judgment on their own.

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We live in a time when many are deceived and misuse the Bible to justify horrific acts. This is evidence of demonic oppression and manipulation and underscores the urgent need for believers to be filled with the discerning power of the Holy Spirit, rooted in biblical literacy and committed to understanding God's Word rightly.

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Worship and Prayer Fill the National Mall in Historic Gathering

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Scott Turner declared Saturday that "faith is back in our government" as hundreds gathered on the National Mall for the agency's first faith-based disaster recovery event.

As reported by Fox News, the gathering featured worship leader Sean Feucht as part of HUD's Innovative Housing Showcase. The event signaled a shift in how the federal government engages with Christian organizations, highlighting the role of churches and ministries in responding to crises.

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"After disaster strikes, the devastation can be overwhelming. I've met with those impacted, heard their stories, and seen the destruction first-hand," Turner, also an associate pastor, told Fox News Digital. "In these moments, faith-based organizations are often the first to respond. I've witnessed their incredible recovery work: homes built, houses of worship turned into emergency centers and small businesses reopened with support from local churches. Under the leadership of President Trump, faith is back in our government."

I can personally attest to this—prayer and worship gatherings are springing up all across the nation (just like we saw on the National Mall this weekend) as we prepare for America's 250th birthday. It's time to call our nation back to God.

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– Sean Feucht (@seanfeucht) September 8, 2025

Turner stressed that the efforts of churches and ministries are not just supplemental. "These [faith-based] organizations are not just filling a gap. They are breathing new life into devastated communities, and HUD's role is to strengthen their efforts with resources and support needed to recover," he said.



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The event began at 6 p.m. on Sept. 6 amid strong wind and rain. Faith leaders from across the nation spoke before Feucht led a time of worship that drew believers to the heart of Washington, D.C.

For Feucht, the moment marked a dramatic turnaround. After years of conflict with governments in cities like Seattle and even in Canada, he saw the federal government officially welcome Christian worship to the nation's capital. "God bless America! Last month up in Canada Mark Carney's Govt did everything he could to keep us from worshipping Jesus... pulling permits, blocking parks, but here in America the Trump Administration is rolling out the red carpet to Christians and giving us a chance to bring worship to the heart of the Capital! God is good!!!" Feucht said in an exclusive statement.

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Feucht's "Let Us Worship" movement began during COVID lockdowns to protest restrictions on church gatherings. Despite opposition and canceled events, it has grown into a nationwide call for revival. He later described the National Mall event as "absolutely historic in every way."

Other speakers included Shayam Menon of HUD's Center for Faith, Dave Donaldson of the White House Faith Office, Pastor Matthew Barnett of the Dream Center, Scottie Stice of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, Luther Harrison of Samaritan's Purse, and Rev. Nathan Newman of Mission to North America. Pastor Lorenzo Sewell closed the night with final words of encouragement.

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The showcase tied into HUD's partnership with the America 250

initiative, commemorating the nation's upcoming 250th birthday. Both Turner and Feucht used the occasion to declare that faith is not only alive but welcomed again at the center of American public life.

Christians should see this event as a reminder of God's mercy and a call to action. Let us pray for America to repent of our collective sin as a nation and turn back towards God.

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Isaiah Saldivar: Christians Can't Treat the Book of Enoch Like the Bible

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One of the driving forces Freemasonry supports is the denial of Jesus Christ as being the only way to the Father, as Crone exposes, thereby condemning followers to an eternity separated from their Creator in hell.

"They believe in a pluralistic deity. They believe in universalism, that all paths will eventually get you to," Crone says.

"They don't call it heaven. They call it the Grand Lodge in the sky. It's a workspace false gospel. No different than trying to earn your way to heaven as a Mormon or Jehovah's Witnesses," he continues.

While there are many aspects of Freemasonry which mimic the Christian church, such as different “denominations” like the Shriners, Crone warns that each group will eventually lead you to a false god, not Jesus.

“The interesting thing about Shriners is at one point as a Shriner, you have to, and this is in print, it’s on ‘s not a conspiracy theory, you have to pledge obedience, and allegiance to the god of Islam, Allah and Muhammad as your prophet,” Crone reveals.

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At the pinnacle of all of these cult followings however, Crone shares that the entity waiting for every member is none other than the enemy of God.

“When you get up into the different degrees, you know, upward to the ‘I want to make it to the 32nd, 33rd degree,’ up to the very top, that’s when they dropped the bomb on you and that this spirit, they’re really worshipping is Lucifer,” Crone says.

With a world in turmoil, the only hope for any of us is Jesus Christ. And that, Crone says, is the very reason Satan is trying to deceive as many as possible away from their hope.

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“Jesus Christ is the only way out of this mess,” Crone explains. “And so, what he’s [Satan] been doing, ever since [creation], he’s inventing as many different false paths as he can: different religions, new religions, latest religion, and just to cloud the issue to hopefully get people off the one and only way out of this mess. Freemasonry is just another

one.”

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Scientists Suggest Aliens Created Life on Earth—Exactly What LA Marzulli Has Warned About for Years