

4 Types of Leaders That Rise in Times of Crisis

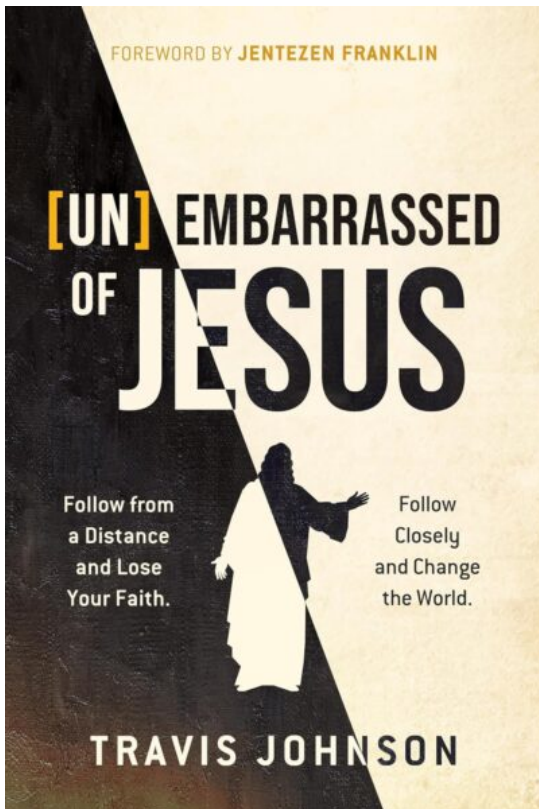
Leadership has always been central to God's plan for His people. From Moses guiding Israel through the wilderness to the apostles leading the early church, the Bible is full of examples of individuals called to step forward with courage and conviction. [Leadership is not just about holding a title](#) but about answering God's call to act decisively in times of need.

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Pastor Travis Johnson recently shared a message on the importance of biblical leadership, drawing from the story of Deborah in Judges 4 and 5. In his sermon, Johnson outlined four kinds of leaders found in Scripture and how their qualities continue to apply to the church today.

1. Decisive Leaders

Johnson began with Deborah herself, describing her as a model of decisiveness in the face of chaos. Quoting Judges 5:7, he said, "There were few people left in the villages of Israel until Deborah arose as a mother for Israel." Johnson explained that "your destiny is in the hands of decisiveness. You have to be able to make a decision." He emphasized that indecision is costly, pointing to Israel's oppression under King Jabin and Sisera for 20 years before the people finally cried out to God. Deborah's willingness to act set her apart as a leader who brought clarity and direction.



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2. Collaborative Leaders

Next, Johnson turned to Barak, who partnered with Deborah when called to lead Israel into battle. He described Barak as the example of a collaborative leader who understood his own limitations and leaned on Deborah's prophetic guidance. Johnson noted, "If you can recognize your blind spot and you can partner with someone that can help you make decisions, now you're blessed." This style of leadership demonstrates humility and the strength that comes from working together under God's direction.

3. Courageous Leaders

The third type Johnson identified was the courageous leader, represented by Jael. Judges 5:24 praises her as "most blessed of women" for striking down Sisera when he sought refuge in her tent. Johnson highlighted her boldness, saying, "Courage. Courage. And we need a little bit more of that." He stressed that courage often comes in moments when plans are uncertain but the opportunity to act is clear. Jael seized the moment to

deliver victory for God's people.

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4. Indecisive Leaders

Finally, Johnson addressed the negative example of the tribe of Reuben, who failed to join the fight. Judges 5:16 records, "Why did you sit at home among the sheepfolds to hear the shepherds whistle for their flocks?" Johnson warned, "It's not just what you do in the moment that God is breathing and moving. It's also what you don't do." He called indecision "incredibly expensive" and urged Christians not to delay obedience when God calls them to act.

Johnson closed his message with a call to action for every believer, reminding them that leadership is not reserved for a select few. "If you are a Christian, you are a leader," he said.

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The story of Deborah and the leaders around her illustrates that [godly leadership can take many forms](#) but always requires faith and a willingness to act. Whether in the church, the family, or the broader community, leadership rooted in Scripture has the power to change lives and point people back to God.

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Mysterious 5,000-Year-Old 'Fairy Houses' Discovered Among Ancient Ruins

Strange discoveries keep surfacing around the world that seem to hint at connections between archaeology and the supernatural. From tales of giants in ancient texts to mysterious ruins with unclear origins, [each new find sparks wonder](#) about what our ancestors believed and why so many of their stories involve beings beyond the natural world.

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Archaeologists in Italy have added to that intrigue with the unearthing of three ancient "fairy houses" on the island of Sardinia, Fox News reported. The discovery was announced July 29 by the Superintendency of Archaeology, Fine Arts and Landscape for the Provinces of Sassari and Nuoro.



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The “fairy houses” known as domus de janas date back more than 5,000 years to the late Neolithic and Copper Age. According to local folklore, the chambers were imagined as dwellings for magical beings. “This new discovery enriches knowledge of the domus de janas – tombs carved into rock that often reproduce, in relief, details of the houses of the living and symbolic decorations linked to magical-religious rituals,” officials said in their statement.

Before this excavation, researchers had uncovered 17 of the tombs. With the three new finds the total now stands at 20. Officials explained that “the characteristics of the ground between [two tombs] ... suggested the presence of a new, as yet unexplored tomb.”

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Among the discoveries were pickaxes, a spindle whorl, a small greenstone axe, obsidian fragments and pottery shards. The most complex tomb, called the Tomb of the Roman Vases, held a painted wall band and more than 30 Roman-era ceramic pieces including plates, oil lamps and jugs, all described as “in excellent condition.”

Together the tombs are part of the Sant’Andrea Priu archaeological complex, which was recently recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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[Finds like these](#) show how folklore and archaeology often walk side by side. What earlier generations called fairy houses may have been tombs, yet the legends remind us that ancient people may have been preserving memories of things they truly encountered and not just stories they imagined.

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Why Christians Must Stand Against the Growing Assisted Suicide Agenda

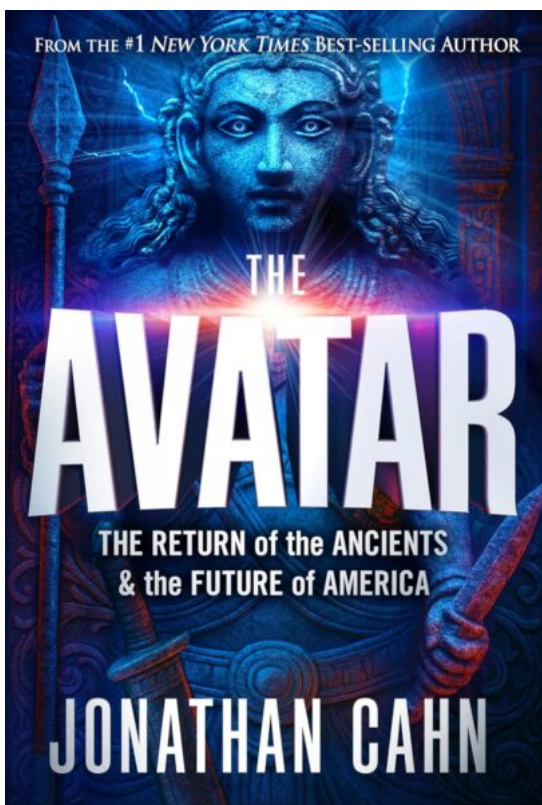
The issue of assisted suicide has been pushed forward in legislatures across the United States with the claim that so-called “safeguards” will protect the vulnerable. Advocates promise that only adults of sound mind facing terminal illness would ever qualify, and that strict oversight would prevent abuses. But the evidence shows otherwise, and [the expansion of euthanasia in Canada](#) stands as a grim warning of where this path leads.

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In a recent Boston Globe opinion piece, columnist Jeff Jacoby addressed this growing crisis, citing reports from UnHerd and The Atlantic. “When physician-assisted suicide or euthanasia are legalized, guardrails soon collapse,” Jacoby wrote. He pointed to cases in Colorado, where a 29-year-old woman in a severe mental health crisis was still given lethal drugs, and to states like Washington and Oregon that have loosened rules to the point of allowing “suicide tourism.” Oversight, Jacoby

argued, is “threadbare” and violations are ignored with impunity.

The situation in Canada has spiraled even further. Jacoby noted that when Parliament legalized “medical assistance in dying” in 2016, it was limited to competent adults with terminal illness. Less than a decade later, MAID now accounts for one in 20 Canadian deaths. “In Quebec,” Jacoby highlighted, “more than 7 percent of all deaths are by euthanasia – the highest rate of any jurisdiction in the world.” Cases include a quadriplegic man who sought death after developing a bedsore and an ALS patient who chose euthanasia because she could not secure enough government-funded home care. “The lesson could not be plainer,” Jacoby warned. “Legislators may promise ‘state-of-the-art safeguards,’ but [those promises are illusory.](#)”



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This debate is not merely political. The sanctity of life is rooted in the Word of God. Scripture affirms that life is a gift from the Creator, not something to be disposed of when

suffering comes. Psalm 139 declares that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” with our days numbered by God before even one of them comes to be. Job refused to curse God and take his own life even in unimaginable pain, instead confessing, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”

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Assisted suicide turns medicine on its head by asking doctors to become executioners rather than healers. It also rejects the biblical truth that suffering can have meaning and that God alone holds the keys to life and death. As Jacoby put it, “A decent society does not enlist physicians to end lives; it strives to relieve suffering while upholding life’s inestimable worth.”

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The push for assisted suicide in places like Massachusetts shows that this debate is not abstract. It is an immediate moral test. Christians and all who value life must stand against this practice, defend the vulnerable and remember that God’s gift of life is precious and worthy of protection.

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Earthquake Swarm in Nevada

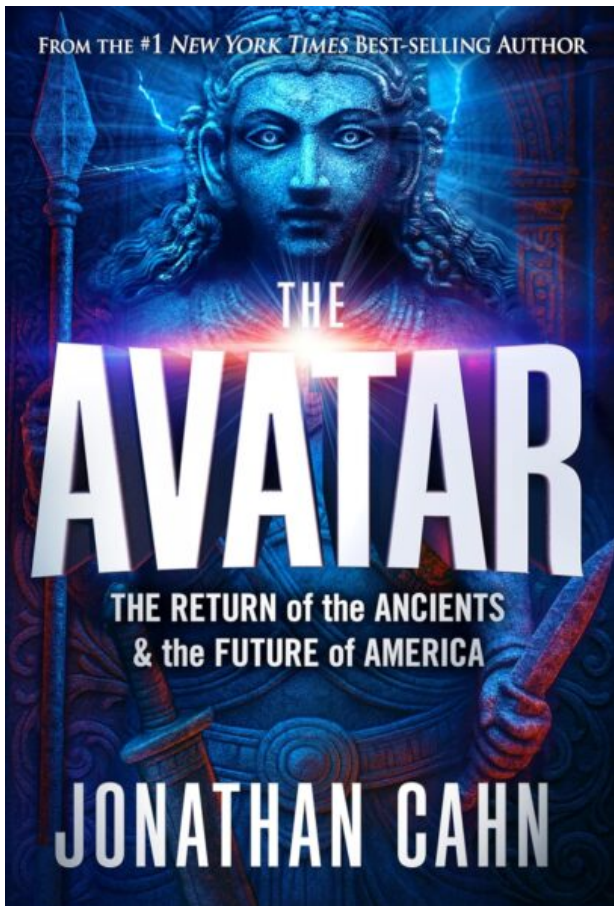
Raises Fears Over Ancient Supervolcano

The year 2025 has already seen an unusual amount of earthquake activity worldwide, leaving many to wonder if there is a deeper meaning behind these tremors. From devastating quakes overseas to swarms in the United States, questions are being raised about whether these shaking events are only natural or [if they point to something more.](#)

Northern Nevada has been rattled by a series of earthquakes that has some residents and online observers worried about what may come next. According to the US Geological Survey, “a 3.7 and 3.2-magnitude earthquake were recorded Tuesday morning just after 9:30am ET.”

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The pair of quakes struck about 30 miles from Valmy, a small town near several active fault lines. In the past week alone, 38 earthquakes were recorded around the region, including a 4.8-magnitude event on Saturday. While most quakes between 3.0 and 5.0 are only strong enough to cause minor damage, the number of swarms has captured attention.



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The Daily Mail reported that "the swarms were likely driven by tectonic forces along the fault systems of the Basin and Range Province." Yet some online voices are pointing to the nearby McDermitt Volcanic Field, a massive ancient caldera that formed 16 million years ago. The earthquakes have occurred less than 75 miles away, prompting speculation about a possible eruption. One social media account with over 83,000 followers claimed that Nevada's swarm could even set off "a major earthquake in California."

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Scientists are working to ease public concern. The McDermitt supervolcano is classified as dormant, and there is no evidence it is reawakening. NASA explained, "The Earth's crust in the Basin and Range Province is gradually expanding,

cracking into hundreds of faults as it thins.” This stretching of the crust is what makes the region one of the most seismically active in the nation, not underground magma chambers.

Looking at the Signs

For believers, these events [serve as a reminder of what Jesus told His disciples.](#) In Matthew 24, He warned that “there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.” Earthquakes, along with other natural and societal upheavals, were described as signals that the world is moving closer to His return.

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These signs are not meant to drive fear but to inspire vigilance and faithfulness. Just as the Nevada swarm highlights the fragility of the earth beneath our feet, Scripture points us to the unshakable foundation found in Christ. For Christians, the call is to live watchfully, share the gospel, and find hope in the promise that “when you shall see all these things, you know that it is near, even at the doors” (Matt. 24:33).

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Blood Moon, Feast Days and UN Meetings: Why September Has

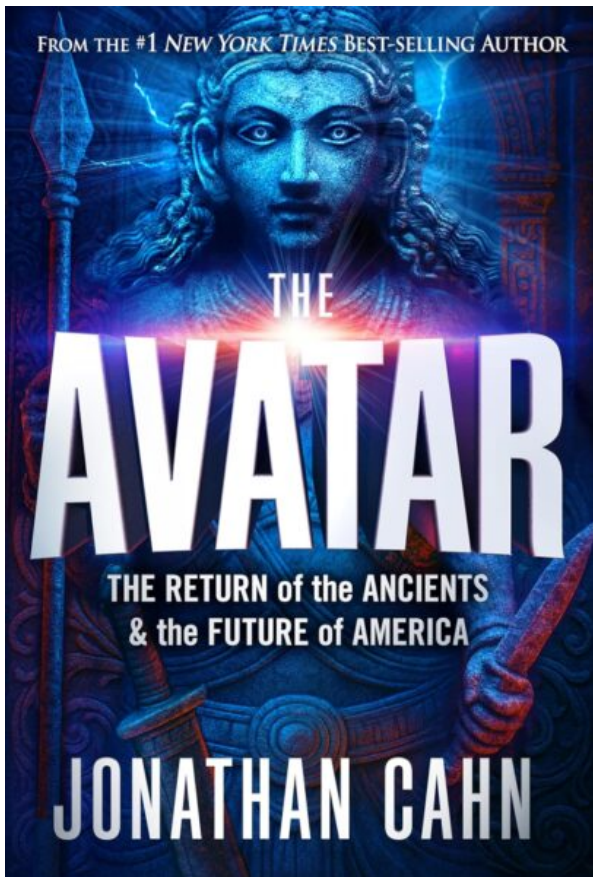
Prophecy Watchers on Alert

Talk about the month of September has swept across Christian watch communities, with many [pointing to celestial events, Jewish feast days and Middle East tensions](#) as possible prophetic signs. For some, the coming weeks are charged with expectation about the rapture of the church and global shifts that could fulfill Bible prophecy.

On his Watchman River podcast, Tom Cote acknowledged the heightened focus on this month but urged balance. “Many are saying this is the month of the rapture,” Cote said. “Anyone who’s watched me for any length of time knows that I’m excited every single day. I’m no more excited today than I was yesterday and I will be no more excited tomorrow than I am today.”

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He pointed to the Jewish feast days as particularly noteworthy. “Am I excited about September 23rd, Rosh Hashanah? Yeah. And every day leading up to it and I’ll be excited after it if it doesn’t happen that day,” he said. Cote added, “If I ever put my hope in a date and that date passed, I’ve never done it. I won’t put my hope in a date. Only my hope in Jesus because his timing is so perfect.”



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Key events this month

Cote listed multiple September markers drawing attention in prophecy circles. Among them are a blood moon eclipse on Sept. 7, a partial solar eclipse on Sept. 21 and the fall equinox on Sept. 22. He also noted that the 80th United Nations General Assembly opens this month and may push Israel toward a two-state solution.

"I'm keeping a close eye in these last days on the Middle East," he said. "It looks like it's getting ready. It could boil over at any time. Once again, you know, Israel did quite a few attacks over the weekend."

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To frame the speculation, Cote asked listeners to weigh in

using a food analogy: “Is September a big juicy burger in regards to eschatology and perhaps the rapture of the church or the starting of the seven-year tribulation... or is September a nothing burger?”

Call for discernment

While many point to September as a month of prophetic significance, Cote reminded his audience to anchor their hope in Christ. He expressed support for watching and waiting but [resisted speculation tied to dates.](#) “I won’t squash anyone’s excitement over them watching and looking and waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of Jesus Christ our savior,” he said.

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As believers look at the signs of the times, discernment is essential. Scripture warns against setting dates for the return of Christ, affirming that no one knows the day or the hour. The call remains to stay watchful, prayerful and ready, fixing hope on the Lord’s timing rather than the calendar.

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Europe Mobilizes for War as Jesus’ Warnings Come Alive

The headlines in Europe are no longer whispers of possibility but open declarations of preparation for war. France is ordering its hospitals to brace for a flood of wounded soldiers, Germany is sounding alarms about Russia’s next moves

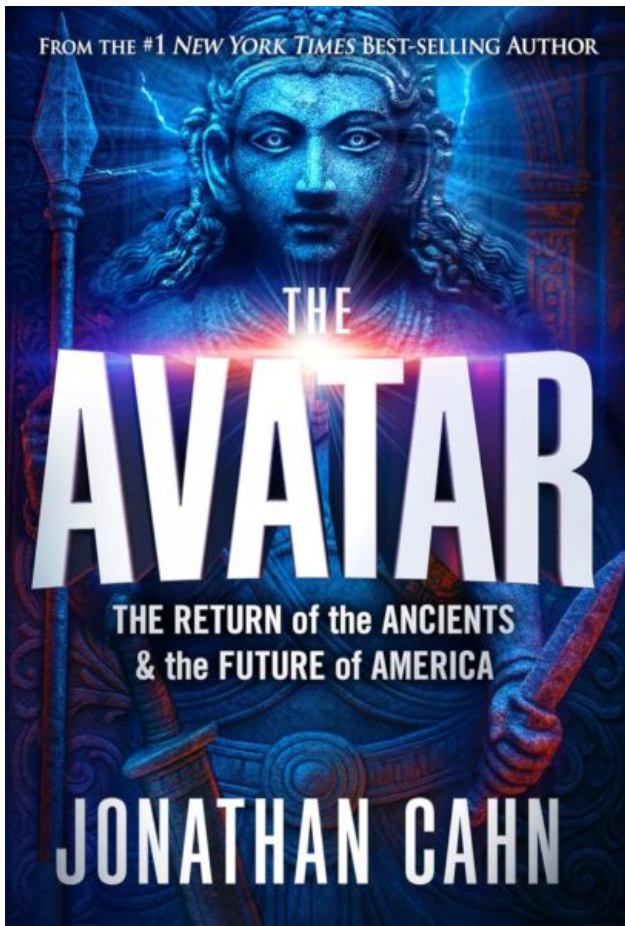
and governments are mobilizing their people [to be ready for large scale crises](#). For those who study biblical prophecy, they know this is not just politics or strategy. Jesus warned of “wars and rumors of wars” as a sign of the end times, and these preparations reveal how nations are paving the way for a coming world leader who will promise peace but bring deception.

France Orders Hospitals to Prepare for War as Europe Braces for Rising Tensions

Hospitals across France have been told to prepare for what officials call a “major engagement” by March 2026 amid fears of a continental conflict. Documents revealed by French newspaper Le Canard Enchaîné show the French Ministry of Health directing medical facilities to ready themselves for an influx of wounded soldiers.

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The directive urges hospitals to “anticipate, prepare and respond” to the potentially huge number of injured, including foreign military patients who could need urgent treatment in civilian hospitals. Officials stressed the importance of merging “defense needs” into everyday health planning. A ministry statement noted, “Among the risks identified is the hypothesis of a major engagement where the health issue would consist of taking care of a potentially high influx of victims from abroad.”



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Germany has also raised the alarm. Chief of Defence Carsten Breuer warned about Russia's Zapad 2025 military drills in Belarus, saying there is "no indication" that President Vladimir Putin will use the exercises as cover for an attack but added, "We will be on our guard."

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The preparations are not limited to hospitals. Earlier this year the French government distributed a 20-page survival manual outlining 63 different measures [for emergencies, including war, natural disasters and nuclear incidents.](#) Citizens were encouraged to join reserve forces or local defense units. A spokesperson from the Prime Minister's office said the guide is designed to bolster "the resilience of populations in the face of all types of crisis, whether

natural, technological, cyber, or security-related.”

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While these steps are presented as practical measures of national defense, they reveal a larger trend. Europe is openly preparing its populations for war, and governments are taking steps that could grant them greater control over civilian life. This fits into the warnings of Scripture, showing how global turmoil can be used to usher in the authority of the Antichrist.

These developments are reminders not of despair but of hope. They point to the fulfillment of prophecy and the soon coming of Jesus, urging us to remain watchful and steadfast in faith.

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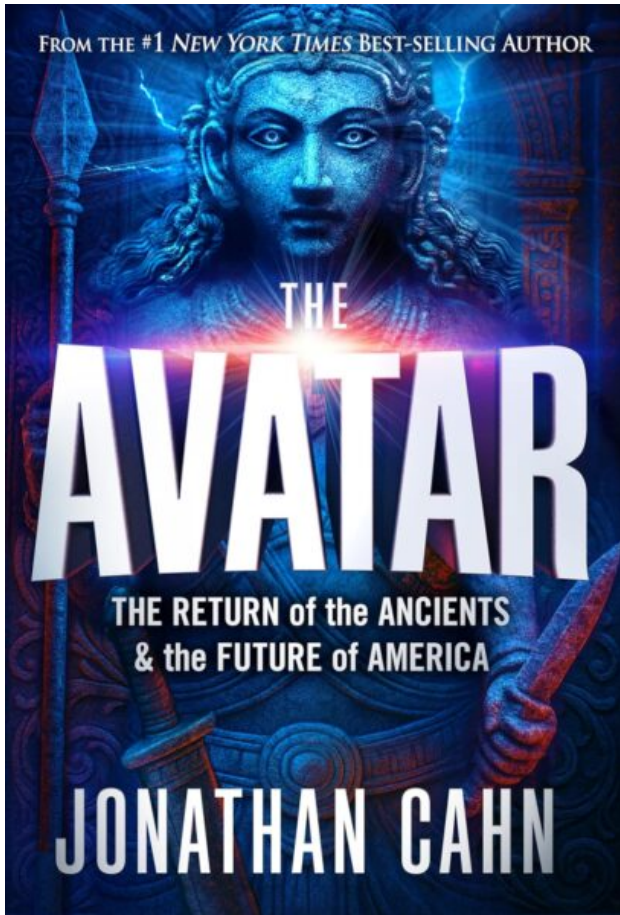
Erasing the Church: Evangelicals Facing Brutality from Oppressive Regime

A new documentary [sheds light on the persecution](#) of evangelical Christians in Russian-occupied areas of Ukraine.

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Colby Barrett, executive producer of “A Faith Under Siege,” traveled along the front lines, from Kharkiv to Kherson, interviewing dozens of believers who have faced violence and

oppression. Despite Russia's public identity as a Christian nation, evangelicals such as Baptists and Pentecostals have been singled out, viewed as foreign or American faiths and therefore as potential threats to Russian control.



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The report highlights alarming statistics that show disproportionate targeting. Hundreds of Protestant churches have been destroyed or looted and nearly half of the religious leaders killed in the conflict have come from Protestant communities, even though they make up only a small percentage of the Ukrainian population. The film also documents the abduction of thousands of Ukrainian children, many of whom were taken into Russia or placed in military camps.

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Through stories of resilience, such as pastors who continued ministering despite bombardments and threats, [the film paints a picture of faith under siege yet enduring](#). It aims to inform Christians abroad so they can respond with prayer and support.

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To learn more about the persecution of Christians in eastern Europe, please watch the video above.

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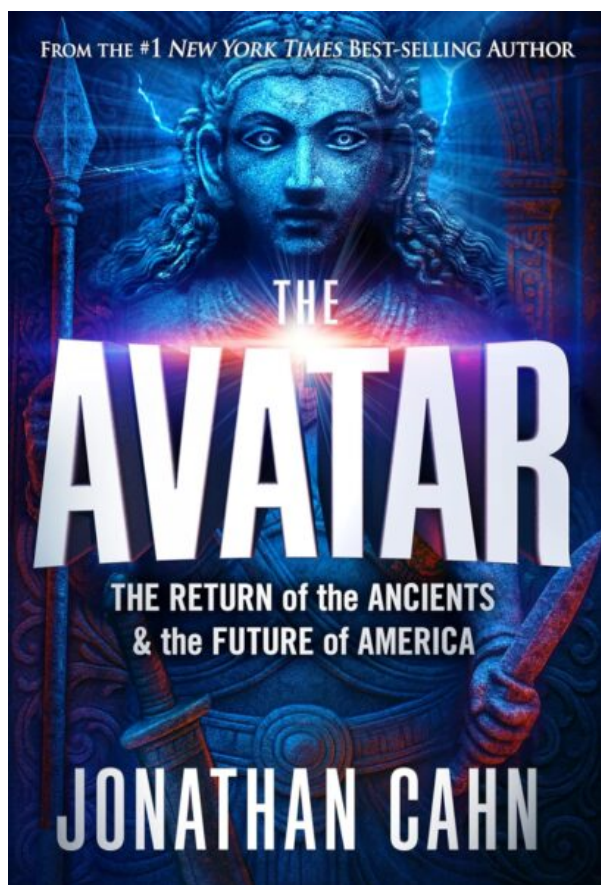
Gen Z Is Turning to Jesus Amid Rising Cultural Pressures

A new documentary highlighting [revival among Generation Z](#) premiered at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, drawing faith leaders and Christian figures who believe young people are increasingly turning to God.

“The Revival Generation,” produced by the Christian Broadcasting Network’s Abigail Robertson, debuted last Wednesday as reported by The Christian Post. The film highlights recent revivals on college campuses, including Auburn University in 2023, where thousands gathered for worship and hundreds were baptized in a campus pond despite freezing weather.

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Tim Robertson, son of the late CBN founder Pat Robertson, said young people are rejecting the instability of the values passed down to them. “Young people are looking at some of the values they’ve been given from a very permissive generation that’s older, and they want to find some stability in their lives,” he said. “And obviously Christianity gives them that stability, and it gives them a rock and an anchor.”



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Ralph Reed, founder of the Faith & Freedom Coalition, said financial pressures and cultural challenges are pushing this generation toward faith. “I think this is the toughest time to be a young person entering the workforce, seeking to buy your first home and begin your career, since the stagflation of the 1970s,” he said. “So I think [there's a reason why they're turning to God.](#)”

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The film also spotlights the UniteUS movement founded by Tonya Prewett, whose daughter battled addiction and suicidal thoughts. Prewett said she hopes the film will stir faith in viewers. “I hope it will ignite something inside of them: number one, to get saved; number two, to know that they have a purpose; and number three, to make a difference where they are,” she said.

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Robertson said the film shows how Gen Z is encountering faith in a unique way. “Gen Z is a generation that loves authenticity, and that is why they love the Gospel message,” she said. “They feel the love of Jesus Christ, and that’s what they want. They want more of it. It feels real, it’s authentic.”

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This is Why the Future of Work Will Be Decided by Prophecy, Not Technology

As artificial intelligence wipes out entry-level jobs and reshapes the labor market, billionaires are pushing a bold new vision: humanity’s future lies in space. Fortune recently reported that “the secret to finding an AI-proof job may lie in space,” highlighting predictions from Sam Altman, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos that young professionals could be exploring the solar system within a decade.

[But if the Bible is true, as believers know it is,](#) the odds are that humanity will never become a spacefaring race. The lofty dreams of billionaires may capture headlines but they serve more as distractions from the true mission God has given His people, to fulfill the Great Commission and remain faithful to His Word here on Earth.

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The Billionaires' Pitch for Space

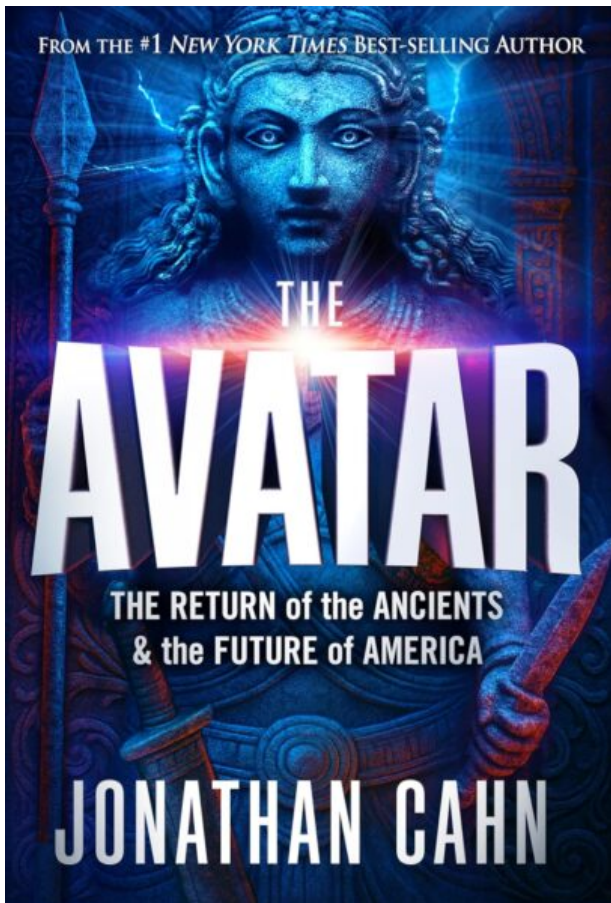
Sam Altman, CEO of OpenAI, suggested that by 2035, “that graduating college student, if they still go to college at all, could very well be leaving on a mission to explore the solar system on a spaceship in some completely new, exciting, super well-paid, super interesting job.”

Elon Musk continues to push toward Mars colonization, hoping to launch unmanned missions in the next few years and send a crewed flight by 2028. “I’d like to die on Mars, just not on impact,” he once quipped.

Jeff Bezos believes Blue Origin will eventually surpass Amazon, saying it will usher in “a future where millions of people will live and work in space with a single-minded purpose: to restore and sustain Earth.”

Gates Pushes Back

Bill Gates offers a more grounded perspective. “Space? We have a lot to do here on Earth,” he said. He noted the immense costs of reaching Mars and contrasted them with the life-saving impact of spending those funds on global health. “You can buy measles vaccines and save lives for a thousand dollars per life saved. It just kind of grounds you. Don’t go to Mars.”



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A Biblical Reality Check

While billionaires spin visions of humanity building civilizations among the stars, the Word of God tells us something very different. Jesus did not command His disciples to conquer planets but to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19). The Bible points forward not to human expansion across galaxies but to Christ’s return and the establishment of His Kingdom here on Earth.

For all of humanity’s technological ambitions, Scripture reminds us that history is moving toward a divine conclusion on Earth, not a future of endless exploration in space.

AI, UBI and the Coming Beast System

At the same time billionaires talk of colonies on Mars, artificial intelligence is accelerating the collapse of

traditional jobs. Entry-level work is vanishing, leaving a generation of young people increasingly open to alternatives like Universal Basic Income. Gen Z in particular supports UBI far more than previous generations, seeing it as protection against automation.

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Yet UBI, often championed by Silicon Valley elites, comes with profound risks. By placing people's financial survival under centralized systems, it creates the framework for the kind of global control the Bible warns about. [Revelation describes a world where](#) "no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark" (Rev. 13:17). AI-driven automation leading to financial dependence on government-issued income is a clear precursor to such a system.

What is being presented as a solution to inequality may in reality be one of the pillars of the Beast system, a mechanism to track, restrict and control the economic lives of billions.

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Staying Focused on the True Mission

The dreams of Altman, Musk and Bezos may sound inspiring but they risk diverting attention from what really matters. The task of the Church is not to follow billionaires into space but to lift up the gospel, disciple the nations and live faithfully in preparation for Christ's return.

The future of work may be uncertain but the future of God's people is not. It is found not in the stars but in the promises of Scripture.

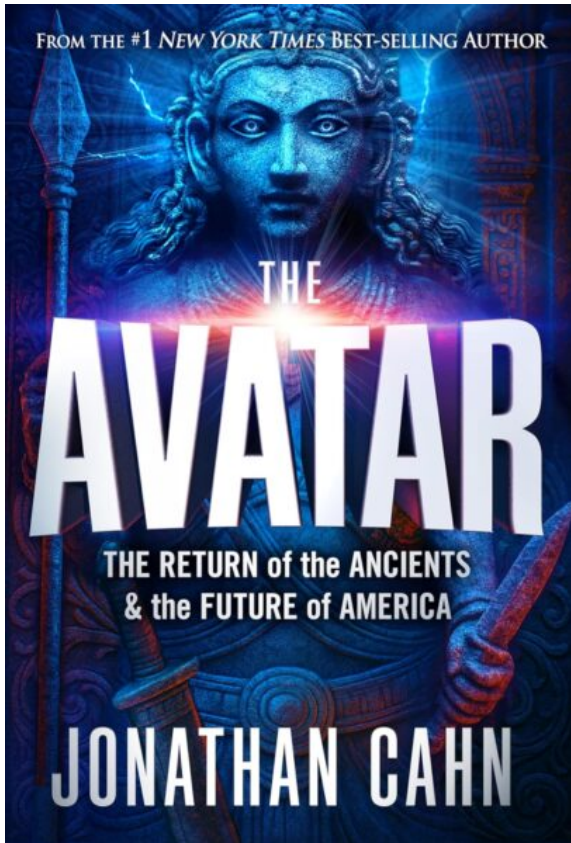
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12 Key Facts on the Antichrist: What He Is and Is Not

The figure of the Antichrist is one of the most studied and speculated about in biblical prophecy. Revelation 13 describes a beast rising from the sea, empowered by Satan, who blasphemes God, deceives the nations and rules with global authority. Throughout history, countless names have been suggested, from Roman emperors to modern political leaders, yet Scripture provides its own detailed description of what this figure will be like.

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Pastor Billy Crone addressed the subject directly in a recent teaching, dismissing modern speculation and urging believers to return to the Bible. “Stop watching YouTube videos. Get off of social media. And get back to the Bible,” he said. Crone explained that claims [about Donald Trump or other figures](#) being the Antichrist are distractions, while Revelation, Daniel and 2 Thessalonians already reveal the Antichrist’s true nature.



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What the Antichrist Will Be

1. **The Opposite of Christ**

Crone emphasized the contrast, saying, "Everything Jesus is, he's anti. Jesus is good. He's holy. He's kind. He's merciful. The Antichrist is the opposite. He is bad. He is unholy. He's mean. He's vengeful. He is satanic" (Rev. 13:1–9).

2. **Empowered by Satan**

From Revelation 13:2, Crone noted, "The dragon defined by Revelation 12 clearly as Satan ... gave the beast or the Antichrist his power and his throne and great authority." This supernatural empowerment fuels his blasphemous rule.

3. **Blasphemous and proud**

Citing Revelation 13:5–6, Crone explained that the Antichrist "was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for 42

months.” He will mock God and demand worship.

4. A Global Ruler

Revelation 13:7 confirms the extent of his dominion: “It was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.” Crone highlighted this to show the Antichrist’s control is planet-wide, not local.

5. A Gentile of Roman Origin

Rejecting claims of Jewish lineage, Crone argued from Daniel 9:26–27 that “he’ll be of the same ethnic identity as the people who destroyed the city and the temple ... and in AD 70 it was the Romans.” For that reason, he said, the Antichrist will come from Roman Gentile descent.

6. A Self-deifying Figure

Quoting Daniel 11 and 2 Thessalonians 2, Crone declared, “He will not believe in any god except for himself. ... He will claim to be greater than any god ... claiming himself to be God.”

7. A Conqueror of the Saints

Revelation 13:7 describes the Antichrist making war against believers in the tribulation period. Crone stressed, “He’s given power to make war against the saints ... and to conquer them.”

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What the Antichrist Will Not Be

1. Not Donald Trump

Addressing online theories, Crone said, “Many people are getting confused ... including that Trump is the Antichrist, and it ain’t helping the cause.” He mocked claims that the “little horn” refers to a trumpet and therefore to Trump, noting that biblically, horns

symbolize power, not names.

2. **Not Jewish**

Crone rejected the idea of a Jewish Antichrist, saying it “messes up the prophetic sequence” because the Antichrist leads the final Gentile empire, not Israel (Dan. 9:26).

3. **Not Muslim**

He critiqued popular theories, pointing to 2 Thessalonians 2: “What Muslim would ever proclaim himself to be God? And yet that is exactly what we are told the Antichrist will do.” He added that such a figure would be instantly rejected in Islam.

4. **Not historical rulers**

Crone listed Nero, Napoleon, Hitler, JFK and Ronald Reagan as examples of false identifications. “People have been speculating ... ever since this figure was revealed in the Scripture nearly 2,000 years ago,” he said, dismissing numerological tricks and conspiracies that linked them to 666.

5. **Not modern elites accused today**

Crone pointed to common suspects such as Elon Musk, Hillary Clinton, King Charles and George Soros but focused specifically on Bill Gates as an example. He noted that some accuse Gates of being the Antichrist because of his push for universal, trackable microchips. Crone responded directly: “He’s not the Antichrist. [I think he’s working for the Antichrist, but he’s not the Antichrist.](#)”

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Crone contended that the Antichrist will not be revealed until after the rapture, when 10 kings rise and an 11th, the “little horn,” emerges in power (Dan. 7:24). He urged believers not to chase theories but to fix their hope on Christ. “I’m not looking for the Antichrist,” Crone said. “I’m looking for

Jesus Christ.”

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