

Burning Man's Orgy Dome Toppled: A Modern Tower of Babel in the Desert?

For years, Nevada's Burning Man festival has been branded as a celebration of "radical self-expression." But as thousands descend on Black Rock City each year, the events that unfold increasingly look less like art and more like a hedonistic, pagan revival. [From orgiastic "temples" to drug-fueled spectacles](#), many view it as a gathering that flaunts rebellion against God. And ironically—or perhaps not—disaster seems to follow.

The Collapse of the Orgy Dome

The Mirror reported that at the 2025 festival, strong winds and dust storms ripped across the desert, destroying one of Burning Man's most notorious attractions: the Orgy Dome. Promoted as a "sex positive community" where attendees can "educate the world about consent" and engage in group sex, the dome was reduced to rubble in a matter of hours.

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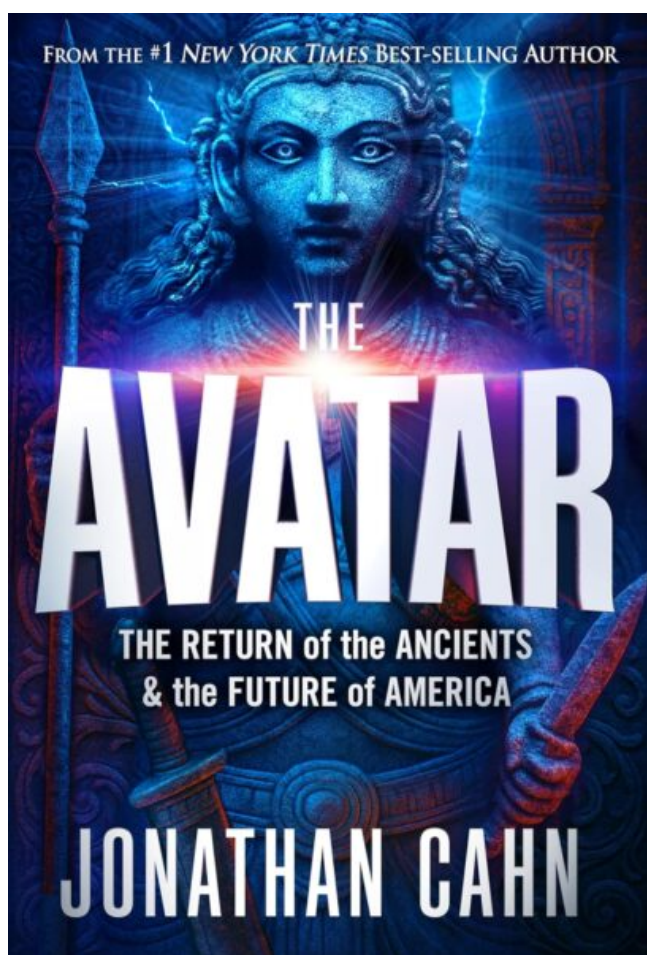
"Our build team worked so hard this past week to erect our lovely space. Unfortunately, the winds yesterday undid all that labor and wrecked our structure," organizers admitted on social media.

The timing wasn't lost on onlookers. One viewer wrote online, "That's Jesus Christ saving people from STDs." Another quipped, "The wind is doing the Lord's work." Others echoed the biblical theme of judgment, with one remarking, "Jesus said, 'NOT TODAY YOU HEATHENS!'"

The storm didn't just hit the dome. The National Weather Service issued dust storm warnings as gusts of 50 mph swept across the playa, flattening camps, scattering belongings and leaving festivalgoers shaken. Four injuries were reported, though officials said none were life-threatening.

Prior Catastrophes: Mud and Death

This isn't the first time Burning Man has been brought low by the very elements it seeks to control. [In 2023, torrential rains turned the desert floor into a swamp](#) of foot-deep mud, trapping tens of thousands with no working toilets and scarce supplies. Authorities confirmed at least one death, though details were scarce.



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Attendees trudged barefoot through mud or wrapped their feet

in plastic bags as they tried to leave. High-profile celebrities like comedian Chris Rock and DJ Diplo were reduced to hitchhiking out of the festival after slogging miles through muck.

The storm was so unusual that it broke records, delivering more rain in three days than Reno normally sees in the entire month of September.

God's Response to Idolatry?

From a Christian perspective, the parallels are hard to ignore. In Scripture, storms, floods and winds are often instruments of God's judgment or correction. The prophets warned Israel against bowing to idols and indulging in immorality, reminding them that the land itself would "vomit out" those who defiled it (Lev. 18:25).

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Burning Man, with its orgy domes, effigy burnings and revelry that celebrate everything but holiness, is a modern echo of those warnings. What some call "bad luck" looks a lot like divine warnings.

Paul reminds believers in Galatians 6:7, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." When tens of thousands gather to flaunt sin under the banner of art, it should not surprise us when creation itself pushes back.

A Call for Discernment

This isn't about gloating over storms or tragedies. Christians should grieve any loss of life and pray for those caught up in deception. But we cannot ignore the larger spiritual picture: festivals like Burning Man glorify darkness, and the disasters

that repeatedly strike them may well be God's way of reminding the world that He is still on the throne.

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Instead of mocking His order, we should be aligning with it. As Jesus said in Matthew 24:37–39, the days before His return will look like the days of Noah, filled with eating, drinking and immorality until judgment arrives suddenly.

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September 23 Rapture Predictions: Do Not Be Deceived

For decades, people have tried to pinpoint the exact day of the rapture, and every time, they have failed to do so. From 1948 to 1967, 1988 and beyond, not a single prediction has ever come to pass. Evangelist Perry Stone recently addressed the latest wave of speculation, [this time pointing to September 2025](#), and he cautioned believers not to fall into the trap of date-setting, but instead to stay grounded in what Scripture actually teaches.

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“There has always been time frames throughout modern history in which people have set dates for what they believe to be the rapture,” Stone said. “I remember in 1948 people talked about

it because of the restoration of Israel. In 1967 they discussed it again because of Jerusalem being reunited. ... And then there was the big one, from 1948 to 1988, which was 40 years. But He didn't come in 1988."

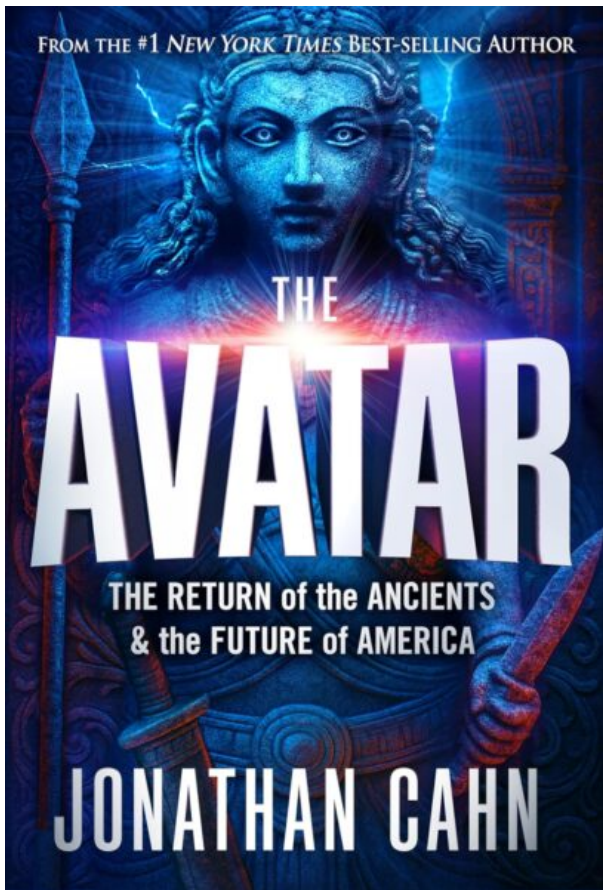
Why the Fall Feasts Draw Attention

Much of the excitement around rapture predictions centers on the Jewish fall feasts—especially the Feast of Trumpets, also called Rosh Hashanah.

"Rosh Hashanah is a two-day period ... based on the appearance of the silver sliver of the moon," he explained. "Nobody knew the actual day or the hour it was going to happen until three witnesses saw the silver sliver of the moon."

This detail, Stone noted, is why some connect it to Jesus' words that "no one knows the day or the hour." The Feast of Trumpets also involves the blowing of 100 trumpets, which many tie to Paul's words about "the last trump" in 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4.

"To say that it's going to happen in a fall period could be absolutely correct," Stone said. "However, why are they selecting this time period?"



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The Theories Behind 2025

Stone said those pointing to September 2025 cite three main reasons: the Jewish shemittah cycle, a calculation involving 2,550 prophetic "days" as years, and Daniel's 70th week supposedly beginning that fall. But he pushed back hard.

"All of this is speculation and this is people's interpretation," he said. "A lot of this is fed by internet blogs and YouTube channels ... they put these real sensational things up trying to get you to watch."

What the Bible Actually Says

Stone reminded his audience that Jesus was clear: "It is absolutely a fact that Jesus said nobody will know the day and the hour of [His] return," he said. [Can you know the times](#)

[and seasons? Yes.](#) You will know the general idea based on the signs of the time ... but the Scripture makes it clear that no man knows the day or the hour.”

Stone believes two prophetic conditions must still unfold before the tribulation begins: the gospel being preached worldwide (Matt. 24:14) and the global outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2). While both are beginning, neither has reached full completion.

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“These two things must happen before the tribulation begins,” he explained. “Is it happening? It’s beginning to happen, yes. But we are not in the fullness yet.”

The Danger of Setting Dates

The danger in date-setting, Stone warned, is twofold: it destroys credibility when predictions fail, and it fuels the arguments of scoffers.

“Once again, it gives the mockers and the scoffers an opportunity to say, ‘You people are just crazy,’” he said. “It hurts the credibility of prophetic teachers when it doesn’t happen when they’ve predicted it.”

Stone encouraged believers to remain prepared regardless of the timing: “If He comes this September, I’m ready. If He comes five years from now, I’m still living, I’m ready. ... Be therefore also ready, for such an hour you think not, the Son of Man cometh.”

Stay Watchful, Not Fearful

Stone offers all of us a reminder that Jesus will not return when everyone is looking for Him, but rather when it is least

expected.

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“He’s not coming when everybody’s looking for Him,” Stone said. “He’s coming when they’re least expecting it. That’s all through the New Testament.”

So in the meantime we must watch for the signs, but not get caught up in dates. Keep doing what Jesus commanded: fulfilling the Great Commission and building the Kingdom of God.

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Signs of Prophecy: UN Treaties, Digital ID and the Green Rider of Revelation

Everywhere we look today, [**the world is aligning with what the Bible has warned about**](#) for thousands of years. From global treaties that could divide the land of Israel, to powerful elites working to implement digital ID systems, to the rise of radical Islam matching the imagery of the Green Horse in Revelation, the headlines are not random. They point to prophecy unfolding right before our eyes.

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The Endtime podcast recently explored these very developments,

pointing to the patterns in world events that echo Scripture. The conversation highlighted how these movements, from the United Nations to world leaders to radical ideologies, are converging in ways that match the prophetic picture given in the Bible.

1. UN Treaties Against Israel

The United Nations has set dates for treaty summits that, on the surface, deal with issues like human rights and disarmament. But the timing is drawing heavy prophetic attention. This fall, the world body will revisit the results of the New York Declaration, where international leaders outlined a 15-month plan to recognize a sovereign, demilitarized Palestinian state. Many nations are expected to use the occasion to officially recognize Palestine, even though it doesn't yet exist in a formal sense.

What makes this significant is not just the content, but the calendar. The next UN treaty event begins on September 23, which also happens to coincide with the biblical feast of Rosh Hashanah. Some are speculating that this moment could trigger the prophetic "final seven years" of Daniel 9:27. While there's no guarantee such an agreement will be finalized, the momentum toward dividing the land of Israel should cause believers to pay attention.



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2. Tony Blair, the Global Elites and a Digital ID System

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair has re-emerged as a champion of global systems of control, pushing for digital ID programs that would track every individual. Framed as a way to

improve security, prevent crime, and streamline government services, these initiatives sound eerily similar to the beast system of Revelation 13, where no one will be able to buy or sell without a mark.

Blair is not alone. Across Europe and beyond, leaders are calling for universal identification tied to facial recognition, artificial intelligence, and eventually cashless systems. Even critics from within the European Parliament warn that COVID health passes were simply a test run for something much larger—digital IDs and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs). Former executives from global corporations confirm that by 2030, nations plan to phase out cash, limit private travel, and make digital IDs the gatekeepers of everyday life. What may be presented as “personal empowerment” is in reality a dangerous step toward complete state control.

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3. The Rise of Islam, Hamas and the Green Rider of Revelation

In Revelation 6:8, the apostle John describes a pale horse, translated from the Greek *chloros*, meaning green. The color green has long been the symbol of Islam, and many prophecy watchers connect this rider to the rise of radical Islam in the last days. Hamas, with its green flags and militant ideology, embodies this spirit.

One of the most outspoken voices on the subject is Mosab Hassan Yousef, the son of a Hamas co-founder, who converted to Christianity and exposed the group’s agenda. He warns that Hamas is not simply a nationalist movement, but a death cult fueled by jihad, determined to eradicate Jews, Christians and Western civilization. The atrocities of Oct. 7 were not about

politics or borders, they were about a radical ideology rooted in conquest. This is the green horse of Revelation riding into view, bringing with it death and destruction over a fourth of the earth.

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From Israel's looming battles, to elites paving the way for a mark-like system of control, to the Islamic green horse riding across the world stage, [the pieces of prophecy are falling into place](#). While dark forces work tirelessly to oppose the truth and the people of God, none of this takes the Lord by surprise. Everything is unfolding exactly as Scripture prophesied thousands of years ago, and it all culminates in the glorious return of Jesus Christ, who will reign forever and ever.

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Revival and Apostasy: Cliffe Knechtle on America's Spiritual Crossroads

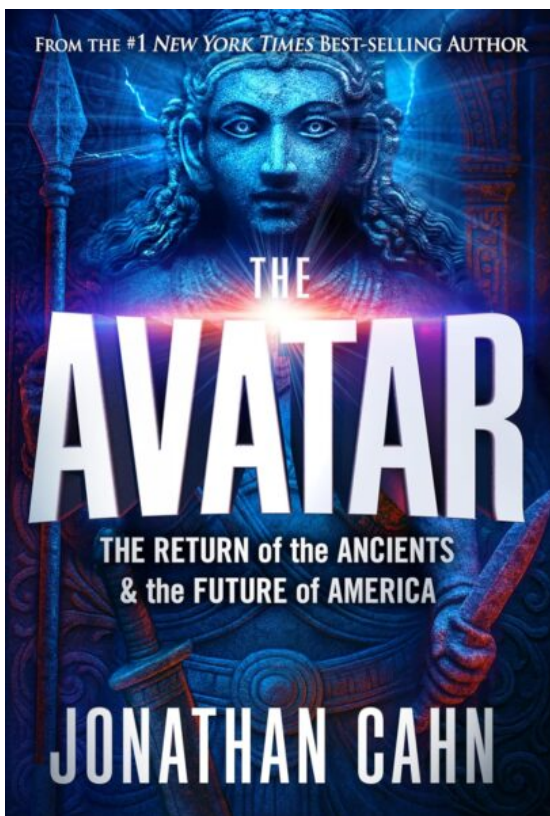
The story of Christianity has always carried a striking duality: revival and apostasy, renewal and rejection, growth and resistance. Even as God has stirred hearts through persecution and hardship, others have turned away, silencing truth and opposing faith. This tension is alive today, as America faces both hunger for revival and a rising hostility to biblical Christianity.

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[In a recent podcast with Tucker Carlson,](#) longtime campus evangelist Cliffe Knechtle reflected on what he has witnessed in more than four decades of ministry. Carlson asked him about the shifts he has seen in American spiritual life, and Knechtle did not hesitate to address both the bright hope of revival and the sobering reality of apostasy.

Revival Through Suffering

For Knechtle, revival has never been about comfort or cultural acceptance. Instead, it comes when believers hold firm under pressure, as Paul did in the first century. “I desire to depart and be with Christ which is better by far. And that’s the hope that we have as followers of Christ. I mean, he like wrote most of his letters chained to a wall in a dungeon somewhere,” Knechtle said.



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He pointed out that Paul's endurance is a model for the church today. [Revival comes through faith that thrives in adversity.](#) When Christians are willing to embrace hardship for the sake of Jesus, the Spirit of God often moves with power.

Apostasy in America

Knechtle also sounded the alarm about a cultural shift he has observed since beginning campus ministry 45 years ago. He noted how certain groups became organized around opposing Christian teaching, sometimes showing intense hostility. "Over the past 45 years [I've watched] the gay lesbian groups on university campuses around the United States become the most highly organized, the most passionate groups on campus," he said, adding that they have at times been "the most hateful."

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He contrasted the public discourse of the past with the present: "In 1980 no one could have stood up right in public and said shut up black man, shut up white man, shut up Jew, shut up Christian ... but now it's just everywhere." To Knechtle, this reflects a dangerous willingness to silence dissenting voices and a turning away from biblical truth, a clear sign of apostasy.

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Knechtle's words remind us that America sits at a crossroads. Revival is possible, but it will come through faith tested in the fire. Apostasy is advancing, but the Christian call remains unchanged. Just as Paul endured imprisonment with hope, believers today must cling to Christ, trusting that God will work even through hardship to bring renewal.

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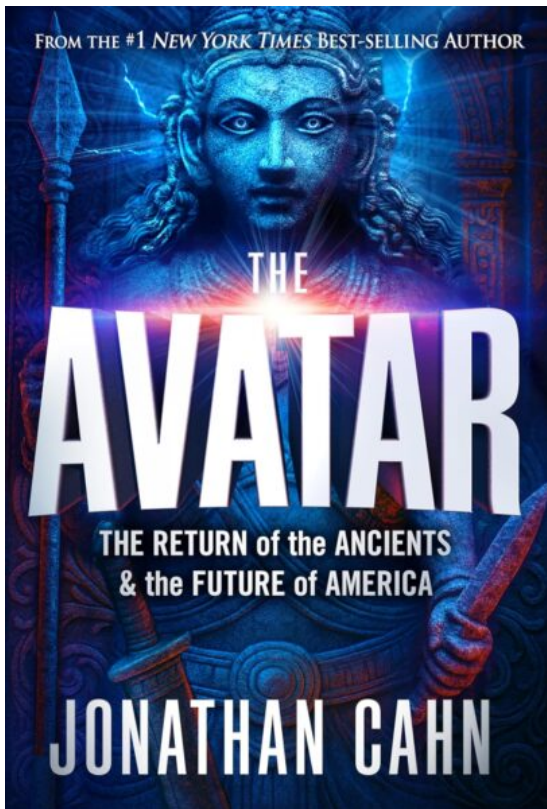
Jack Hibbs Issues Urgent Warning to the Church on Growing Deception

Deception will sweep the world in the days before Jesus' return, the Bible warns, and one of the leading topics of deception centers on the nation of Israel. From false teachings to outright denial of God's covenant, the effort to undermine Israel's role in prophecy continues to grow.

Pastor Jack Hibbs, founder of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills in California, recently sounded the alarm about [a doctrine known as "replacement theology."](#) In his message, Hibbs explained, "Replacement theology comes heavily out of those who hold some, not all, but some who hold to reformed theology. And in their practice, replacement theology [teaches]: take out Israel from the Bible and put the church in."

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He did not mince words about the dangers of this belief system. "They say Israel has no right to God any longer. They are the Christ killers. They blew it and everything that God promised to Israel is now promised to the church," Hibbs said. "I believe that is one of the most, if not the most, egregious and arrogant belief systems today. It justifies first of all and spreads anti-Semitic thought."



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Hibbs stressed that God's covenant with Israel is eternal and cannot be revoked. "God says that His covenant with the nation of Israel and the children of Abraham—that is both by belief and by genetics and by government—God says, 'I will never never abandon the covenant I've made with them. It is eternal. As long as there's stars and sun and moon in the sky, [so long will my covenant be with Israel forever.'](#)"

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Calling replacement theology "evil from the get-go," Hibbs said the doctrine "violates the authority of Scripture and frankly it understands nothing about Bible prophecy because wherever Israel appears, they put the church in there and that corrupts the entire narrative of eschatology. And it is certainly holding suspect soteriology, the doctrine of salvation."

Hibbs urged believers to reject the teaching altogether. “Friends, get away from replacement theology and from those who hold to it. It is a last days manifestation promised by the Lord that there’d be those in the last days departing from the faith. There would be those in the last days that would turn their back on Israel. Just make sure you’re not one of them.”

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As deception deepens in the world, Christians must remain rooted in Scripture and resist doctrines that distort God’s eternal promises. The covenant with Israel stands as a testimony to God’s faithfulness, and any teaching that erases that covenant undermines both prophecy and salvation. As Pastor Hibbs reminds, believers should not be counted among those who “turn their back on Israel,” but instead stand firm with God’s Word and His chosen people.

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This Is How an AI Avatar Destroyed a Marriage and Exposed Spiritual Idolatry

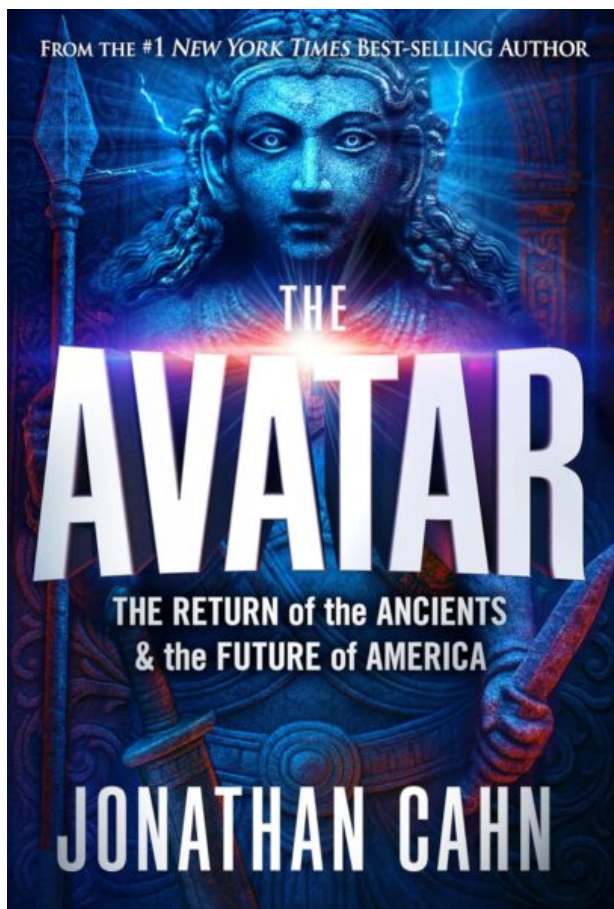
In a startling case out of China, a 75-year-old man reportedly decided to divorce his wife of several decades after falling in love with [an artificial intelligence-generated avatar.](#) Known only as Jiang, he became emotionally dependent on the digital woman, despite her mechanical expressions and awkward lip-syncing.

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According to Beijing Daily, Jiang discovered the avatar while scrolling on social media. She would greet him each morning, call him “brother,” and even flirt on command. “For Jiang, this was enough to create a sense of intimacy,” the report noted, one that soon overshadowed his real marriage.

What Is an Avatar?

An avatar, in today’s digital world, is a computer-generated persona designed to mimic human interaction. In this case, the AI “woman” was nothing more than a program that simulated affection and conversation. Unlike real human beings, avatars have no soul, no spirit and no genuine emotion. They are crafted illusions.



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Originally, the word comes from the Sanskrit term avatāra, meaning “descent,” often used to describe gods appearing in human form. In our modern culture, the word now refers to digital figures in games, apps, or, increasingly, AI companions.

Manufactured Relationships

Jiang’s obsession is not an isolated story. “Virtual digital people” are a booming industry in China, targeting lonely seniors. These avatars not only offer fake companionship but also serve as sales platforms for products such as camel milk and calcium candy.

Experts warned that “emotional manipulation and false propaganda targeting the elderly may lead to economic losses and emotional dependence,” according to Sinchew. For Jiang, the cost went beyond money. His relationship with his wife and family was jeopardized because of an affection built on a lie.

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A Christian Perspective

This story shines a light on a deeper spiritual reality: humanity’s growing dependence on what is not real. [Avatars, bots and artificial intelligence](#) create the appearance of life, love and truth, but they are lifeless imitations. Scripture warns us against deception, reminding believers that Satan himself “transforms himself into an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14).

Just as Jiang was deceived into believing an AI avatar could replace his marriage, countless people today are drawn into digital illusions, whether through social media personas, false ideologies or imitations of faith. These are modern

idols, crafted to pull hearts away from God.

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When technology becomes a substitute for real relationships and truth, it opens the door to idolatry. Instead of clinging to Christ, the true source of love and life, people risk putting their trust in machines, products and empty promises.

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Nephilim Prophecy Connections: From Genesis to Revelation

The Bible tells of a strange and terrifying group of [beings known as the Nephilim](#), described in Genesis 6 as the offspring of fallen angels and human women. These hybrid entities are linked to giants in the land of Canaan, tribes such as the Anakim and Rephaim, that Israel encountered during its conquest under Joshua. Jesus Himself warned that in the last days, conditions would be “as in the days of Noah,” leading many prophecy watchers to believe the Nephilim will once again play a role in end-times deception.

Strange Skulls and Shattered History

On a recent episode of The Eric Metaxas Show, host Eric Metaxas welcomed back researcher and author L.A. Marzulli to

discuss his decades-long investigation into the trail of the Nephilim. Marzulli pointed to the discovery of elongated skulls in Paracas, Peru, which he says provide physical evidence of a nonhuman lineage.

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“This skull is a model, a one-to-one model created by Joe Taylor. It came out of Paracas, Peru,” Marzulli explained. “First of all, the haplogroup, the mitochondrial DNA, comes from the Middle East. That rewrites history. We’ve done carbon 14 dating and the C14 dating is about 1,935 years ago. So, that’s obviously pre-Columbian.”

Marzulli stressed that many of these skulls lack the features of artificially deformed crania, insisting, “The orbits are about 20 to 25% larger than a human being. There is no sagittal suture. This is not like our skulls.”

From Canaan to Peru: Following the Trail of Giants

Drawing from biblical and historical records, Marzulli argued that the Nephilim tribes did not vanish but dispersed after Joshua drove them from the Promised Land. “There was a western diaspora of these tribes. They fled the promised land,” he said. Quoting the historian Procopius, Marzulli cited an inscription found in North Africa: “We are those who fled from the face of Joshua the son of Nun, the robber.”

From there, he believes the tribes spread into the Mediterranean, Europe and eventually the Americas, leaving behind megalithic structures such as dolmens, standing stones, and massive earthworks. “These are the fingerprints of the

supernatural,” he said. “Mainstream archaeology doesn’t like that, but giants were discovered. They fit back into the biblical prophetic narrative.”

UFOs, Fallen Angels and a Coming Deception

Metaxas pressed Marzulli on the modern implications of this theory. [Marzulli connected the ancient Nephilim](#) to today’s UFO phenomena, claiming they are not extraterrestrials but manifestations of fallen angelic activity. “They are interdimensional entities with a very nefarious agenda,” he said, pointing to Daniel 2:43: “Their seed will mingle with the seed of men, but they will not cleave to them.”

“This is why the Genesis 3:15 Scripture is so paramount in our discussion,” Marzulli continued. “It is absolutely profoundly a cosmic moment. All I’m doing is connecting the dots. And it’s here and it’s happening.”

Why Spiritual Warfare Requires Caution

Beyond the evidence and theories, Marzulli gave sobering warnings about confronting this realm without God’s direction. He recalled the late Henry Gruver’s near-fatal experience at the Serpent Mound in Ohio, where Gruver attempted to pray down a pagan altar without the Lord’s leading. “The Lord says finally, ‘I didn’t tell you to go here, Henry. I didn’t tell you to come here. This is the sin of presumption.’ And so Henry repents. The Lord frees him,” Marzulli recounted.

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He emphasized that exposure is part of the believer’s mission, but recklessness is dangerous. “Expose, but don’t seek. Exposing something is one thing. That’s our mission statement:

to expose the deception of the prince, the power of the air, herald the return of Jesus. But don't go seeking," he warned.

All Roads Lead Back to Genesis 3:15

For Marzulli, all these discoveries and phenomena, from elongated skulls and ancient megaliths to UFOs and even Bigfoot, tie into the same cosmic struggle. "We are looking at and we are exposing the deception of the prince of the power of the air," he said. "That's what we're doing here from the Nephilim, elongated skulls, UFOs, Sasquatch. All of this is cooked up in Hell's Kitchen. All of it."

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Marzulli's work underscores his conviction that what began in Genesis 3:15, the enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman, continues to manifest in the present day. And as he reminded listeners, Jesus' words point to the end of the age: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man."

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Cliffe Knechtle Warns Tucker Carlson: 'There's a Spiritual Battle Raging' Against

Demonic Forces

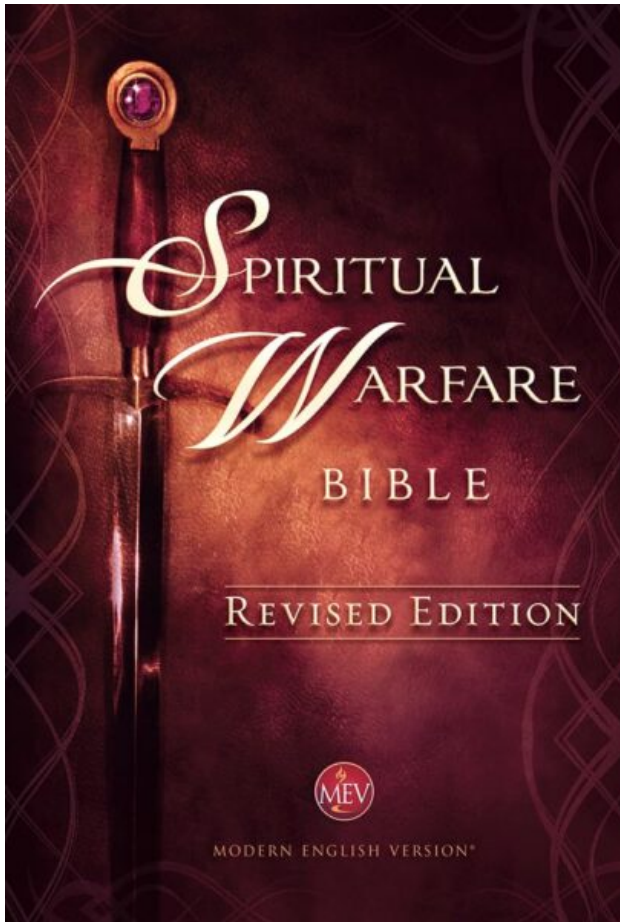
Spiritual warfare is not a relic of biblical times, but a present reality that continues to shape lives, nations and individuals.

For decades, evangelist Cliffe Knechtel has engaged skeptical students and hostile crowds on college campuses, warning that what we see in human conflicts often has a deeper, unseen dimension. In a conversation with Tucker Carlson, Knechtel pulled no punches about [the battle raging in the unseen world](#).

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Knechtel explained that evil is not merely a product of human error or flawed systems, but the result of a spiritual force at work: “There is a spiritual force of evil that is at work ... acting on people from outside and influencing their behavior. It’s exactly right. And that’s why Jesus cast demons out of people.” He pointed to Scripture as the foundation for this understanding, citing Paul’s words in Ephesians 6: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

This reality, Knechtel emphasized, is not limited to biblical history. “There’s a spiritual battle that is raging,” he said. The unseen war impacts the moral decisions of individuals and the course of nations, from personal vices to atrocities on a mass scale. He drew the line clearly: behind the chaos of human conflict lies the influence of spiritual darkness.



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At the same time, Knechtle stressed that humans bear responsibility for their choices, even in the midst of demonic influence. “God gave me the hand to respect you, to love you. But because He gave me a free will, I can roll this hand into a fist and send it crashing into your handsome face. And if I blame God, I’m a con artist. I’m a liar.” [Evil is real, demons are real, but so is human accountability.](#)

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Knechtle also highlighted the inner struggle that every person faces: “The best is it’s not just about everyone’s bad habits. It’s about the ongoing war happening inside each and every one of us. The thing I want to do, I don’t do. Vice versus virtue, light against darkness.” The external pressure of demonic

influence combines with the internal battle of the human heart, creating a war on two fronts.

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For Christians, this isn't an abstract theological idea. It's a call to action. If Jesus Himself spent part of His ministry casting out demons, then His followers are not exempt from the same mission. The reality of spiritual warfare means the church must embrace its responsibility to confront evil, resist the powers of darkness, and walk in the authority of Christ.

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Mega-Tsunami Could Send 1,000-Foot Waves Crashing Into Pacific Northwest

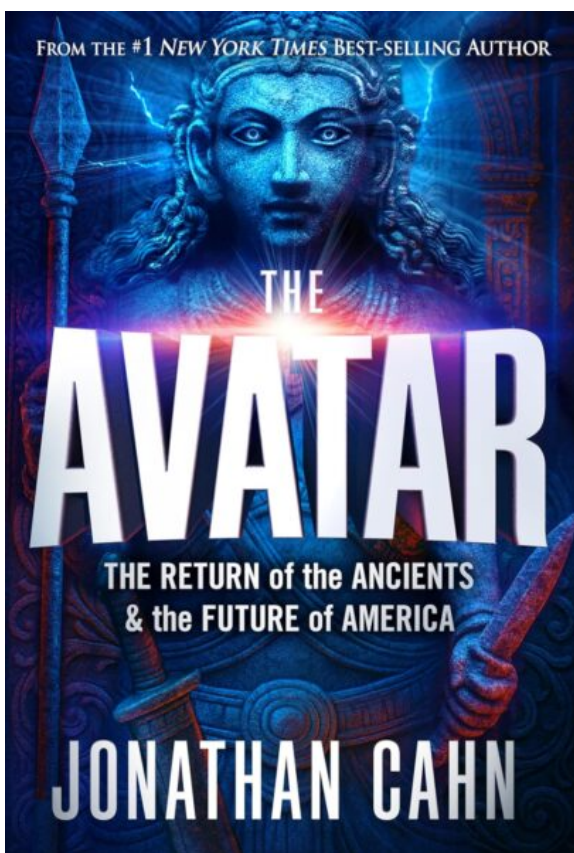
A new scientific warning has many looking with concern toward the Pacific Northwest. Experts say the Cascadia Subduction Zone could unleash a disaster unlike anything modern America has seen before: a "mega-tsunami" so large it could rise up to 1,000 feet [and crash into the U.S. Pacific Coast.](#)

Scientists from Virginia Tech sounded the alarm in a recent study, describing the danger from the 600-mile fault that stretches from Northern California to Vancouver Island. The report estimates there is a 15% chance of a magnitude 8.0 or greater quake striking there within the next 50 years.

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Such an event, they warn, would be sudden and catastrophic. “Unlike gradual climate-driven events, a Cascadia earthquake would happen suddenly, leaving no time for adaptation or mitigation,” explained Tina Dura, a Virginia Tech geoscientist and lead author of the study. Researchers note that the quake could cause land to drop by as much as 6.5 feet, which would “dramatically expand floodplains and trigger giant waves that would reach shorelines within minutes.”

And the size of those waves would be staggering. While ordinary tsunamis typically rise only a few feet, the simulations show a Cascadia mega-tsunami could tower hundreds of feet, “far exceeding current hazard maps.” That would put millions of people and countless homes, businesses and critical infrastructure [in the direct path of destruction.](#)



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The Biblical Lens

While the science highlights the risk, believers know that none of this should come as a surprise. Jesus Himself warned that before His return, the world would experience increasing signs of upheaval: “There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains” (Matt. 24:7–8). Faults shifting deep beneath the earth will always produce earthquakes, and in turn, earthquakes can produce tsunamis.

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It is not a matter of if these things will happen, but when. Yet Christians are not called to live in fear of these warnings. Instead, they are called to live with urgency. While the earth groans and shakes, we have a clear mission that does not change: the Great Commission.

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Rather than being paralyzed by fear of what may come, we should be energized to focus even more on spreading the gospel, making disciples and preparing hearts for the return of Jesus.

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Oxford Scientists Predict

Global Collapse, but Scripture Tells Us the True End of the Story

Oxford and Cambridge academics are claiming that the end of civilization [could be closer than many think.](#)

According to the Daily Mail, Oxford's Toby Ord, an expert on artificial intelligence, says the odds of humanity being wiped out within 75 years are the same as a game of Russian roulette—"one-in-six." His colleague Nick Bostrom is even more pessimistic, estimating a one-in-four chance of extinction by the next century. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jared Diamond gives humanity no better than even odds of survival beyond 2050.

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Cambridge researcher Luke Kemp, in a chilling new book, argues that civilizations always collapse. "Every civilization in human history has been 'self-terminating,'" he writes, pointing to a recurring pattern of greed, inequality, corruption, over-expansion, and environmental ruin. He warns that the modern "globalized Goliath" is far more fragile than empires of the past—when it falls, there may be nothing left to replace it.

The article lays out a litany of existential threats: nuclear weapons, climate change, pandemics created through biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and even solar flares capable of destroying modern infrastructure. It also notes how billionaires such as PayPal's Peter Thiel and OpenAI's Sam Altman are preparing luxury bunkers and escape plans. Yet Kemp warns that such measures are futile, since societies built on coercion and inequality always fail.

The Bible as the Authoritative Voice

While scientists describe frightening scenarios and the wealthy scramble to prepare, Scripture has already revealed how history will unfold. Jesus foretold in Matthew 24 that there would be “wars and rumors of wars... famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.” These align with the very threats scientists fear today—nuclear war, pandemics and natural disasters.



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The Daily Mail highlights the danger of viruses engineered to spread rapidly through air travel. Revelation 16 speaks of plagues that will strike the nations in the last days. Climate change is described as unfolding at unprecedented speed, but Revelation 16:8-9 foretells a judgment where men are “scorched with great heat.” Even the fear of artificial intelligence echoes the prophetic warning of Revelation 13, where the Antichrist will use a system to demand global worship and control.

God, Not Man, Decides the End

Scientists warn that [humanity's destruction may be inevitable and imminent](#), but the Bible declares that the end does not rest in human hands. Acts 17:31 reminds us that God “has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.”

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The Daily Mail compared the threats facing mankind to a revolver loaded with bullets of nuclear war, climate

catastrophe, artificial intelligence, and pandemics. But Scripture reminds us that no weapon or invention will decide the fate of creation—God alone will.

Fear or Faith?

The world may tremble at predictions of annihilation and billionaires may build bunkers, but Christians know the truth: these warnings echo the prophetic words given nearly 2,000 years ago. Revelation tells us plainly that the kingdoms of this world will collapse, judgment will come, and Jesus Christ will return to establish His eternal reign.

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While the world's experts frame the end in terms of chaos and chance, the Bible shows us it is neither. It is the outworking of God's plan. And though these events cause fear in the hearts of many, for those who trust in Christ they are reminders that the pages of Revelation are unfolding exactly as God said they would.

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