

# 'It Is Happening': Temple Institute Declares Prophetic Moment on the Temple Mount

The Temple Institute in Jerusalem announced on Facebook that the shofar has been sounded on the Temple Mount, a moment that [carries with it immense prophetic meaning.](#)

The full post reads:

*"SOUNDING THE SHOFAR ON THE TEMPLE MOUNT!*

*For the first time in 2,000 years the shofar is being sounded on the Temple Mount. The shofar is the sound of Israel returning to HaShem and the sound of the coming ge'ula (redemption):*

*'And it shall come to pass on that day, that a great shofar shall be sounded, and those lost in the land of Assyria and those exiled in the land of Egypt shall come and they shall prostrate themselves before HaShem on the holy mount in Jerusalem.'* (Isaiah 27:13)

*Do not despair! It is happening!"*

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The Temple Institute's declaration – "It is happening" – carries weight beyond symbolism. For many Jews, it reflects a growing conviction that the rebuilding of the Temple is drawing nearer. Such a development would almost certainly require Israel to assert greater control over the Temple Mount, one of, if not the most, contested religious sites in the world. The brief but emphatic phrase suggests that what was once seen as distant hope is now viewed by many as an unfolding reality.

This also marks what appears to be only the second time in recent years that the shofar has been blown on the Temple Mount. The first known sounding took place in 2024 during Rosh Hashanah, when groups managed to bring hidden shofars onto the Mount to complete the traditional blasts despite police opposition. Just weeks earlier, [worshippers also sounded silver trumpets](#) overlooking the site on Tisha B'Av, symbolizing a return to ancient Temple traditions.



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## **Rising Jewish Desire to Worship on the Mount**

In recent years, Jewish activity on the Temple Mount has sharply increased.

- Record numbers of Jewish visitors are making pilgrimages, with official counts surpassing 56,000 in the past year.
- Restrictions have loosened, allowing public prayer and even prostration, once prohibited.
- Priestly blessings have been carried out, alongside the blowing of shofars and trumpets, all pointing to renewed efforts to restore Jewish worship on the Mount.

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These developments reveal an unmistakable rise in Jewish yearning to worship at their most sacred site and, for many, a preparation for the restoration of the Temple.

## Prophetic Significance

These recent events echo the end times warnings of Scripture. The book of Revelation describes a rebuilt Temple that will one day be desecrated by the Antichrist (Rev. 11; 2 Thess. 2). Jesus Himself commanded us to “watch” the signs of the times, urging vigilance as the day of His return draws near (Matt. 24).

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As we witness these prophetic milestones unfolding, it is imperative that we as believers pay attention to what is happening and remain faithful to the Great Commission, proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations until He comes again.

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## ‘Jesus Boat’ Discovery Confirms the Bible’s Accuracy in the Sea of Galilee

Historical discoveries continue to confirm the truth of the Bible, and they seem to be accelerating as archaeological tools and technology improve. [One of the most striking finds](#) tied to the life and ministry of Jesus Christ is the so-called “Jesus Boat” uncovered in the Sea of Galilee.

In 1986, a severe drought lowered the lake’s shoreline near Magdala, revealing the remains of a large wooden vessel.

Amateur archaeologists Moshe and Yuval Lufan of Kibbutz Ginosar noticed iron nails in the mud and began to dig, only to find an oval-shaped boat buried for nearly 2,000 years.



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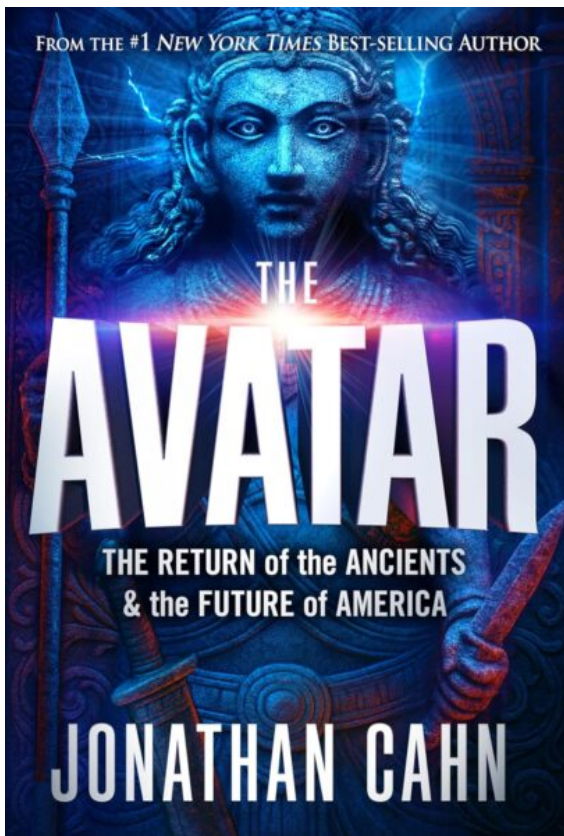
“It’s a 2,000-year-old boat from the Sea of Galilee, the type mentioned in the Gospels, and sized for about 12 people,” biblical archaeology expert Danny Herman told the Daily Mail. “You can actually connect it to one of the most famous stories every Christian knows, the account of Jesus walking on water and calming the storm on the lake.”

## **A Link to the Gospels**

Carbon-14 testing placed the cedar-planked vessel in the first century, aligning with the era of Christ. Its flat-bottomed

design was ideal for fishing in shallow waters, and evidence of repairs with cheaper wood suggest it belonged to poor fishermen, much like the disciples themselves.

Archaeologists also found a cooking pot and an oil lamp buried in the same silt layer, further hinting at night journeys. “The oil lamp found near the boat suggests it was used for a night journey, just like the Gospel story of Jesus calming the sea,” Herman noted.



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The Gospel accounts in Matthew 14, Mark 6 and John 6 describe the disciples battling storm winds on the Sea of Galilee before Jesus approached them, walking on the water. When Peter stepped out to meet Him but began to sink, Jesus reached out His hand and said, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” The Bible records that they landed at Gennesaret—the same region where the boat was discovered. “They landed at Gennesaret, the ancient name for Ginosar, almost exactly where the boat was found,” Herman said.

## **A Race Against Time**

The excavation was nearly lost to rising waters after months of drought gave way to heavy rains. A double rainbow appeared as the vessel was lifted, a detail that many tied to divine symbolism. Archaeologist Shelley Wachsmann described the 12-day excavation as a “delicate process,” with workers encasing the fragile wood in fiberglass and foam before floating it to safety.

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For 16 years, conservators replaced the mud with a transparent chemical to preserve the structure. Since 2000, the boat has been displayed at the Yigal Allon Museum in Ginosar, drawing Christian pilgrims from around the world.

## **Prophecy and Discovery**

While archaeologists caution that no one can prove Jesus ever stepped inside this boat, Herman said: “It’s not just an archaeological find; it’s tied to the most famous story of Jesus on the lake. While I can’t prove it’s the boat, it’s certainly the type used in that story.”

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[Finds like this](#) should cause us to pause and reflect. The book of Daniel speaks of a time when “knowledge shall increase” (Dan. 12:4). Could the accelerating pace of discoveries tied to Scripture be part of that prophecy? As we draw closer to the return of Jesus Christ, will more evidence of His life and ministry be uncovered for us to see?

The question placed before us is the same one faced by the disciples on the Sea of Galilee: do we trust Him, or do we

doubt?

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# Michael W. Smith Opens Up About Faith, Fame and Giving All Glory to God

With more than four decades in the Christian music industry, [Michael W. Smith](#) says his greatest lesson is that fame fades but God's glory endures. In a recent interview with The Christian Post, the 67-year-old artist reflected on the importance of keeping faith at the center of his life and career.

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## Faith Before Fame

Despite selling more than 18 million albums and earning 45 Dove Awards and three Grammys, Smith said his identity has nothing to do with accolades.

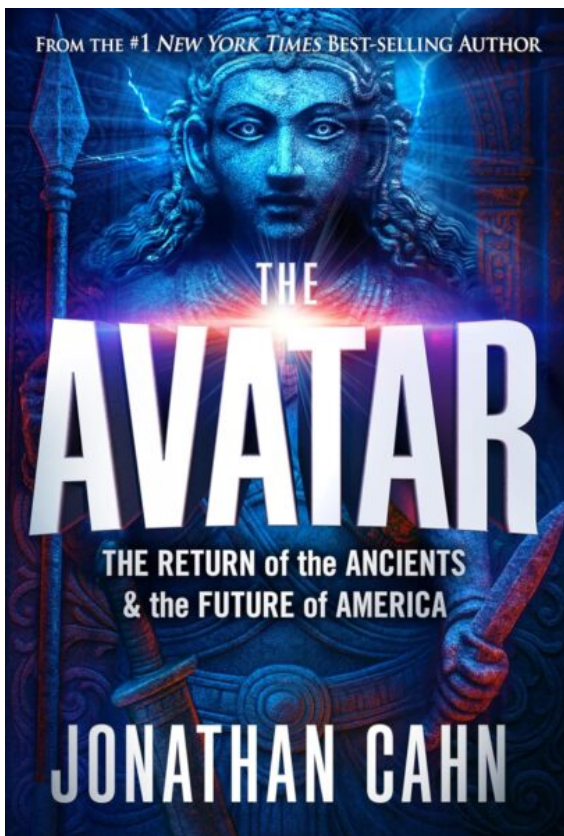
"My identity is not being Michael W. Smith the artist," he told The Christian Post. "The things that are near and dear and more important to me are, first and foremost, my relationship with the Lord. Then my family, my wife, my kids, my grandkids, my friends that I walk through life with."

He cautioned against finding worth in career achievements: "Your craft can't be your identity. If it is, it will consume you, and not in a good way."

## Dangers of the Spotlight

Smith admitted that earlier in his career he struggled with pride and chasing recognition.

“Back in the day, it was about how many records we sold, what awards we won,” he said. “I was young, kind of immature. I got caught up in it. I wish I could go back and talk to that younger version of myself.”



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Today, he makes it a discipline to deflect applause away from himself and back to God. “God doesn’t share His glory with anybody,” he said, repeating a line a friend once shared with him on a Florida porch. “That stuck with me. And now, every night before I go on stage, I pray: Let my posture be pure. Let me walk out in humility.”

“The spotlight can be dangerous,” he added. “So I do everything I can to deflect the glory, to keep it on Him.”

## Concerns for Christian Music

Looking at today's contemporary Christian music scene, Smith expressed both excitement and concern.

"There's a lot of great stuff happening," he said. "But I also see this surge of fame, and I worry about that."

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He pointed to younger artists like Forrest Frank, whose bold faith is reaching massive crowds, but urged caution: "I pray for Forest. He's filling arenas and boldly pointing people to Jesus. That's amazing. But I hope he stays grounded. I hope he's got good people around him."

## Keeping Perspective

Even with new projects and tours ahead, [Smith said his goal is simple:](#) to stay humble, keep his focus on God, and remember who deserves the credit.

"When people applaud, I try to deflect that glory right back to Him," he said. "Because I know this was never about me."

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Smith's posture of humility offers a model for everyone navigating a culture driven by applause and achievement. By deflecting the spotlight and keeping his focus on Christ, he reminds Christians everywhere that success is fleeting but God's glory is eternal, and that true fulfillment comes not from fame, but from faithfulness.

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# 'It's All About Jesus': Lamar Jackson and Charlie Kirk Inspire Millions

Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk is commending Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson for not backing down after receiving criticism for sharing a faith-based message on social media.

[Jackson, a two-time NFL MVP](#), reshared Kirk's Sunday post on X that read, "It's all about Jesus." The repost quickly drew backlash from critics online, with one writing, "It's not the message that is the problem, it's the messenger. If Lamar Jackson was a plumber and not a NFL player, Charlie Kirk would call him a DEI hire he wouldn't trust to work in his home."

*It's all about Jesus.*

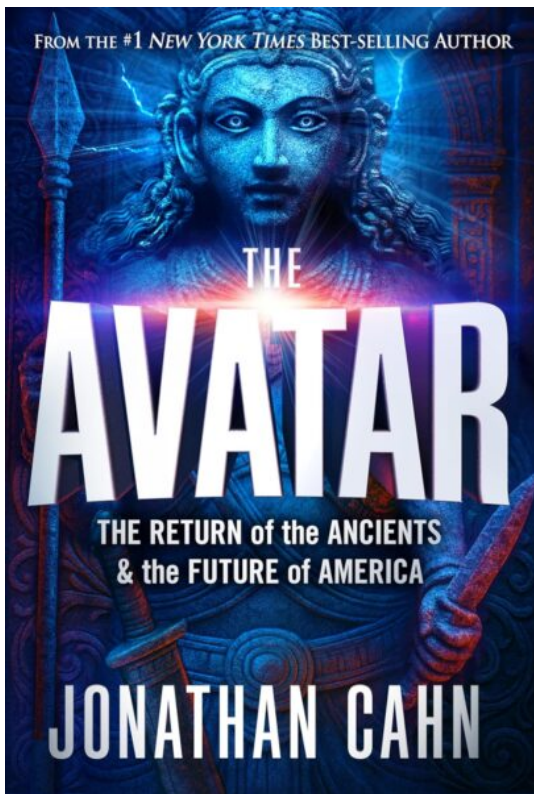
– Charlie Kirk (@charliekirk11) [August 17, 2025](#)

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Despite the pushback, Jackson has continued to share faith-centered content. His timeline on X is filled with messages like "God is Good" and passages of Scripture from other accounts.

Kirk applauded the quarterback's resolve during an appearance on Fox & Friends, saying, "I just want to say to Lamar... you are more than welcome in this big movement that we are

building. You could be a Democrat, you could be on the left. I don't care. [Jesus is honestly the most important thing.](#)



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Kirk added that Jackson's decision not to apologize shows "courage and conviction." He said, "He's a phenomenal talent, a once-in-a-generation, two-time MVP, and I'm just thrilled that he hasn't apologized or backed down, to the best of my knowledge, for just retweeting a very simple Sunday message: 'It's all about Jesus.'"

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Kirk also tied the moment to what he sees as a larger spiritual movement in the U.S. "We are seeing Gen Z go back to church in record numbers. We are seeing a Christian revival. That should give everyone in this audience hope," he said. "Who cares what the naysayers say? He's standing firm for what matters most, which is the gospel of Jesus Christ."

# A Biblical Lens: Public Faith and Unity in Christ

The pushback Lamar Jackson faced is a reminder of how polarizing public expressions of faith can be in today's culture. Yet the Bible makes it clear that confessing Christ is essential. Jesus said, "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

Faith was never meant to be hidden, nor was it meant to be a wedge that divides people into political camps. At its core, Christianity is about unity in Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

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Jackson's simple repost, "It's all about Jesus," cuts through the noise of politics and culture wars to remind believers what truly matters. When faith is professed publicly, it not only strengthens the one declaring it but also encourages others who may be hesitant to stand. The backlash he received only highlights the spiritual truth that the gospel often provokes opposition, yet it remains the power of God unto salvation.

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## Is Elon Musk Building the

# Antichrist's Kingdom?

Pastor and prophecy teacher Billy Crone recently raised alarms about Elon Musk's technological empire, warning that while Musk may not realize it, his innovations could help [set the stage for the end-times system described in the Bible.](#)

"I'm not saying that he's knowingly doing it, like he wakes up every day like, 'Yep, I'm going to help advance the Antichrist kingdom,'" Crone said. "But at the same time, that's what I call on the front porch. Can we talk about what's going on in the backyard? Because what's going on in the backyard has everything to do with building the infrastructure for the Antichrist kingdom."

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## Starlink and Neuralink: A Global Matrix

Crone pointed to Musk's Starlink satellite network and Neuralink brain chip program as major concerns.

"You create a global matrix for the first time in man's history that no one can escape. They even say even if you're on the top of the Himalayan mountains you'll be connected to the matrix Starlink," he explained. "So you call this matrix globally Starlink and then your brain chips are Neuralink. What are you going to be linking there?"



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## Mark of the Beast Connection

For Crone, Neuralink in particular ties directly into biblical

prophecy. Revelation 13 speaks of a mark on the right hand or forehead, and until now, many questioned how the forehead application would come about.

“It just so happens it’s not an arm chip or a foot chip. A brain chip. And for many years, people saying, ‘Well, wait a second. Mark of the Beast, right hand or what? Forehead.’ We’ve been used to the hand being used to be marked and make payments. But everybody’s been sitting back going like, ‘What’s up with the forehead, man? When’s the forehead thing going to come on?’ It’s here.”

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## **Urgency for the Church**

Despite the sobering warnings, Crone insisted [this is no time for fear but for faith and action.](#)

“This makes me feel more propelled to an urgent, you know, an urgency to share the gospel than ever before,” he said. “The moment you get to that final corner and you see the finish line ... what do you do? You run faster. And so, we’re seeing the finish line and so we need to run faster. It’s a time to be faithful, not fearful.”

## **God’s Word Still Stands**

Above all, Crone reminded believers that prophecy proves the Bible’s reliability.

“None of this has taken him by surprise,” he said. “This book had to come from God. This is the only one that we can trust.”

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Even as the world races toward the fulfillment of prophecy, we can take heart knowing that God is in complete control. Jesus promised, “When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28).

The end times are not a reason for despair but a reminder that our Savior is returning soon. These signs don’t spell fear, they point to hope, victory and the assurance that the best is yet to come in Jesus Christ.

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## **Babylon Rising: Prophecy Experts Weigh in on Revelation’s Mysterious City**

Pastor Tom Hughes of Hope for Our Times recently sat down with Dr. Andy Woods, pastor of Sugar Land Bible Church and president of Schaefer Theological Seminary, for a wide-ranging conversation on Bible prophecy. One topic kept coming back into focus: [the future of Babylon](#).

“Is Babylon going to be rebuilt? Is New York City Babylon? Is Rome Babylon? Lots to talk about there,” Hughes said as the two launched into the subject.

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Dr. Woods made the case that Revelation is pointing to both a spiritual system and a physical city. “Revelation 17 to me is

... a spiritual dynamic that's been here since the beginning and has infected all of humanity. But 18 is a city," he explained. "Chapter 17 is more religious, 18 is more commercial, but it's the same destruction at the same time."

For Woods, there's no reason to treat Babylon as symbolic when the rest of Scripture uses the name literally. "The word Babylon is used about 300 times in the Bible and it always means Babylon," he said. "Even in First Peter 5, that everybody says that really means Rome. Well, that doesn't mean Rome. That means Babylon."



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Hughes nodded to the dramatic way prophecy describes the city's fall. "You're also saying then that prophets say when Babylon falls, she's going to fall just like Sodom and Gomorrah, which was instantaneous," he added.

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[\*\*Tracing Babylon's roots back to the Tower of Babel,\*\*](#) Woods pointed to the city's role as the fountainhead of false religion. "She's called in chapter 17 verse 5, 'the mother of harlots,' not a mother—the mother. And mother is your source. It's where you come from," he said. "There's only one city that's ever existed in all of humanity that's the mother of all harlotry. Rome doesn't qualify. Rome absorbed the system, but she didn't export it."

And according to Woods, the prophecy of Babylon's final destruction hasn't yet been fulfilled. "Isaiah 13–14 says, 'When Babylon falls, she will never again be rebuilt,' which has never happened in history," he explained.

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For both Hughes and Woods, the rise and fall of Babylon isn't just ancient history, it's a reminder that the Bible's prophecies are still unfolding. "With all of these things, of course, they point to the soon coming of Jesus Christ," Hughes said.

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## **Jentezen Franklin: Be Ready, God Can Bring Change Suddenly**

Pastor Jentezen Franklin of Free Chapel recently delivered a stirring message about God's call to move forward into a new season of victory, urging believers not to get stuck in the past but [to be prepared for sudden transition.](#)

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"Something is shifting and it's time to move," Franklin declared. "You need to be ready to move and you need to expect God to lead you out of the past into the new season and a new level and a new beginning and a new miracle that He has promised that He would do in our lives."

### **A Call to Be Ready**

Franklin drew from the story of Israel's deliverance from Egypt, emphasizing that God calls His people to be prepared to move quickly when the moment comes. "Don't get so stuck in the

scene you're in that when God says, 'Let's go,' you're not ready to go and you're not prepared to go," he said.

Using imagery from the Exodus, Franklin told the church: "Let's put our shoes on and get our staff in our hand. I'm bringing my family with me. I'm bringing my joy with me. I'm bringing it all with me. Hell can't have any of my babies. Glory. We're not staying here as a church. There's a new season coming."

## **Breaking Free From the Past**

The pastor challenged believers not to grow comfortable with brokenness, sin or despair. "You've accepted and got comfortable with this addiction and comfortable with this sin and comfortable with this discouragement and comfortable with depression and fear and hopelessness. But I want you to get your shoes on...because when I do it, I'm going to do it quick. I'm going to send it suddenly," he preached.

[Franklin stressed that transition requires preparation.](#) "Some of you keep tripping over your garments of heaviness. You just keep living in the past and you can't move because you keep tripping over where you've been. But there comes a transition time. There comes a time to move. There's a shift on the way," he said.

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## **A New Day and a New Promise**

Franklin encouraged his congregation to see this moment as a prophetic shift not just for individuals, but for the church and the nation. “Something is coming and it’s bigger and it’s better and it’s greater and we need to get our shoes on and we need to say I’m done with this mess. I’m moving forward in Jesus’ mighty name. Tell somebody, it’s a new day.”

He concluded with a declaration of God’s promises: “There is victory in your future. The curse is broken. The addiction is broken. Shame is over. The drought is over. I hear the sound of an abundance of rain.”

## **Encouragement for Believers**

Franklin’s message is a reminder that while seasons of waiting may feel long, God has appointed times of breakthrough and deliverance. The call is to be ready, expectant and faithful.

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When God says it is time to move, may we have our shoes on, our staff in hand and our hearts prepared for His promises. The past cannot hold us, because in Christ, “there is victory in your future.”

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# **Is the Rapture Coming**

# September 23? Scripture Warns Against Date Predictions

Rumors have recently gone viral online that [the rapture will take place on September 23](#). Videos across TikTok and YouTube claim dreams, visions, and even mathematical formulas confirm the return of Christ during this year's Feast of Trumpets. Some are so convinced that they are selling possessions and preparing for that day as the final moment.

## Warnings Against Date-Setting

Revivalist Isaiah Saldivar addressed the frenzy in a recent video, reminding believers that Scripture plainly rejects the idea that anyone can know the exact time. "No YouTuber, no TikToker, no people predicting," he said. Quoting Matthew 24:36, he added, "Of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

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Failed predictions, Saldivar noted, have been with the church for centuries, from early Catholic mystics to modern false prophecies such as Harold Camping's infamous May 21, 2011 rapture claim. "Failed predictions are not a new thing," he explained.

## How to Live in the Meantime

Rather than obsess over signs or viral countdowns, the Bible calls Christians to [live holy and faithful lives while waiting](#)

[for Christ's return.](#) Saldivar pointed to 2 Peter 3:14, which urges believers to “make every effort to be found living peaceful lives that are pure and blameless in His sight.”

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He added, “We are not called to go sell our possessions ‘cause He’s coming. We are not called to panic. We are called to live peaceful, holy, blameless lives while we wait for His return.”

## **The Biblical Focus**

Jesus Himself warned in Matthew 24:4, “Take heed that no one deceives you.” Rather than fear or fall for speculation, Christians are called to readiness: to watch, to stay sober and to live each day as though it could be the last.

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Saldivar concurred, saying, “Live like it’s your last day.. because you never know when your last day will be.”

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# **Is the Latest UFO Buzz a Prelude to the Great End-Times Deception?**

A rare interstellar object has entered our solar system, and while some scientists are scrambling to explain it, prophecy

experts warn that the public is being primed for one of the greatest spiritual deceptions of the end times.

## **Harvard Physicist Raises Alarming Possibility**

Earlier this month, Harvard physicist Avi Loeb made headlines for suggesting a newly discovered interstellar object might not be a natural body at all. [The object, named 3I/ATLAS,](#) was first detected in July by an ATLAS telescope in Chile and is only the third such visitor to be observed entering our solar system.

NASA classified it as a comet, but Loeb challenged that idea, noting its strange glow. “An image showed an unexpected glow in front of the object rather than trailing behind it, something he called ‘quite surprising,’” Fox News reported.

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Loeb wrote in a blog post that the object’s light emission doesn’t match sunlight reflection or normal cometary gas release. “Alternatively, 3I/ATLAS could be a spacecraft powered by nuclear energy, and the dust emitted from its frontal surface might be from dirt that accumulated on its surface during its interstellar travel,” he said.

While he stressed that more evidence is needed, Loeb left the door open: “If it turns out to be technological, it would obviously have a big impact on the future of humanity. We have to decide how to respond to that.”

## **L.A. Marzulli: UFOs and the Great Deception**

For author and researcher L.A. Marzulli, these developments are no surprise. He has long warned that UFOs will play a key

role in the Great Deception the Bible foretells. “UFOs are real, burgeoning, and not going away,” Marzulli told Charisma Media. “This is the coming great deception. However, when we go up, they come down. When we go up, they show up. And I think it might be sooner than any of us think.”

Marzulli emphasized that the only way to properly interpret what is happening in the skies is through the lens of Scripture. “The biblical prophetic narrative is the only tome on the planet that has this thread of prophetic literature from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. And it calls events out with great specificity,” he said.

Quoting Jesus’ warnings in Matthew 24, Marzulli reminded believers of the repeated caution: “Do not be deceived. Do not be deceived. Do not be deceived.”

## **Conditioning the World**

Marzulli ties [the surge of UFO sightings to prophetic milestones](#). He pointed to 1947’s Roswell event happening just one year before the rebirth of Israel in 1948. “1948, Israel becomes a nation... Well, 1948, the whole UFO thing just takes off like this. It’s unbelievable,” he said.

From abductions to congressional testimony about “non-human biologics,” Marzulli believes disclosure is being rolled out gradually to condition the public. “They’re preparing us for something,” he said, citing whistleblower David Grusch’s claims before Congress.

## **The Bible's Warning**

Unlike Loeb, who speculates about nuclear-powered spaceships, Marzulli insists that these are not extraterrestrial craft but interdimensional entities consistent with biblical accounts of fallen angels and demonic deception. "These are interdimensional entities with a very nefarious agenda," he said, pointing to Daniel 2:43 about their seed mingling with the seed of men.

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He warns that even the rapture of the church has already been explained away by occult sources. "There's coming a moment in time where many people will be gone on an afternoon. They'll leave the planet... because they do not belong here anymore," Marzulli explained. He added, "That's how the other side will explain the rapture of the church. And it's already in print."

## **The Need for Discernment**

While the scientific world speculates about comet fragments and nuclear propulsion, believers must be grounded in the Word of God. Scripture makes it clear that deception will mark the last days. Paul wrote in 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10 that the coming of the lawless one will be "in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie."

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Marzulli's bottom line is urgent: the church must wake up. "This is manifesting. This will, when they show up, change everything that we know. And that's alarming," he said.

## Look Up, Stay Rooted

Whether it is framed as a comet, a nuclear craft or something unexplainable, events like 3I/ATLAS should remind us of Jesus' words in Luke 21:28: "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

The world may be preparing for alien contact, but the Bible tells us what is truly happening. End-times deception is rising, but the truth remains: Jesus Christ is coming again, and His Word will never be silenced.

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## Trump Administration Rightly Defends Use of Scripture in Immigration Messaging

The Trump administration has once again found itself in the crosshairs of critics who claim to follow Jesus but seem to cringe when His Word is invoked in the public square. At the heart of the controversy are Bible verses cited by the Department of Homeland Security in a series of videos highlighting the dangers of criminal illegal aliens [and the resolve of U.S. border enforcement](#). Instead of celebrating the use of timeless truth, critics have accused the administration of misusing Scripture.

As Proverbs 28:1 reminds us, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion." This verse, included in one of DHS's social media clips, could not be more

fitting when describing the courage of law enforcement officers tasked with protecting American citizens from those who break the law.

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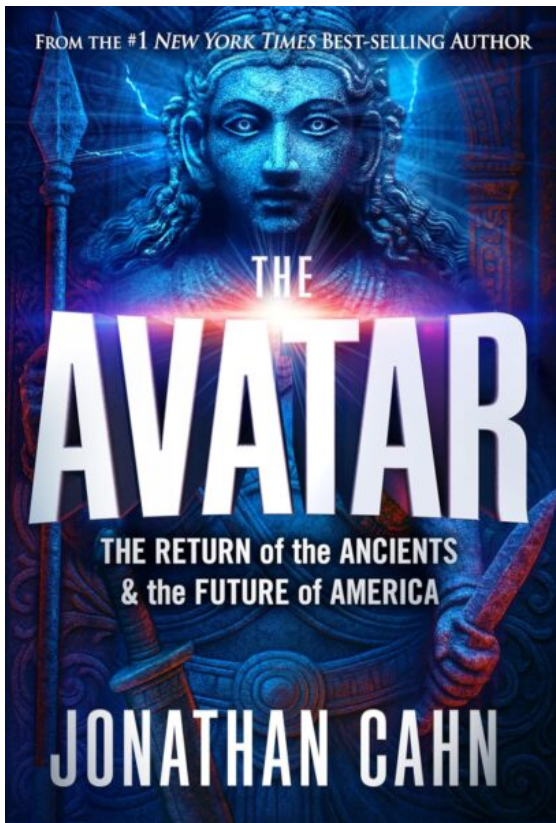
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As reported by The Christian Post, the videos, one featuring a dramatic montage of border officers preparing for a mission and another quoting Isaiah 6:8, were met with pushback from progressive religious leaders who insist the Bible calls only for mercy and compassion.

In the second clip, a voiceover declared the words of Isaiah: “I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then said I, ‘Here am I. Send me.’” This is a call to courage and service, not a distortion of God’s Word.

DHS Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin forcefully defended the messaging, saying the media is more focused on criticizing Bible verses than addressing the stories of American victims killed by illegal immigrants.



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"Every single day Americans are killed by illegal aliens who should have never been in this country. And nearly every single day the media ignore these victims," she said. She highlighted the tragic case of Rachel Morin, a Maryland mother of five who was brutally murdered by a man who had entered the U.S. illegally.

The real scandal here is not that Scripture was used, but that professing Christians would rather rebuke fellow believers than confront lawlessness. When "progressive" voices like Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons call the use of Bible verses "blasphemous" and "moral bankruptcy," they reveal [how deeply the infection of apostasy has set in.](#) Scripture is not to be wielded selectively to fit political ideologies, it is the eternal authority by which we measure right and wrong.

Romans 13:1–4 commands believers to submit to governing authorities, for "the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not

bear the sword for no reason.” Law enforcement officers, whether in local communities or at the border, are serving a God-ordained purpose when they act to restrain evil and protect the innocent. To condemn them for leaning on the strength of God’s Word is to oppose what God Himself has established.

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The critics claim compassion should override enforcement, yet true compassion never excuses sin or lawlessness. In fact, Proverbs 21:15 declares, “When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.” The Bible does not glorify chaos; it upholds order, justice and accountability.

In the end, this controversy reflects more about the spiritual climate of our day than about DHS policy. The world, and sadly many within the visible church, want to silence the Word of God in favor of their own misguided ideologies. But Christians must not bow to this pressure. As Paul declared in 2 Timothy 4:2, we are to “preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

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No matter how many critics complain or how much the media sneers, God’s Word will not be chained. The Trump administration is right to allow Scripture to guide its vision of justice, and we as Christians will never stop proclaiming truth.

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