

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

Iran is facing a mounting disaster as drought and record heat threaten the nation's survival. With temperatures soaring above 120 degrees and reservoirs running dry, officials have warned that as many as 50 million Iranians could be forced from their homes. The country's president recently admitted, "We do not have water. We do not have water under our feet and we do not have water behind our dams."

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While experts point to poor planning, corruption and natural climate challenges, others are looking at the crisis through a different lens: the Bible.

## **A Covenant Principle at Work**

The Israel Guys podcast framed Iran's water shortage within the biblical promise found in Genesis 12:3, where God declares blessings for those who bless Israel and curses for those who curse it. From their perspective, Iran's ongoing hostility toward Israel, expressed in threats of annihilation and continual aggression, cannot be separated from the nation's sudden environmental collapse.

## **Historical and Modern Parallels**

Empires throughout history that sought to destroy Israel eventually collapsed. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, Rome and the Ottomans all rose to power but ultimately fell.



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Modern history follows the same pattern. Britain lost its global dominance after resisting Israel's rebirth in 1948. Germany was crushed after attempting to eradicate the Jewish people. Arab nations that launched wars against Israel in its early years have been weakened over time, while Israel has only grown stronger.

This pattern clearly shows that the nations opposing Israel decline, while those aligned with Israel experience stability and blessing.

## **Israel's Water Success vs. Iran's Failure**

The contrast between Israel and Iran could not be starker. Israel, with fewer natural water resources, has become a world leader in water management. Through desalination, recycling and drip irrigation, it has secured water for its people despite living in a dry region.

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Iran, by comparison, has greater natural resources yet now faces nationwide shortages. Decades of poor planning and corruption have left it unprepared, creating a humanitarian crisis for millions. This imbalance reflects both practical mismanagement and the reality of God's covenant promises.

## **A Spiritual Reality Behind the Headlines**

Iran's drought goes beyond politics or climate. It represents a spiritual reality in which nations that rise against Israel encounter judgment, while Israel continues to thrive. History testifies to this pattern, and the present crisis in Iran appears to be another example of God's covenant promises unfolding in real time.

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Rather than seeing these events as isolated headlines, they can be understood as part of a larger story: God's covenant is unshakable, His word does not fail and Israel remains at the center of His unfolding plan.

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## **Prophecy in Action: Why Israel's Survival Proves God's Covenant**

Spiritual battles aren't just abstract ideas from the pages of Scripture. They play out in real time, shaping nations, leaders and even the daily struggles of God's people. The Bible makes it clear that there is a dynamic interplay between earthly rulers and unseen spiritual powers. In Ezekiel 28, we get a striking picture of this conflict that is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago.

Renowned Bible teacher Derek Prince unpacked this passage in one of his classic teachings, explaining how Ezekiel reveals both human pride and the deeper spiritual forces working behind the scenes. "This revelation brings out the fact that there is an interplay between earthly rulers and heavenly rulers, evil heavenly rulers," Prince said. "And that brings out the fact that one of the most important things we can do to change the situation is to deal with the evil heavenly rulers."

# The Prince of Tyre: A Lesson in Human Pride

Ezekiel begins by addressing the “prince of Tyre,” a man who exalted himself to the level of God. “Because your heart is lifted up and you say, ‘I’m a god ... yet you are a man, and not a god,’” Prince quoted.

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This ancient ruler’s downfall was rooted in pride—a warning that still echoes today. “Consistently the Bible warns us more against pride than any problem,” Prince explained. Wealth, success, and wisdom can all become dangerous sources of arrogance when they lift the human heart away from God.

# The King of Tyre: Unmasking the Spiritual Power

In the second half of Ezekiel 28, the focus shifts from the human ruler to a figure clearly not of this world: the “king of Tyre.” Prince noted, “It’s very clear from much that’s said he’s not a human being.”

This being had walked in Eden, was adorned with precious stones, and is described as “the anointed cherub who covers.” Prince explained that this role meant covering the throne of God with his wings. In other words, this passage is revealing Lucifer, the fallen angel, in his original splendor before pride led to his rebellion.



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“You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you,” Ezekiel records. Prince added, “Undoubtedly, pride is the most common temptation ... and

it didn't start on earth, it started in heaven."

## **The Fall of Lucifer**

Prince painted a vivid picture of how Lucifer began his rebellion. "By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within," he said, describing how Satan likely sought to gain the allegiance of other angels. "I believe Lucifer went around coveting and obtaining the allegiance of the angels who were under his authority."

His heart was lifted up because of his beauty and wisdom. In this, we see the origin of sin itself: pride. The very thing that caused Lucifer to fall continues to be the greatest snare for humanity.

## **The Ongoing Conflict with Christ**

But Prince didn't stop with the fall. He reminded listeners that this conflict directly ties into the battle between Lucifer and Jesus. "When Jesus came to Earth in the form of a man, Lucifer said: now I can get Him," Prince explained. Satan stirred people against Christ and saw Him crucified, thinking he had won.

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"But he was wrong," Prince declared. "Because at the third day, Jesus came forth, a total victory, Amen."

That resurrection not only defeated Satan's schemes in that moment but also secured victory for every believer.

## **Why This Matters Today**

Prince emphasized that this spiritual reality is not just an ancient story. "The same thing is happening right now in the

United States of America," he said, noting that evil spiritual powers continue to influence governments and leaders.

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The takeaway is both sobering and encouraging. Though pride and deception still operate, Christ's resurrection assures believers of victory. We are called to remain alert, resist pride, and stand firm in faith.

As Prince put it, "The conflict is not yet ended because Satan still fights in every way he can against God, the purposes of God, and the people of God." But because of Christ's triumph, we can face this conflict with confidence, knowing the final outcome is already secured.

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## **New York City Shaken by Deadly Vapor Outbreak That Can Kill in Days**

New York City has become the latest hotspot for a deadly outbreak, with health officials confirming a fifth death from Legionnaires' disease. Since late July, 108 people have been infected with the severe lung infection, a 9% increase from last week's numbers.

According to the Daily Mail, the New York City Health Department said the newly reported death had been "under investigation for some time and our team was able to confirm this death as part of the cluster today." All cases and deaths

have been reported across five ZIP codes covering Harlem, East Harlem and Morningside Heights.

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The outbreak has been traced to cooling towers that tested positive for Legionella bacteria. Mayor Eric Adams revealed that affected buildings included a Harlem hospital and a Whole Foods grocery store. Officials say while the case count is still rising, the rate of new cases is beginning to slow, suggesting containment.

Legionnaires' disease mimics the flu before progressing to pneumonia. Patients suffer high fevers, breathing difficulties and even mental confusion. As Dr. Omer Awan explained to the Daily Mail: "Legionnaires' disease can appear and present similar to the common flu but can be serious and result in pneumonia, or infection of the lung."

## **Pestilences on the Rise**

This outbreak in New York joins a disturbing list of pestilences and diseases making headlines in recent years, from pandemics to mysterious viruses surfacing around the globe. Jesus warned in Matthew 24:7 that in the last days "there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places." He called these the "beginning of birth pains" (Matt. 24:8).



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Just as labor pains increase in frequency and intensity before birth, pestilences serve as prophetic markers, reminders that the earth is groaning under the weight of sin and that His return draws closer.

# The Biblical Role of Pestilence

Throughout Scripture, pestilence has often represented God's judgment or a wake-up call to nations and peoples who had turned away from Him. In the Old Testament, pestilences struck Egypt during the plagues (Ex. 9:3). In 2 Chronicles 7:13-14, God told Solomon that when He allows pestilence to strike the land, His people should humble themselves, pray and turn from their wicked ways so He would bring healing.

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Pestilence was never just about sickness, it carried spiritual significance. It was a signal that God's people needed to repent and return to Him.

## A Call to Discern the Times

The outbreak in New York City is another addition to the growing list of pestilences shaking our world. While health officials work to disinfect cooling towers and treat patients with antibiotics, Christians are reminded to lift our eyes higher.

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Jesus said pestilences would come, and they would increase as His return draws near. These are warnings for all people: not just to protect our bodies, but to prepare our souls.

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# Bill Gates Pushes Electronic Tattoos to Replace Smartphones—But Is This Leading to the Mark of the Beast?

In a bold prediction reported by Daily Galaxy and posted on MSN, Microsoft founder Bill Gates suggested that smartphones are on their way out. The surprising replacement? Electronic tattoos embedded into your skin.

The report explains, “Forget everything you know about handheld devices—Gates envisions a future where electronic tattoos become the new norm.” Yes, that means tattoos under your skin that allow you to communicate, access the internet, monitor your health, and even replace physical items like wallets and keys.

## The End of Smartphones?

According to the report, Gates sees electronic tattoos as the next technological revolution: “According to Medium, Gates points to electronic tattoos, developed by Chaotic Moon and later acquired by Accenture, as the next big leap in personal technology. Instead of holding a phone in our hands, these tattoos could allow us to communicate, access the internet, and even monitor our health, all without a screen in sight.”

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The vision is staggering. No more carrying a phone—your “device” would be built right into your skin. The tattoos would be powered by nanocapacitors, requiring no bulky

batteries, and could potentially replace passwords, credit cards, and even house keys.

As the article puts it: “Imagine having a device embedded in your skin that lets you interact with the world through simple gestures or touch. It’s sleek, unobtrusive, and possibly more intuitive than anything we’ve seen so far.”



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## **Straight Out of Revelation**

This is where things take a chilling turn for those who know their Bibles. Revelation 13 warns of a time when no one will be able to buy or sell without the mark of the beast—a mark placed on the right hand or forehead (Rev. 13:16–17).

And here we are, with world leaders in technology openly talking about embedding devices into our skin that control commerce, identity, and communication. They’re not even hiding it anymore.

What Gates describes matches the prophetic framework laid out nearly 2,000 years ago. This isn’t just about innovation—it’s about preparing people to accept a system of control that the Bible says will dominate the end times.

## **Privacy Concerns or Prophetic Fulfillment?**

Even the article acknowledges the dark side: “These tattoos would collect an immense amount of personal data, from your location to your health metrics. Who owns this data? How do we ensure it’s protected?”

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The practical concerns are obvious, but the prophetic implications are even bigger. We're talking about technology that fuses with your body and becomes your means of buying, selling, and existing in society. That's not just futuristic—it's biblical.

## **Time to Wake Up**

If you're wondering what's really going on in the world, don't just follow the latest tech headlines. Open your Bible. Jesus told us to watch for the signs, and this is one of them.

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What once sounded far-fetched is now being pitched as sleek and convenient. Electronic tattoos may look like progress, but for those who understand Scripture, it's another step toward the global system of control foretold in Revelation.

This is not the time to shrug. It's the time to discern, to pray and to remember that God's Word warned us about this. The world is moving quickly toward what the Bible already described, and believers need to be alert.

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