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fields of Bethlehem where Solomon held these great responsibilities. Here he says is the place where the manger of Jesus Christ can be located.

The Academy Award-winning actor received a certificate of baptism and his minister's license, which will allow him to become ordained in the future, TODAY reports.

"We celebrate the addition of Minister Denzel Washington into the clergy, having received his minister's license in the Church of God in Christ today, in a truly uplifting moment," read a Facebook post by Bryant.

Washington took a moment during the service to reflect on the milestone.

"In one week I turn 70," he said. "It took a while, but I'm here."

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Washington later shared how his baptism fulfilled a prophecy. He recalled the words of a woman named Ruth Green, whom he met at his mom's beauty parlor when he was 20 years old.

"She said, 'Boy, you are going to travel the world and preach to millions of people,'" he said. "She wouldn't even spell the word prophecy. My mother wrote the word 'prophecy'...50 years later, look at God. If He can do this for me, there's nothing He can't do for you. The sky literally is the limit and there's no limit to the sky."



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He also thanked his "loving, faithful wife" of 41 years, Pauletta Washington, who was in the congregation supporting

him.

“To God be the glory. Hallelujah!” he told the congregation. “Anything I can do, I will do for this church, the Almighty. I just want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.”

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“...the actual manger, which was made of stone and by the way, it’s a double manger because it has two animals you’re raising, so the double manger was found there in this exact

place, so it's the place that confirms what the Bible tells us about this extraordinary event of angels coming and saying to the shepherds, which are priestly shepherds, 'Be happy, be joyful for unto you is born the One that is going to bring salvation to the world,'" Stinson says.



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Stinson explains that what would happen at the time of the sacrifice is that the perfect lamb would be taken, wrapped in swaddling cloths to make sure no blemishes or harm would come to the lamb until the time for the sacrifice came. In a similar way, Christ, who is the perfect Lamb of God, was wrapped in swaddling cloths when He was born.

With Christmas approaching in just a couple of days, let's take the time to reflect and thank God for this great gift of sending His only Son in the form of a baby to be born in a stable and placed in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes, ready to become the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

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Morning Rundown: America's 'Superman Prophecy': A Vision

of Redemption

Here's a quick rundown of the top stories on :

America's 'Superman Prophecy': A Vision of Redemption

Joseph Z's prophetic interpretation of the new "Superman" movie trailer offers a powerful message for America, linking the struggles of the iconic superhero to the nation's current turmoil.

In the trailer, Superman, bloodied and beaten, lies in a snow-filled crater, calling out for help. "The Lord spoke to me when I saw this," Z shares, explaining that the scene represents more than just a superhero's battle—it's a reflection of America's own crisis. "You see the nation that has been under turmoil and duress, down, beaten, bloodied... and then calling out in this moment, rescue and help is on the way."

Superman's plight mirrors the state of the country, according to Z. The character, once a symbol of "truth, justice and the American way," now represents a nation grappling with poor leadership, division and the weight of accusation.

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US Citizen Found 'Guilty' of 'Hate Speech' for Quoting Bible Verse

A Virginia realtor accused of "hate speech" for posting a Bible verse on Facebook has been found "guilty" of an ethics violation.

The Virginia Association of Realtors ruled on Dec. 11, that Wilson Fauber of Staunton violated the ethics code that prohibits realtors from "certain religious expressions." Fauber maintains he did nothing wrong and is expected to

appeal.

This started to come to light last year when the 70-year-old Fauber, a realtor and pastor, decided to run for Staunton City Council. Long before his decision to run, Fauber had reposted a Scripture from Rev. Franklin Graham on his personal Facebook page in 2015. It stated that homosexual sex is a sin, based on Leviticus 18:22. Then last year, two Staunton realtors, including an openly gay man, filed a complaint with the Virginia Association of Realtors accusing Fauber of “hate speech.”

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Israeli Minister in Letter to Pope: ‘Jesus Lived and Died as a Jew’

Following several instances in recent months where Pope Francis appeared to endorse Palestinian narratives, Amichai Chikli, Israel’s Minister for Diaspora Affairs and Combating Antisemitism, issued a strongly worded protest letter to the Pope

Chikli began his letter: “H.H. Pope Francis, Shalom. It is a well-known fact that Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem, as described in Chapter 2 of the Gospel according to Matthew: ‘Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king.’”

The minister’s first argument referenced a nativity scene featuring the baby Jesus lying in a manger draped with a Palestinian keffiyeh that was showcased in St. Peter’s Square in Rome, Italy. After significant backlash, the Vatican chose to remove the display shortly later.

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