

Historic First: Nativity Scene Displayed at U.S. Capitol

A nativity scene was displayed at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday.

The “Christmas Carols and Nativity Display” was made possible after Rev. Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition, won a federal court case.

Because the steps of the U.S. Capitol building are public, peaceful demonstrations can take place.

“We are so very thankful for the opportunity to share the joyful and powerful message of Christmas at the steps of the United States Capitol,” Mahoney said in a press release. “In a hurting and wounded world, there is no more redemptive and healing message than the Christmas story. The hopeful declaration of ‘Peace on earth, goodwill toward man,’ is one that needs to be heard and embraced by all Americans.”

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“The words spoken by the prophet Isaiah centuries ago are still relevant for us today. ‘For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,’” he said, quoting Isaiah 9:6.

“This is also a significant victory for religious freedom and the 1st Amendment,” Mahoney added. “This event has ended and won the war on Christmas in the public square.”

7 months ago, we would've been arrested for having this Nativity Display on the steps of the US Capitol. However, we

won an historic federal lawsuit through the incredible work of the Center for American Liberty which allowed us on the steps! @Liberty_Ctr @pnjaban...

– Rev. Patrick Mahoney (@revmahoney) December 11, 2024

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Similarly, Texas State Senator Mayes Middleton (R) filed a bill to require a nativity scene on the state's capitol grounds during Christmas. The bill will be considered during the next legislative session.

“Religious liberties are enshrined in both our state and national constitutions,” Middleton said. “In the Christmas season, it is important to reflect on one of the greatest moments of history—the birth of Jesus. Our nation and state were founded on Judeo-Christian values, and we can see many of Jesus’ teachings throughout the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and laws.”

“During the Christmas season, Texas can visit their beautiful capitol and be reminded of the reason for the season with a Nativity Scene on the grounds, along with the traditional Christmas trees in both the Senate and House Chambers,” he said.

I filed SB 515 to require a nativity scene on Capitol grounds and celebrate Christmas.

The Christmas season serves as an important reminder of one of the most important events in human history—the birth of Jesus Christ.

– Mayes Middleton (@mayes_middleton) December 11, 2024

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Todd Coconato's 2024 Prophetic Word Fulfilled

As 2024 wraps up in just a couple of weeks, we've witnessed a wide array of events in culture, news and within the church. Amid everything that has unfolded this year, we've also seen prophetic words fulfilled that were spoken at the beginning of 2024.

Todd Coconato shared with Charisma Media a prophetic word he had for the year 2024, and this word has come to pass in a variety of ways.

Coconato believed that 2024 would be a year of revolutions, one of "increased turbulence," while another revolution of revival would happen at the same time.

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"We're going to continue to see increased turbulence," Coconato told Charisma. "There's going to be a much more bumpy ride this next year."

While 2024 would be a bumpy ride, it is the remnant, the true people of God, that Coconato said would hunger for God's righteousness as we experience turmoil and struggles.

Throughout the year, we've seen church and ministry leaders fall due to past sins and events, something that has greatly shaken up whole congregations, and even led to ministries shuttering such as the case with IHOPKC.

"...the real ecclesia, the body, they have been strengthened and fortified in their faith over the last few years. Because of some of the crazy things that we've been through, I think that God has allowed this time for us to really go into the secret place and get deeper in His Word because otherwise you couldn't make it," Coconato said.

While there has been pressing, breaking and shaping happening in the church, we've also seen a revival and an increased hunger for the Holy Spirit. College campuses, prisons and even in rally stadiums, people's hearts have turned toward the Lord this year, seeking His face as the world around us continues to grow darker. International locations broke out in revival, and children in India even broke out in prayers of deliverance and protection for the United States.

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It is through the shaping and the breaking that we have seen an increase in people coming to the reality of Jesus' goodness and faithfulness as the Lord of all.

Coconato also predicted that 2024 would be a time of a rise in the Antichrist spirit.

"It's the spirit of the Antichrist, which is really rising," Coconato said. "...in the past, this was a little bit more hidden, you know, we kind of thought maybe left versus right, or it's a political issue. But this is definitely a spiritual matter."

Persecution around the world against Christians continues to

ramp up, and we also see a greater number of people and nations coming against Israel. We even saw the Pope come against the true spirit of Christianity, saying that all religions lead to God.

The key in all of this, however, is for Christians to pray.

“...here’s the good news, is that we press in more than ever in prayer. We fast, we do the things that the Scripture says, we actually walk this out in a way that the Bible tells us to do,” Coconato says.

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Morning Rundown: Vatican Removes Nativity Scene Portraying Baby Jesus Lying in Manger With Palestinian Keffiyeh

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

Vatican Removes Nativity Scene Portraying Baby Jesus Lying in a Manger With Palestinian Keffiyeh

Following the unveiling of a nativity scene featuring the baby Jesus lying in a manger draped with a Palestinian keffiyeh, the Vatican chose on Wednesday to remove the display due to

significant backlash.

The nativity scene was donated to the Vatican by the Higher Presidential Committee for Church Affairs in Palestine, a body within the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). It was one of several pieces created by Palestinian artists Johny Andonia and Faten Nastas Mitwasi from Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem, on behalf of the official Palestinian Mission to the United Nations, specifically for display during the Christmas season.

The unveiling of the nativity display immediately caused controversy due to its unhistorical portrayal of Jesus as a Palestinian.

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Chris Reed Sounds Alarm on Drones, Encourages Prayerful Response

The recent sightings of massive drones over New Jersey and New York have sparked a wave of speculation and concern. With reports of drones as large as SUVs hovering in the skies, the issue has become a hot topic of debate. Congressman Josh Gottheimer has pointed the finger at Iran, asserting that these drones are part of an orchestrated operation. However, the Pentagon has pushed back against these claims, denying any direct evidence linking the drones to Iran. Amid this unfolding mystery, prophetic insights from ministry leader Chris Reed offer a spiritual lens through which we can view these events.

Reed has issued an urgent call to prayer in light of the drone sightings. "Let me tell you about these drones that are in the Northeast right now; we have got to pray," Reed says in a recent broadcast. Sharing his prophetic experience, he warned, "Iran is behind this, and it's very disturbing that President

Biden is not more involved.” Reed’s concerns echo those of many who feel the federal government’s response has been lackluster. He highlighted the drones’ alarming size, emphasizing, “We’re talking about drones the size of SUVs that, if they fell from the sky, could kill people.”

This prophetic insight suggests that these drones are part of a larger scheme involving Iran, its proxies and even indirect involvement from China. “I believe these drones are sent,” Reed explained, connecting the dots to a potential terrorist threat. “Iran and its proxies are scouting out areas right now to cause terrorism in the United States in the Northeast. There is a terrorist attack planned in the next few weeks, and we have to pray.”

While Reed’s warnings are grave, he draws parallels to biblical accounts where prayer changed the course of events. “Just like Hezekiah was told, ‘Get your house in order; you’re going to die,’ but because he turned his face to the wall and prayed, the Lord added 15 years to his life,” Reed explained. He also referenced the story of Nineveh, where collective repentance averted destruction. “The prophetic word wasn’t wrong; it was a conditional word,” he clarified, urging believers to intercede in prayer to avert potential disaster.

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Are Jesus’ Prophecies About the Tribulation Being Revealed Today?

God has been warning us over and over again about what is ahead. Why is most of the population not interested in listening to such warnings? Recently, a woman named Elizabeth Nebenfuhr reached out to me about a near death experience that she had as she was laying on an operating room table. She had shared some of this information before, but she felt that now

was the time to share her experience in a more detailed way. I asked her to write out what she saw while she was dead, and she has given me permission to share it with all of you.

During her time with Jesus, Elizabeth witnessed cataclysms that are far beyond anything that any of us have ever experienced, and she saw that they would just keep hitting one after another. It will be a time of tremendous terror and death. People won't have time to deal with the consequences of one disaster before another one strikes. Elizabeth was truly horrified by what she was shown, but Jesus also had some very encouraging words of comfort as well. The following is Elizabeth Nebenfuhr's testimony in her own words:

I had two NDE's this one I speak of here now and another 9 months later again on an operating table (I will discuss that one again as well at a later date).

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