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Following are snippets of the top stories posted over the past week on . We encourage you to visit the links to read the stories in full.

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## **Brian Houston's New Online Church Is Here**

Brian Houston, the founder of Hillsong who resigned after disclosing misconduct that happened with two women, has finally launched his new online church.

Back in November of 2023 Houston posted on X that he and his wife, Bobbie, were going to begin the next chapter in their ministry journey.

"Bobbie and I are starting a weekly online ministry and church in 2024. I'm excited about building this new community," Houston wrote.

## **Breaking News: Chris Reed Resigns From MorningStar Ministries**

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Reed, who has served as both the CEO and the president of MorningStar, turned in his resignation on Monday, Aug. 26, and is now handing the ministry back over to Rick Joyner.

In a statement posted on X, Chris Reed shared how difficult the decision was for him to step away from MorningStar.

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## **Demonic 90-Foot Monkey Casts a Shadow Over Texas**

A statue of a Hindu god has been unveiled in Sugar Land, Texas, near Houston.

The "Statue of Union" was released on August 18 at the Sri Ashtalakshmi Hindu Temple.

According to the statue's website, the statue is 89.7 feet tall, the third-tallest statue in the United States. It depicts the god Lord Hanuman, a representation of "strength, devotion and selfless service."

## **Gateway Church Ousts Another Pastor for a 'Moral Issue'**

Gateway Church is making headlines again after they let go of executive pastor Kental Glasgow due to a "moral issue."

In an update to the Gateway community, elder Tra Willbanks gave the news about Glasgow's exit from church leadership.

"As of Monday this week, Kental Glasgow is no longer employed at Gateway," Willbanks said. "We were informed last week of a moral issue, which we believe as elders disqualifies him from serving in the role that he had at Gateway."

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# **Elderly Vietnam War Vet Who Can't Afford to Retire Receives Big Surprise**

An elderly McDonald's employee has a reason to rejoice after a community came together to help ease his financial burdens.

Edward Eubanks, 82, recently told KSNV-TV he hopes to one day retire but is unable.

The Vietnam War veteran, who performs janitorial services and refills soda, has been working at the fast food establishment since 2009.

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"I tell them, 'I am Mr. Ed, ., the hamburger man,'" Eubanks told KSNV-TV. "I restock the soda station, which is lids, napkins and straws, and then I sweep and mop the floor, [and] empty the garbage."

Despite working for most of his life, Eubanks said he has never been able to invest or properly save for retirement. Regardless of not having funds to stop working, the elderly man keeps a positive spirit.

"If you laugh a lot and keep moving, you got it made," he said.

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After hearing Eubanks' story, customer Abraham Cruz stepped in to try and offer some financial assistance. He created a GoFundMe, which has now brought in \$25,000 for Eubanks.

In a description for the fundraiser, Cruz said he's not trying to make the man rich, but wants to "give him some relief."

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# **Jonathan Cahn's Latest Revelations on the Ancient Mysteries of Israel**

Is there a connection between Israel and the book of Revelation?

In an exclusive interview with Charisma Media, New York Times best-selling author Jonathan Cahn discusses how Israel and the battle with Hamas relates directly to what we see in Revelation.



**To pre-order Jonathan Cahn's newest book, "The Dragon's Prophecy," visit .**

"When you look at Revelation, you see the colors are there; the colors of the Apocalypse are the Four Horsemen or the riders and the Four Horsemen," Cahn says. "And the Apocalypse ultimately converges on Israel in Armageddon in the end ... of course you have the white horse; then you have the red horse, symbolizing war; then you have the black horse with famine and want; then you have the pale green horse, which is death."

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Cahn points out that these colors of the Apocalypse are the same colors of the Palestinian flag.

"If you look at what was appearing all over these protests against Israel from Harvard to around the world in the West Bank in Gaza, you saw the colors of the Apocalypse," he explains. "The flag of Palestine is white, red, and black and green."

This uncanny connection between Israel, Revelation and the Palestinian flag is just one of many mysteries Cahn unlocks in his new book, "The Dragon's Prophecy: Israel, the Dark Resurrection, and the End of Days," which releases on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Cahn also makes the connection that the death of Ebrahim Raisi, the president of Iran killed in a helicopter crash earlier this year, foreshadowed an end-times prophecy coming to pass in our day and age.

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"Ezekiel says that Iran is one of the nations that's going to

come against Israel,” Cahn says. “Well, Iran is the only one that has directly struck Israel. And God says, ‘I will bring you against the mountains; you will fall in the mountains.’ Ebrahim Raisi was struck, brought down against the mountains, and fell upon the mountains of Israel.”

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## **How a Future Cyber War Could Plunge America Into Chaos**

If war ever reaches the American home front, most people might expect to hear an air raid siren. But what they may actually hear is silence, when many of the things they rely upon each day stop working.

The Commission on the National Defense Strategy recently warned senators the United States is “unprepared” for a “devastating” cyber war that will bring life in towns and cities across America to a standstill.

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Former Congresswoman Jane Harman, co-chair of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy, told senators, “The public is essentially clueless about the massive cyberattacks that could be launched any day by our adversaries. Not just nation-

states but rogue actors as well.”

Experts see the next war beginning with a keyboard attack on America’s critical infrastructure, threatening to cut off the internet, electricity, water, transportation and financial systems. It would mean almost everything, from phones to gas pumps to cash machines to traffic lights, suddenly stops working.

Cybersecurity expert Dr. Samantha Ravich of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies said, “We’re very vulnerable.”

Ravich served on Congress’s Cyberspace Solarium Commission and as a deputy national security adviser in the Bush White House. She’s especially concerned about the lack of protection at America’s many municipal water stations.

“A soft underbelly of our country is our water system. And those water utilities don’t often have the best cyber security. They have old technology,” Ravich said.

After a cyberstrike on your local water plant, your water tap might not work, or your water could become dangerous to drink.

In 2021 a hacker tried to poison the water supply of Oldsmar, Florida, by increasing the levels of sodium hydroxide. The city now says it was operator error, but in the last year, foreign actors from Iran and Russia have been linked to water facility attacks in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Texas.

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Shawn Waldman, CEO of Ohio-based Secure Cyber and a member of CyberOhio’s Critical Infrastructure Working Group says, “One hundred percent of the water systems that I’ve been involved with have been extremely vulnerable to external attacks, specifically.”

Waldman warns that adversaries are constantly testing America's cyber defenses for vulnerabilities in preparation for war.

"We're in a cyber cold war today," Waldman said. "We've got vulnerabilities with our radar systems and our air traffic control. We've got vulnerabilities in our 911 systems."

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# **Chris Reed Makes Statement Following MorningStar Resignation**

Chris Reed released a statement in a newly uploaded video to YouTube about his resignation with MorningStar Ministries.

"Hello friends, family, just come to you tonight in response to regards to a couple of things. No. 1, there seemed to have been some confusion over my departure from MorningStar," Reed says.

He continues: "My departure from MorningStar was what I said in the letter to the department heads and to the staff and volunteers, which was this: I said I did not want to be leading the ministry that would be in a case against four

victims who were abused as children by a former volunteer of the ministry, who is a policeman as well.”

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Reed reiterates that this occurrence happened prior to his coming to MorningStar Ministries. He says he did not want to be caught in the middle of the lawsuit between MorningStar and the youth who were affected by abuse from a former ministry volunteer.

“I could not because I know the victims, many of them, we’ve gotten to know them,” Reed says. “I made a tough, painful, painful choice and I just didn’t care, you know, if I lost everything ... if I defended the ministry, then it was like I’m having to go against the victims. If I defend the victims, then where does the ministry stand?”

“It happened all before we came here, and that was why I left,” he explains. “There was absolutely no other reason why I left.”

Reed also addresses something that was previously reported on regarding a woman who was connected to MorningStar a few years ago. Reed acknowledges that his relationship with her was wrong, but says this situation was not part of his decision to leave MorningStar. Further, he apologizes for what happened.

“The two were separate completely,” he says. “I want to just make that abundantly clear. And I also want to just say tonight as well, that I am very sorry. Sorry to my wife, sorry to the body of Christ, to my friends, to my family.

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“In this time, this season, I am dedicating to spending,

before the Lord, with my family, making sure my heart is clean and right," Reed says. "I just want to say this is so unbecoming of a Christian; it was so unbecoming of a minister; it was so un-Christlike, whether it happened three years ago, five years ago, two months ago, you know, I am deeply sorry."

Reed says everything was properly dealt with and that he was restored after both parties presented their evidence. He says his ascension to replace Rick Joyner at MorningStar was placed on hold for 15 months following the situation. In the video, he also takes full responsibility for the relationship, which lasted approximately one month.

During this time, pray for Chris Reed and his family and all those who have been affected by this sudden shake-up at MorningStar Ministries.

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Baruch said the writing on the seal proves how a need for literacy in ancient times wasn't just for those in the upper class, but that most people needed to have some reading level established for daily tasks.

“Contrary to what may be commonly thought, it seems that literacy in this period was not the realm only of society's knew how to read and write – at least at the basic level, for the needs of commerce.”

Jewish News Syndicate discussed how the seal was uncovered near the southern wall of the Temple Mount. It is believed that this artifact had the purpose of being both a charm and served as a signature for legal matters. “LeYeho'ezer ben Hosh'ayahu” is what is inscribed on the stone seal, the name Yeho'ezer appearing in 1 Chronicles 12:7 and ben Hosh'aya appearing in Jeremiah 43:2.

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According to Fox News, Rabbi Amichai Eliyahu pointed to the find as an unusual treasure because it “opens another window for us into the days of the Kingdom of Judah.” He also said it “is impossible not to be moved by such an unmediated and direct encounter with a chapter of our past, a time in which the First Temple stood in all its glory.”

This discovery goes to show how archaeology continues to give us more insight into biblical times and the views of those who were alive during that period.

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# **Jonathan Cahn: Israel, the Dark Resurrection and the End of Days**

God speaks to and through His prophets for our benefit.

In one of the most unexpected turns of events, rabbi and prophetic voice Jonathan Cahn saw a vision of a red dragon with a message regarding the end times and Israel he knew he had to write about. This message is entirely different than the book he thought he would write next. And while he still plans on releasing a “The Return of the Gods” sequel, “The Dragon’s Prophecy: Israel, the Dark Resurrection, and the End of Days” is the story he knew the world needed at this point in time.

“I’ve never written a book where as I’m writing it the things are happening in the world, and I had to keep updating it and changing it,” Cahn says in an exclusive interview with Charisma Media.



***To pre-order Jonathan Cahn’s newest book, “The Dragon’s Prophecy,” visit .***

“I’ve never had a book where there’s been so much attack before the book came out,” he continues.

Cahn recounts how a flood came into his ministry's building during his writing of the "The Dragon's Prophecy." The building then flooded again for an entirely different reason the next day. In total, he experienced three different floods at his ministry's building.

So, why has Cahn experienced such great spiritual warfare during the writing of this book?

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"The Dragon's Prophecy" unveils the ancient mysteries directly surrounding the Hamas attack that occurred on Oct. 7, of last year. These mysteries relate both the Scriptures of old and of what is still to come. In fact, Cahn described these specific mysteries to his congregation of Beth-Israel the day before Hamas invaded Israel.

"The mysteries in 'The Dragon's Prophecy,' actually foretold, ordained, that there would be an attack on Israel in the year 2023. It would happen in the autumn of 2023. It would happen in the month of October. It would take place on a Sabbath day on the Saturday," says Cahn.

This word not only came to pass quicker than anyone ever expected, but Cahn says the growing anti-Semitism around the world relates directly to the book of Revelation.

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"The first anti-Semite was an angel, a fallen angel, and so it's supernatural. The dragon does not sleep, so it never ends," Cahn says. "What just happened that took the world by surprise with Oct. 7, and all the outbreak of hatred of Israel was not an accident. It is spiritual and it is part of an

ancient war.”

“The dragon is mentioned in Revelation 12,” he continues. “The dragon is at war with the woman. The woman has a crown of 12 stars. That’s Israel, the 12 tribes. The woman gives birth to Messiah. That’s only Israel.”

“The Dragon’s Prophecy” releases on Tuesday, Sept. 3, and can be pre-ordered at .

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### **Joni Lamb's Stunning Prophetic Vision Involving Marcus Lamb**

Sometimes God gives us a vision that helps to shift our focus onto the things that matter.

In a recent video posted by Daystar, Joni Lamb revealed how God gave her a prophetic vision about her late husband, and the three things God uncovered to her through this encounter.

"This has been a couple of months ago, actually, I had a vision, a kind of a waking vision ... I heard the voice of my late husband, Marcus Lamb," Joni shares.

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*"This is a serious situation, the type of which I have witnessed several times over the 50-plus years I've been in ministry. I have seen it rob people with very powerful gifts of years of effective ministry. This has happened to me, as deception came upon me and cost me more than 10 years of ministry. I saw it cost Bob Jones eight years, and I think it cost Paul Cain his ultimate purpose. It is the most deceptive spirit I've ever dealt with, and right now I think Chris Reed is in a battle for his future."*

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Joyner writes that he will express more details later on, and notes how he has seen many Christians led away from their

purpose by deception. While some waver and will wander away for good, Joyner says it is those who find their way back to the God-given gifts and purpose they were created for who are ultimately used for even greater good.

*"...I never give up on anyone, regardless of how far off they seem to get. Many of the great voices in Scripture and history also experienced this. Not all recovered, but those who did were used in an even greater way.*

*"Chris has an important calling for this time, and I feel at least partially responsible, understanding this as I do, for not seeing this coming at him. I could have done better helping him resist it. Even so, whether in a short or long time, I am confident Chris will get through this and take his place doing what he is called to do."*

Joyner clarified that this does not mean that being part of MorningStar Ministries costs people their calling as many are placed there for only a season in life. He also elaborated more on the sexual assault case that Reed wrote about in his statement.

*"As for the scandal referenced in Chris' resignation letter, several of the youth at MorningStar were sexually abused by a volunteer worker who was a police officer," Joyner writes. "This is true. As soon as we heard about it, we called the police, who investigated the complaint and arrested the police officer who subsequently resigned from the Cornelius (North Carolina) Police Department."*

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Joyner states that the former officer is facing charges

related to giving minors alcohol and pornography. Joyner says these events did not happen on the MorningStar campus. He also claims that the ministry was cooperative with the investigation, helping to give the victims care. However, Joyner says one family still proceeded to sue MorningStar.

*“Overall, we felt that the victims and their families dealt with this with remarkable grace, but one decided to sue us. They alleged many outrageous things about the ministry that are not true. None of the leaders at MorningStar were charged nor were in any way involved in this criminal activity.”*

Joyner writes that MorningStar brought in an independent agency to investigate the scenario to determine whether or not any negligence occurred on their end. It was concluded that the ministry had done nothing wrong. Joyner claims that the statements made in the lawsuit are so outlandish that the ministry plans on going to court instead of settling to prove their innocence.

Despite these accusations, Joyner says that what happened to the youth is devastating.

*“This being said, we are grieved by what happened to these young men and the hurt this has caused. We have offered to take care of counseling or ministry needed by the families involved.”*

Joyner concludes with the hope that God will work all things together for good.

*“We must keep in mind that the Lord will always lead us in His triumph, and He causes all things to work for good...”*

Pray for MorningStar Ministries, Chris Reed and Rick Joyner in this tumultuous time.

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