

James Handy Murder Raises Chilling Question: Is a Principality of Violence Operating Over Los Angeles?

The killing of actor James Handy has raised a chilling spiritual question that the mainstream press will never touch: Was this another act of violence influenced by a regional spirit of murder?

Handy, 81, was found with a fatal stab wound to the chest outside his Tarzana home. Police arrested Michael Gledhill, 44, who lived at the residence with his mother and Handy.

Authorities say Gledhill called 911 before officers arrived and allegedly told police, "I am the son of man, I just killed the man of sin."

That statement demands spiritual discernment.

The phrase "man of sin" carries direct biblical weight. Second Thessalonians 2:3 says, "Do not let anyone deceive you in any way. For that Day will not come, unless a falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction."

Handy's talent agent, Pam Ellis-Evenas, confirmed his death, saying, "With great sadness, I can confirm that the gentleman who was attacked and killed on Wednesday in Tarzana was the actor James Handy."

The tragedy came months after director Rob Reiner and his wife, Michele Reiner, were found murdered inside their Brentwood home. Their son, Nick Reiner, was arrested and later pleaded not guilty to multiple murder charges.

Two brutal family-connected killings. Two Los Angeles-area homes. Two scenes of shocking violence involving knives. One region already known for exporting spiritual darkness through Hollywood, the music industry, drugs, occult influence, homelessness, sexual perversion and open rebellion against God.

The question before us is not only what happened.

The question is what was operating behind it.



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Scripture reveals territorial spirits. Daniel encountered this reality when an angel told him that demonic opposition had delayed the answer to his prayer.

Daniel 10:13 says, "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been detained there with the kings of Persia."

That was not an earthly prince. That was a spiritual ruler attached to a region.

The Bible shows us that demonic powers operate over territories, cultures and kingdoms. Principalities influence regions. They shape atmospheres. They work through sin, deception, rage, confusion, addiction and bloodshed.

Los Angeles stands as one of the most influential cities on earth. Hollywood exports images, values and rebellion across the globe. The music industry shapes minds. Drug abuse destroys families. Homelessness reveals civic and spiritual collapse. Ministries continue fighting for souls in the middle of it all, bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to the broken, the addicted and the lost.

But when a region gives darkness room to operate, darkness produces fruit.

First Peter 5:8 warns, "Be sober and watchful, because your adversary the devil walks around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

Jesus revealed the enemy's nature in John 10:10, saying, "The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy."

Those who serve darkness reflect the nature of the one they serve. Satan steals. Satan kills. Satan destroys. His influence moves through sin, hatred, delusion, addiction, violence and rebellion against God.

Paul warned us to put on the full armor of God because we are not dealing with ordinary conflict.

Ephesians 6:11 says, "Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

When we neglect prayer, Scripture, holiness and obedience, we leave openings for attack. When people reject Jesus Christ, deny who He says He is and live outside His covering, they stand exposed to spiritual forces they refuse to acknowledge.

The result is visible in shattered homes, broken minds, destroyed families and bloodshed.

Individuals remain responsible for their actions. Crime remains crime. Evil remains evil. Murder remains murder.

But we cannot ignore the biblical pattern.

When language connected to Scripture appears in the mouth of a man accused of murder, we should pay attention. When violence erupts in repeated, disturbing patterns in the same region, we should pay attention. When a culture celebrates rebellion against God and then acts shocked when destruction follows, we should pay attention.

The media will analyze motives, mental health, criminal charges and court dates.

We must discern the spirit behind the act.

Was this the work of a principality, a regional spirit of murder and violence operating over Los Angeles?

The Bible gives us the framework to ask that question. The bloodshed gives us the urgency to pray.

We should pray for the families grieving these horrific losses. We should pray for justice. We should pray for Los Angeles. We should pray for every ministry standing in the gap. We should pray that strongholds fall, captives are set free and the name of Jesus Christ breaks every demonic power operating in the region.

The world sees another crime scene.

We see a spiritual battlefield.

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