

Morning Rundown: Family Calls for Prayer for Ailing Christian Filmmaker and Author Warren Marcus

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

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Through social media, multitudes of friends, family and those touched by his ministry are calling for prayer for author, filmmaker, television producer, speaker and ordained Messianic minister Warren Marcus, who is in the hospital fighting for his life.

Believers are asked to pray for Marcus and also for his wife, Donna; their children, Joe and Tara; and their families.

"Overwhelmed is not a strong enough word to describe all the prayers and stories of how Warren touched you," Donna Marcus wrote on Facebook. "Warren is feeling them. Please continue. I love you all."

The Epic and Biblical Battle for God's Land

Commenting on the first verse of Genesis, Rashi (1040-1105), the most prominent Jewish biblical commentator, asked why the Torah did not start in Exodus 12, where the commandments concerning Passover are given. After all, this is the beginning of the legislative portion of the Torah, and the Torah is all about God's instructions to the people of Israel.

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This is the answer Rashi gave more than 1,000 years ago:

✖ Now for what reason did He commence with “In the beginning”
Because of [the verse] “The strength of His works He related to His people, to give them the inheritance of the nations” (Ps. 111:6). For if the nations of the world should say to Israel, “You are robbers, for you conquered by force the lands of the seven nations [of Canaan],” they will reply, “The entire earth belongs to the Holy One, blessed be He; He created it (this we learn from the story of the Creation) and gave it to whomever He deemed proper. When He wished, He gave it to them, and when He wished, He took it away from them and gave it to us.”

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“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hos. 4:6a). May this indictment not be spoken over you and me with our families and churches. We are in the midst of a war, and it can quickly spread to a regional conflict and beyond.

And remember Israel has a nuclear weapon, and the Israelis are fighting for their very survival as a nation.

Take 10 and invest it to learn what the Bible teaches and what we must know in the midst of this demonically inspired conflict. The devil knows his time is short, and he wants to thwart the purposes of God, which have a focal point—the Middle East. {eo}

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