

Top of the Week: UPDATE: Why the Red Heifer Ceremony Could Happen Soon

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UPDATE: Why the Red Heifer Ceremony Could Happen Soon

Pastor Greg Locke is on the ground in Israel at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, reporting firsthand to Charisma Media about the upcoming red heifer ceremony—a significant prophetic event believed to be a step toward the construction of the Third Temple.

Despite differing opinions on its significance, the ceremony is moving forward, carrying deep implications for biblical prophecy.

“With Trump being in office he’s accentuating what’s happening in a good way because prophetically, he’s coming in, taking over Gaza, the relocation of the Gazans, and now God’s calling more of the Jewish people back from around the world,” Locke says.

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Woke Bishop Exposed: Trump Critic Caught Pocketing Millions in Taxpayer Money

In an era where God is dismantling facades, Bishop Mariann Budde’s actions have thrust her into the spotlight—and not for reasons aligning with her public persona. As reported by The Gateway Pundit, Budde, who famously criticized President Donald Trump during an inaugural prayer service, has been

exposed for pocketing a staggering \$53 million in taxpayer funds through her organization, Episcopal Migration Ministries.

Budde's words during the National Prayer Service painted her as a champion for the vulnerable. She implored President Trump to show compassion towards groups like illegal immigrants and the LGBTQ+ community. However, her sanctimonious appeals now ring hollow in light of revelations about the financial windfall her organization has reaped from federal programs. The very compassion she championed appears entangled with a profit motive, as EMM cashed in \$53 million in 2023 alone to resettle just 3,600 individuals.

The hypocrisy is glaring. While Bishop Budde's moral posturing calls for social justice, her organization's deep entanglement with federal funds raises uncomfortable questions about the true motivations behind these advocacy efforts. As the New York Post detailed, in 2024, EMM "sponsored" 6,400 individuals from 48 countries, including Afghans under special humanitarian programs and refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo. These newcomers are immediately eligible for welfare benefits comparable to those available to U.S. citizens, a policy that further fuels public debate about resource allocation and national priorities.

Prophecy: Lauren Daigle and the Sign of the Super Bowl

There's nothing that God cannot work through, and that includes music and the Super Bowl.

In a brand new prophecy, Joseph Z discussed the prophetic implications behind Lauren Daigle's coming performance at the Super Bowl, and how it signifies a greater redemption for the larger body of Christ.

"There is a monumental shift that's been happening in the atmosphere," Z says. "What I'm seeing is wave after wave of

earth-shaking narrative, some negative, some very good and I believe it's going to be surprise after surprise even into this next week."

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'He Gets Us' Super Bowl Ad Draws Attention Across the Spectrum

For the third year in a row, the "He Gets Us" television advertising campaign brought Jesus to center stage during the biggest television event of the year—the Super Bowl.

While the game itself delivered its usual dose of thrilling plays and million-dollar commercials, this campaign's ads always stand out for their faith-centered message. At a time when the world is saturated with corporate branding and consumerism, this year's 60-second spot reminded millions of viewers about something far more enduring: the life and message of Jesus Christ.

The ad aired during the first half of the game between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles, exploring "how Jesus redefined true greatness and what it might mean for us," as reported by USA Today. With Super Bowl ad slots costing between \$7 million and \$8 million for just 30 seconds, the investment made by "He Gets Us" is both bold and intentional.

Jonah and the Whale? Kayaker's Terrifying Encounter

Did someone just experience a real-life Jonah and the whale kind of encounter?

Off of the coast of Chile, 24-year-old Adrián Simancas was kayaking with his father close to the San Isidro lighthouse when he was briefly swallowed by a massive humpback whale, according to The Guardian.

Simancas' father, Dell Simancas, caught the entire moment on camera, which shows the whale swallowing Adrián and spitting him out soon after.

Russell Brand Breaks Silence on Crisis That Led Him to Jesus

When a celebrity like Russell Brand announces a dramatic life shift, it's bound to make headlines. But Brand's journey to Christianity isn't just another headline—it's a profound story of brokenness, surrender and transformation.

In a recent appearance on the Apologetics Canada podcast, Brand opened up about his unexpected path to faith, sharing candid reflections that resonate far beyond his fame. He didn't grow up religious, "I grew up without a religion," Brand says. "Like most English people, there was no glory, no mystery, no celebration, no baptism." Instead, he was raised in Grays, a working-class town he described as "a banal and bland spilled suburban wasteland of low expectations." His worldview was shaped by survival and later, by a pursuit of fame, pleasure and self-indulgence.

But even as he achieved everything society promised would bring fulfillment—notoriety, wealth and the pleasures of the world—Brand found himself empty.

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