

EXCLUSIVE: 'The Chosen' Cast Reveals Amazing Experience of Filming the Last Supper

The cast of "The Chosen" recently shared powerful insights into filming the Last Supper scene, describing it as an emotionally intense and humbling experience. During an exclusive interview with Charisma Media in Dallas, Texas, they opened up about the challenges, the historical depth and the spiritual impact of portraying one of the most significant moments in Scripture.

From the outset, the actors admitted they were unprepared for how deeply moving the experience would be. Stepping into the scene, they felt the weight of history and faith pressing upon them.

"It was so surreal. It felt like time stood still," says Noah James, who plays Andrew on the show. "And you want to do honor by this moment in time. You want to really try to bring to life what would it be like to sit at this table and hear these words."

To bring authenticity to the portrayal, the cast participated in a traditional Passover meal, led by Rabbi Jason Sobel. The experience gave them a new appreciation for the historical and spiritual significance of the event.

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"I grew up Greek Orthodox, and hearing about the Last Supper, I was not thinking about what was on the table," says George Xanthis, who plays the apostle John. "It taught me so much about that, and as an actor it was fascinating."

Filming the Last Supper took six days, with grueling late-night shoots that added to the emotional intensity of the moment, the actors even coming back at 3:00 a.m. to film in real time what the scene would have been like.

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“It’s tense, it’s palpable,” says actor Shahar Isaac who plays Simon Peter. “I think it really does give breath to everything that is happening, this kind of tension of something is about to happen.”

One of the most impactful moments, according to the cast, was filming the triumphal entry. With over 600 extras cheering and laying down their garments, the actors were overwhelmed by the love and emotion on set.

“It felt like ‘I’m not worthy to have that sort of reception,’” says James.

With each scene, “The Chosen” not only captures the historical reality of Jesus’ final days but also invites audiences into a deeper reflection on the profound love and sacrifice at the core of the Gospel message. The kick-off for season is tomorrow, Friday, Mar. 28, with the premier of Part I in theaters nationwide.

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Pastor's Business Targeted, Event Canceled After Backlash

An event in the Seattle area has been canceled after activists issued complaints against a Christian coffee shop owner. The "Coffee with a Cop" event was intended to connect community members with local law enforcement officers.

"It was neither the department's nor the City's intent to make any community member feel unwelcome based on the selection of the event venue and the values that the venue may or may not hold. When planning future events, we will be more intentional with our venue selection," the City of Shoreline wrote on Facebook, explaining the event's cancellation. "Again, we are reaffirming our commitment to creating a thriving city that is Welcoming to All. Part of how we can do that is by listening to our community, taking feedback, be it negative or positive, and coming out better and stronger."

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The venue for the event, Pilgrim Coffee, is owned by Keith Carpenter, the pastor of Epic Life Church. Carpenter's beliefs are not integrated within his business, conservative radio host Jason Rantz reported.

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Speaking to Rantz, Carpenter said the event's cancellation due to his beliefs is "a form of discrimination, for sure."

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"I can deal with people posting negative things online. That's

just the way they are. They don't like everything about me or our church, and our coffee shop, and that's fine. But not just misunderstanding, but just blatant lies and calling us hateful, calling us every buzzword that can get people's attention," he said, adding that the business serves "anybody who walks in the door."

"We don't ask questions. So it's like a non-starter for us, because nobody's asking questions at the door. Anybody who walks in that space will get the same exact beautiful, generous, generously hospitable treatment. And probably the best cup they'll have all all month or all year," Carpenter said.

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Are All Prophets True? Pastor Confronts Shocking Religious Practices!

Are all prophets from the Lord?

In a recent outreach at the University of Central Florida, Richard Lorenzo Jr. delivered a powerful message that shook the foundations of religious pluralism and challenged the false narratives of modern spirituality. With raw conviction and boldness, Lorenzo called listeners to embrace the exclusive truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Speaking to a man who said he believed that all prophets were the way to God, Lorenzo boldly pointed out why this can not be so, looking directly at the prophet Muhammad's marriage to a young child, a fact documented in Islamic tradition. With compassionate yet unwavering conviction, he exposed the tragic reality of child marriages still happening today, attributing it to the continuation of misguided religious customs.

Lorenzo also powerfully shared how his pursuit after occultic practices prior to his salvation in Christ could not satisfy his soul the way Jesus has, including through genuine miracles, signs and wonders.

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"...I experienced the presence of God that knocked me to the ground and healed me of a disease I had for nine years that the doctors deemed incurable," says Lorenzo. "I met the Jesus of the Bible, not the Jesus of religion."



To order Richard Lorenzo Jr.'s new book, What's the Purpose of Life? visit .

Richard Lorenzo Jr.'s message serves as a sobering reminder that not all prophets lead to truth. His bold testimony underscores the exclusivity of Jesus as the only way to salvation, urging listeners to reject false doctrines and embrace the transformative power of the true gospel.

Watch the entire message in the video below.

In a recent episode of The Rosenberg Report, New York Times

best-selling author and prophecy expert Joel Rosenberg offered a bold and sobering take on China, Bible prophecy and what he sees as a growing threat to global freedom—and a direct connection to the end-times scenario laid out in the Book of Revelation.

Rosenberg didn't hold back.

“It is a prototype of the tyrannical Antichrist society,” he said. “And I believe the Antichrist, which will come out of the Roman Empire—the revived Roman Empire in Europe—is going to just pick up the technology and the way of being a tyranny that the Chinese government has developed.”

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That's a heavy statement. But for Rosenberg, it's more than geopolitical analysis—it's prophetic fulfillment.

Revelation 16 and the Kings of the East

Rosenberg walked his audience through Revelation 16:12–16, reading from the New American Standard Bible.

“The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the Great River, the Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the East,” he read. “And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs—for they are spirits of demons performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world.”

He paused.

“You've got the kings of the East—some set of kings from east of Israel—and they're going to lead the charge,” he said. “But they're not going to be alone. They are demonically driven.

They're being driven by these evil, unclean spirits, and they're gathering all the kings, all the leaders of the world."

Their goal? War. Specifically, the climactic battle at Armageddon.

"They gather them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon," Rosenberg said. "That's where we get Armageddon."

Is China One of the Kings?

When asked directly if he believes China is one of these "kings of the East," Rosenberg didn't hesitate.

"Yes, that's what I believe," he said. "Can you prove it? I cannot prove it. Well, why are you here? I don't know—Gary asked me."

He acknowledged that other nations like Pakistan, India or even North Korea could be included. But he emphasized China's unique position.

"When you have a country as big as China, that has the largest army in the world, that has nuclear weapons, ICBMs, and is the spirit of the Antichrist right now—little 'a'—they are crushing Christianity, they are persecuting the church, they are trying to stamp out all religion," Rosenberg said. "There is no freedom in China."

A Literal Drying of the Euphrates?

Some might dismiss the prophecy as metaphor. Rosenberg isn't

one of them.

“When God’s actually referencing a specific river—the Euphrates River—this isn’t a metaphor,” he said. “This is how the armies are going to get there—they’re going to come up through a dry riverbed.”

Rosenberg pointed to secular sources like the New York Times and Discover Magazine that have reported the Euphrates is, in fact, drying up.

“The river will completely dry up by 2040,” he said, citing Iraqi and Syrian government concerns. “This is interesting to me. Something to think about.”

America, China and the Growing Threat

Rosenberg stressed the danger posed by the Chinese Communist Party. He cited official U.S. sources to back his concerns.

“The State Department right that the Chinese Communist Party—the CCP—is posing the central threat of our times,” he said.

“The FBI the counter-espionage and economic espionage efforts emanating out of the Chinese government and the Communist Chinese Party are a grave threat to the economic well-being and democratic values of the United States.”

And it’s not just spying.

“China produces 97% of the world’s fentanyl supply,” he said. “The chemicals that create the drug that is killing a hundred thousand Americans a year comes from China.”

A Revival Behind the Curtain

Despite the oppression, Rosenberg sees an incredible move of God unfolding in China.

“Over the past four decades, Christianity has grown faster in China than anywhere else in the world,” he said, quoting a 2023 Boston University study. “The Christian community in China has grown from 1 100 million.”

He called it “the greatest spiritual awakening on the planet,” and he sees it foretold in Isaiah 49.

“Behold, these will come from afar,” he quoted, “and these from the land of Sinim.”

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“Sinim” is widely understood by Hebrew scholars to refer to China, Rosenberg explained.

“This is the only reference specifically to China. Revelation 16 is a reference I believe refers to China, but when you’re talking about the word of the Chinese people in a biblical world, China.”

A Call to Prayer

Rosenberg closed with four specific prayer points:

1. **Pray for the persecuted Church in China** to have “great courage and great boldness” to preach the gospel and make disciples.
2. **Pray for the lost in China**, that they will “renounce come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.”
3. **Pray for Western leaders** to have “wisdom and courage” to stand up to the Chinese Communist Party.
4. **Pray for vulnerable nations**, including Israel and Taiwan, to withstand rising threats.

“Revelation is pretty important to the Chinese people, it

turns out," Rosenberg said.

And perhaps, now more than ever, it should be important to the rest of us, too.

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A Prophetic Dream Changed Everything—Find Out How!

Ryan Pineda, a high-level real estate investor and entrepreneur, is now walking in a new realm of supernatural power. In a recent conversation with Kap Chatfield, Pineda shared how God is radically transforming his life—by empowering him to cast out demons and witness miraculous healings.

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Pineda says before he ever directly interacted with spiritual warfare, God revealed to him the torment his nonverbal, autistic son was under. God gave him a dream where his son was talking to him, which he thought was strikingly odd. The Lord reminded Pineda that it would be possible for his son to talk if the demon was cast out of him.

Pineda then decided to take matters into his hands. "I woke up, like 'Well I'm going to start praying and rebuking all of this just right now,'" Pineda recounts. "I start to try and pray and then I feel my mouth get covered like I literally cannot speak in my bed. And it was at that point I was like, 'Demons are very real.'"

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This was just the start of Pineda's journey of interacting with the spiritual realm. From dealing with a man in his office who started growling and spitting at him, to having hands laid on him for the Holy Spirit's supernatural strength to come and fill him, Pineda became a true ministerial vessel for God's glory.

Watch the entire interview below to see how God is using some of the most unexpected people and places for His glory.

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