

Apostolic Prophet: 'We Are Not at a Time That the Church Is Going to Perish'

There is a lot of speculation in faith communities regarding racial tension, COVID-19 and what the future of the church will look like with economic unrest further hindering the reopening of physical church buildings. Apostle Ryan LeStrange joins host Joshua Giles on a recent episode of *The Global Prophetic Forecast* on the Charisma Podcast Network to share what he believes lies ahead for the next season in the church.

Though most prophets and apostles seem to be on the extreme ends of the spectrum in terms of what they believe God is saying about the future of the U.S., host Joshua Giles says he has learned some tools to be able to discern how his prophetic voice should be used and more importantly, if and when he should share it. He says, "There are tons of things that the Holy Spirit has spoken to me that I've just written down, and I'll pray over them personally. Sometimes the Lord may have me bring it to my team of intercessors and will intercede, but it will never come across, you know, a public platform because God just maybe didn't release me to say it."

LeStrange says he gets frustrated with "some of the limited prophetic lenses I see being displayed on social media and media," which say that, because of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, "Therefore, the church is done." He points out that if we look from a more global perspective, "There are some places where the only way you can gather a group of the people is outside, because there are not buildings that are comfortable enough or big enough to hold a crowd of people. ... I think that we are not at a time that the church is going to perish, is going to die. "

LeStrange says discerning prophetic voices plays an important part in determining the future of our nation, as many increasingly look to prophets to assess where we are headed. He says "I think that politically, there is the struggle for the soul of the nation. You know, will we be a nation that really values everybody—Black, white and in between? Will we be a nation that comes to peace with a troubled past, or will we be a nation that kicks the can down [the road] for 10 or 20 years?"

"I think it would be very helpful if you would stop and really listen and ask the Lord, 'Is there another piece of this puzzle [I'm] not seeing?'"

For more on discerning the validity of prophetic voices, the projection of the church in a rapidly increasing digital age and how racial tension correlates with the coronavirus, listen to the rest of the interview [here](#).