

Top of the Week: Dutch Sheets' 2024 Prophetic Word: The Year of the Dragon, the Bear and the Lion

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Dutch Sheets' 2024 Prophetic Word: The Year of the Dragon, the Bear and the Lion

In a brand-new video discussing what is in store for 2024, Dutch Sheets shared the great implications of what this season means for America and for the world. He specifically pointed out that three nations in particular—which can be identified as the dragon, bear and lion—will look at America's current condition as an opportunity to take advantage of the nation.

"Great unrest will continue and increase here in America and throughout the world," Sheets said. "The dragon, the bear and the lion, that would be Russia, China and Iran will continue their attempts to gain influence, seeing America's weakness under Biden as their opportunity. They realize this opportunity may not last long and will try to make the most of it. A weakened America means strengthened evil."

This prophecy in particular shadows what The Most Important News pointed out about clear end times events, such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Iran's pull in Middle Eastern conflicts, China's gravitation toward "reunification" with Taiwan, and even the president's response to military actions around the world.

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One Leader's Failure Isn't an Excuse to Leave the Faith

I started seriously following Jesus in the 1970s. From those early days until now, I've watched many leaders fail.

During the days of the Jesus Movement, we learned that Lonnie Frisbee—the hippie evangelist portrayed in the movie “Jesus Revolution”—got divorced because of sexual immorality and had to break ties with Calvary Chapel pastor Chuck Smith. In the 1980s, evangelists Jimmy Swaggart and Marvin Gorman were on the evening news because of sex scandals. Then, after PTL founder Jim Bakker had an extramarital affair, he went to prison for misusing donor funds.

In the 1990s, when I became an editor at Charisma, I lost count of the scandals involving bishops, pastors, false prophets, gospel singers and charlatans who preyed on the faithful. I'm old enough to remember W.V. Grant, who was exposed on “Nightline” for faking healings; Robert Tilton, who bilked donors and threw their prayer requests in the trash; Earl Paulk, who sexually abused dozens of women in his Atlanta church; and Bernard Jordan, who had the gall to charge people \$365 to get a prophetic word.

2024: The Courage to Confront False Prophets

As we enter the new year, renowned evangelist Mario Murillo has shared a powerful prophetic word for 2024, emphasizing the need for Christians to be discerning in the face of false prophets and to strengthen themselves in the Lord.

Drawing from his extensive experience in ministry holding massive tent crusades and his unwavering dedication to the gospel, Murillo's message is both timely and essential for believers navigating the spiritual landscape of the coming year.

In a recent interview with Charisma News, Murillo expressed his concern for the growing presence of false prophets in the Christian community, stating, "There are many voices out there right now that are not trustworthy."

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Pastor Accused of Trying to Push McDonald's Cook Into Deep Fryer

In a bizarre incident that has left the Christian community in High Point, North Carolina, in disbelief, a local pastor, Dwayne Wayden, allegedly attempted to push a McDonald's cook, Theodore Garlington, into a deep fryer. The incident occurred Dec. 28, when Wayden's wife, Latoya Gladney, a trainee manager at the fast-food restaurant, called him to complain about her employees' behavior.

Pastor Wayden, who is affiliated with Elevated Life International Ministries and also works as a truck driver, arrived at the restaurant and reportedly began punching Garlington in the face before attempting to push his head into the hot oil. Thankfully, several employees managed to intervene and prevent further harm.

The victim suffered a large contusion on his forehead and right eye, along with scratches on his neck. An ambulance was called, but Garlington chose to have his relatives take him to the hospital.

Troy Black's 2024 Prophecy: 'There's a Season of Renewal Coming'