

Top of the Week: ‘Dream of Mine’: Bear Grylls Celebrates Baptism in Jordan River, Where ‘Jesus Was Baptized’

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Survivalist, author and reality TV star Bear Grylls checked off a bucket-list item this fall as he was baptized in the Jordan River, fulfilling what he called a lifelong “dream of mine.”

“It had always been a dream of mine to get in the water that Jesus was baptized in by my hero, John the Baptist,” Grylls wrote in a post on X. “The story is so amazing, [and] it seems wherever Jesus went, that new birth, new life, a new vision followed.”

He went on to point his followers to the New Testament book of Luke, who “was probably a Syrian doctor before he met Jesus” and wrote “a reliable, poignant account of [Jesus’] life.”

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Signs of the Times: Are You Ready?

Continuing in his “Signs of the Times” sermon series, Pastor Jentezen Franklin of Free Chapel in Gainesville, Georgia, could not have picked a more appropriate time for such a

teaching.

In the wake of Israel being the target of an unprecedented and unprovoked attack by the demonically-driven Hamas terror group, Franklin shared the words of Jesus pertaining to the end times and how every believer needs to be aware of His words, and be ready.

It starts with biblical literacy.

Mike Bickle on the Power of Prayer and Prophecy in Israel's Time of Need

In a world gripped by uncertainty and turmoil, the recent events in Israel have captured the attention of the globe. This strife has led to a surge in prayer and support for the nation, with many believing that they are witnessing a significant moment in history.

In my latest and most urgent Strang Report IHOPKC founder Mike Bickle shared why this is a critical time to support Israel along with a prophetic word for the season ahead. Earlier this year there was astonishing 5 million people who joined together to lift up Israel in heartfelt prayer. What Bickle expressed about this season of intensified prayer is pivotal, possibly leading to a significant prophetic outcome. You can see his entire message on my Strang Report podcast. One of the keys he shared that I agree with is the context behind Daniel's story as it relates to our world today with the rising conflict in the Middle Eastern nations.

"And then this mighty angel, it's a very powerful angel that's described in Daniel 10, he appears to Daniel. And Daniel I'm thinking is going, 'What took so long?'" Bickle says. "The principality, the demonic principality of Persia which is modern-day mighty demonic principality over Persia was holding me back and then finally Michael the archangel broke in because, Daniel, you kept praying," Bickle says.

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Loren Cunningham Dies at 88: YWAM Founder, Global Missionary, Evangelist

Loren Cunningham, founder of interdenominational, multicultural Christian training organization Youth With a Mission, died today at his home in Hawaii after a battle with lung cancer. The first person in history to travel for the sake of Christ and the Great Commission to every sovereign nation on earth, all dependent countries and more than 100 territories, he was 88.

Cunningham founded YWAM in 1960 as a way to get young people involved in Christian mission and built the organization into a global missions movement touching every continent and influencing every generation over its 63-year history. He was often called the “deregulator of missions” because he broke the 1960s missionary paradigm by creating a way for youth to serve short-term, interdenominationally and unsalaried. YWAM now has over 2,000 locations in 200 countries, reaching more than 180 countries through three main areas: evangelism, training and mercy ministry.

Although many have credited YWAM as being one of the world’s largest mission movements, Cunningham responded to this claim by deflecting the glory to Jesus, noting, “Well, however large it is, it’s not large enough because Jesus’ last commandment to reach the whole world with the gospel has not been completed.”

Unveiling the Mysteries of CERN and the Spiritual Realm

In a recent interview, prophetic voice and end times expert Joseph Z sat down with Charisma News to discuss the supernatural occurrences going on in the world today.

The topic of CERN, the Large Hadron Collider located in Switzerland, took center stage. Looking at what is taking

place in the underground facility from a Christian perspective, Z drew intriguing connections between scientific exploration and the spiritual realm. The conversation delved into the possible consequences of mankind's quest to unravel the mysteries of the universe.

CERN, best known for its experiments in particle physics, has sparked curiosity and, for some, concern about the boundaries between the natural and supernatural worlds. The discussion touched on a variety of aspects, beginning with an exploration of biblical stories and their relevance to the CERN facility.

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