

Welcome back again on a Sunday Night! (or to those who are watching this online or later...)

- We are in a series called **It's Getting Weird** — and tonight things are about to get very weird.
- My goal is not to **scare** you. It's to **prepare** you...
- "Christ wants his followers to live in such a way that when the world was falling apart, they were not" (Dr. Jim Denison) - part of my goal...
- Last week: **Rise of Islam**. Next week: **Advance of AI**. Tonight: **Reports of Aliens**.
- **Message Title: Reports of Aliens**
 - We brought **foil hats** for all of you... for your protection... *ha!*

The **reason we're doing this series** is because...

- **Culture** is having these conversations...
- **Podcasts** are putting them out there...
- **The government** is acknowledging it...
- **If the church stays silent**, we surrender the convo to those who don't have **Scripture (truth)**.
- **So we're going to talk about it!** But we're going to do it thoughtfully & carefully...

The Breakdown:

- How do we even know what's real?
- What are people actually seeing?
- What does Scripture say is happening?
- How do we process all of this?

PRAY

Not enough time to talk about everything, so I will highlight the major ones. But first...

How Do We Even Know What's Real?

Here is how tonight will go down: we are going to **separate three things**: (sources provided for you!)

- What is **documented** — verified by credible sources, records, or peer-reviewed research...
- What is **claimed** — reported by witnesses or officials but not independently verified... (hearsay)
- What **Scripture** helps us interpret — (A) because not everything real is explainable by science, and (B) because that's what I look to as the **ultimate authority** on these matters.

That **threefold grid** is **our filter for the entire night**. When I present something in the **"claimed"** category, I will do my best to tell you. (double check if I state things dogmatically)

- I'm not here to just regurgitate conspiratorial things or take us down rabbit holes...
- **Goal**: help us **think biblically about something the world is actively talking about**. *good?*

Definitions

Let's get: **terms straight**. (**Alien** is a **broad term**: legal, foreign, extraterrestrial, unfamiliar, ecological)

- **UFO**: "Unidentified Flying Object" is the old term.
- The U.S. government recently shifted to **UAP**: "Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon".
 - (*I'll use this term throughout, mostly...*)

- That **shift is significant**. It moves the conversation from **"flying objects"** to **broader unexplained phenomena** — things that may not fly like aircraft at all...

Two categories of explanation are helpful to grasp up front.

- The **first** is **Extraterrestrial**: "physical beings from another planet"
- **Second**: **Interdimensional**: "beings or phenomena from outside our physical dimension".
- I will clearly make the case that **Scripture points strongly toward the second category**.

Epistemology (knowledge filter)

Here is the most important thinking tool for tonight: **not all evidence is equal**.

- **Eyewitness testimony** is meaningful but fallible...
- **Documented government reports** carry more weight than a viral TikTok video... (*can we trust?*)
- **Internet claims** are the **least reliable** form of evidence. *Who knows what is real/valid anymore?*

Also, **a logic test** (with **another pastor** a few weeks ago) - *if an advanced civilization were capable of traveling light-years across the universe, why would they arrive here and just... peek-a-boo?*

- Occasional sightings... Brief appearances... No contact...
- That behavior **doesn't fit an interplanetary civilization**. It fits **something else entirely**.
- **1 Timothy 4:1** - "The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to **deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons**."

What Are People Actually Seeing?

Natural & Scientific Explanations

Let's start with what **science can explain** — because it explains a lot...

The **vast majority of publicly reported UAP sightings** have **conventional explanations** — *mistaken types of aircraft, atmospheric effects, generally misidentified objects, weather anomalies...*

- **Ball lightning** - a **rare but documented natural phenomenon** — (**ball lightning photo**) a **glowing sphere of ionized gas** that *moves, changes color, and vanishes*. **easily mistaken UAP**
- **Military technology** (*classified aircraft programs*), accounts for many reports.
- The **DOD's 2024 annual report** directly stated that *many historical sightings can now be attributed to "never-before-seen craft such as rockets, drones, or aircraft incorporating stealth technologies."* (*report details specific types*) (**SR-71 blackbird** (*mach 3+ over 85,000 ft*))
- **Governments use secrecy** *not always because they are hiding aliens*, but because they are **hiding weapons programs** they don't want adversaries to know about...

It's good to acknowledge: *most of what people see has normal and plausible explanations...*

Government Acknowledgments

The **modern American UAP** era *began in 1947...*

On June 24th, pilot **Kenneth Arnold reported nine shiny objects (saucer photo)** near Mt. Rainier, Washington flying in formation — one crescent-shaped, the rest roughly circular... (*flying saucer*)

The **CIA itself admitted through declassified 2013 documents** that most famous UFO sightings around **Area 51** were their own classified spy planes flying at altitudes no one thought possible

- **Roswell** sightings later explained by US Air Force as well... (*cold war tech cover ups*)

Then *in July 2023*, the **most significant governmental moment in UAP history (Photo) David Grusch, a 14-year intelligence officer and USAF Major**, testified before Congress under oath.

- He **claimed** the U.S. had recovered craft of non-human origin and — I need to say this carefully — non-human biologics. (*whatever that means*)
- Grusch also admitted under oath that **he has not personally seen any craft or materials himself**. His testimony is based on interviews with over 40 witnesses.
- The **Pentagon formally denied his claims**. *He filed a whistleblower complaint. He testified under oath. Credible people dispute him. Credible people corroborate him. Real tension...*

In February 2026, **President Trump announced a declassification** of UAP-related government files.

- Then the White House DHS registered **Aliens.gov & Alien.gov**. (*March 2026 - not live yet...*)
- And **Vice President JD Vance stated publicly** — *on the record* — **"I don't think they're aliens, I think they're demons anyway, but that's a longer discussion..."** *More on that soon...*

Culture, Psychology & Media Shaping

Here's something I want you to sit with: you have been shaped by these.

Since the late 1970s, **Hollywood has been normalizing** the idea of benevolent extraterrestrial contact.

- **E.T. (photo)** taught you aliens are **friendly** (*just one example of benevolent, intelligent, helpful*)

Research consistently shows UAP sightings and alien belief surge during cultural anxiety — it is a documented social science pattern, not *just a theory*.

- When people feel out of control, or economic downturn, they reach for cosmic explanations.

The **History Channel's Ancient Aliens franchise (photo)** has convinced millions that **ancient megaliths** could only have been built with extraterrestrial help. *More in a bit on this!*

The question isn't *whether you've been exposed* to this narrative. **You have...**

- A question to think about all of this: who is shaping it, toward what conclusion, and why?

Technology & Deception

One more thing before we move on to the next section...

- We are living in an era where **seeing is no longer believing**. (*through generative AI imagery*)
- Go much deeper on this next week in our **AI sermon** ... but video evidence is now suspect.

The Unexplained Remainder

Here's what's left after [science, government, psychology, and technology](#) account for their share.

Also on History Channel - there is a [512-acre property in Utah](#) called [Skinwalker Ranch \(photo\)](#) — studied by U.S. government-funded researchers...

- Reports span [UAP sightings, cattle mutilations, poltergeist activity, and Bigfoot-type encounters, all at the same location](#). The [clustering is the point](#) — multiple unexplained phenomena pointing [to a single common source](#).

[Not all of it](#) can be easily explained away...

- [Science](#) explains much of it...
- The [Government](#) [admits it purposefully misled](#) us on some of it...
- [Hollywood](#) has been preparing you to accept a specific answer...
 - [So what is actually going on with all this...?](#)

[What Does Scripture Say Is Happening?](#)

[We've Been Here Before](#)

The church wrestled with [unexplained phenomena](#) in the sky [since the beginning](#).

[This isn't a new conversation](#). ([Theologians across the centuries](#) have wrestled with this...)

- From [Justin Martyr](#) and [Irenaeus](#) in the 2nd century, through [Tertullian](#) in the 3rd, to [Aquinas](#) in the 13th — the [church has wrestled with supernatural beings interacting with the physical world](#) since the beginning...

[Vice President Vance](#) stated publicly: ['... there are weird things out there — celestial beings who fly around, who do weird things to people'](#)

- The [sitting Vice President of the United States](#) just said that. He is [not alone in that conclusion](#).
- The question is [whether Scripture supports it? It does...](#)

[The Unseen Realm](#)

The late [Dr. Michael Heiser](#), one of the [foremost OT Hebrew scholars](#) of the modern era, [spent his career recovering something the Western church has largely forgotten](#)...

- The [Bible depicts a robust, populated supernatural world](#).

According to the [late Dr. Michael Heiser](#), in [Deuteronomy 32:8](#), God [divided the nations and assigned them](#) to the ["sons of God"](#) ([divine beings with agency, authority, and the capacity to rebel](#))

- The phrase [Bene Ha-Elohim](#) — [Sons of God](#) — appears in [Job 1](#) presenting themselves [before God in the heavenly council](#), and again in [Genesis 6](#) taking human wives...
- These are [not humans](#). They are [a class of supernatural beings](#) created before humanity.
- [Deut. 32:8, ESV](#) — ["When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God."](#)
 - [Transparency moment](#): some of your Bibles may read ["sons of Israel"](#) (NKJV).
 - [Why the difference?](#)
 - [The Masoretic Text](#) ([medieval Hebrew manuscripts](#)) reads ["sons of Israel"](#)

- But the **Dead Sea Scrolls** — roughly **a thousand years older** — read **"sons of God"**
- **The Septuagint** (the **Greek Old Testament** Jesus and the apostles quoted from) renders it **"angels of God"**
- And **context settles it: Israel didn't exist yet**. God is **dividing the nations at Babel in Genesis 11** — **centuries before there was a nation called Israel**.
- Many modern scholars — conservative ones included — believe "sons of God" is the original, and that **a later scribe softened it because the theology made him uncomfortable**.
- This isn't picking a **"liberal"** reading. It's **following the oldest manuscript evidence** we have.

Genesis 6 (to remind us **before Deut 32** in time...) tells us these **angelic beings did rebel**.

- Some view as **seth vs cain**... popularized by **Augustine in 5th century** (carried to western)
- However, the **supernatural view** was held by **every early church Father prior**...
 - **Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, Tertullian**, among others - all read it this way...
- Most importantly, the **New Testament** clarifies for us in **Jude 6 and 2 Peter 2**
- **Jude 6** - **"the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains... until the judgment of the great day."**
- **2 Peter 2:4-5, NIV** - **"For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people..." (also, 1 Peter 3:19-20 supports)**
- The **sons of God** saw that the **daughters of man** were attractive and **took them** as wives.
- **Nephilim** = the result of these **supernatural beings crossing a boundary they never should...**
- **The Flood was God's response** to this corruption — **not merely human wickedness**, but **possibly also the contamination of humanity itself by fallen supernatural beings."**

This is not mythology. This is the biblical template for **supernatural beings interacting with the physical world** in **deceptive, boundary-crossing ways**.

- In **1 Kings 22**, **a lying spirit volunteers in the heavenly council to deceive King Ahab** — and **God permits it**. **Spiritual beings deceive**. **That is not speculative — it is biblical narrative**.

Eph. 2:2, NLT - **"...just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world..."** [**"Prince of the power of the air"** - NKJV]

Eph. 6:12 - **"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."**

As a support to this theology, **Jacques Vallée** is a **French-born scientist and UAP researcher** — **not a pastor, not a theologian** — **one of the most credible UAP researchers in history**.

- After decades of investigation, **Vallée proposes** that UAP phenomena are **not extraterrestrial**. **They are interdimensional** (**The Bible calls them principalities/powers**)
 - They interact **with human consciousness**.
 - They behave **more like spiritual phenomena than physical craft**.
 - He arrived **at this conclusion from data, not faith**.
 - **The Bible got there first and had it right all along!**

The **Ancient Astronaut Theory** (**photo**) (you may have heard it as **"chariot of the gods"**)

- It looks at wonders of the world, the Great Pyramid, stonework of Peru, Stonehenge, Easter island, etc and says: ancient humans couldn't have done this — therefore aliens!
- **Theorize:** Aliens visited earth throughout history to help humans evolve and civilize...
 - Scripture actually has an answer for this...
- The book of 1 Enoch (not in our canon) but quoted directly in the NT book of Jude...
- ...describes the Watchers (fallen beings), teaching humanity metallurgy, architecture, and forbidden knowledge before the Flood. (1 Enoch 8:1-3)
- The Tower of Babel in Genesis 11 reflects another human-supernatural collaboration aimed at cosmic autonomy from God as they built a megalith aimed at the stars (heavens)
- The Ancient Astronaut theorists stumble toward the right conclusion — something non-human (extraordinary) was involved — it just gets the interpretation wrong...

Processing the Phenomena

Let's talk about abductions. Sounds fun, yeah!?

- Thousands of accounts of what witnesses describe as encounters with non-human entities.
- The experiences share a consistent profile: paralysis, terror, violation, and persistent psychological trauma that doesn't resolve. They don't feel like encounters with curious scientists from another planet. They feel like something predatory and spiritually invasive.

Well-documented across thousands of abduction accounts — by secular researchers like Harvard' Dr. John Mack / Temple University' Dr. David Jacobs (photo) (separately!)

- Differences: Jacobs interpreted as hostile... Mack interpreted as potentially benevolent.
- Overall, these experiences were focused on reproduction: physical examination of reproductive organs; apparent extraction of genetic material; presentation of hybrid offspring.
- That is a strikingly close echo of Genesis 6, where supernatural beings crossed into the physical world with a specific interest in human reproduction and bloodline corruption...

Here is a very interesting finding...

- Joe Jordan (photo) is a longtime Field Investigator and State Section Director for MUFON — the Mutual UFO Network, the largest civilian UFO research organization in the world
- Jordan began his research as an agnostic. Over years of investigation, (though not peer reviewed) he documented a remarkable pattern among those who claimed to be abducted:
- Jordan's published conclusion: 'The experience was shown to be able to be stopped or terminated by calling on the name and authority of Jesus Christ — not as a magic word, but by their allegiance to and personal relationship with Him.' (paraphrased quote)
 - He documented over 250 written and verbal accounts of this.
- Jordan documented this in his published book Unholy Communion co-authored with researcher David Ruffino. Colleagues who went off-record are cited anonymously — the same way any investigative journalist would handle confidential sources...

Rick Strassman (photo) is a psychiatrist who conducted U.S. government-approved and funded clinical research at the University of New Mexico from 1990 to 1995.

- He administered approximately 400 doses of DMT (dimethyltryptamine) — (the spirit molecule) — a powerful psychedelic that essentially shuts down normal sensory experience...

- And what Strassman found is that people arriving at this other reality were **consistently meeting the same class of beings** - described as **alien, others as angelic, others as interdimensional**. *Not all the same description*, but **consistently the same category**: *(debated, but his findings) ...not a unique hallucination unique to each brain* — but **repeated access to a consistent realm, populated by consistent beings**.
- Scripture would call that **the domain of principalities and powers**. *The drug is not the entity*. **The drug is the door**. (*Pharmakia* - connected to sorcery and occult practices...)
- **Ghost Séances. Channeling. New Age contact. Occult portal-opening...**
 - **2 Cor. 11:14 - "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."**
 - These entities *don't appear as monsters*. They appear as **wise, advanced, benevolent beings from the cosmos**. That is **the masquerade - appearing to help from afar...**
- And in the **most extreme** documented cases, *what begins as contact becomes control* — what the New Testament calls **demonic possession**. *Same beings, deeper door...*

Creation & Universe Theology

Some of you are asking: *couldn't **God have made life elsewhere** in the universe?*

The Bible is silent: *Scripture doesn't state yes explicitly, nor does Scripture explicitly forbid it.*

- *Though possible*, the **idea does create some potential theological problems** (*Jesus/alien?*)
- Specifically, **The imago Dei** — *the image of God* — is **specifically conferred on humanity**.
- **Redemption through the cross** applies to human beings who bear that image; *you cannot extend the framework of sin and redemption to hypothetical alien biology*.

But, even if...

Col. 1:16 - "For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him."

- **Whatever is out there** — *angels, demons, fallen beings, phenomena we may not yet have categories for* — **none of it exists outside His sovereignty**. *Can I get an amen?*
- **Non-human intelligent beings** are in the Scriptures. We call them **angels, demons (similar)**.

End Times — The Strong Delusion

Now let me show you **where this is all possibly heading** (*biblical speculation alert!*)

2 Thess. 2:9–11 - "The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false..."

- **False signs. False wonders. Strong delusion. For those who refused the truth.**
- A **society conditioned over 50 years to believe that advanced beings from elsewhere** are guiding human evolution is *a prepared population for deception*. That **population is primed to receive new revelation from non-human sources**. **New authority... New truth systems...**
- A *world that has been told for decades...* that **alien contact is humanity's next great leap forward** will be *conditioned to accept it when that contact appears to arrive...*

In [Matthew 24:37](#) - Jesus connected the end times [directly to the days of Noah](#) — when [supernatural beings crossed into the physical world](#). *As it was then, so it will be...*

Some have even formulated a [speculative theory](#), that [if the pre-tribulational rapture is theologically correct](#), then when it occurs, *millions of people will suddenly be gone... (Aliens!)*

- Whether or not that [specific scenario unfolds exactly as described](#) — the [strong delusion framework](#) is real, and the [cultural conditioning for it is already complete](#).

Just remember (whether dealing with [cults or aliens](#))...

[Galatians 1:8](#) - "Even if we [or an angel from heaven](#) should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed..."

- [An angel from heaven](#). Or [a being from the stars](#). Same test... Same answer...

[How do we process all of this?](#)

I have taken you through some [heavy territory today](#). Here's [some good responses](#)...

[The Don'ts](#)

Let me be [pastoral](#) for a moment.

- [Don't obsess over this...](#)
- [Don't build a pet doctrine around UAPs and Nephilim and spend months down a rabbit hole...](#)
- [Don't become so conspiratorial that you lose the ability to trust anyone/anything \(happening!\)](#)
- [Don't let unlimited media consumption on this topic feed anxiety/fear in your home...](#)

Some of you have [family members — maybe you are that person](#) — who have gone [so deep into conspiracy spaces](#) that it has *damaged relationships, eroded trust, and produced more fear than faith.*

- I want to [speak directly to you: the rabbit hole is demonically baited](#). *(there will always be.)*
- [The further in you go, the more isolated and anxious you become.](#)
- That is [not the Holy Spirit leading you](#). That is the [enemy keeping you busy and distracted](#).
- [...and keep your eyes on what actually matters - Jesus! The author and perfecter of our faith!](#)

[The Do's](#)

Here's what I really want you to hear: [real discernment is a fruit of intimacy with the Holy Spirit](#).

- [You cannot consume your way to spiritual clarity](#). You can only [abide](#) your way there.
- You are [not primarily a cultural investigator](#)... First, [you are an Ambassador](#).
- [Every minute you spend looking for a UFO is a minute you are not looking for a lost soul](#).
- [Every hour spent in the conspiracy space is an hour not spent in the Word](#).

[Engage the topic](#) — but [don't let engagement become an obsession](#) that [displaces your mission](#).

The [antidote to a strong delusion is a strong foundation](#). [Abide in Christ](#)

- [Listen to the Holy Spirit... Stay sober-minded. Look up — your redemption draws near!](#)

We live in **a moment where the invisible is becoming visible**, where the *spiritual war* that has always been raging is *now breaking the surface in ways that even secular governments cannot explain away*.

- This is **not a reason for fear**. This is a reason for **awe — and alertness**.
- *1 John 4:4 - "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**"*

Whatever is **operating in the skies...**

Whatever **masquerades as cosmic intelligence...**

Whatever the **enemy is preparing as his final great deception...**

- **It is not greater than the One who spoke galaxies into existence**
- *entered human flesh, who defeated death, and who is coming again*
- *...destroys with the breath of his mouth! (2 Thess 2:8)*

*2 Thess. 2:16–17 - "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, **comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.**"*

If you are here tonight (or **watching this later...**) and you have been:

- *...caught up in deception: occult involvement, obsessive conspiracy thinking, dabbling in things that opened doors you didn't intend to open... **tonight is the night to close those doors.***
- ***The name of Jesus Christ stops what nothing else can stop.** That is not just a saying...*

And if you don't know Christ — if you have been *looking for meaning and truth in the cosmos*, in the unknown, in the whispers of things that claim to be wise and ancient and powerful — here is the truth: **there is only one name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved!**

- *Not an alien. Not a cosmic guide. Not an ancient being that masquerades as light.*
- **Jesus**. The **One who made the stars** invites you to **know Him personally...**

PRAY - "Lord, keep us grounded. Keep us discerning. Keep us faithful. Let us not be shaken. Let us not be deceived. And let us stand firm until the day you return. In Jesus' name, Amen."

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