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## WHEN WITNESSES DIE

### INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FALSE FLAGS, THE DOCUMENTED PATTERN OF SUPPRESSION, AND WHAT THE SCRIPTURES ACTUALLY SAY ABOUT WHO FLEES TO THE MOUNTAINS

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*“Have no part in the fruitless works of darkness, but rather expose them.” — Ephesians 5:11*

*“Beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues.” — Matthew 10:17*

*“The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked comes in his place.” — Mishlei (Proverbs) 11:8*

## PREAMBLE: THE QUESTION BEHIND THE DOCUMENT

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A document has come before Miqdash Bethel Covenant Institution presenting a list of eleven scientists and researchers who died or disappeared between 2022 and 2026 — many connected to classified aerospace, nuclear, and propulsion research. One of those individuals, Amy Eskridge, reportedly claimed before her death that those who live underground will be saved while those on the surface will not survive. The document asks whether these researchers were killed for knowing too much, and whether **Yahweh**'s covenant community should seek land positioned for what is coming.

These are serious questions. The institution does not dismiss them. We take them seriously enough to answer them under the evidentiary standard of Devarim (Deuteronomy) 19:15: two or three independent witnesses to

establish a matter. We are also aware that covenant witnesses throughout history have been targeted, smeared, and silenced by the powers of the age — and that this documented reality must be applied honestly to any investigation of suspicious deaths.

This document also addresses a companion question raised by NT-tradition friends of the institution: whether the Book of Revelation and the Brit Hadashah (New Testament) instruct the righteous to flee to the mountains. We will show what the texts actually say — and who, in those texts, is actually doing the fleeing.

## **PART I — THE DOCUMENTED RECORD: INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES AND THE SUPPRESSION OF DISSIDENTS**

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Before examining specific individuals, the historical record must be established. The question is not whether intelligence agencies have engaged in assassination, smear campaigns, and false flag operations against dissidents. That question is settled. The documentation is public, congressional, and primary-sourced. The question is how to apply that documented pattern to any specific case under the Devarim 19:15 two-or-three-witnesses standard.

### **A. THE CHURCH COMMITTEE (1975) — CONGRESSIONAL CONFIRMATION**

In 1975, the United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, chaired by Senator Frank Church, conducted a 16-month investigation of the CIA, FBI, and NSA. The committee reviewed 110,000 documents, interviewed 800 witnesses, and published a 2,702-page final report. The findings are not speculation. They are a matter of congressional record.

The Church Committee confirmed: (1) CIA involvement in assassination plots against foreign leaders including Fidel Castro (at least eight attempts), Patrice Lumumba of the Congo, Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, and Ngo Dinh Diem of South Vietnam; (2) the FBI's COINTELPRO program — a sustained campaign of domestic surveillance, smear tactics, forged documents, psychological warfare, and violent suppression targeting dissident groups; (3) Operation MKULTRA, the CIA's illegal mind control program conducted on unwitting American citizens. These are not allegations. They are confirmed facts established by the United States Congress.

### **B. COINTELPRO — THE FBI'S DOCUMENTED SMEAR AND ASSASSINATION PROGRAM**

COINTELPRO (Counter Intelligence Program) operated officially from 1956 to 1971, though the Senate's own investigation stated that "COINTELPRO-type activities may continue today under the rubric of 'investigation.'" The documented tactics included: planting false media stories; publishing forged documents in the name of targeted groups; forging correspondence and sending anonymous threatening letters; spreading misinformation about meetings and events; setting up pseudo-movement groups run by government agents; manipulating employers, landlords, and school officials to harm activists; using "bad-jacketing" (falsely labeling activists as government informants to isolate them); and illegal violence, beatings, and assassination.

COINTELPRO targeted the Socialist Workers Party, the Ku Klux Klan, the Nation of Islam, the Black Panther Party, and the entire New Left social movement including antiwar, community, and religious groups. The FBI conspired with local police departments to conduct illegal break-ins, commit vandalism and assaults, and carry out assassinations. The objective was explicitly to “frighten or eliminate dissidents and disrupt their movements.” These are not claims. These are findings of the United States Senate.

### C. OPERATION MKULTRA — THE CIA’S PROGRAM OF ASSASSINATION-COVER AND MIND CONTROL

MKULTRA began in 1953 under CIA Director Allen Dulles and ran until 1973. It used LSD, psychological torture, sleep deprivation, hypnosis, and sensory deprivation on unwitting subjects across more than 80 institutions. A CIA whistleblower testified before the Senate Homeland Security Committee on May 13, 2026, alleging that the CIA seized 40 boxes of MKULTRA and JFK assassination files from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) Tulsi Gabbard as those records neared declassification.

A documented case from MKULTRA directly relevant to the pattern of covering up government-caused deaths: Frank Olson, a CIA scientist, was given LSD without his knowledge or consent as part of an MKULTRA experiment. He died in 1953 after falling from the 13th floor of a New York City hotel room. His death was ruled a suicide. His family and independent investigators have long disputed this. The pattern is precisely what Kepha’s question raises: a suspicious death ruled suicide, the government’s own hands in the chain of events, and a cover story given to the public.

### D. THE DOCUMENTED PATTERN: CASE STUDIES IN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SUPPRESSION

INDIVIDUAL	ROLE / FIELD	WHAT HAPPENED	PATTERN ELEMENT
<b>Frank Olson</b>	CIA biochemist, MKULTRA	Given LSD without consent; fell from 13th floor hotel window 1953; ruled suicide	Government-caused death; suicide cover story; confirmed by congressional record
<b>Danny Casolaro</b>	Journalist, investigating “The Octopus” — government-criminal syndicate	Found dead in hotel bathtub with deeply slashed wrists, August 10, 1991; body embalmed before family notified; fingernails missing; ruled suicide	Investigating government criminality; suspicious physical evidence; premature embalming prevented full autopsy
<b>Gary Webb</b>	Journalist, San Jose Mercury News — exposed	Published explosive CIA-Contra drug series 1996; destroyed by	Documented smear campaign by major media coordinated against a

	CIA-Contra drug trafficking	Washington Post, NYT, and LA Times; fired; died December 10, 2004 — two gunshot wounds to the head; ruled suicide	whistleblower; suspicious death method; career destruction preceded physical elimination
<b>William (Bill) Cooper</b>	Naval intelligence; author, Behold a Pale Horse (1991)	Charged with tax evasion after publishing classified-government exposes; predicted 9/11 (June 2001); shot dead by Apache County sheriff deputies in midnight raid on his Arizona home, November 5/6, 2001 — one month after 9/11	Tax charges as pretext (standard COINTELPRO playbook); midnight raid; killed at home; timing immediately after the event he predicted
<b>Charlie Kirk</b>	Conservative activist, founder of Turning Point USA	Began questioning Israeli conduct in Gaza; privately told Tucker Carlson he “hated” Netanyahu; major pro-Israel donors pressured him; sent Netanyahu a letter warning Israel was “losing the information war” among young conservatives; assassinated by rooftop sniper September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University	Financial pressure to silence public criticism; assassination immediately following public questioning of powerful state actor; conspiracy theories arose about Mossad involvement

## E. THE STANDARD PATTERN: HOW IT WORKS

Across confirmed documented cases and high-plausibility suspected cases, the suppression pattern follows consistent stages:

**Stage 1 — The Threat:** An individual speaks publicly about classified information, government criminality, or politically sensitive subjects that threaten powerful institutional interests.

**Stage 2 — Pressure:** Financial pressure (donor withdrawal, defunding), professional destruction (firing, blacklisting), legal harassment (tax charges, weapons charges, licensing revocation), or direct threats.

**Stage 3 — The Smear:** Coordinated media campaign to discredit the individual — framing them as mentally ill, paranoid, dangerous, or a criminal — so that any death will appear either self-inflicted or unrelated to their public statements.

**Stage 4 — The Elimination:** Death ruled suicide, accident, or isolated criminal act. Family statements or official investigations provide the public-facing cover story. Any questions are redirected back to the smear established in Stage 3.

**The Gary Webb principle:** When the individual is destroyed professionally and personally before physical death, Stage 3 does the heavy lifting — the public has already accepted the smear, and the death merely closes the file.

## PART II — AMY ESKRIDGE: APPLYING THE DOCUMENTED PATTERN

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In the previous institutional response to this matter, Miqdash Bethel applied Devarim (Deuteronomy) 19:15 straightforwardly: Amy Eskridge’s underground statement stood on a single uncorroborated witness. That analysis was accurate. However, Part I of this document now requires us to apply the documented false flag standard: When an individual has been killed or died under suspicious circumstances AND was publicly speaking about classified or politically sensitive subjects, the smear campaign targeting that individual must itself be examined as a potential Stage 3 operation.

### WHAT IS CONFIRMED ABOUT ESKRIDGE

(1) She was a plasma physicist and co-founder of the Institute for Exotic Science in Huntsville, Alabama, focused on experimental propulsion concepts including anti-gravity research — a field the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and Air Force have documented interest in. (2) She reported being subjected to harassment and “psychological warfare” intended to stop her research — which, if true, aligns precisely with documented COINTELPRO-style Stage 2 pressure. (3) She told a friend that if she died by suicide, it would “not be true.” (4) Her death was ruled a self-inflicted gunshot wound. (5) Her family publicly attributed her death to chronic pain and disputed the targeting claims.

### WHAT MUST BE HONESTLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The smear deployed against Eskridge follows the Stage 3 pattern with precision: her mental state is centered, her credibility is undermined by the family’s public statement, and her claims are dismissed as paranoia. This is exactly what the Gary Webb smear looked like before his death. Webb’s own colleagues called him unstable. His newspaper publicly distanced from him. His family saw a man destroyed. Then he died with two bullets in his head — ruled suicide.

The institution does not assert that Eskridge was killed by a government actor. Devarim (Deuteronomy) 19:15 requires two or three independent witnesses, and that standard has not been met. But the pattern established in Part I means that the official ruling — suicide, chronic pain, family dismissal — cannot be accepted uncritically

as closing the file. The Devarim 19:15 standard requires honest investigation, not deference to official conclusions when the pattern of false flag suppression is documented.

### INSTITUTIONAL VERDICT ON ESKRIDGE

QUESTION	INSTITUTIONAL VERDICT
Was she killed?	Unproven under Devarim 19:15. A suspicious pattern exists. Investigation open.
Was she smeared?	Plausible under documented false flag pattern. The discrediting preceded and followed her death in the standard sequence.
Was she targeted for her research?	Unknown. Anti-gravity/advanced propulsion is a documented area of classified U.S. and foreign government interest. Her claims of being targeted are not inherently implausible given that context.
Should her underground statement guide institutional land decisions?	No. One witness whose reliability cannot be verified, whose statement has no Tanakh corroboration, and whose death circumstances are disputed does not meet the evidentiary threshold for major covenant decisions.

## PART III — WHAT THE SCRIPTURES ACTUALLY SAY ABOUT THE MOUNTAINS

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This section is addressed specifically to NT-tradition covenant friends of the institution. The question raised is whether the Brit Hadashah (New Testament) instructs the righteous to flee to the mountains. The answer requires the texts to speak precisely for themselves.

### A. MATTHEW 24:16 — THE RIGHTEOUS FLEE

**Text:** *“Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.” — Matthew 24:16*

This instruction is given by Yeshua in the context of the “abomination of desolation” — a specific historical and/or eschatological trigger event. Note: (1) The instruction is geographically specific to *Judea* — not a universal instruction to all covenant people worldwide. (2) The flight is a survival response to imminent military or cosmic danger in a specific region. (3) This passage echoes **Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 6:1**: *“Flee for safety, O people of Binyamin, from the midst of Yerushalayim!”* — a specific regional evacuation instruction in a specific historical context. The Tanakh’s own pattern for regional flight is real but geographically and situationally bounded.

### B. REVELATION 12:6 AND 12:14 — THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS

**Text:** *“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.” — Revelation 12:6*

Here a covenant community (symbolized as a woman) flees to a prepared wilderness place for a defined period of divine protection. Note: (1) The wilderness place is **prepared by Yahweh** — not self-selected by human threat assessment. (2) The nourishment is divinely provided — not derived from the community’s own preparations. (3) This parallels the Tanakh’s own exodus pattern: **Yisra’el** did not choose the wilderness strategically. They followed **Yahweh**’s instruction out of Egypt into the desert. The wilderness is a place of covenant refinement and divine supply, not merely a survivalist location.

### C. REVELATION 6:15–17 — WHO ACTUALLY FLEES TO THE MOUNTAINS

**Text:** *“Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?’” — Revelation 6:15–17*

**This is the text most frequently misread as a survival instruction for the righteous. It is not.**

The people crying to the mountains to fall on them are: kings of the earth, the great ones, generals, the rich, the powerful — in short, the structures of worldly authority and wealth that have made war against **Yahweh**’s covenant order. They are not seeking survival. They are seeking escape from **Yahweh**’s wrath that has already found them. They cry for the mountains to **kill them** — this is despair, not preparation. The imagery draws directly from the Tanakh:

*“And they shall say to the mountains, ‘Cover us,’ and to the hills, ‘Fall on us.’” — Hoshea (Hosea) 10:8*

*“They shall go into the holes of the rocks and into the caves of the earth, from before the terror of Yahweh.” — Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 2:19*

In both Tanakh texts, those hiding in the rocks and caves are the **idolaters and the wicked** — not the preserved covenant remnant. The righteous in Yeshayahu 2 are told to **cease from trusting in man** (v. 22) and to walk in the light of **Yahweh** (2:5). They are not given a geographic escape route. They are given a covenant walk.

### D. SUMMARY: THE MOUNTAIN TEXTS COMPARED

TEXT	WHO IS FLEEING	WHY	INSTRUCTION OR DESCRIPTION?
<b>Matthew 24:16</b>	Covenant people in Judea	Specific regional crisis / abomination of desolation	<b>INSTRUCTION</b> — <b>geographically bounded</b>

<b>Revelation 12:6, 12:14</b>	The covenant woman / community	Divine preparation and nourishment for 1,260 days	<b>DIVINE PLACEMENT — not self-selected geography</b>
<b>Revelation 6:15–17</b>	Kings, generals, the rich, the powerful — the wicked	Terror at Yahweh’s wrath; crying for mountains to kill them	<b>DESCRIPTION OF JUDGMENT — NOT a survival instruction</b>
<b>Yeshayahu 2:19</b>	Idolaters and the arrogant	Fleeing the terror of Yahweh	<b>DESCRIPTION OF JUDGMENT — the wicked hiding</b>
<b>Hoshea 10:8</b>	Yisra’el in rebellion	Calling for death rather than face Yahweh’s judgment	<b>DESCRIPTION OF DESPAIR — not instruction</b>

## **PART IV — THE UNIFIED SCRIPTURAL WITNESS: WHO IS PRESERVED**

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The Tanakh and the Brit Hadashah agree on this question with remarkable precision. The preserved are not those in the best geographic location. The preserved are those in the deepest covenant fidelity.

### **THE TANAKH’S WITNESS ON THE PRESERVED REMNANT**

*“And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the Name of Yabweh shall be saved. For in Mount Tzion and in Yerushalayim there shall be those who escape.” — Yoel (Joel) 2:32*

*“Seek Yabweh, all you humble of the land, who do His just commands; seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of Yabweh.” — Tzefanyah (Zephaniah) 2:3*

*“The name of Yabweh is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.” — Mishlei (Proverbs) 18:10*

### **THE NT’S WITNESS ON THE PRESERVED REMNANT**

*“Who can stand?” (Revelation 6:17) — The answer is given throughout Revelation: those who have “the testimony of Yeshua” and “keep the commandments of God.” — Revelation 12:17*

*“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” — 1 Yochanan (1 John) 5:3*

The NT’s own answer to the question “who can stand in the Day of wrath?” is not “those who fled to the mountains” but those who hold the testimony of Yeshua and keep the commands of **Elohim**. These are the covenant faithful — not the geographically strategic.

## THE COVENANT OF YIRMEYAHU: BUILD, PLANT, CONTINUE

When **Yahweh** sent Yisra’el into Babylonian exile — the most extreme covenant displacement in the Tanakh — His instruction through **Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah)** was not to seek underground refuge. It was:

*“Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters... seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.” — Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) 29:5–7*

This is **Yahweh**’s covenant response to impending catastrophe: not survivalist retreat, but covenant establishment and witness in the midst of the collapsing world-order. Miqdash Bethel’s document production, its geopolitical witness letters, its covenant studies addressed to Judaism, Christianity, and Islam simultaneously — this is the Yirmeyahu pattern. Build. Plant. Continue.

## PART V — PRACTICAL COVENANT COUNSEL FOR MIQDASH BETHEL

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None of the above forecloses wise stewardship of land and resources. The Tanakh commends the ant who stores in summer (Mishlei 6:6–8), and Yosef (Joseph) who prepared during seven years of plenty for seven years of famine (Bereishit 41). Covenant preparedness is not panic. It is faithful stewardship.

### WHAT MIQDASH BETHEL HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED

The institution is already positioned well by any reasonable standard: a rural Taylor County, Texas property at Tuscola, purchased 2022, with a second Taylor County property in Abilene, scheduled to close May 2026. New headquarters in a small rural town in Louisiana — rural St. Tammany Parish, low-density, distance from major urban centers. This is not a position of vulnerability. It is a position of reasonable covenant stewardship.

### WHAT SHOULD GUIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DECISIONS

**Water independence:** Access to wells or natural water sources is the single most important preparedness factor. Evaluate both Texas and Louisiana properties on this standard.

**Food production capacity:** Acreage suitable for gardening and small-scale cultivation. The Tuscola, Texas property should be assessed for this.

**Covenant community density:** Where the institution has active covenant relationships. Taylor County connections and Louisiana covenant contacts are more strategically valuable than pure geography.

**No debt:** The Tanakh consistently warns against debt-driven acquisition. Any land addition should be within clear means.

**The Yosef principle:** Seven years of preparation was done quietly, efficiently, and under divine mandate — not in response to fear-driven urgency. The work continues regardless of the threat environment.

## CLOSING COVENANT STATEMENT

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The documented record of intelligence agency assassination and suppression is real. The Church Committee confirmed it. COINTELPRO documented it. Gary Webb, Danny Casolaro, William Cooper, Frank Olson, and Charlie Kirk illustrate the pattern. This institution does not dismiss the possibility that researchers speaking publicly about classified subjects have been targeted. We take that seriously. We apply Devarim 19:15 to it honestly.

What the Tanakh and the Brit Hadashah do not support is the conclusion that the covenant response to this documented threat environment is geographic retreat or underground survivalism. The texts that speak of people hiding in caves and crying for mountains to fall on them are texts about the wicked fleeing **Yahweh's** judgment — not instructions for the righteous. The texts that speak of the preserved remnant point uniformly to those who call on the Name of **Yahweh**, walk in covenant righteousness, and continue the witness.

The covenant is not a bunker. It is a Name. The Name of **Yahweh** is the strong tower. The righteous run into it — and they are safe.

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