

Christ in Prophecy

Apologetics 7: “Barger on the Validity of the Bible”

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Is the Bible truly the Word of God and if so how do we know for sure? How did we get the Bible? How do we know it was properly preserved since it was originally written? How should it be interpreted? And what version of the Bible is the best? Stay tuned for a discussion of these questions with Eric Barger an eloquent defender of the Christian faith.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus our blessed hope and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. Once again this week we have as our special guest Eric Barger, Founder and Director of an apologetics ministry called, Take a Stand! Welcome back Eric.

Eric Barger: Thank you David.

Dr. Reagan: And once again this week we also have my colleague Nathan Jones here to assist me with interviewing Eric and we are glad to have you back also Nathan.

Nathan Jones: Pleasure to be here.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, well Eric I want to jump right into this. Back in the Dark Ages when I was a kid, back in the 19, late 1930's and 1940's I grew up in a nation that were the majority of people were professing Christians. We read the Bible in school, we used it in fact in English classes, we prayed in school. Most people went to church. But things have drastically changed since then. We now live in a secular nation that seems to have little familiarity with the Word of God. So I want to start off by asking you some fundamental questions about the Bible like; Where did it come from? Was it written by one person or many people? Was it written in one language? Was it written in King James English? Do the original manuscripts still exist? Well just tell us where did our Bible come from?

Eric Barger: Well I think it is a common misconception and it is one that the secularist would use in trying to defy us or to argue with us that the Bible just isn't one book, it is 66 different books neatly put together in one binding that we conveniently have in one book today. But it is 40 different authors, over about a 1500 year period in time and its production. And we see the supernatural stamp or handprint of God on it as it harmonizes so perfectly together. So when I quote Isaiah to prove Jesus, or I quote Jesus to talk about Moses I am not quoting the same source.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah the secularist would immediately say that you are using circular reasoning.

Eric Barger: Circular reasoning, exactly.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Eric Barger: But it is not circular reasoning. And the Bible is unique it is the only book in the world of its sort. In fact as I said it is 66 unique different books.

Dr. Reagan: And written in what three different languages?

Eric Barger: Yes, Aramaic and...

Dr. Reagan: Over several thousand years?

Eric Barger: That's right, Aramaic, Greek and Hebrew, over at least a 1500 period of time.

Dr. Reagan: And yet it all fits together.

Nathan Jones: One theme right?

Dr. Reagan: How can that be?

Eric Barger: Well it shows the handprint of God, as He came upon men to write these thoughts down, to give them to give us His thoughts, His desire for us to understand. The Bible deals with all different kinds of things, it's got the words of angels, the words of demons, the words of Jesus...

Dr. Reagan: Even the words of Satan.

Eric Barger: Exactly, the words of Lucifer, God's Word and it gives us the account of the Jews in the Old Testament, it gives us a bases for the Church in the New Testament without the Old the New falls apart, without the New the Old falls apart. You know Jesus quotes the Old

Testament 24 different books in the Old Testament Jesus quotes, He gives great validation. So when the egghead theologians out there that try to tear apart the Bible to say that it has errors all through it, or that its just not that reliable, or that it's a nice idea but it's not really the Word of God. When they say that if Jesus was the perfect God-man if He was God incarnate and He came here and He quoted something you would have thought He would have brought correction to it instead of corroboration, which is what He gave us.

Dr. Reagan: And who put it together? I mean you are talking about 66 books that came together they had to come together some way.

Eric Barger: Well the Church, the early church just didn't decide to go to Starbucks one day and get a coffee, and whatever. They didn't just go in one day and go, "Well I think we've got it now." They took...

Dr. Reagan: Actually the Old Testament had already been put together by the Jews.

Eric Barger: It had been, but you know over the First Century of Christianity there wasn't a standardized set of teachings that the Church taught from. Pastor A over here may of only had a couple of Paul's letters he trusted. And Pastor B had maybe the book of Acts, and the book of Matthew. Pastor C something else. But they didn't have a standardized set of teachings, and really in about 140 AD it was a cult leader named Marcion that really compelled the Church because there were so many thousands of people who were confused and were following this cultic idea. Marcion believed the God of the Old Testament was different then the God of the New. And so they needed a standardized set of teachings that would refute not only Marcion, but many of the cultic, Gnostic and cultic ideas that were out in those days. And so that's what really catapulted them in putting together the first Cannon.

Dr. Reagan: What was their criterion for selection?

Eric Barger: Well that is interesting, the very first and foremost and most important criteria that the Church used in ascertaining which letters were canonical. Now understand there were 12 Gospels and over 50 different letters of epistles out there, but very few of them made it in the New Testament as we know, only 4 gospels and a handful of the letters. The number one criteria that the Church used in those days was; did the teaching in these letters match the oral teaching of the Apostles?

Dr. Reagan: Okay.

Eric Barger: Did it match what the Apostles taught their disciples and their disciples taught their disciples, in those early days they heard and they learned what the Church believed orally they heard it, and if a letter didn't match such as the Gospel of Thomas, and others...

Dr. Reagan: I am sure you are aware of the fact that one of the major attacks on the Bible today is the attack that, "Well this was all political and the people who just happened to have the political power selected the books, but there were other books that should have been selected like the Gospel of Thomas that certainly were canonical and should have been added in, it's just who was on the winning political side."

Eric Barger: Sure, well the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Jude the Gospel of Mary Magellan and so many of these others, they don't match the teaching of the apostles, but Matthew, Mark, Luke and John do.

Dr. Reagan: In fact when you read those you sense immediately they don't match up to.

Eric Barger: Oh, yes.

Nathan Jones: Mary tells you, "You have to tithe to get to Heaven."

Eric Barger: Yeah. These other gospels and other epistles didn't make it into the Bible because they held things that were not true historically, but in particular they weren't true in harmonization with the oral teaching of the apostles.

Nathan Jones: Wasn't the Gospel of Thomas actually written 200 and some years after Thomas?

Eric Barger: Yeah, Thomas did not write the Gospel of Thomas.

Nathan Jones: Yeah.

Eric Barger: This was a common thing that...

Nathan Jones: Even our book of Enoch showed up in the 1700's.

Eric Barger: Yes, people would attach the name of somebody from Christian history to gain notoriety. And that was another one of the criteria that is why the book of Hebrews was one of the last books added to the New Testament because no one was quite sure who wrote it. I personally believe that Paul wrote it, but I won't break fellowship with somebody who disagrees with me on that.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah.

Eric Barger: But we don't know who wrote it, the thing is it matches theologically the things the apostles taught orally, and also the other gospels.

Dr. Reagan: Right, now we don't have the original manuscripts.

Eric Barger: No.

Dr. Reagan: So how do we know that the Bible that we have today is true to those manuscripts?

Eric Barger: Well the Dead Sea Scrolls helped us.

Dr. Reagan: Sure did.

Eric Barger: Sure did because the Dead Sea Scrolls mentions every book of the Old Testament except the book of Esther. I mean we know.

Dr. Reagan: And prior to the discovery of those, the oldest manuscripts we had of the Old Testament were a 1,000 years, so it catapulted us back a 1,000 years and we didn't find any major differences.

Eric Barger: Exactly, and that is the stunning thing is that when they were examined it was obvious that we had the Word of God. And that God has done the supernatural protection of His own Word.

Dr. Reagan: That's the important part God has supernaturally protected His Word.

Nathan Jones: Some people seem to treat the Bible like God can't write a book, He can make the universe but He can't keep a book about Him together.

Eric Barger: That's right.

Nathan Jones: And it shows a lack of trust. I mean wouldn't you say that most of the major criticism of the Bible come from people who are too scared to trust the Bible is God's Word.

Eric Barger: Well it also lifts up the idea that man knows better than God.

Nathan Jones: Yes.

Eric Barger: You know I've said so often that no teaching on the earth scientific, historically nothing is ever at the mercy, or the Scriptures are never at the mercy of anything in the world that is the best way to put it. A lot of people out here they want to test the Bible by all that man knows. I think we ought to test everything that man brings up by the Bible.

Nathan Jones: Exactly.

Eric Barger: And you know David it is the most important thing that I will ever learn, it is the thing I need to know more than anything else. It is the thing my children and grandchildren and everyone listening, all of us here we need to know it more than anything else. All of my secular education, the second I breathe my last breath it is finished. But the Bible the Word of God will last for eternity and what it says is the most important thing I will ever know.

Nathan Jones: Very important.

Dr. Reagan: How do we know that the Bible really is the Word of God?

Eric Barger: Well God has shown Himself to us in it, there is no doubt about that. It gives us the account of the God-man Jesus Christ. And Jesus validates so many of the Old Testament passages as I mentioned. You know the New Testament quotes 34 Old Testament books, and Jesus himself quotes 24 of the Old Testament books. And I think maybe the best proof and we may be able to get into with a little more depth during the program, but in my DVD on this topic I think the best proof is fulfilled prophecy.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, boy you are speaking my language now.

Eric Barger: Fulfilled prophecy shows us that the Word of God has stood the test of time.

Dr. Reagan: There is no other book in the world that contains fulfilled prophecy.

Eric Barger: No.

Nathan Jones: How many?

Dr. Reagan: You know this is how do you get around that the fact? And that is the reason that liberals for example hate Bible prophecy so much, they hate it with a passion. They hate the book of Daniel because it is so specifically fulfilled in history.

Eric Barger: Yeah, and the book of Daniel is one of the most attacked books by the liberals as well.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, yes.

Eric Barger: They will attack...

Nathan Jones: They move the date up so that all the prophecies were past tense.

Eric Barger: Exactly it makes it look like Daniel was writing from his pre-cognitive knowledge or that someone wrote in Daniel's name.

Dr. Reagan: Well I mean Daniel wrote history in advance better than most people have written it afterwards.

Eric Barger: True, but the liberals want to tell you that Daniel was written in the Maccabean period this would be 350 years after he died.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Eric Barger: You know, but they want to say that it was written by somebody else and that they already knew the events. But we can quickly see in Daniel chapter 9 if you harmonize them, we don't have the time or the ability on the show to get this, I do in the DVD. In Daniel 9 if you harmonize that with Ezra chapter 7 you will see that God's Word has fulfilled, I mean God fulfilled this almost to the day we see that when Jesus Christ arrived on the scene Daniel predicted it ahead of time.

Nathan Jones: 483 years.

Eric Barger: Exactly 483 years.

Dr. Reagan: I was actually at a church one time, I was at a church where I said turn over to the book of Daniel, and the pastor stood up right in the front row and said, "We don't allow the book of Daniel to be read in this church." He said, "You obviously are not a seminary graduate or you would know that book is fallacious, it just pretends to be prophecy." Right in front of the whole congregation and I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "Everybody knows, all educated people know it was written in the time of Christ." I said, "How do you explain the fact that it was in the Septuagint, 228 years or something before Christ it was included in the Septuagint translation." He said, "I don't want to discuss that."

Eric Barger: You know what I think the most telling thing about someone, or something that reports that, is that Jesus quotes Daniel. Jesus validates Daniel's authorship, and if there was

something wrong with anything in the Old Testament instead of as I said a minute ago instead of quoting it He would have corrected it, and He didn't.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to our discussion with Eric Barger about whether or not the Bible is truly the Word of God. Nathan why don't you ask the first question here.

Nathan Jones: Sure thing, Eric the King James Version has reached 400 years, we are celebrating that. What is your thought about the King James Version?

Eric Barger: I think I am out of time Nathan.

Dr. Reagan: We really like to put people on the spot on this program.

Nathan Jones: E-mail Eric Barger...

Eric Barger: I preach from the King James Version.

Dr. Reagan: Okay.

Eric Barger: And I use it in my writings, I read other versions and I say this, no matter what version you are reading if there is something there that you don't understand, there is something that doesn't make sense to you, everybody can use a *Strong's Concordance*, you can get one on your phone let alone your computer, or the books, and everybody should have access to one it is not rocket science everybody can do it. And we all ought to be able to look at the original words that the English Bibles are taken from. You can't literally translate from every Greek word into English sometimes it takes a sentence to make one Greek word make sense, and vice versa with the two languages. So rather than argue about which version Paul preached from, I have heard that before, like the King James Jesus had to preach from. I use the King James, I love the King James love the poetry of it and so on. But if ever run into a problem or something I don't quite understand and I think it is healthy to always to be looking at those words, you are going to learn more that way, you are going to dig into it, I go back to the Greek and Hebrew and look at that, because that is the original language that it was written in. And if you really want to argue what the best Bible is, it is the Greek and Hebrew.

Nathan Jones: Did you recommend then the modern translation because there a lot of camps who say that King James is the only version that we can use. And then there are others who

say, "Well you know it is okay to use the NIV or the NAS." And then of course you've got all the people who don't even speak English what about them?

Eric Barger: Sure, and there is no Japanese King James Version for example. There is no King James Version in a lot of these other languages in the world but I don't necessarily recommend or not recommend any of those. I am not trying to be a fence sitter, I personally will use the King James, but I will read the others and I have them and I am glad that they are there that I can find out you know in more modern English what some of these things mean or what some of sentences say, and so on. But I always take it back to the Greek and Hebrew and I think that is the key.

Dr. Reagan: Well I personally have a great admiration for the King James Version, and for its impact upon western society, for the beauty of its language, many, many of the terms that we use in English today come from there. It is as beautiful as anything that Shakespeare ever wrote, and so I really have a lot of respect for it. I think what most people don't realize it is only 400 years old, and that prior to that for over a 1,000 years the only Bible that the western world really had was the Latin Vulgate that Jerome put together which served the western world a lot longer than the King James has. And when I run into people who call themselves King James Version only and that is the only one you can use, and otherwise you are apostate or whatever; I wonder well what do they think was going on for 1200 years when people didn't have this and yet they came to the know the Lord and they gave their lives to the Lord. When I was growing up as a kid the only version we had was King James, and I found it very difficult to read, to me it was like reading Shakespeare and I really had difficulty with it and therefore I didn't read the Bible much. And when I was a freshman in college my mother and dad sent me a Christmas present, I opened it up and it was the JB Phillips paraphrase of the New Testament. I had never heard of a paraphrase, didn't know what a paraphrase was but I opened it and started reading it and Eric I literally could not put it down. I read it day, I read it night I read it through, I read it again, I read it again and it got me interested in reading the Bible. Then I went to a more literal translation and began to use those, I use the New American Standard in my preaching today because I think there are some really good modern translations including the New King James and all, and what people also don't realize about the King James often is that it has been revised many times over the years. I mean the King James Version we have today is not the King James produced in 1611.

Eric Barger: That is exactly right.

Dr. Reagan: Because it has been revised many times to correct errors, to correct...

Eric Barger: Punctuations.

Dr. Reagan: ...punctuation, and also we discover a lot of new Greek manuscripts thousands of them that don't even have to do with the Bible but by reading those Greek manuscripts we come to a better understanding of Greek words.

Eric Barger: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: That have an impact upon how we translate.

Eric Barger: You know there are people who will go to the wall with this, they break fellowship and they won't want to talk to you. And you know I understand that and I don't want to shake the confidence of anybody might have in me, but when I got saved I was reading the Living Bible.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah.

Eric Barger: It's a paraphrase.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, oh yeah.

Eric Barger: But I went, kind of a night and day thing, I went from reading the Living Bible to the King James.

Nathan Jones: Wow.

Eric Barger: With no time in between, that was one to the other.

Dr. Reagan: I tell new believers all the time that tell me, "I have great difficulty understanding the Old Testament." I will tell them, "Well get a paraphrase and start reading it and it will help you better to understand." But always remember you need to get back to a really good translation that is more literal in nature.

Eric Barger: And the use of study helps.

Dr. Reagan: Oh yes, absolutely.

Eric Barger: You don't have to be a seminarian to use good study helps; Bible Dictionary, and *Strong's Concordance*.

Dr. Reagan: Well what are some fundamental keys to understanding the Bible?

Eric Barger: Well I think that is really it, you look for the harmonization of Scripture look at what we have already talked about the idea that God is validating as He goes along the truth of His word. We see this played out so many times through Bible prophecy. I read once there are 324 prophecies about the Messiah in the Bible and we see so many of those have already come to pass, to me the validation of God's Word reading it and understanding it as literally as possible is really the key.

Dr. Reagan: Well I think that is very important.

Eric Barger: A lot of people spiritualize today.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, I would emphasize that over and over. People get all upset and their noses bent out of shape over the word literally. They say, "Well don't you realize there is poetry? Don't you realize there is allegory?" So I sometimes say, "Well just the plain sense meaning, look for the plain sense meaning even when there is an allegory, or there is a symbol. Look for the plain sense meaning. But don't play with it." Of course spiritualizers are those who take it and say, "Well it never means what it says." And this is the greatest abuse of the Scriptures because then you are God you can make it say anything you want it to say.

Eric Barger: Yeah, exactly. I read a quote by a fellow who had been taken up on apostasy charges, heresy charges by his denomination this is the fourth time they have done it. He was a Bishop in this denomination and he finally said, "I don't believe the Bible means anything literally that you think it means." I mean that was I'm going to.

Nathan Jones: Really?

Dr. Reagan: Listen God knows how to communicate, God wants to communicate.

Eric Barger: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: And you do not have to have a degree in hermeneutics or a degree in imagination to understand God's Word. What you do have to have is a childlike faith, a belief that God really wants to communicate, and you have to have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to really understand it in depth.

Eric Barger: And God will use things like the Living Bible for example.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, yeah.

Eric Barger: He will use things to communicate to us and as all of us are still trying to make our way along in this life long journey of Christianity.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Eric Barger: And so we are all still learning and all still trying to refine who we are, and what we believe and so on. And that's part of the great thing about the Bible is that again and again reading the same passages the Bible speaks in different ways to us, at different points in our lives.

Dr. Reagan: Okay assume I'm a new convert, grew up in a non-Christian family, just been handed my first Bible where do I start?

Eric Barger: The book of John.

Nathan Jones: Book of John.

Eric Barger: Right of way.

Dr. Reagan: You took the words right out of my mouth.

Eric Barger: The book of John.

Dr. Reagan: Why would you recommend starting there rather than starting with Genesis?

Eric Barger: I believe the way the book of John teaches us about the life of Jesus which really is the thing we need today. We don't start back at Genesis, though it is great to start there Genesis 1:1 finding out about God creating the world, the fall of mankind, the trials of Israel. But we want to learn about the Messiah, the one who has saved us. If we become a Christian the first thing we want to do is find out about Jesus. The book of John I believe clearly teaches the life of Jesus in a way that virtually everybody can understand. The second book I would take people to, and I know there is disagreement about this one, I don't know about you all but I would take them to the book of Romans next, because that is...

Dr. Reagan: Wow that is heavy theology.

Nathan Jones: Yeah.

Eric Barger: ...Paul's great theological book so they can begin to learn what they believe and it is going to take them a while.

Dr. Reagan: So you want them to jump in the deep water here?

Eric Barger: Well I think from the book of John to the book of Romans because Romans is Paul's theological book.

Dr. Reagan: Well it's true, but you need to tell them that even Peter said that there were some things Paul wrote that were difficult to understand.

Eric Barger: Oh I know, I know.

Dr. Reagan: How about you Nathan, where would you tell people to go?

Nathan Jones: Well, definitely John, John is the place to go. I wouldn't start them in Genesis, because my son for instance he is elementary age and he is starting to get into Numbers, he has been working his way. He kind of stole my *Archaeology Study Bible* and he is getting bogged down in Numbers, and that is when people start giving up and all. But with John you've got the Gospel and as they start reading the Old Testament they tie it. For children especially because I do a lot with children, having children at a young age there is a newest thing out now called the *Action Bible*, it is an entire comic book, graphic novel Bible. It is only \$25 and it takes the pictures and the stories and the theology and brings it to life with characters they can see and heroes they can see. My kids are eating it up; they absolutely love it, and so I would definitely especially for kids start with something that visually pulls the Bible to them. But children can read I'm finding the Bible just as well as adults as long it is a version that is in modern English, you know when they are ready for the King James I will give them a King James, right now NIV I think is easier to read.

Eric Barger: I think we need to teach them the respect for the longevity of the King James is something we all enjoy and appreciate and I am grateful for it. But again like I said twice now, I read them all, and I go looking if there is a verse that I really want to get more depth out of I will read in three or four different versions, and they can go to the Greek and look at it.

Dr. Reagan: You know that is a good point every time a new version comes out I go to it and take a look at it because I will usually will discover something I haven't discovered before just by a little bit different wording I will get a point that I hadn't gotten before.

Eric Barger: Right.

Dr. Reagan: So I take a look at all of them, in fact I am hungry for them when they come out.

Eric Barger: Me too, above all I think in this discussion is not to bring division between us about what version to read.

Dr. Reagan: Right.

Eric Barger: But to inspire a hunger for the Word of God, because if there is any single thing the church needs today is to reignite our hunger for God's Word.

Part 3

Nathan Jones: Welcome back to our discussion with Eric Barger about the validity of God's Word. Eric you mentioned a little earlier that you ministry has a video about the Bible can you tell us about that and how we can get it?

Eric Barger: Sure.

Nathan Jones: Let the folks know.

Eric Barger: We put together, *Hath God Said?* and this a DVD that talks about how the Bible was arrived at; how the different books in the Bible the early church how they choose, what criteria they used. We talked about this a little bit in the program. We also talk about how Bible prophecy is the single best tool to be able to prove the validity of the Scripture. And I answer some of the skeptics and what the skeptics say and the people who think the Bible has been added to incrementally. And I believe we give some great information some real bedrock information for folks on the Word of God. After all if we are trusting what it says in its pages then we certainly ought to know that we can trust it for eternity and that's what we put this together for. So it's a great tool and one I am really glad we did. "Hath God Said?" they can find it on our website at ericbarger.com, and if you don't have a computer but you want to order it you can always call us at 214-289-5244 that is our office number at Take a Stand! Ministries. Ericbarger.com or 214-289-5244 and we would be glad to help you with that.

Dr. Reagan: Eric what else can they find on that website beside these wonderful DVD's you have produced?

Eric Barger: Dr. Dave we've got over 1,000 pages of information, all of our newsletters from the past 7 or 8 years and many video clips, complete audio messages that I have done. You

can also sign up for our e-mail newsletter and our print newsletter they are different and we would be glad to send those out to you.

Dr. Reagan: Well I will tell you it is a fascinating website because I got on there one night and I couldn't get off I mean there are so many things you have articles about Halloween, articles about the New Age and the occult, witchcraft, it just goes on and on and on.

Eric Barger: We try to make it real simple too we have put them into segments so that people can find everything dealing with Mormonism in one place, everything dealing with Jehovah's Witnesses in another place, and so on and so on, so we try to make it simple. A lot of people use it and we're just grateful.

Dr. Reagan: Well thanks Eric. Folks, people have always thought that Revelation is a very difficult book in the Bible to understand and for that reason most seem to have avoided it and that is a tragedy because it tells how the cosmic battle between God and Satan is going to turn out. It tells us that we the believers in Jesus are going to win in the end and that is exciting news. I have put together a book about the Book of Revelation it is called, *Wrath and Glory*, I titled it that because Jesus is going to return in wrath to pour out the wrath of God against those who have rejected the grace, mercy and love of God, but He is then going to reign in glory and majesty from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem and the whole world is going to just be flooded with His glory. This book is divided into several sections for example it starts off with just understanding the Book of Revelation, is it possible to do so? I was always told it wasn't but I will never forget Henry Morris one of the great leaders of the Christian faith in the 20th Century who said, "The Book of Revelation is not really hard to understand, it is just difficult to believe. If you believe it you will understand it." Then the second chapter is about interpreting Revelation, what are the keys to it to understanding that book? The third chapter is systematizing Revelation in which we take a look at how it relates to other end time Bible prophecies. In fact in chapter 2 in interpreting Revelation we go through the book chapter by chapter of the entire book. I've got probing Revelation where we look at questions that are most frequently asked, and there are questions like; Is Revelation prophecy or it history? Was it written before or after the fall of Jerusalem? Are the prophecies something to be fulfilled in the future or were they fulfilled at the time that it was written? Things like; Has the disobedience of the Jews invalidated God's promises to them? Is the Return of the Lord going to really be in stages? And on and on these questions go; When is the Rapture going to occur? Is a Mid-Tribulation Rapture possible? And so forth; Who is the Antichrist? And I don't have the answer to that but I can give you some

ideas about how to watch for that, I hope you won't be around when he comes. But he goes on and on with question after question, so if you want something that is just simple and down to earth and easy to understand I would highly recommend that you take a look at this book, *Wrath and Glory*, which is available for a gift of \$15 or more and you can get it by calling the number there on the screen, or you can get it by going to our website and to the store that we have there and you can find it on the website. Well fellows I want to thank you once again for being with us, you have just really blessed me so much. Eric thanks a million.

Eric Barger: My pleasure, Doc Dave.

Dr. Reagan: In fact Eric I just can't pass up the opportunity to invite you to come back one more time because I know how great your personal witness is and to me the greatest evidence of the Bible as the Word of God is to be found in the way it transforms people's lives, and your life was radically transformed from that of a rock musician who was crazed out on drugs to a person who is leading a major ministry today. So would you come back next week and give us your personal testimony?

Eric Barger: That would be my pleasure, I would love to.

Dr. Reagan: That's great. Well folks I hope our program has been a blessing to you this week and I hope you will be back with us next week. Until then this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb and Lion Ministries' saying, "Look up, be watchful for our redemption is drawing near."

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