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Observations by the Editor

The Presidential Election

Many people have called or emailed me expressing their despair over the prospect of having to choose in November between the likes of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

I share their despair. To me, that would be a choice between Jezebel and a Clown.

I am particularly turned off by Donald Trump since he loudly proclaims to be a Christian. And yet, he has a mouth like a sewer, and he is in the casino business. Also, he attacks his opponents and anyone else he dislikes with vicious, demagogic rhetoric.

Max Lucado, a well known Christian writer and pastor recently denounced Trump for his off-the-wall slanderous statements. Here's how he put it: "If he's going to call himself a Christian one day and call someone a bimbo the next or make fun of somebody's menstrual cycle, it's just beyond reason to me."

I keep telling people to wait and see. God is in charge, and many unexpected things can happen. Do you remember when Robert Kennedy won the California Democratic primary in 1968? His victory gave his campaign a great boost. But then, a few hours later he was dead.

The same thing could happen to Donald Trump, considering the hatred he has conjured up through his reckless attacks on both individuals and groups. Consider how his campaign rallies are already being assaulted by irresponsible and radical rioters.

And, of course another thing that could happen to Donald Trump is that he could shoot himself in the foot through one of his outrageous statements. It's really amazing that has not already happened.

Hillary Clinton could be indicted, producing an open convention that could end up choosing between Joe Biden, Al Gore and a host of other persons who might be drafted. The same scenario could occur on the Republican side should Trump fall short of the needed delegates.

And either of the major candidates could come down with a serious illness.



Dr. David R. Reagan

So, in the meantime, Christians need to pray for the Lord to have mercy on our nation by providing us a choice in November that will include a decent and honest person.

We, of course, do not deserve such a person. As a nation we have turned our back on Jesus and have thumbed our nose at God the Father and His Word.

The Bible reveals that one of the judgments God will put on a rebellious people is to give them the kind of leaders they deserve. Obama has been such a curse. But keep in mind that Judah's worst king, Manasseh, was followed by one of the nation's finest kings, Josiah. With a God of love, there is always hope, especially if His faithful people are praying.

But if we end up with a choice between Hillary and Trump, Christians will have to decide on their own what to do. I suspect most will end up voting for the person they consider to be the lesser evil. As for me, I could not vote for either one. I would most likely write-in the name of Franklin Graham.

But that would be my choice, and I certainly would not condemn those, like my good friend Pastor Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church in Dallas, who have already decided that they would cast their vote for Trump.

May the Lord have mercy on us! ❖

The cover painting is by Isidor Kaufmann, an Austro-Hungarian painter (1853-1921). The title of the painting is "Portrait of a Rabbi."

The Preservation of the Jewish People



“The Wailing Wall, Jerusalem,” a painting by Carl Friedrich Heinrich Werner (1808-1894). The painting was done in 1863. Werner was a German watercolor painter. Notice that at the time of this painting, there was no division at the wall between men and women, as there is today.

Dr. David R. Reagan

One of my spiritual mentors when I was in my 20s was a great man of God named Carl Ketcherside (1908-1989). I heard him in a question and answer session one time when he was asked, “What do you think is the greatest evidence that the Bible came from God?”

His answer: “The Yellow Pages of the phone book.” Needless to say, we were all stunned by this response.

When the questioner followed up by asking what he meant, Carl said, “Look at the names of the banks, the names of the department stores, the names of lawyers and doctors and accountants. You will see one Jewish name after another. God promised He would preserve the Jewish people, and He has.”

In like manner, over 300 years ago, King Louis XIV of France (1638-1715) asked Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), the great Christian philosopher, to give him proof of the existence of God. Pascal answered, “Why the Jews, your Majesty, the Jews!”¹

Both Ketcherside and Pascal were referring to the fulfillment of Bible prophecies about the Jews, one of the most remarkable

being that despite their worldwide dispersion and unparalleled persecution, they would keep their identity and be preserved as a recognizable nation of people.

A Great Miracle

The preservation of the Jews has to be one of the greatest miracles of history. It is so remarkable — so historically stunning — that its uniqueness has been noted and commented on by a great variety of people.

Consider, for example, the great historian Arnold Toynbee (1889-1975). He fully recognized the unusual nature of the Jewish experience. In his ten volume work, *A Study of History* (1934-1961), he traced the rise and fall of 26 civilizations, developing a scheme of history which the Jewish civilization did not fit.

Toynbee ended up classifying the Jews as “fossils of history” because they seemed to be frozen in time, refusing to assimilate into the soup of humanity.²

Thomas Newton (1704-1782), the renowned British cleric and Bible scholar who served as Bishop of Bristol, declared in one of his sermons:³

The preservation of the Jews is really one of the most single and illustrious acts of divine Providence . . . and what but a supernatural power could have preserved them in such a manner as none other nation upon earth hath been preserved.

Nor is the providence of God less remarkable in the destruction of their enemies, than in their preservation . . . We see that the great empires, which in their turn subdued and oppressed the people of God, are all come to ruin . . . And if such hath been the fatal end of the enemies and oppressors of the Jews, let it serve as a warning to all those, who at any time or upon any occasion are for raising a clamor and persecution against them.

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), the great Russian novelist, expressed his awe over the preservation of the Jews with these words:⁴

What is the Jew? . . . What kind of unique creature is this whom all the rulers of all the nations of the world have disgraced and crushed and expelled . . . persecuted, burned and drowned, and who, despite their anger and fury, continue to live and to flourish . . . The Jew is the symbol of eternity.

To get a feel for how preposterous the preservation of the Jews is from a human perspective, consider this illustration by Rabbi Dov Greenberg who is the Executive Director of Chabad (the Jewish Hasidic Movement) at Stanford University:⁵

Imagine we could travel back in time and say to the great Pharaoh [of Moses' time], "There is good news and bad news. The good news is that one of the nations alive today will survive and change the moral landscape of the world. The bad news is: it won't be yours. It will be that group of Hebrew slaves out there, building your glorious temples, the Children of Israel."

Nothing would sound more outrageous. The Egypt of Pharaoh's time was the greatest empire of the ancient world, brilliant in arts and sciences, formidable in war. The Israelites were a landless people, powerless slaves. Indeed, already in antiquity, those in power believed that the Israelites were on the verge of extinction.

Perhaps the most insightful commentary on the immortality of the Jewish people was written by the American novelist Mark Twain (1835-1910) who was an agnostic and a skeptic. His article appeared in *Harper's* magazine in 1897:⁶

If the statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous dim puff of stardust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way.

Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of; but he is heard of, has always been heard of.

He is as prominent on the planet as any other people, and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.

His contributions to the world's list of great names in literature, science, art, music, finance, medicine and abstruse learning are very out of proportion to the weakness of his numbers. He has made a marvelous fight in this world in all ages; and has done it with his hands tied behind him. He could be vain of himself and be excused for it.

The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor; then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks and the Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they are gone; other peoples have sprung up and held their torch high for a time but it burned out, and they sit in twilight now, or have vanished.

The Jew saw them all, survived them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts, no slowing of his energies, no dulling of his alert and aggressive mind. All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?

Twain's question, "What is the secret of his immortality?" can be answered in only one way, and that answer was provided by David Ben-Gurion (1886-1973), the first Prime Minister of Israel: "In Israel, in order to be a realist, you must believe in miracles."⁷



Yemenite Jew in Jerusalem in 1890.
(www.israeldailypicture.com)



Isidor Kaufmann

The Master Painter of Judaism

Isidor Kaufmann (1853-1921) was born in Hungary, studied art in Budapest and settled in Vienna. He specialized in painting Jewish rabbis and Jewish places of worship. His art was very popular among the rich assimilated Jews of Vienna and led to considerable success. His reputation as a painter was crowned when Emperor Franz Joseph bought one of his paintings and presented it to the Vienna Museum of Fine Art.



The Magnitude of the Miracle

The preservation of the Jewish people throughout their 2,700 years of dispersion is mind-boggling. Keep in mind that they were dispersed to over 130 nations worldwide, and they were brutally mistreated wherever they went. Will Varner, a professor at The Master's College, has expressed it this way: "No nation in the history of the world ever has been exiled from its land, lost its national existence and language, and then returned as a people to that identical homeland and even revived its ancient tongue. No nation, that is, except one — the nation of Israel."⁸

The relentless persecution of the Jews dates from the very beginning of their existence as a nation. The Pharaoh of Egypt attempted to murder all their male babies (Exodus 1:15-16). A government bureaucrat named Haman conceived a genocidal plan to exterminate all the Jewish people in Persia (Esther 3:8-10). The Assyrian Empire conquered ten of the Jewish tribes and scattered them throughout Asia. Then came the Babylonian exile of the remaining two tribes and the two horrific wars with the Romans (70 and 135 AD).

Throughout the Middle Ages, the Jews were herded into ghettos and required to wear identifying symbols. They were subjected to pogroms, witch hunts, and blood libels. They were blamed for all the problems of society — even for the Black Plague. They were slaughtered during the Crusades, they were tortured during the Inquisition, and they became an object of complete annihilation during the Nazi Holocaust.⁹

Yet, the Jewish people survived and their persecutors ended up in the dust bin of history.

How could this be? Chance? Coincidence? Good luck? A roll of the dice? There are many theories.

Secular Theories

The most common theory offered by secular Jews is that the overwhelming persecution suffered by the Jewish people created within them an iron will to survive, and their genius as a people produced cunning and crafty methods of survival.¹⁰ But all such naturalistic explanations seem shallow and fall flat in the face of the odds that any people could preserve their existence and identity in the midst of so much suffering.

Other secular arguments include the high degree of education and literacy that characterized the Jews during the Middle Ages. This enabled them to more effectively preserve their traditions, and it increased their usefulness to society. Instead of living as beggars, they were able to become lawyers, doctors, bankers and bureaucrats.

Their high level of education also made it possible for them to be extremely mobile, enabling them to move more easily from one nation to another. They had financial resources, and they posed less of a welfare problem than non-Jewish migrants.¹²

Religious Theories

I'm sure all these elements were significant, but religious Jewish spokesmen have done much better with their explanation of Jewish survival. As one rabbi has put it: "The supernatural element of Jewish survival must be squarely faced."¹³ Another rabbi has put it this way:¹⁴

If we wish to discover the essential elements making up the . . . unique strength [of the Jewish people], we must conclude that it is not its peculiar physical or intrinsic mental characteristics, nor its tongue, manners and customs . . . The only link which unites our scattered people throughout its dispersion, regardless of time, is Torah and mitzvot.

Torah and mitzvot — these two are the focus of Orthodox Jewish explanations of the preservation of the Jewish people. Torah refers to the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures — the books written by Moses, often referred to as the Pentateuch. Mitzvot are the commandments contained in the Torah.

The rabbis contend that there are 613 mitzvot in the Torah.¹⁵ They view 248 of these commandments as positive in nature ("thou shalt"). The remaining total of 365 are considered to be negative ("thou shalt not"). All the commandments are viewed as essential for a person to be holy as God is holy (Leviticus 20:25).

The problem is that all the mitzvot must be interpreted as to their daily application, a process that results in endless discussions and disputes and often conflicting conclusions. An example

would be the commandment against building a fire on the Sabbath (Exodus 35:3). The commandment is clear enough. But, does flipping a light switch or pushing an elevator button constitute the striking of a fire?

Halacha

Over the centuries, the Jewish sages have developed an extensive code of oral laws that apply the mitzvot of the Torah to every aspect of daily life. This code is called Halacha.¹⁶ It is often referred to as “Jewish Law.” But a more literal translation would be “the way to behave” or “the way of walking.”

The observance of Halacha within the Diaspora during the 2,000 years since the destruction of the Jewish Temple in 70 AD prevented the Jewish people from becoming assimilated into the cultures where they were dispersed. The practice of Halacha enabled them to keep their identity as a people set apart by God to be a witness to the world (Deuteronomy 7:6-8).

One rabbi has referred to observance of Halacha as “the tenacious adherence to our spiritual heritage.”¹⁷ He has further stated “We [the Jewish people] are who and what we are because of a momentous faith, a faith that proved stronger than the greatest empires in history.”¹⁸

Rabbi Akiva (50-137 AD), the great Jewish sage of the Second Century, resorted to the following illustration to explain why the Jewish people must reject assimilation at all costs:¹⁹

A fox was once walking by the bank of a river, and saw fish darting from place to place. “What are you fleeing from?” he asked the fish. “To escape the nets of the fisherman.” “In that case,” said the fox, “come and live on dry land together with me.” “Are you the one they describe as the cleverest of animals?” the fish replied. “You are not clever but foolish. If we are in danger here in the water, which is where we live, how much more so on dry land, where we are bound to die.”

Explaining the illustration, Rabbi Akiva stressed that the Torah is to Jewish survival as water is to a fish. Yes, the Jews are in constant danger, but if they put the Torah aside, they will lose their identity and die out as an identifiable people.

The Power of Memory

Another key element to keeping their identity which is often stressed in rabbinical writings is memory. Thus, all the Jewish feast days are reminders of either great events in Jewish history or promises of God about the future, or both.²⁰

For example, the Feast of Passover points the Jewish memory back to the time when God miraculously delivered the Jews from Egyptian captivity. The Feast of Shavu’ot (known to Christians as the Feast of Pentecost) is a reminder of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. The most joyous feast of the year is the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot in Hebrew) in the Fall of the year. It celebrates the completion of the fruit harvest, and it serves as a reminder of how God was faithful to the Jews during their wilderness wanderings when they lived in tabernacles. It is also a reminder that God has promised in His Word that one day He will come to the earth to tabernacle among His people (Zechariah 2:10-13).



Portrait of a Rabbi by Isidor Kaufmann.

The observance of the seven Jewish feasts each year — year after year — kept alive in Jewish hearts the memory of God’s call on their life as a nation. They were reminded of how God had come to their rescue time and time again (Psalm 78) and how He had promised that one day they would become the prime nation in the world, through whom all of God’s blessings would flow to the nations (Isaiah 2:1-4).

A Problem

The problem with these explanations of Jewish preservation is that they only show how the Jews kept their identity — and not how they were able to survive. As a matter of fact, the maintenance of their unique identity made them an object of hatred and an easy target for abuse.

The result was 2,000 years of unrelenting hatred, persecution and slaughter. Their own Scriptures prophesied that once they were scattered, they would be persecuted wherever they went and would become few in number:

And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the LORD shall drive you. (Deuteronomy 4:27)

Then [after their scattering] you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because you did not obey the LORD your God. (Deuteronomy 28:62)

Roman records indicate that 2,000 years ago there were between 8 to 10 million Jews living in the world.²¹ There are 14 million today. How many should there be?

Well, in the same period of time, the population of China grew from 30 million to over one billion.²² The Arab peoples came into existence at the same time as the Jews. Today there are more than 400 million Arabs.²³ Based on these statistics, the Jewish population today should be between 400 and 500 million.

Back to the Basic Question

So, we find ourselves still grappling with the question we began with: “How did the Jews survive?” And there is really only one answer: “Supernaturally.” Psalm 124 sums it up best:

- 1) “Had it not been the LORD who was on our side,” let Israel now say,
- 2) “Had it not been the LORD who was on our side when men rose up against us,
- 3) Then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
- 4) Then the waters would have engulfed us, the stream would have swept over our soul;
- 5) Then the raging waters would have swept over our soul.”
- 6) Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us to be torn by their teeth.
- 7) Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the trapper; the snare is broken and we have escaped.
- 8) Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Although this passage probably speaks specifically about the survival of the Children of Israel during their wilderness wanderings under the leadership of Moses, it expresses an eternal principle concerning God’s relationship with the Jewish people. The author of Psalm 121 put it this way: “Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep” (Psalm 121:4).

God’s Promise to Preserve His People

The Hebrew prophets were very precise about the fact that God would always preserve the Jewish people. Consider this symbolic prophecy of Isaiah who wrote 2,700 years ago, 700 years before the birth of Jesus (Isaiah 49:14-16):

- 14) But Zion [the Jewish people] said, “The LORD has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me.”
- 15) [God answers] “Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.
- 16) “Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands . . .”

Speaking more specifically, Isaiah wrote these words about the preservation of the Jews (Isaiah 41:10-11):

- 10) “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous

right hand.

- 11) “Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish.”

Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah, who wrote 75 years after Isaiah, declared that God would preserve the Jewish people (Jeremiah 30:11):

“For I am with you,” declares the LORD, “to save you; for I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly and will by no means leave you unpunished.”

A more graphic prophecy by Jeremiah concerning the preservation of the Jews can be found in Jeremiah 31:35-37 —

35) Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; the LORD of hosts is His name:

36) “If this fixed order departs from before Me,” declares the LORD, “Then the offspring of Israel also will cease from being a nation before Me forever.”

37) Thus says the LORD, “If the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth searched out below, then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done,” declares the LORD.

So, when will the Jewish people cease to exist? When the sun stops coming up and going down, when the seasons of the year cease to come, and only after all the heavens and the depths of the oceans have been explored. In short, the Jewish people are here to stay.

Do I need to inform you that these prophecies have been fulfilled? Despite their dispersion, their persecution and the murderous pogroms leading up to the Holocaust, 6.5 million Jews live in Israel today (slightly more than the number killed in the Holocaust), with another 7.5 million in other countries.

Now, you can understand why the continuing existence of the Jewish people is proof positive that there is a God and that the Bible is His Word.✚

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The Wretched Reprobate of Revelation

Nathan E. Jones

An angel in Revelation 17 introduces us to one of the most bizarre characters in all the Bible. He approaches the Apostle John and bids, “Come, I will show you . . . the Great Prostitute.”

As to her physical appearance, the Great Prostitute is described as having a tattoo across her forehead that reads: “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth.” The woman is draped in purple and riches. She holds a golden cup in her hand filled with abominable things and the filth of her adulteries.

As for her actions, she commits adultery with the kings of the earth while the inhabitants are intoxicated by the wine of her adulteries. She rides upon a seven-headed, ten-horned, scarlet beast covered with blasphemous names and which sits on many waters. She gets drunk on the blood of the Saints of Christ.

Questions Raised by the Imagery



A Russian painting from the 1800s.

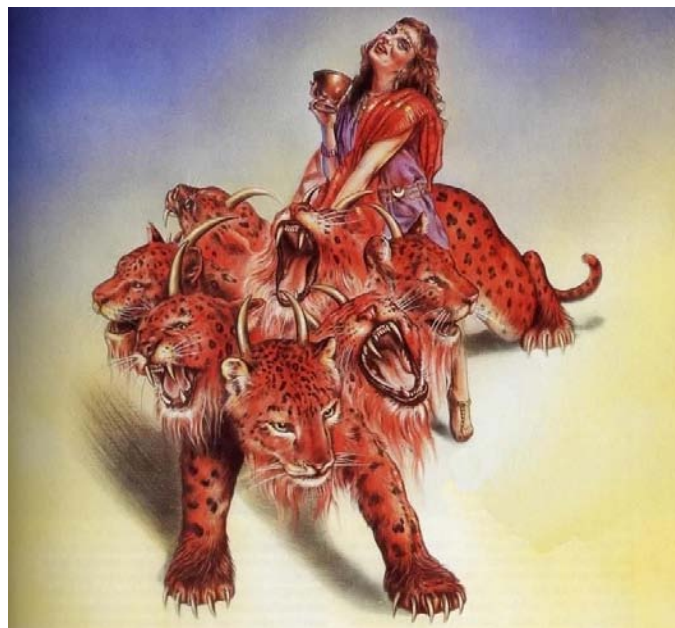
In Revelation 18 another Babylon is introduced, called “Babylon the Great.” Is this the same Babylon as the one pictured in Revelation 17?

If so, her demise is violently assured. God will not allow her to thrive for long, “For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities” (v. 5). “Therefore her plagues will come in one day — death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire . . .” (v. 8). This sudden fall of Babylon is met by the wailing of the nations who have become rich on her excesses.

Three questions come to mind after encountering this wretched reprobate of Revelation:



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The Woman riding the beast (Revelation 17).

1. Is she representative of the United States?
2. If not, then who or what exactly is this “Mystery Babylon” of Revelation 17?
3. And, is she different than the “Babylon the Great” described in Revelation 18?

A Political System

Because Revelation 17:18 defines Babylon as, “that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth,” we’ll first approach Babylon as a political entity.

United States — The United States today is the world’s richest nation, the foremost military power, a major importer of fine goods and services, and a major exporter of debauchery. The modern-day Tower of Babel — the United Nations — is headquartered in New York City.

But, is the United States actively killing Christians? Is it truly the most demonic nation in existence? Does the U.S. rule over the “peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues” of the world? In all these cases, the answer is no.

In context, the book of Revelation places the era of Babylon in the future seven-year Tribulation. The kingdom that will rule the world at that time is under the Antichrist, not the President. The Bible says it will be a global kingdom based in Europe, and that all the nations of the world, including the United States, will be merely vassals. Even now, America’s might and influence are waning. Therefore, the United States could not be Babylon.

Rome — If not the United States, some look to the European Union as Babylon. Daniel 9:26-27 reveals that the Antichrist will rise from a Revived Roman Empire.

Revelation 17 explains that while the Antichrist and his ten kings will severely persecute the Saints (v14), they will hate the Great Prostitute which rides them, and they will participate in her destruction (vv16-17). The European Union which births the Antichrist’s political system cannot also be the Great Prostitute because he kills her.

Babylon — Some point to Babylon as the seat of the Antichrist's kingdom located in a newly constructed city of Babylon in Iraq. The city, though, was cursed by God, never to be rebuilt (Isaiah 13:20). In fulfillment of this prophecy, Babylon was conquered by the Medes and then became nothing but "mounds and stones and ruins." Even Saddam Hussein was unable to rebuild it into more than a paltry tourist spot.

A Religious System

Because women are often used in the Scriptures to symbolize religious systems, let's approach Mystery Babylon as a religious system.

Islam — Islam is a religious system that has caused the bloody martyrdom of countless Christians over its 1,400 years. It dominates the daily news stories. But, by the time of the Tribulation, Islam will most assuredly be wiped out. Islamic wars against Israel as foretold in Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 will bring about the demise of Islam as a power by the onset of the Tribulation.

Apostate Church — Rome is more than just a political entity that births the Antichrist, for it also houses the seat of Roman Catholic papal authority reaching across the world. In its history, the apostate Roman Catholic Church has the blood of countless Protestant believers and the victims of crusaders and inquisitors on its hands.

After the Rapture, the remaining heretical structure will continue to exist along with other apostate Christian denominations. The Catholic Church after the Rapture is the best candidate for Mystery Babylon, uniting all faiths under the banner of a one-world, ecumenical religion.

Two Babylons

The Apostate Church, with the Pope possibly at its head, will lead the world at the onset of the Tribulation into a humanistic, one-world religion. For 3½ years the religions of the world will hold hands and preach Universalism. This is Mystery Babylon, the source of the world's cultic spiritual evil which will hold a dominant presence during the first half of the Tribulation.

Once Satan possesses the Antichrist by the midpoint of the Tribulation, whatever flavor of humanistic self-worship the people adhere to will be silenced. The Antichrist and False Prophet will murder the Great Prostitute of human-willed spiritual harlotry and the institution in which she is enshrouded (Revelation 17:16). Only one religion will be allowed by the Antichrist's demonic master to exist during the remaining 3½ years of the Tribulation, and that will be the worship of Satan through the Antichrist.

Mystery Babylon of Revelation 17, the one-world apostate church, will be destroyed to make way for Babylon the Great of Revelation 18, the one-world empire of the Antichrist. At that point, the Antichrist's empire will finally encompass both religious and political Babylon. ❖

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Ministry Introduction

New Bible Prophecy Ministry



Ed & Linda Rosamond and Dave Reagan

A couple from Sulphur Springs, Texas has established a new Bible prophecy ministry called "In the Season." They are Ed and Linda Rosamond, and they are active members of The Way Bible Church in Sulphur Springs.

The name of their ministry is based on a Scripture passage from Luke 21:29-31 which reads as follows:

29) Then He [Jesus] told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree and all the trees;

30) as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near.

31) So you also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near."

Accordingly, their ministry focuses on proclaiming that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. All their teachings are accompanied by extensive PowerPoint presentations. The complete series they have prepared consists of six presentations as follows:

- 1) The Prophetic Implications of the Jewish Feasts
- 2) God's Relationship with the Jewish People
- 3) The Signs of the Times that Herald the Lord's Return
- 4) What Prophecy Says About Nations in the News
- 5) America's Role in the End Times
- 6) The Amazing Convergence of End Time Signs

Ed and Linda can adjust their presentations to different time periods, and they can also adjust the content to a congregation's particular interests.

All their teachings are based on a Premillennial viewpoint and a belief in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture.

You can contact them at 903-439-7371 or at intheseasonministries@gmail.com. ❖

We Are Too Tolerant!

It's time to stop putting up with evil and allowing our children to be brainwashed.

Alan Franklin

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Alan Franklin

Last year the Irish Republic voted for “same sex marriage” — whatever that really means — by a large majority. Was I surprised? No. Do I think things worldwide are getting worse fast? Yes; the choice was always “Christ or chaos.” We have chosen chaos so we had better enjoy the rotten fruits we see all around us!

Peter Marshall, Chaplain to the US Senate, told Americans in 1947, when the USA was still broadly “God-fearing,” that Christ or chaos were the only alternatives. There is no middle ground, like today's easy tolerance of evil. Since then God has been banned from schoolrooms in America, the UK and elsewhere, and generations are growing up without a moral compass. The predictable shambles — moral crisis and disintegration of society — has since happened rapidly.

Why? Well, the Church has mostly ceased to preach the Word of God, concentrating instead on social issues and making women “bishops” — a post the Bible clearly states they cannot hold since a bishop must be the husband of one wife! And marriage must be between one man and one woman. Feeble, misguided preachers who disagree had better take it up with the Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Pastor Marshall, a great man of God, told the lawmakers that they and the nation had a choice: “Conviction or compromise, discipline or disintegration.” Universally, our leaders and the Sheeple, who mostly don't care or even notice what is happening (we the Sheeple!) have chosen the easy route of appeasement and acceptance of — well, almost anything.

We now do it our way, not God's way, and the world is fast falling apart as a direct result. How can children, taught not to be “judgmental” and that there are no absolutes, be anything but out of control? Frank Sinatra “did it his way” and what a mess his rotten, corrupt life was. He ended it in his dotage, his mind gone, endlessly rearranging the chairs round his swimming pool.

The Lateness of the Hour

It's too late for us to even rearrange the chairs. They are all turned upside down. Even so-called Christian churches huddle together in a cozy embrace with cults and false faiths. I call the “Churches Together Movement” here in England the “False Churches Together.” All good friends and very good company — if you want a nice Easter egg hunt!

Or perhaps you fancy taking your puppy to be blessed at a pets' service? I am not making this up, unfortunately. When I put “pet services in churches” into a search engine I got over 39 million references!

I don't know if readers have our book, *Cults and Isms: True or False?* but it clearly sets out the differences between the Bible — God's Word — and the main false faiths and cults. There is not a great deal of theological difference between the Church of England and the Catholics. Even many Baptists have plunged into the ecumenical stew, promoting the well-funded Alpha Course!

People who argue with us about the book's conclusions always commence their critique with the line: “Well, what I think is . . .”

Well, I don't care what you think. What you think — or what any of us think — pales into insignificance compared with what GOD decrees in His Word, the Bible — our handbook for life.

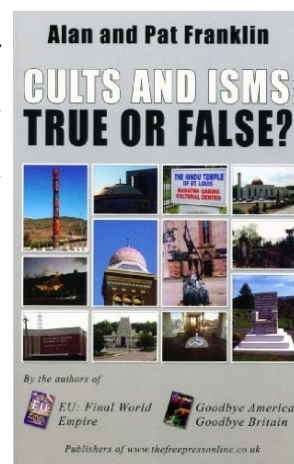
The Need for Intolerance

Be encouraged — “the Gospel is an offence.” There are those, like the men of our small fellowship in Surrey, England, who are still teaching the true word, which itching ears DON'T want to hear. Too “judgmental.” I'll say so, which is just what the Bible commands us to do.

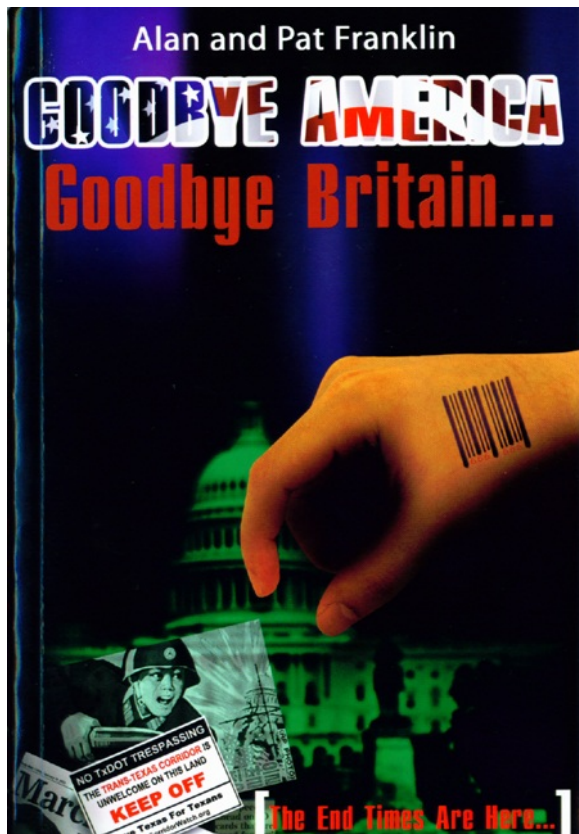
The world won't like us for the most part, but the feeling is mutual, as I don't like the mess our misrule has made of the world. We are up against an institutionalized liberal media. The young in all nations are brainwashed and no alternate views are allowed, on subjects from pervert “rights” to abortion, global (non) warming, evolution and so on.

This is becoming ever more threatening to people like us. I speak to mostly small groups here in the UK and they are broadly in full agreement with us. However, as one lady told me at a conference in America: “You are preaching to the choir.”

So, our time is short and this tidal wave of perversion will not be reversed. On the contrary, it is getting worse fast, as readers know. Pat and I feel like aliens in this world, a “tolerant” world where true Christianity is fast becoming intolerable to the



majority. Tolerance leads to compromise which leads to acceptance of anything. Yes history, and more importantly biblical history, shows the outcome: remember, the Canaanites were to be wiped out at God's command.



God's Intolerance of Sin

In Joshua 9:24 God ordered the destruction of the Canaanites, an order paralleled in Deuteronomy 20, when God told the Israelites:

16) Only in the cities of these peoples that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall not leave alive anything that breathes.

17) But you shall utterly destroy them, the Hittite and the Amorite, the Canaanite and the Perizzite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, as the Lord your God has commanded you,

18) In order that they may not teach you to do according to all their detestable things which they have done for their gods, so that you would sin against the LORD your God.

The Israelites failed in this mission and God's warnings were proven right (Judges 2:1-3; 1 Kings 11:5;14;24 and 2 Kings 16:3-4). God wasn't being "cruel and capricious" in ordering these people to be wiped out, but did so to forestall greater evil, which is exactly what occurred.

The Canaanites had gone far beyond the point of no return, having "abominable customs," (Leviticus 18:30) and, just as our nations do today with every form of occultism, they practiced soothsaying and sorcery. They had nude orgies, snake worship,

child sacrifice and much else too depraved to write about. They defiled the land they inhabited and had to go. Yes, God is just. However, He is also a Holy God, and judgment does come sooner or usually later, as He is also long-suffering and patient.

America & Britain Cave-in to Unrighteousness

Once the USA, under President Obama, designated June the official month to celebrate sexual perversion, the states started sanctioning "gay marriage." In the United Kingdom our so-called "Conservative" Prime Minister, David Cameron, followed up by making same-sex marriage legal. These actions opened the way for God's judgment to fall on us. It will happen; there is no way back.

The final crack-up we have been writing about in our books and on our website for years, and which I speak about to churches and at conferences, is coming soon. The signs are all around. We are in the final minutes of this age. And the Rapture — the taking out of the true Church, the remnant, Bible-believing Church — must be close.

My background and varied journalist experiences enable me to link the economic, spiritual and political influences bringing about the fully unified EU and the coming one-world government, money system and, ultimately, world leader — The Antichrist. He will arise out of The EU, The Revived Roman Empire.

Few Christian commentators understand the business trends (mega mergers, banking regulations, debt bubbles and so on) helping bring all this about, and not just in Europe. To get the whole picture you need to study prophecy — and economics, politics and business.

This is why, in 2016, if the Lord tarries, I aim to rewrite and update my first book, *EU: Final World Empire*, which sold out of several editions and is now unavailable. We have two books currently in print, for sale in the shop on our website.

Meanwhile, if any churches in the USA, Canada or the UK want some "wake-up" talks on the Lord's soon return — and all that comes before it — I am sometimes available.

You can contact me at alan@thefreepressonline.co.uk. I am already scheduled to be in the United States this summer for several speaking engagements. ✚



The Bill of No Rights

Lewis Napper

(Editor's note: Lewis Napper, a self-described "amateur philosopher and professional geek" was driving home for lunch in 1993 listening to a radio report about President Clinton's proposed national health-care plan.

As he listened to the chatter about "this right and that right," it hit him that all those misguided defenders of big government had perverted the intent of the founding fathers. Napper grew sick of watching as "our true rights were eroded, always in the name of giving everyone some new imaginary 'right.'" So, he skipped his lunch break at his computer consulting job, and sat down at his keyboard to bang out a response and composed this Bill of No Rights.

Later, someone posted it on the Internet and it quickly became "the e-mail heard round the world."

Lewis Napper joined the Libertarian Party in 1995 and ran as a Libertarian for a Mississippi Senate seat in 2000.

As you read this document, consider how much more relevant it has become in the 23 years since it was written.)

We the sensible people of the United States, in an attempt to help everyone get along, restore some semblance of justice, avoid more riots, keep our nation safe, promote positive behavior, and secure the blessings of debt-free liberty to ourselves and our great-great-great-grandchildren, hereby try one more time to ordain and establish some common sense guidelines for the terminally whiny, guilt ridden, delusional and liberal.

We hold these truths to be self evident: that a whole lot of people are confused by the Bill of Rights and are so dim they require a Bill of No Rights.

ARTICLE I:

You do not have the right to a new car, big screen TV, or any other form of wealth. More power to you if you can legally acquire them, but no one is guaranteeing anything.

ARTICLE II:

You do not have the right to never be offended. This country is based on freedom, and that means freedom for everyone — not just you! You may leave the room, turn the channel, express a different opinion, etc., but the world is full of people who are going to offend you in one way or another.



Lewis Napper



ARTICLE III:

You do not have the right to be free from harm. If you stick a screwdriver in your eye, learn to be more careful; do not expect the tool manufacturer to make you and all your relatives independently wealthy.

ARTICLE IV:

You do not have the right to free food and housing. Americans are the most charitable people to be found, and will gladly help anyone in need, but we are quickly growing weary of subsidizing generation after generation of professional couch potatoes who achieve nothing more than the creation of another generation of professional couch potatoes.

ARTICLE V:

You do not have the right to free health care. That would be nice, but from the looks of public housing, we're just not interested in public health care.

ARTICLE VI:

You do not have the right to physically harm other people. If you kidnap, rape, intentionally maim, or kill someone, don't be surprised if the rest of us want to see you get the death penalty.

ARTICLE VII:

You do not have the right to the possessions of others. If you rob, cheat, or coerce away the goods or services of other citizens,

don't be surprised if the rest of us get together and lock you away in a place where you still won't have the right to a big screen color TV or a life of leisure.

ARTICLE VIII:

You do not have the right to happiness. Being an American means that you have the right to PURSUE happiness, which by the way, is a lot easier if you are unencumbered by an over abundance of idiotic laws created by those of you who were confused by the Bill of Rights.

ARTICLE IX:

You do not have the right to change our country's history or heritage. This country was founded on the belief in one true God. And yet, you are given the freedom to believe in any religion, any faith, or no faith at all, with no fear of persecution. The phrase IN GOD WE TRUST is part of our heritage and history. Sorry if you are uncomfortable with it.

ARTICLE X:

This is an English speaking country. We don't care where you came from, English is our language. Learn it! ♣

Editor's note: The views expressed in this article, written 23 years ago, have been festering in the minds of Americans for all those years and have finally exploded on the political scene with the rejection of the political establishment and the endorsement of political outsiders like Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump. In short, the American people are fed up with being ignored and being taxed to provide welfare programs for people who believe the government has a responsibility to support them.

The Immorality of Socialism

Dr. David R. Reagan

An amazing thing happened this year in the New Hampshire presidential primary. A man running openly as a Socialist won the primary with 60 percent of the vote, and in the process, he garnered 84 percent of the under-30 vote!

The Rise and Fall of Socialism in America

The Socialist Party of America was founded in 1901. It received support from trade unionists, progressive social reformers, populist farmers, and various immigrant groups. But it never did well at the polls, particularly in presidential elections. And its staunch opposition to American involvement in World War I resulted in a large number of defections.

The best showing ever for a Socialist ticket was in 1912, when their candidate, Eugene Debs, received 901,551 total votes, or 6% of the popular vote. In 1920 Debs ran again, this time from prison, and received 913,693 votes, 3.4% of the total.

Socialism rebounded in the 1930s during the Great Depression under the leadership of Norman Thomas, but President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal policies, which introduced America to Welfare-Statism, prevented Socialism from gathering much steam. Later, the party's opposition to American involvement in World War II cost it much of its support.

The party stopped running presidential candidates after 1956 when its nominee won fewer than 6,000 votes. The party decided, instead, to focus its efforts on educational programs. In the early 1970s the party splintered into three main groups, and the original party changed its name to Social Democrats, USA.

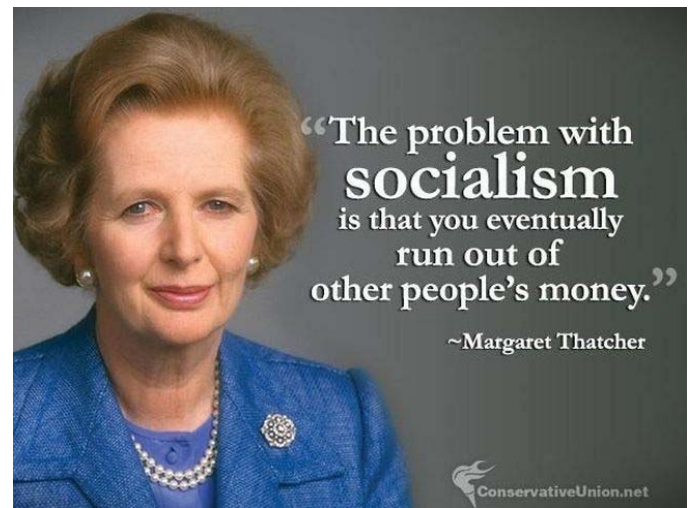
The Resurrection of Socialism in America



It was therefore startling to most people when *Newsweek* magazine proclaimed on the cover of its February 6, 2009 issue that “We Are All Socialists Now.” As proof, the magazine pointed to the fact that the U.S. government had already — under a conservative Republican administration — effectively nationalized the banking and mortgage industries. The writer of the cover article then asserted, “Whether we want to admit it or not . . . the America of 2009 is moving toward a modern European state.”

How can this resurrection of Socialism be explained? It relates to the rapid secularization and paganization of American society in recent years, especially since the election of President Barack Obama in 2008.

Socialism always flourishes in a secular society. And the



reason is simple. Here's how Robert Knight of the American Civil Rights Union explained it in a recent article: “. . . Socialism goes hand in hand with abandoning God and worshipping the idol of an ever-growing government.”¹

And that's how United States Senator Bernard Sanders of Vermont, an openly avowed Socialist, was able to win the New Hampshire Democratic primary in February of this year — by promising that government would become the National Nanny by providing every need. He promised free college, free health care and another \$10 trillion in federal spending. When considering such reckless promises, Robert Knight asks, “What's not to like if you view government as an ATM machine for all your needs?”² Or, to put it another way, “Who needs God when government will supply everyone's needs at someone else's expense?”³

The Competing Systems

There are really only two types of social organization — collectivism and individualism. In the 20th Century, collectivism took many forms, such as Socialism, Fascism, Nazism, Welfare-Statism and Communism. The alternative system, and the only one compatible with individualism and freedom, is Capitalism.

Collectivist systems like Socialism rely on state power to forcibly redistribute wealth. These systems amount to legalized theft. C. Bradley Thompson, who is a professor at Ashland University and a staff member at the John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, has summarized Socialism brilliantly as a ruling system that “uses compulsion and the organized violence of the State to expropriate wealth from the producer class for its redistribution to the parasitical class.”⁴

Defenders of Socialism always try to present themselves as compassionate people who care for the underprivileged. They characterize Capitalism as a dog-eat-dog system that produces inequities, with great disparities between the rich and the poor. Thompson responds to these arguments as follows:⁵

Yes, there are winners and losers in Capitalism. The winners are those who are honest, industrious, thoughtful, prudent, frugal, responsible, disciplined and efficient. The losers are those who are shiftless, lazy, imprudent, extravagant, negligent, impractical and inefficient. Capitalism is the only social system that rewards virtue and punishes vice.

Thompson then sums up his whole argument against Socialism by saying, “Simply put, Socialism rewards sloth and penalizes hard work, while Capitalism rewards hard work and penalizes sloth.”⁶

The Need for Common Sense

The young people who are swarming to Senator Sanders’ support are a spiritually bankrupt generation who view government as God. They are also a greedy generation that desires “free stuff.”

And they are obviously ignorant of economics and are hard-up for common sense, for one of the facts of life is that there are no free meals. Thus, if government gives you a “free” education, you will spend the rest of your life paying exorbitant, confiscatory taxes to cover the cost of that education and the “free” educations of those who follow you. I guess the problem with common sense is that it is not very common.



Considering Scripture

Some liberal Christian spokesmen have tried to defend Socialism on the grounds that the early Church in Jerusalem practiced Socialism as described in Acts 2:44-45:

- 44) And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;
- 45) and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Yes, the early Christians, who were severely persecuted, banded together in communal groups to help defend and support each other, but that is a far cry from Socialism. The key here is that they shared their goods of their own free will. No one forced them to do so.

In like manner today, I give a lot of my income to many ministries, churches and social welfare organizations that provide food, clothing and even lodging to poor people. But I do so willingly as an expression of my love of Jesus. No one forces me to do so.

Again, the Socialists utilize the power of the State to force people to give to others through policies that result in a forced redistribution of income. And that is theft, pure and simple. Their desire is to make people dependent on the State because such dependence, in turn, will provide the Socialists with ever greater power over people’s lives.

One interesting thing in this regard that I have noticed over the years is that when Socialist politicians are forced to reveal their income tax returns, they never show any significant donations to help the poor. No, these “compassionate” liberals want to help the poor with your money and mine — not theirs.

Insights About Socialism

Rupert Murdoch, the British media mogul, recently gave a speech about the virtues of Capitalism. In the process, he made a very insightful comment about Socialism:⁷

Socialism is a form of feudalism. The Lord is the State and the Aristocracy which rises up around the State . . . The serfs are the same people who have always been serfs throughout history. Socialism doesn’t save anyone from working for the company store. Government just becomes the company store.

Winston Churchill always had a pithy way of presenting profound ideas in brief statements. Here’s what he had to say about Socialism as compared to Capitalism: “The inherent vice of Capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of Socialism is the equal sharing of misery.”⁸

For those who are interested in a more in-depth study of Socialism, I recommend a blog on the Internet called “War on Socialism” (waronsocialism.com). The keeper of the blog, who chooses to remain anonymous, has this to say about the morality of Socialism:⁹

Socialism is immoral at its core [because] it requires an acceptance that the government owns you, that when the rubber hits the road, you are simply a number, and that if you are more productive than most other people, you will be replaced as a cash cow to be milked for what some group of Statists consider “The Common Good.”

History attests to the fact that people are always willing to surrender their freedoms for the promise of security. That is exactly what Socialism does. Beware! ♦

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Rabbinical Signs of the Times

Dr. Jack Van Impe

(Editor's note: Jack Van Impe and his wife, Rexella, have been in ministry together since 1954. Jack is known for his vast memorization of Scripture. He and his wife co-host a national television program. Their ministry is headquartered in Troy, Michigan. The ministry's website address is www.jvim.com.)



Dr. Jack Van Impe and his wife, Rexella.

For decades, certain Orthodox rabbis have maintained that the Messiah would come when three signs were in evidence at the same time.

First, there must be speeding chariots in the streets of Jerusalem, fulfilling Nahum 2:4: "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."

This interesting verse once prompted Sir Isaac Newton to predict that men would someday travel as fast as forty miles per hour!

Voltaire, an enemy of Christianity in that era, scorned Newton's statement, saying, "See what a fool Christianity makes of an otherwise brilliant man, such as Sir Isaac Newton! Doesn't he know that if a man traveled forty miles an hour, he would suffocate and his heart would stop?"

But Newton was conservatively correct. And today, in Jerusalem, as in other major cities, speeding chariots (automobiles) jostle one against another in the streets. At night they seem like torches and they run like lightning.

The second sign, the rabbis said, would be the protection of Jerusalem by men flying as birds. "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it" (Isaiah 31:5).

No wonder Israelis are convinced they must retain air superiority in the Middle East. Already the accomplishments of their top-notch pilots are almost legendary. Jets over Jerusalem have more significance than in any other place on earth. And the sky over that city is seldom silent.

The third requirement of the rabbis was the blossoming of the desert. "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isaiah 35:1).

Although the complete fulfillment of this promise is for a better day yet to come, the desert is blossoming in Israel. Near miracles have been performed in an area that once was a barren wasteland. The agricultural successes of the Jews in the final days are foretold in a number of prophetic Scriptures.

The Messiah of Israel, the Savior of the world, has already come, but His return is signaled by numerous signs, including those proclaimed by the waiting rabbis.

Additional Modern Day Signs

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. (Luke 21:25)

For all who have watched humans walking, driving, and planting a flag on the moon, this prophecy needs no explanation. Had someone predicted this at the turn of the 20th Century, he might have been placed under psychiatric treatment. But it has happened in our generation.

Christ also spoke of startling calamities in space. After discussing signs in the sun, moon, and stars, He said: "Men's hearts [shall be] failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26).

Although he counts himself progressive and civilized, Man still employs the best minds on earth to search constantly for more deadly weapons. After the bombing of Hiroshima, Charles Lindbergh lamented: "Hiroshima was as far from the intention of the pure scientist as the Inquisition was from the Sermon on the Mount." Nevertheless, the drive for more potent killers continues and their area of operation has now reached the heavens, another indication that closing time is near.

The World Stage

Perhaps the most interesting thing in the study of future events is the fulfillment of prophecies concerning the nations of the end time. On the world stage, closing scenes are being enacted.

The European Union, or Revived Roman Empire is growing in size and global reach. For generations, Bible scholars have been awaiting this international coalition, from which they expect a leader to rise who will guarantee peace in the Middle East, especially to Israel.

China is able to field an army of two hundred million men. Napoleon said of China, "There lies a sleeping giant. If he ever wakes he will shake the world. Let him sleep." But the giant is awake! Will Napoleon's prediction come true?

Finally, Israel is back in her land. This is the keystone of all Bible prophecy concerning the end time. All other factors of the prophetic picture would be meaningless had not the Jews returned to the land of their fathers. ✚

Good News —

Abortion clinics are closing in record numbers all across the United States, due mainly to Republican state legislatures passing laws to restrict and regulate abortion access. Since 2011, at least 162 abortion clinics have either closed or stopped offering abortion procedures. Only 21 new clinics have opened. One abortion clinic is reportedly closing every two weeks in 35 states.

In March, Israel rescued 19 Jews from war-torn Yemen in a covert operation. Yemen once had a Jewish population of 60,000. More than 50,000 of these were transferred to Israel in 1949 in a secret airlift called “Operation Magic Carpet.” Yemen has been gripped with violence since September of 2014 when an uprising of Iran-backed Houthi rebels started battling for control of the country. The Houthi militants are openly anti-Semitic, and thus Israel decided to withdraw any Yemenite Jews who were left in the country.

Also in March the North Carolina legislature was called into special session and in one day’s time both houses passed, and the governor signed, a law requiring students to use restrooms that correspond to the sex listed on their birth certificates. In the same month the Georgia legislature passed a measure aimed at protecting religious liberties against the assaults of gay-rights groups. The Disney organization immediately responded by threatening to stop making films in the state, and in like manner, the National Football League suggested they may pass over Atlanta for future Super Bowls. The governor caved and vetoed the bill!

Sad News —

In the Fall of last year the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention announced it would probably have to cut 600 to 800 missionaries and staff members in order to balance its budget. The reality proved to be much worse than this expectation. In February of this year, the IMB revealed that it has been forced to cut 1,132 workers — almost twice as many as its low-end estimate. In all, 983 missionaries and 149 U.S. staff members have accepted the IMB’s offer of voluntary early retirement or resignation. That brings the number of SBC missionaries in the field down from 4,700 to about 3,800 — a return to 1993 levels.

Targeting Israel —

The *Wall Street Journal* has reported that President Obama is determined to force a two state settlement on Israel before he leaves office. His plan is to bypass Israel by taking the matter directly to the United Nations and imposing his plan through a directive from the Security Council. In short, he intends to betray our nation’s best ally. Since the United Nations, both in its General Assembly and its Security Council is overwhelmingly anti-Israel, he should have no difficulty accomplishing his purpose. He will most likely wait until after the November elections before he makes his move. If he does so, he will be calling for the wrath of God to fall on this nation:

I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land. (Joel 3:2)



Targeting Christians —

Paul Strand, the CBN Senior Washington Correspondent, has reported that American Christians are being targeted for persecution. Here are some of the people he quoted in his article:

- **Brian Camenker**, the Jewish head of the organization called Mass Resistance, a pro-family activist organization: “I saw what happened to Jews in the 1930s and ‘40s, and much of that is happening to Christians now. There’s an organized movement to demonize Christians.”
- **Maggie Gallagher**, a senior fellow at the American Principles Project: “What we are seeing very clearly is an effort to target Christians legally when possible and then to humiliate or deprive them of social respect.”
- **Peter Sprigg**, a senior fellow with the Family Research Council: “There’s a strong agenda to silence Christians. You see it every day. You can’t walk out of your house and not see something anti-Christian . . . And if you really drill down, the religious liberty of Muslims, Jews and Hindus is not being attacked. It’s the religious liberty of Christians.”

Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. (Luke 6:22)

Continuing Apostasy —

Most people are not aware of the fact that last year the leadership of the **United Methodist Church** voted to submit a proposal to this year’s General Conference to remove prohibitive language about homosexuality from the church’s Book of Discipline. If adopted, homosexuality would no longer be viewed as a sin, and United Methodist pastors would be able to perform same-sex marriages in their churches. Jennifer LeClaire, the editor of *Charisma* magazine responded to the recommendation by saying:

If we are going to condone the practice of homosexuality, what’s stopping us from allowing pastors to commit adultery without rebuke? Why not let drunken revelers lead the kids church? Why not give greedy thieves and extortioners the responsibility for church finances?

Such gross apostasy seems equivalent to saying that adultery does not violate the Ten Commandments. The bottom line, of course, is that Mankind can rationalize any sin. But it’s pathetic when church leaders do so.

Meanwhile, the **Presbyterian Church** continues in the fast lane on its highway to Hell. As far back as 1970 their General Assembly declared that abortion was acceptable. In 2010 the Assembly voted to ordain non-celibate homosexuals, and in 2014 the Assembly approved of homosexual marriages. Polls show that the majority of Presbyterian pastors today deny the deity of Jesus, and only 6 percent believe the Bible should be interpreted literally. Also only 35 percent of the church’s pastors believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation. Further, the church has been the leading denomination in America in its opposition to the State of Israel. The only good news is that the church has lost over a million members in the last 15 years. In short, it is bleeding to death. Good riddance. ✚

Thoughts for Your Bible —

Ronnie and Glynda Jones of Longview, Texas, submitted the thoughts below which they say they have written in the front of their Bibles. Ronnie is one of the trustees of this ministry.

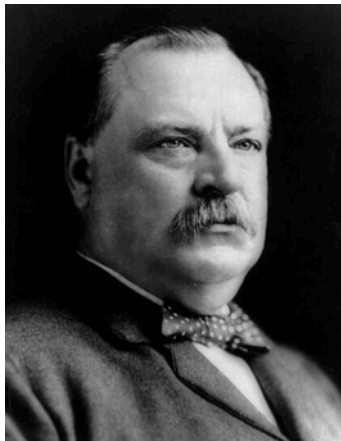
There is a Warrior protecting you,
There is a Shepherd leading you,
There is a Counselor instructing you,
There is a High Priest representing you,
There is a Comforter encouraging you,
There is a Light at the end of the tunnel,
And He is returning soon.

Things are not falling apart,
They are falling into place!

Would you look back and thank Him,
Would you look around and serve Him,
Would you look ahead and trust Him,
Would you look up and expect Him,
He's coming sooner
Rather than later.

May a Dying Savior's Love,
And a Risen Savior's Power,
And an Ascended Savior's Prayer,
And a Returning Savior's Glory,
Be the Comfort and Joy of Your Heart.

How Times Have Changed! —



Grover Cleveland

Grover Cleveland was the 22nd and 24th president of the United States (1885-1889 and 1893-1897). He was the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms and the only one to be married in the White House. The following quotes from a recent biography (Algeo Matthew's *The President is a Sick Man*) are a reminder of the dramatic differences between the America of Cleveland's day and our society today. When President Cleveland vetoed a bill that would have given

drought-stricken Texas farmers \$10,000 to purchase seed grain, he justified his action with this explanation: "Federal aid in such cases encourages the expectation of paternal care on the part of the government and weakens the sturdiness of our national character." Another interesting insight into the man's character is the fact that although he was a great fan of baseball, he never attended a game while he served as president. When asked why, he replied, "What do you imagine the American people would think of me if I wasted my time going to a ball game?"

Global Warming —

Gary Sims of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, says that if you want to know what true global warming is all about, read what the Apostle Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:10.



Food for Thought

Quick Thoughts —

"It's not the ship in the water but the water in the ship that sinks it. Likewise, it's not the Christian in the world but the world in the Christian that constitutes the danger." — John Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918), an American Presbyterian evangelist.

"I thought when I became a Christian I had nothing to do but just to lay my oars in the bottom of the boat and float along. But I soon found that I would have to go against the current." — Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899), an American pastor and evangelist.

"I couldn't help writing about Jesus . . . Everything He ever said or did has value for us today, and that is something you can say of no other man, alive or dead . . . He became the Light of the world. Why shouldn't I, a Jew, be proud of it?"

— Sholem Asch (1880-1957), a Polish-American novelist, dramatist, and essayist in the Yiddish language.

"Truly the best modern Bible translation is the one that is read."
— Brian H. Wagner, a professor at Virginia Baptist College.

"The plea of the cults is, 'Come give your life to the unique Jesus we have revealed, and we will show you how to earn your way to Heaven.'" Author unknown.

"If some Christian critic says, 'You are narrow-minded,' respond by saying, 'You better believe it!'" — Warren Smith, a former New Age practitioner who now heads up a discernment ministry.

"Military power wins battles, but spiritual power wins wars." — General George C. Marshall (1880-1959), served as Chief of Staff of U.S. military forces in World War II and Secretary of State under President Harry Truman.

"The Bible is light and salt, and today we are trying to make it shadow and sugar." — Larry McCoy, a Tennessee Christian musician, singer and composer.

"Don't confuse God's patience with God's tolerance." — Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

"Let's pray that the human race never escapes earth to spread its iniquity elsewhere." — C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), British scholar and defender of the Christian faith.

The Wisdom of Tozer —

Another submission by Gary Sims of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. A.W. Tozer (1897-1963) was an American Christian pastor and author. He summed up the attitude of "quasi-believers" toward Jesus in these words: "He is a Jesus who is gentle, dreamy, shy, sweet, almost effeminate and marvelously adaptable to whatever society He may find Himself in. He is cooed over by women disappointed in love, patronized by celebrities and recommended by psychiatrists as a model of a well integrated personality. He is never acknowledged as Lord. These quasi-Christians follow a quasi-Christ. They want His help but not His interference. They will flatter Him but never obey Him." ❖

A Pillar of the Faith

Dr. David R. Reagan

On February 16 of this year, Dr. Charles Ryrie, the renowned editor of the *Ryrie Study Bible* (first edition in 1978) was called home to be with his Lord. He was 90 years old.

Dr. Ryrie was born and raised in Illinois. He attended Haverford College in Pennsylvania with the intention of following his father in a banking career. But during his junior year, he met Lewis Sperry Chafer, the founder of Dallas Theological Seminary, and he decided to commit his life to the Christian ministry.

He earned a doctor's degree in theology at Dallas and then went to the University of Edinburgh where he earned a second doctorate. He devoted his life to teaching the Word of God, both in the classroom and through writing. He taught Bible, Greek and Systematic Theology at Westmont College in California, Philadelphia Biblical University and Dallas Theological Seminary. At one point in his career, he served as President of Philadelphia Biblical University.



Dr. Ryrie and Dr. Reagan in 2007.

Dr. Ryrie wrote more than 50 books, including the *Ryrie Study Bible* which contained a total of 10,000 explanatory notes. Incidentally, he once told me that he prepared the manuscript for the Study Bible on an old fashioned typewriter! In the preface to the original 1978 version of his Study Bible, he wrote:

The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals.

The president of Dallas Theological Seminary issued a statement in which he said, "All of us are indebted to Dr. Ryrie's efforts to articulate and defend Dispensational Premillennialism." One of his former students wrote: "I think his greatest gift was making abstract ideas understandable. Anyone can make the simple complex. Only the greatest minds can make the complex simple."

Dr. Ryrie was a very enthusiastic supporter of this ministry. He constantly encouraged me through his notes and his very generous donations.

In 2007, I invited him to videotape two television programs with me, and he graciously agreed to do so. In the first program, as we were discussing his Study Bible, I showed him my wife's worn out copy and asked if he would autograph a new copy for her. He did so as we continued talking. He wrote: "For Ann: May our Lord bless you and guide you each and every day." He then signed it and wrote the verse reference of John 17:17 which says, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

My first interview with him focused on the integrity of the Bible as the Word of God. The second interview concerned the Signs of the Times.

I began the second interview by asking him if he believed we are living in the season of the Lord's return. He smiled and said, "I knew you would ask me that question, so I came prepared." He then pulled an envelope out of his coat pocket and handed it to me.

As I took the envelope, he confidently declared, "In that envelope you will find absolute proof that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. There are two items in the envelope. Open it and take out one of them."

The first item I pulled out was an Israeli currency note for 20 shekels. I held up the note for our TV viewers to see, and Dr. Ryrie explained: "The Bible says that in the end times, the nation of Israel will be re-established. It was in May of 1948, and that is its currency." He then asked me to take the second item out of the envelope.

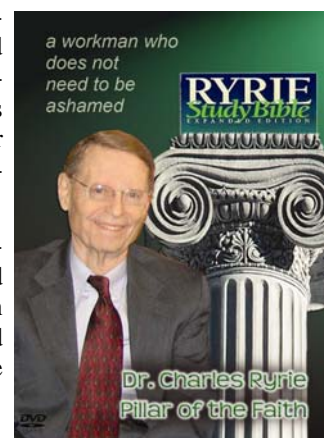
I did so, and it was a European Union note for 20 Euros. "In like manner," Dr. Ryrie explained, "the Bible says that in the end times, the Roman Empire will be revived, and we are witnessing that now in the formation of the European Union."

After we finished the interview, I told Dr. Ryrie how impressed I was with the innovative way in which he proved his point that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. He laughed and said, "I love object lessons." And then he told me something that was very surprising. He said that the very first book he ever wrote was one about Bible object lessons for children. I was very surprised. It was hard for me to imagine this great theologian writing such a book.

We later took the two interviews I taped with Dr. Ryrie and put them together in a video album that runs 50 minutes. It is available through this ministry for \$20, including the cost of shipping.

I had the privilege of attending Dr. Ryrie's funeral at the old chapel of First Baptist Church in Dallas. It was there that I learned about his love of Blue Bell ice cream and Magnum bars!

He was a great man of God, and I praise the Lord for his life. ❖



Expanding Our Outreach

Last year we had to cut a number of our regional networks when we added our television program to the TBN network. TBN is the largest of all Christian TV networks, and it is the most expensive.

Since that time we have been able to absorb the cost of TBN through the generous support of our Prophecy Partners and those who responded to a \$50,000 challenge grant that was given to us in 2015. So, we decided to begin this new year by adding back some of the networks we had to cancel.

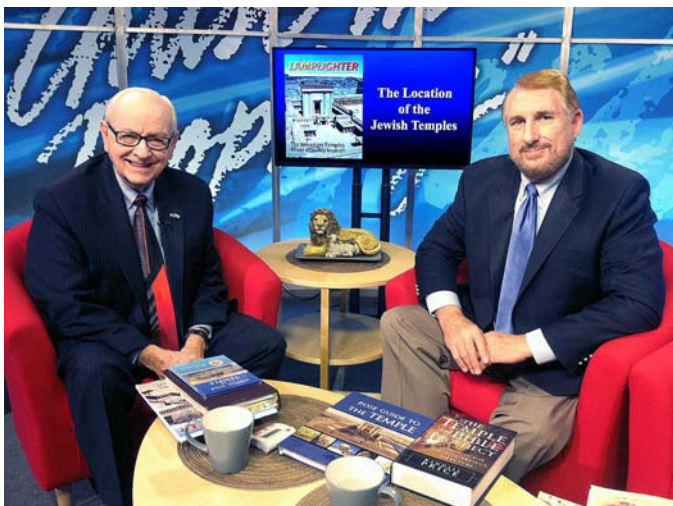
The first two we are rejoining are the VTN and TCT networks. VTN is a regional network that covers nearly all the state of Arkansas plus the city of Memphis. TCT is based in southern Illinois but is carried nationwide on DirecTV. Please pray for the Lord to bless our outreach on these new networks.

Currently, it is costing us \$100,000 per month to broadcast our program on 5 national Christian networks, 3 regional ones and 7 Internet websites. To continue expanding our outreach, we are going to need more Prophecy Partners. We currently have around 2,700. We need to get that up to 3,000 by the end of this year.

To become a Prophecy Partner, you need to commit to praying for the ministry regularly, sharing the ministry with friends and providing a gift of \$25 per month or more for a year. In return, you will receive a special letter each month from Dr. Reagan together with a gift — like a copy of this magazine, or a video program on a DVD, or a booklet, or a copy of our annual calendar.

You can sign up to be a Prophecy Partner at our website (www.lamblion.com) or by calling our office (972-736-3567). If you call, please do so between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday.

Discussing the Ancient Jewish Temples



Dr. Reagan with Randall Price

Dr. Reagan recently interviewed Dr. Randall Price who is considered to be one of Christendom's greatest experts on the ancient Jewish Temples. This interview was broadcast in April.

The interview focused on a recent book by Robert Cornuke in which he argues that the Jewish Temples were located in the original City of David and not on the Temple Mount that exists in Jerusalem today. We featured this bizarre thesis in the November-December 2015 issue of this magazine, giving many reasons why it cannot be true. You can find a copy of that magazine on our website at lamblion.com.

A copy of the TV program with Dr. Price is available on DVD for \$10, including the cost of mailing. ✚

Television Broadcast Schedules

National Networks:

Daystar — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, DISH 263, Cable, AT&T U-verse 563, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites, & Web Streaming (daystar.com).

TBN (The Trinity Broadcasting Network) — Tue. 3:30 CT, DirecTV 372, DISH 260, Cable, AT&T U-verse 560, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites & Web Streaming (www.itbn.org).

TCC (The Church Channel) — Sat. 8:30pm CT, DirecTV 371, DISH 258, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites, & Web Streaming (churchchannel.tv).

TCT — Sun. 7:30pm CT, DirecTV 377, ten broadcast stations in the Midwest, & Web Streaming (tct.tv). **NEW!**

NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 & Web Streaming (<http://nrbnetwork.tv>).

Regional Networks:

VTN (The Victory Television Network) — Covering the state of Arkansas. Tues. at 10:30am CT and Sat. at 2:00pm (vntv.com). **NEW!**

Family Vision Network — Sun. 12:30am CT, Mon. 8:30am, and Wed. 7:00pm, Three Broadcast Stations and Cable throughout Southern Louisiana (familyvisiontv.com).

KSCE — Sun. 10:30am MT, Broadcast Station in El Paso, TX. DirecTV & DISH Local 38, Cable, AT&T U-verse 38, & Web Streaming (kscetv.com).

Internet Networks:

Our programs are available on demand on these websites.

HisChannel — HisChannel.com

LightSource — LightSource.com

YouTube — YouTube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

Vimeo — Vimeo.com

GodTube — GodTube.com via LightSource.com

DailyMotion — (European equivalent of YouTube.) DailyMotion.com/us

Lamb & Lion Ministries — LambLion.com

A Retirement

George Collich, Jr., who has served as the Financial Director of our ministry for the past 26 years, retired on March 31st.

George served the Lord and this ministry faithfully, and he orchestrated the ministry's finances in such a commendable manner that the ministry was able to complete every year of his service with all bills paid in full.



George Collich, Jr.

When George joined the ministry's staff in 1990, the budget for the year was \$518,540, the first time it had ever topped the half million mark. The budget he prepared for the Board of Trustees this year totaled \$3,365,950. As those figures clearly demonstrate, George managed the ministry's finances during a period of phenomenal growth.

In 2001 an organization called Charity Navigator was founded in New Jersey. It quickly established a reputation as the nation's foremost evaluator of the financial operations of non-profit organizations. We were evaluated in 2004 for the first time and received their highest rating of 4 stars. At the end of last year, we received our eleventh straight 4 star rating. Only one percent of the charities in America have received eleven straight 4 star ratings. This record is a great honor for this ministry, and it is a tribute to George's service for the Lord.

George was one of the ministry's best known staff members because for the past ten years he has served as Dr. Reagan's traveling companion. In that capacity, he accompanied Dave to meetings and conferences, and he always took care of our display tables. He also accompanied many of our Holy Land pilgrimage groups. As a result of all these activities outside the office, many of our supporters knew him personally and were blessed by his fellowship.

George's smiling face, his passion for the Lord's return, and his financial wisdom will be sorely missed.

We are blessed to have a very gifted staff member who was able to step in and fill George's position. She is Reva Frye who has been on our staff for three years working with George in our Finance Department. She has a degree in business administration from North Texas State University.



Reva Frye

She worked for 8 years in the life insurance industry as a systems engineer. Then, she and two of her colleagues started a software consulting firm based in Dallas.

She ended up managing a team of 25 consultants in 7 states. But after almost 20 years of business, many doors began to close because most consulting contracts started being sent off shore to other countries. At this same time, her husband of 17 years died suddenly at the age of 41.

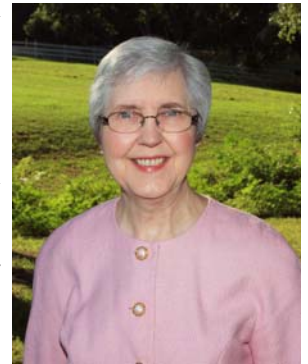
Reva and her son, Austin, live in Royse City, Texas, where they attend First Baptist Church. Austin is in his senior year in high school.

Reva will serve as Interim Director of Finance for several months while she decides whether or not she wants to become the full time director.

Other Changes

Two of our part time staff members were recently promoted to full time status. They are Joyce Shurtleff and Steven Stufflebean.

Joyce works in our mail room where she spends most of her time receiving and processing requests for Bible prophecy study resources.



Joyce Shurtleff

She was born and raised in Oklahoma and worked for the First Southern Baptist Church in Del City for 23 years. Del City is a suburb of Oklahoma City. During her time at the church, she served as the administrative assistant to the Education Pastor for 18 years and then as the assistant to the Church Administrator for 5 years.

Joyce and her husband, Mike, married in 2002. They met while singing together in their church's choir. They are currently members of the Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas, where Chuck Swindoll serves as pastor. In her spare time, Joyce enjoys reading Christian fiction and working on the fixer-upper house that she and her husband recently bought.



Steven Stufflebean

Steven Stufflebean works as the assistant to our Web Minister, Nathan Jones. In that capacity, he assists Nathan with the technical aspects of maintaining and constantly developing our website.

Steven was born and raised in Texas. He comes from a large family of 8 children. He is the second oldest. His mom and dad were married by Dr. Reagan almost 30 years ago!

Steven is married and has a one year old son by the name of Asher. He met his wife, Kalie, when she signed up to take dance lessons from his mom. Kalie also comes from a large family of 7 children. Both Steven and Kalie were home-schooled.

Steven is currently finishing up his Associate Degree at a local community college. Upon graduation, he plans to continue his education at the University of Texas at Dallas. ✚

Upcoming Conference

Last Call!

This is the last call for registrations for our annual Bible conference which is scheduled for July 15-16.

The conference will begin on Friday evening with a banquet featuring a concert and a keynote address. The featured musician will be Chuck Girard, the legendary founder of the group called Love Song, and one of the pioneers of Contemporary Christian music. The keynote speaker will be David Hocking, a renowned Christian author, speaker and broadcaster who heads up a ministry in Tustin, California, called "Hope for Today."

The overall theme of the conference is "Great Debates of Bible Prophecy." On Saturday, there will be five speakers as follows:

- Nathan Jones: "The Millennium: Literal or Symbolic?"
- Ron Rhodes: "The Rapture: Pre, Mid, Late or Post Tribulational?"
- Tim Moore: "Date-Setting: What Can We Know?"
- Dennis Pollock: "Heaven: Literal or Ethereal?"
- David Reagan: Topic to be announced.

Nathan Jones, Tim Moore and Dave Reagan are all Lamb & Lion staff members. Dennis Pollock is a former Lamb & Lion evangelist of 11 years. He now has his own ministry called, "Spirit of Grace."

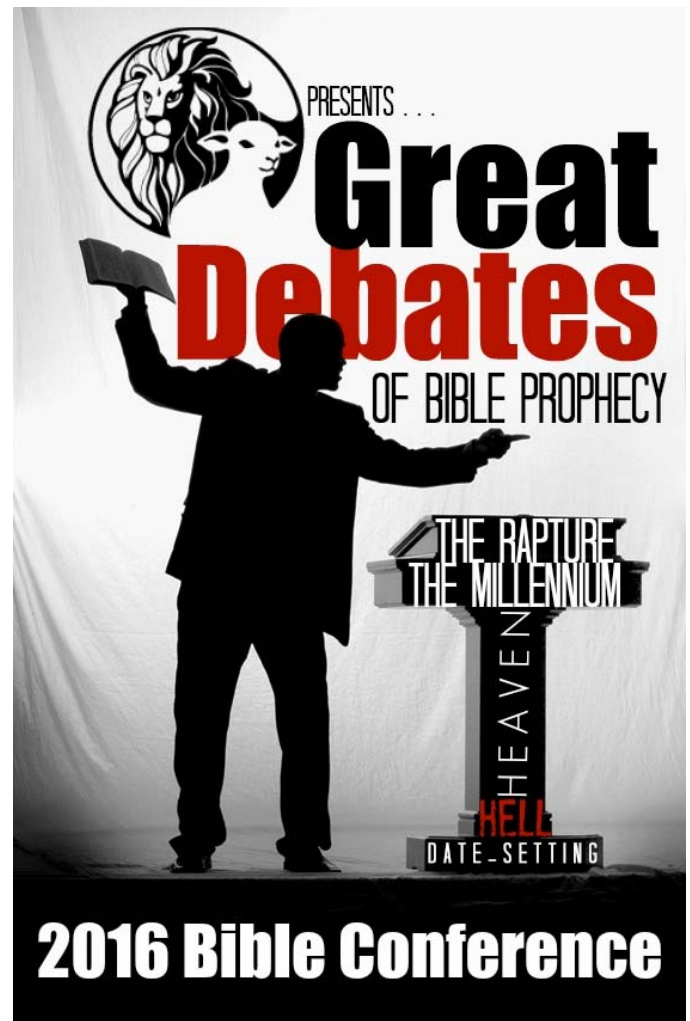
Ron Rhodes is a prolific writer who has often been one of the featured speakers at our prior conferences. A recent book of his, titled, *The 8 Great Debates of Bible Prophecy*, served as the inspiration for our conference theme this year.



Chuck Girard

Chuck Girard has graciously agreed to stay over for the Saturday sessions to sing before each speaker.

In addition to the anointed music and the highly qualified speakers, two of the highlights of every Lamb & Lion conference are the rich fellowship among the attendees and the great variety



of exhibits.

There is a charge of \$50 per person for the Friday night banquet, concert and keynote address. The seating is limited to 400.

The Saturday sessions are free of charge, and there will be seating for 800.

Registration is required for the Friday banquet and also for the Saturday sessions. You can register at our website (www.lamblion.com) or by calling 972-736-3567.

The conference will be held at the Marriott convention center in Allen, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. Special room rates have been arranged for the conference. To reserve a room at the Marriott, call 214-383-1151 and request the special Lamb & Lion room rate (\$99). Our office can supply you with the names of other hotels in the area.

For those of you who are fans of our featured television singer, Jack Hollingsworth, he hopes to be at the conference, health permitting, and if so, he will lead us in his majestic gospel medley at the conclusion of the conference.

We hope you can join us for what has always proved to be a very enriching and uplifting spiritual experience. ❖

New Publications



The second edition of Dr. Reagan's commentary on the book of Revelation, called *Wrath & Glory*, is at the printer now and should be delivered to us in mid-May.

This has been Dr. Reagan's most blessed book in terms of distribution. It has gone through numerous printings and has been distributed worldwide. It has been translated and published in more than a dozen languages.

The book is based upon what Dr. Reagan calls, "a plain sense interpretation" of Revelation. Accordingly, the first chapter argues that anyone can understand Revelation if they will accept its plain sense meaning. Dr. Reagan also supplies other keys to the understanding of the book's prophecies.

Chapter 2 takes you through the book, chapter by chapter, providing you with a wonderful overview of Revelation.

The third chapter attempts to systematize Revelation by showing how the events it portrays are related to each other and to other end time prophecies.

Chapter 4 is titled "Probing Revelation." In it, Dr. Reagan attempts to provide answers to the most frequently asked questions about Revelation.

The last chapter, titled, "Applying Revelation," presents some in-depth lessons drawn from Revelation that apply to Christian-living here and now.

The book also includes a lengthy bibliography of recommended Bible prophecy books. It is organized by topics, like Israel, Rapture, Tribulation, Antichrist, Millennium, etc.

The book sells for \$20, including shipping. It runs 263 pages in length.

Anyone ordering this book will receive a free copy of the booklet featured below. ❖

Lamb & Lion Ministries provides financial support to many outstanding foreign ministries, one of which is that of Nazir Gill in Pakistan. He is a wonderful man of God in his 70s who has been involved in evangelistic ministry full-time for over 50 years. And during most of that time, his life has been in constant peril. Brother Gill speaks many languages fluently, and he has used that gift of God to translate and publish many of our books into the languages of South Asia.

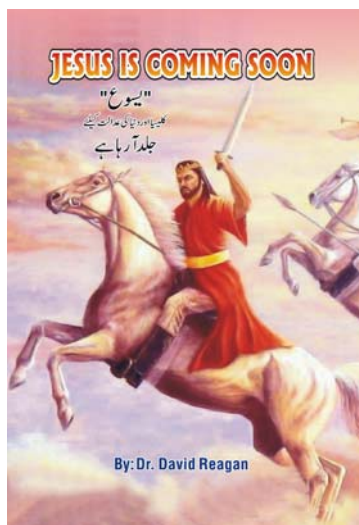
Late last year, he contacted us with an idea for a new publication. He pointed out that the epilogue of Dr. Reagan's book about the Antichrist, called, *The Man of*

Lawlessness, constitutes a very strong Gospel witness. He suggested that the epilogue be published as a separate booklet that Christians could distribute to unbelievers.

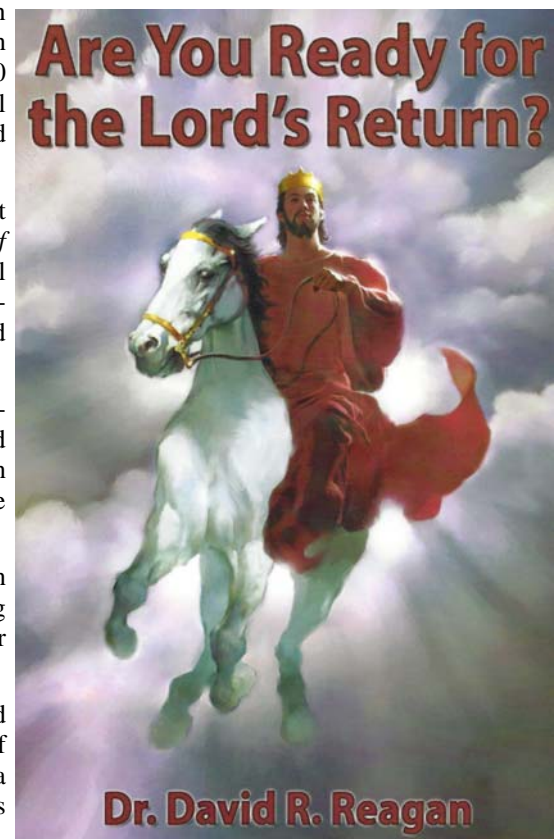
Dr. Reagan read over the epilogue, and decided he was correct. So, both of them proceeded with the idea. Dr. Reagan prepared a booklet in English and Brother Gill prepared one in Urdu, the national language of Pakistan.

The English edition is 16 pages long. We can supply you with copies for \$5 each, including shipping. Call for prices on quantities of 10 or more.

The book about the Antichrist mentioned above is available for \$20, including the cost of shipping. It is 221 pages in length and includes a 40 page forum in which 22 Bible prophecy experts respond to 6 questions about the Antichrist. ❖



The Urdu language edition.



Ministry News

Speaking Schedule —

May:

Dr. Reagan at First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, TX (1).
Note: The previously scheduled prophecy conference at this church, together with Dr. Robert Jeffress, that was scheduled for May 6-7 had to be cancelled.

Nathan Jones at the Believer's Class at First Baptist Church in Forney, Texas (1).

Dr. Reagan at the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX (evening service on the 29th).

June:

All three Lamb & Lion evangelists are available for speaking engagements.

July:

Dr. Reagan at the national conference of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America in Grantham, PA (4-5).

All three Lamb & Lion evangelists will be speaking at the Ministry's annual Bible conference in Allen, TX (15-16).

Dr. Reagan at the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX (evening service on the 31st).

August:

Dr. Reagan at the David Hocking prophecy conference at the Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, CA (5-6).

Bible Prophecy Teachers —

Due to the illness of his wife, Ann, Dr. Reagan can only accept one out-of-town speaking engagement per month. He has no limit on the number of speaking engagements he is willing to accept within the Dallas-Ft. Worth area which do not require him to stay overnight.



Nathan Jones



Tim Moore

Our other two evangelists, Nathan Jones and Tim Moore, are available for speaking engagements anywhere. Please consider inviting one of these men to speak at your church. You can find detailed information about them on our website at www.lambion.com/about/staff. Either one can conduct a weekend Bible prophecy conference, or they can come and speak at your Sunday morning services plus a teaching session consisting of all your adult and teen classes.

Holy Land Pilgrimage —

Our next trip to Israel has been changed from mid-June to mid-November. The exact dates are November 12-23. By changing the date from June to November, we were able to reduce the cost from \$5,500 to \$3,925! The cost includes airfare out of Dallas, three meals a day in Israel, and all lodging and transportation in Israel. The only thing not included in the cost is \$144 for tips. Email us or call for a detailed brochure. The pilgrimage will include two nights in Tel Aviv, two nights in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and six nights in Jerusalem. Our Assistant Evangelist, Tim Moore, will host the trip. He is a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve, a commercial pilot and a member of the Kentucky State Legislature. He is also a very experienced pilgrimage host. Also, our Israeli guide will be Erez Bar-David, a Messianic Jew who Dr. Reagan says is the best guide he has ever used.



Prophecy Partners —



Jim & Linda Calvert are Prophecy Partners who live in Houston, Texas.

We need your support as a Prophecy Partner! Please give prayerful consideration to joining this program. You will find the details on page 19.

Finances —

We met our 2016 challenge grant of \$35,000 in March, and we want to thank all of you who helped us accomplish this financial goal. We are using these funds to expand our TV outreach. You will find the details of that expansion on page 19.

Missions — Nazir Gill in Pakistan needs \$5,000 to publish two of our books in the Urdu language. Standfast Oyinna in Nigeria needs funds to inoculate his 700 Christian refugees against an outbreak of Lassa fever, a disease that is being spread by rats. Remegio Blanco in the Philippines needs funds for the care of 50 orphans at his church's orphans home. ✚



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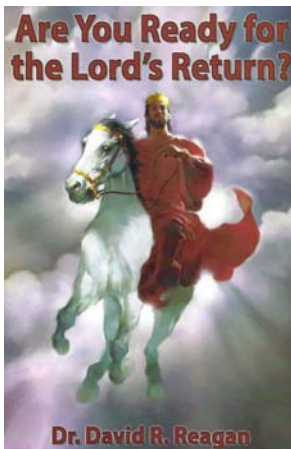
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New Video Album

This new one hour album features Dr. Reagan speaking to the Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy, Texas, a suburb of Houston.

In the presentation, he deals with a variety of questions concerning the current Middle East crisis:

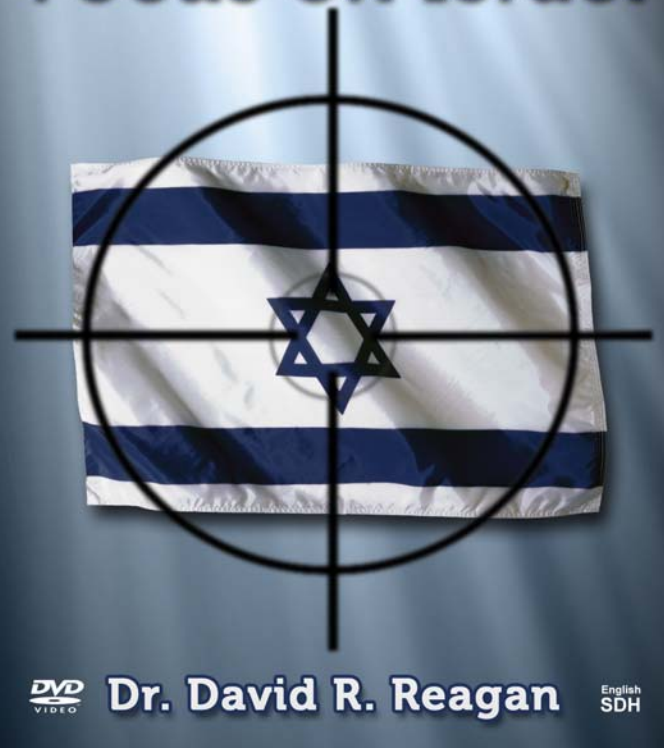
- How does Israel fit into the end time pattern of prophesied events?
- Do the Jewish people have any right to the land of Israel?
- Can Israel continue to exist in the midst of the sea of Arab peoples who surround it?
- Is there any hope for peace in the Middle East?
- Where does ISIS fit into the end time picture of events?
- What is the relevance of events in the Middle East to the Church and the average Christian today?
- What do events in the Middle East tell us, if anything, about the timing of the Lord's return?



These and many other questions are answered in this one hour presentation by Dr. David Reagan that was video-taped before a live audience.

The album is available for \$20, including the cost of shipping. And a copy of Dr. Reagan's latest publication, "Are You Ready for the Lord's Return?" will be in-

The End Times Focus on Israel



cluded free of charge with each order of the video album.

To place your order, call 972-736-3567, Monday through Friday between 8am and 5pm Central time, or place your order through our website at www.lamb-lion.com.

In addition to using this video for personal study, it is also appropriate for showing to groups like Sunday School classes and home Bible study sessions. ✚