

Christ in Prophecy

Prophecy 48: Ron Rhodes on End Times Chronology

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: What is going to be the chronology of end time events? Will the Rapture occur before the Tribulation begins, or will it be during the Tribulation, or perhaps at the end of it? And if it is before the Tribulation, then does it trigger the Tribulation, or will there be events between the Rapture and the Tribulation? And where does the War of Gog and Magog fit into all of these end time events? For a fascinating discussion of these and other questions about chronology, stay tuned for an interview with Ron Rhodes who is a prolific Bible prophecy author.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Blessed Hope, and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. I am delighted to have as our special guest this week, Dr. Ron Rhodes, who is a prolific writer and a very good one. He writes about many spiritual topics, including Bible prophecy. Welcome to Christ in Prophecy for what the third, fourth, fifth or sixth time? It is a lot.

Dr. Rhodes: I've stopped counting, but it is pleasure to be here.

Dr. Reagan: Well, it is always a joy to have you.

Nathan Jones: It is sir, always good to have you on.

Dr. Rhodes: Thank you, Nathan.

Dr. Reagan: And I also want to introduce to you our Web Minister and co-host of this program, also an Associate Evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries and that is Nathan Jones. Nathan how about you kicking off this program by introducing our guest?

Nathan Jones: I'd be honored to. I'd be honored to. Folks, if you are regular viewers of our program, then you're already familiar with Dr. Ron Rhodes because he has been our guest on this program as Dr. Reagan said several times. He's the founder and director of a ministry called "Reasoning from the Scriptures." His ministry is located in Frisco, Texas and it specializes in defending Christianity against atheists, agnostics, skeptics, the cults, world religions, and any group that teaches false doctrine. He is also an expert in the field of Bible prophecy, and he has written many, many books about what the Bible has to say about the end times, including this particular one, "The End Times in Chronological Order."

Dr. Reagan: You know Ron I found out something interesting out about you recently. In fact I found out a lot of things interesting about you. But one in particular and that is that your publisher Harvest House recently awarded you the Harvest Gold Award for selling over 1 million books. In fact we have a photo of your receiving that award from the president of Harvest House, Bob Hawkins. Congratulations to you.

Dr. Rhodes: Oh, thank you. I'm humbled to have received that award.

Dr. Reagan: And a million copies. How many books have you written now?

Dr. Rhodes: It's over 70. I stopped counting. But I really love what I'm doing. In fact it is so wonderful to be able to serve the Lord in this capacity.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, well, we love your books, and this one in particular, "The End Times in Chronological Order." I wanted to introduce it to our viewers because this is one of the most complex aspects of Bible prophecy.

Dr. Rhodes: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: Nowhere in the Bible does it says, "OK, folks, now here's what's going to happen in the end times, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10." It just doesn't do that. You almost have to be a sleuth. It's like putting together a jigsaw puzzle. And you've got to get the Old Testament involved which most Christian don't know in order to understand the New and understand this chronology. Talk to us in general about chronology.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, let me just give you an example to show what the problem is. In 2 Corinthians chapter 5 we read about the earthly body which is compared to a tent, and then we read about the resurrection body which is compared to a building. Now the text says that when our tent gets knocked down in death we receive a building from God, a brand new resurrection body. So some people conclude from that, that well, as soon as you die you get your resurrection body immediately. But then wait a minute. Other scholars look at verses like 2 Corinthians 5:8 which says that to be apart from the body is to at home with the Lord. And the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21-23 where Paul expressed his desire to depart and be with Christ in Heaven. And they say well you know it seems like we have a period where we are disembodied spirits before we get our resurrection bodies. And this illustrates what you're talking about. You have a couple of different passages. And what you have to do Dave, is to consult all the verses that deal with the topic, compare them with each other and make sure they don't contradict. Now, here's why it's important not to contradict. All Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit is the spirit of truth. The Spirit of Truth does not contradict Himself. And so therefore your best option is to compare all the verses, on all the topics and come up with a cohesive viewpoint that explains all of it.

Dr. Reagan: That's so much work.

Dr. Rhodes: It is.

Dr. Reagan: And particularly you have to also get into the Old Testament which most Christians simply ignore.

Dr. Rhodes: Yeah, well you know what? The Bible is about one-fourth Bible prophecy. Now that means that it is something you can't ignore. If Bible prophecy was 1% of the Bible it would still be important. But if it is over 25% of the Bible is prophetic at the time it was written that means that God wants us to understand things. And you might remember in the New Testament Jesus chastised the Jewish leaders for not understanding the signs of the times. I wonder if Jesus would say that to some Christians today if He were speaking to us.

Dr. Reagan: Well let me give you an example of a problem of chronology.

Dr. Rhodes: Sure.

Dr. Reagan: I grew up in a denomination that was Amillennial. We hardly ever heard any preaching about Bible prophecy. And when we did it was mainly the sermon that said, "There is not one verse in the Bible that even implies that Jesus will ever put His feet on this earth again." I heard that 100 times when I was a kid. And one of the verses that they used for this was 2 Peter chapter 3, and there in verse 10 which says, "But the Day of the Lord will come like a thief

in which the heavens will pass away with a roar, and elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up." They said, "See there, the Day of the Lord that is when Jesus comes back. He comes back. When He comes back the earth is consumed with fire. It doesn't say anything about an earthly reign."

Dr. Rhodes: Well that's a good verse to use for that position, but, I think it is easily explainable. You see the term Day of the Lord is sometimes misconstrued to basically refer only to the Tribulation period.

Dr. Reagan: Or to the day the Lord is going to return, sometimes it's used that way.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, that's right. It could be used that way. But you know some of my old mentors like Charles Ryrie, who I believe has been on your program and Dwight Pentecost helped me to understand that it also extends through the Millennial Kingdom. And so when you're referring to the Day of the Lord it begins with the Tribulation but it extends all the way through the Millennial Kingdom, and then there's a new heavens and a new earth. Now that makes perfect sense from the perspective of Revelation 20 and 21 because in Revelation 20 it talks about the Millennial Kingdom. And then in Revelation 21 it starts out by saying, "Then I saw a new heavens, and a new earth." And you got to watch out for those "thens".

Dr. Reagan: Oh, yes.

Dr. Rhodes: Those "thens" are chronological clues.

Dr. Reagan: Well, using this verse though to prove that there's not going to be a Millennium is a classic example of saying you ignore everything else the Bible is saying.

Dr. Rhodes: Well that's right. It illustrates what I said earlier and that is that scripture interprets scripture you have to consult all the verses which deal with this. And there are a lot of other verses that talk about the fact that not only will Christ rule in Jerusalem, you know this is a fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant, 2 Samuel 7. And there will be specific land promises that will be fulfilled for Israel that is the Abrahamic Covenant, Genesis 12. And the fact is that Christ will come again physically to this earth. His feet will touch the Mount of Olives. He will judge the nations according to Matthew 25:31-46. And He will set up His Millennial Kingdom on this earth. And here is something to think about Dave, all the Old Testament prophecies that point forward to the First Coming were fulfilled literally.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Dr. Rhodes: You know the fact that Christ was going to be virgin born, Isaiah 7:14. Pierced for our sins, Zechariah 12:10. Born in Bethlehem, Micah 5:2. All the prophecies dealing with the Second Coming and beyond will also be fulfilled literally.

Dr. Reagan: Well that's another thing when I was growing up they told me, "Well, you got to understand that all Bible prophecy is apocalyptic." I thought that was an illness or something, a disease, but it was apocalyptic and it never means what it says.

Dr. Rhodes: No. Well, I would disagree with that. There are symbols for example in the book of Revelation but right there in the context of Revelation most of those symbols get defined for us. For example you do see a reference to seven lampstands, but then the text tells us those seven lampstands represent seven churches.

Dr. Reagan: Right.

Dr. Rhodes: Or you might read about a bowl of incense and then the text tells us, "This bowl of incense represents the prayers of the Saints coming up before God." And so, yes, there are symbols, but the symbols are defined for us, and all those symbols represent literal truth.

Dr. Reagan: Well, my turn around with Bible prophecy occurred with the book of Zechariah because I discovered when I was 12 years old I discovered Zechariah 14. And I just couldn't believe it. I took it to my pastor and I said, "You say that Jesus will never put His feet on the earth again. This chapter says He's coming to the Mount of Olives, when His foot touches the Mount of Olives it will split in half." And he sat there and he read it, and he read it, and he read it. I don't think he'd ever read it before. And finally he looked up and he put his finger in my face and he said, "Son, I want to tell you something, I don't know what this means but I can guarantee you one thing it doesn't mean what it says." In fact I was in a public discussion before 2,000 people one time in Cincinnati where the fella took the position, he was an Amillennialist and all I used was Zechariah 14 because I knew they were focused on Revelation 20.

Dr. Rhodes: Sure.

Dr. Reagan: And he got up and he made this comment, he said, "I don't know what Zechariah means. I have no idea. But I'll guarantee you one thing it has been fulfilled sometime, somewhere in history because all Old Testament prophecy has been fulfilled."

Nathan Jones: Well, Ron I want to get into a real deep subject here, a lot of debate is the timing of the Rapture. So after the break let's ask you about that.

Dr. Rhodes: OK, sounds good.

Nathan Jones: First we are going to take a brief break and when we come back we are going start bombarding Ron with more tough questions. Particularly I want to know about the timing of the Rapture.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to Christ in Prophecy and our interview with Dr. Ron Rhodes. Nathan why don't you kick off this segment.

Nathan Jones: Well I want to get back into the Rapture. Does it happen before the Tribulation? In the middle of the Tribulation? Or after the Tribulation.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, I think it happens before.

Nathan Jones: Before.

Dr. Rhodes: And I base that on the Bible. Did you know that in Revelation 2 and 3 we read about the Church 19 times? And then in the discussion on the Tribulation in chapter 4-18 you don't see the Church a single time. It is gone. In 1 Thessalonians 1:10 we are told that the Church is to be delivered from the wrath to come. That word delivered literally means snatched. Snatched away from. We are to be snatched away from the wrath to come which is a reference to the Tribulation Period.

Nathan Jones: Because some people say that just means Hell wrath. But you're saying wrath could also be Tribulation.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, no, it has a definite article in front of it. In English the definite article that doesn't mean that much. But in the original Greek it does. Anybody that has doubts about that

should read Daniel Wallace's "Greek Grammar" lots of good information on the definite article there.

Nathan Jones: I'll pass.

Dr. Reagan: I think I'll pass.

Dr. Rhodes: I won't get Greek on you. But the fact is, is that the definite article is defining a specific period of wrath that is yet to come. And so the Church is going to be snatched out of that. And that's in keeping with 1 Thessalonians 5:9 which says that the Church is not appointed to wrath but to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Dr. Reagan: But what about the fact that all through the passages about the Tribulation there is reference to saints?

Dr. Rhodes: Well, that's a good question. I think that Christians, the Bride of Christ, the Church will be raptured before the Tribulation. But there's going to be many people who become believers during the Tribulation. And I think that's the result of several things. You've got the 144,000 Jewish witnesses of Revelation 7 and 14, and they'll be taking the Gospel planet wide. You've got the two prophetic witnesses of Revelation 11 who will have the same powers as Moses and Elijah, and many believe that it will be Moses and Elijah, and many will believe because of that. And certainly the Holy Spirit will still be at work bringing about regeneration among people. And then finally there is still going to be a lot of books left behind, and Dave Reagan television shows left behind.

Dr. Reagan: And I'm telling everybody to put in front of their Bible the plan of salvation because these people are not going to have time to read the whole thing.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, that's right and so there is going to be a tremendous harvest according to Revelation.

Dr. Reagan: Plus there is going to be a Gospel Angel at the end that is going to circumnavigate the globe.

Dr. Rhodes: That's right. But you know Revelation 7 says there is going to be a great multitude of believers. So, yeah, there is going to be a lot of people who become believers during that time.

Dr. Reagan: Where do you fit in the War of Gog of Magog in all these end time events? Because the Bible does not say specifically when that is going to occur.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, I believe that is going to happen in the end times. And number one and I say that because in Ezekiel 36-39 it says that it is going to take place in the last days and the later years.

Dr. Reagan: Right.

Dr. Rhodes: That always points to the end times. And then the scriptures do give us some chronological clues. For example the text says specifically that first Israel must become born again as a nation. And then Ezekiel says, Jewish people from all over the world, from all the countries of the world must flow back to the Holy Land. We've been seeing that every decade since Israel became a nation again. And then there is going to be a coalition of nations that arise against Israel including Russia, Iran, Turkey, Sudan, Libya, and the nations around the Black Sea there.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, right out of the--

Dr. Rhodes: That is exactly right. In fact Russia now has an alliance with Iran. It has an alliance with Libya. Turkey has been with NATO but recently, this year Turkey has been moving away from NATO and buddying up with Putin over in Russia, and so we see the stage being set for all of this.

Dr. Reagan: Well it is clear that it is going to be in the end times. And when I say that the timing is not given I'm talking about the precise timing.

Dr. Rhodes: Right.

Dr. Reagan: Is it going to be before the Tribulation? At the beginning? In the middle? When is it going to happen?

Dr. Rhodes: Well here's a chronological problem and I'm going to try to explain it real clear. It hinges on when Israel is in the state of peace and security. Now some people say that that peace and security comes from the covenant that the Antichrist signs with Israel which starts the Tribulation period.

Dr. Reagan: That is surely the historical position.

Dr. Rhodes: That's right. Now there is another position that a lot of people hold to, and I think it's got good credence to it that Israel's state of security could be due to its own military and its air force. And if that was the case then this invasion wouldn't have to wait until the Tribulation begins but could actually take place a number of years before the Tribulation. But it is real clear that it's the end times though.

Dr. Reagan: Well in fact you have written a very outstanding book about this called--

Dr. Rhodes: "Northern Storm Rising."

Nathan Jones: Love that book.

Dr. Reagan: I highly recommend it to people. It's all about the Gog Magog War.

Dr. Rhodes: All about the Gog Magog and I give a best--

Dr. Reagan: If I remember right you concluded that most likely it might occur 3 ½ years before the Tribulation begins.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, you know it really does open up some convenience if I might put it that way because if God destroys the Muslim invaders prior to the Tribulation, number one it makes it much easier for the Antichrist to sign a covenant protecting Israel. Number two it makes it much easier for Israel to rebuilt its temple. Right now there is too much Muslim resistance. But if the Muslim invaders are taken out that would make it easier. Third it would make it much easier for the false religion to emerge in the end times because the two primary people groups that would stand against that false religion are now removed. Christians are removed at the Rapture. Muslims are taken out at the Ezekiel invasion.

Dr. Reagan: It also solves another problem and that is that it says that the Israeli's are going to spend what? Seven years cleaning up the battlefield.

Dr. Rhodes: That's exactly right.

Dr. Reagan: They are not going to be there after the middle of it.

Dr. Rhodes: Well they are going to be burning weapons for seven years. And here's the problem: How's it possible that Israel could burn the weapons for seven years if it starts at the

beginning of the Tribulation because right in the middle of the Tribulation the Antichrist claims to be God, and he sets up his headquarters there and he even sits in the temple there. And Jesus says, "When that happens don't even pack your bags get out of town. Run for your lives." Now that seems to indicate they're not going to have time to grab all those weapons. So that would seem to indicate that they start burning those weapons prior to the Tribulation.

Dr. Reagan: Well, let me raise another question of chronology with you it has to do with our friend Bill Salus who is a Bible prophecy writer also.

Dr. Rhodes: Sure. Sure.

Dr. Reagan: And he has come out with a new book, it's just come out in which he is taking a unique position. He's talking--the book focuses on the period between the Rapture and beginning of the Tribulation. And the first point he makes is that the Rapture does not start the Tribulation. Which I think we would agree with.

Dr. Rhodes: Sure.

Dr. Reagan: But there is going to be a period of time and he says that period of time is going to be several years. And he says there just not enough time in the seven year Tribulation for all that the Bible describes. So he take the Seal Judgments out and puts them into this period of time, this gap between the Rapture and beginning of the Tribulation. What are the problems with that?

Dr. Rhodes: Well, the big problem that I have with that is that the three sets of judgments in Tribulation seem to belong together and they're cohesive. You've got the Seal Judgments, Trumpet Judgments, and Bowl Judgments. And here's the thing in the Old Testament this day of Tribulation is typically called the day of the wrath of the Lord. For example Zephaniah chapter 1, "The day of the wrath of the Lord." So that defines it as a specific period during which God's wrath is poured out. Now wait a minute. We know that the Seal Judgments are an out pouring of God's wrath. We know that because it's the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ who opens it each seal that leaves to the unleashing of a new judgment. So that's the wrath of God. You know there's 1.8 billion people that die during one of those judgments. How can you possibly say that that is not part of the Tribulation? And then furthermore I think all of those judgments can take place rather quickly. You've got the emergence of the Antichrist seal number one. And then number two war breaks out. And then famine breaks out which is a natural result of war. And then death occurs on a planetary basis. And then you've got many, many martyrs and cosmic signs, you know the sun turning dark, the moon turning dark and stuff like that. There is no reason to say that that cannot take place in the first half of the Tribulation period.

Dr. Reagan: Well, I think that it can. I think that the Antichrist is going to launch a war to take over the whole world. And it seems to me like that this war that he starts morphs into a nuclear war.

Dr. Rhodes: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: One-third of the earth being burned and all.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, you know to me I look at conventional wars like World War I which had about 15 million people die. World War II closer to 60 million. And that is by conventional war.

Nathan Jones: Yeah.

Dr. Rhodes: You know it is hard to kill 1.8 billion people by conventional war. And it seems to be like there may be weapons of mass destruction.

Dr. Reagan: Let me tell you another problem I have with this idea, and that is that it really violates the integrity of Daniel's 70th Week. I mean the Lord says I'm going to accomplish certain things among the Jewish people in a period of 70 weeks of years. We've got one last seven years to go. And when you start moving those out those are supposed to be part of that last seven years.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, that's right. And I might mention to you that just in terms of chronology that seven year period spoken of in Daniel 9:27 you ought to compare that with Revelation 11 and 12 because the seven year period is confirmed there because we have several reference to half of the Tribulation, 3 ½ years each. There is a reference to 42 months. There is a reference to 1,160 days. There is the reference to times, times, and half a time. Times is two years. A time is one year. And half a time is a half a year. And those various references to either the first or second half of the Tribulation confirm the 7 year period during which all of this unfolds. And from my perspective when John is recording the book of Revelation and he says right there in chapter 4, verse 1, he says, "After this--" keep in mind that in Revelation 1:19 the Lord had given John an outline of the book of Revelation. And he indicated that starting in chapter 4 that's going to be prophetic in nature and all of this stuff is to follow in close concert with each other. So to me it just makes great sense to see the Seal Judgments, and the Trumpet Judgments, and the Bowl Judgements as cohesive. They get worse as time goes on but they all belong together as an unfolding of God's wrath on earth.

Nathan Jones: Do you see them separate though? You know some people will say, "Well, the Seal Judgments, the Trumpet Judgments are just an echo of the Seal, and the Bowls are just an echo of the Trumpets." Do you see them as 21 distinct judgment, or do you see them as just a reiteration of each set?

Dr. Rhodes: I don't think it is a reiteration. I think you've got three sets of distinct judgments, and there are several reasons why I say that. First of all if they were the same judgments in each case you would expect them to be absolutely similar. Now there are some similarities between the Trumpet Judgments, and the Bowl Judgments, but not the Seal Judgments. And even the similarities between the Bowls and the Trumpet Judgments are not similar enough to say that they are the same. Furthermore in Revelation 15:1 we are told that the Bowl Judgments represent the last of God's judgments on earth. And with these judgments the Bowl Judgments, God's wrath is finished.

Nathan Jones: OK.

Dr. Rhodes: Now, that is very clearly indicating that the Bowl Judgments are distinct from the Trumpet Judgments and the Seal Judgments.

Dr. Reagan: Plus it says the Seal Judgments are going to affect one-fourth, and the Trumpet Judgments one-third, they are not even affecting the same number of people.

Dr. Rhodes: That's right. That's exactly right. And the way that it actually works out in scripture is that you've got the first six judgments of the Seal Judgments, and then the seventh Seal Judgment represents the seven Trumpet Judgments. And then as the first six Trumpet judgments unfold, the Seventh Trumpet represents the seven Bowls. So they naturally lead into each other with the judgments becoming worse with each passing year.

Dr. Reagan: What motivated you to write this book on chronology?

Dr. Rhodes: Well, it's my opinion that a lot of Christians don't pay too much attention to chronological clues in the biblical text of scripture, and that is why there is so much confusion on it. And it is my opinion that one of the reasons why the early church was excited about their

Christianity was they had a strong prophetic hope. But today it seems like there is a lot of prophetic agnosticism with people not sure about anything anymore. I think you can be rather sure about a lot of this.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Dr. Rhodes: So I wrote this book to show people how to watch for those chronological clues that help you to understand the chronology of end time events.

Dr. Reagan: Well I highly recommend the book because I know that many people are confused about chronology. And also I know that you are the type of writer who gets it right down to the common person's level. You have a wonderful gift of writing down-to-earth, easy to understand.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, thank you.

Dr. Reagan: And so I think when people read this they will come out understanding what is the chronological order.

Dr. Rhodes: You know I have received so much mail on this book, and I'm just so thrilled about that Dave. There are a lot of churches using it for church studies, and Bible studies and stuff like that.

Dr. Reagan: Praise the God. I wish more would. Well, look we've got about 2 minutes left, and I want to end this on a very light note.

Nathan Jones: Uh-oh.

Dr. Reagan: One of the things--

Dr. Rhodes: I sense a hard question coming.

Dr. Reagan: One of the things that I discovered about you is that your family, your entire family were the featured singers at Disneyland way long ago, and were on many television programs and all. The Rhodes Family. I think there were eight of you?

Dr. Rhodes: Yup, there were eight of us. We were called the Rhodes Kids, actually, we were kids at the time.

Dr. Reagan: You can go to YouTube and type in Rhodes Family.

Dr. Rhodes: Well you can. And you'll see illegal videos posted on-line.

Dr. Reagan: And you are a teenager at that time?

Dr. Rhodes: That's right. And we used to do a lot of the big shows like the Tonight Show, and the Merv Griffin Show, and Mike Douglas.

Dr. Reagan: I mean you all were hot. You were like the Jackson family.

Dr. Rhodes: Well, we co-headlined in Las Vegas with Ann-Margret which was a pretty big deal.

Nathan Jones: And through that you came to know the Lord, right?

Dr. Rhodes: That is exactly right.

Dr. Reagan: How? Tell us that story.

Dr. Rhodes: We were backstage at the studio in Burbank, California where Pat Boone and his family were filming the "Glen Campbell Show" Studio A. And then in Studio B we were filming the "Merv Griffin Show". But it had a common green room. So we are back there in this green room, and Shirley Boone is talking about her faith in the Lord Jesus. And it is the first time I ever saw anybody cry tears of joy because of a relationship with Jesus. And I'm thinking to myself, "What is this?" You know, I grew up in a liberal church and I've never heard of a personal relationship with Jesus. And they were very much into Bible prophecy.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Dr. Rhodes: In fact they were using Hale Lindsey's book, "The Late Great Planet Earth." And I said, "I have never heard of this before. The Rapture what's the Rapture? What's the Antichrist? What is all this stuff?" Well long story short that motivated me to start looking into Bible prophecy, and I became a believer.

Dr. Reagan: How about that!

Dr. Rhodes: Then one after another my brother's and sister's became believers.

Dr. Reagan: And so many preachers today say Bible prophecy is really irrelevant.

Dr. Rhodes: Yeah. Well it lead me to the Lord.

Dr. Reagan: And it did so many people.

Dr. Rhodes: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: So many people.

Dr. Rhodes: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: Well, Ron we appreciate you being on the program so much.

Dr. Rhodes: Thank you. It's always a joy.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, thank you.

Part 3

Nathan Jones: Welcome back to Christ in Prophecy and our interview with Dr. Ron Rhodes. Ron, can you look in the camera there and tell folks how they can get in contact with you?

Dr. Rhodes: Well it is very easy. Just go to ronrhodes.org, and you can e-mail from there. You can download a lot of free stuff. Stop by.

Dr. Reagan: Well Ron we are going to conclude this program the way we always do and that is by asking our guest, and I love to have the opportunity to ask you this: Do you believe we are living in the season of the Lord's return? And if so, why?

Dr. Rhodes: Well I believe that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. And I believe that because of what I call the convergence factor. You see it would be one thing if it was just one prophecy was coming to pass in our day, like Israel being born again. You know that's great. It would be another thing if two prophecies in our day were being fulfilled today. Which by the way is happening. But to me the significant thing is that we've got multiple prophecies converging today and pointing to a date in the not too distant future. Just to give you a few examples. We've got the preparations for the Ezekiel invasion taking place right now. There's

alliances between Russia and Iran, between Russia and Libya. There are developing alliances between Russia, and Turkey. I mean these are the very nations that will be involved in this invasion. Scripture indicates that the temple will be rebuilt in the end times. And right now the Sanhedrin has raised the money for it, and the architectural plans. I can say so much more, but long story short we see a lot of prophecies coming to pass in our own day.

Dr. Reagan: Thank you very much. Folks, that's our program for this week. I hope it's been a blessing to you. And I hope you'll be back with us again next week the Lord willing. Until then this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb & Lion Ministries saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our redemption is drawing near."

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