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"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19

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Observations by the Editor

New, News, News!

I feel like I have experienced a news overload during the past six months. The headlines have been blaring about EBOLA, ISIS and ISRAEL.

Additionally, we have been bombarded with news stories about the resurgence of Russia and the fading of America. And then there are the constant wars, rumors of wars and civil conflicts. It's as if the whole world is tottering on the brink of insanity.

We here at Lamb & Lion receive constant requests to comment on all these news stories from a biblical perspective. Nathan Jones and I appreciate the requests. In fact, we are honored by them because they demonstrate that many people respect our opinion.

But even though I have a doctorate in international relations and have been a life-long student of the Bible, I do not consider myself to be some sort of guru who has all the answers. And I don't like to shoot from the hip. To prepare worthwhile responses requires study, thought and prayer. So don't look to me for pop-wisdom on all the news stories.

The one thing I can say for certain, off-the-cuff, at any time is that God is in control. Read Psalm 2. It says that God sits in Heaven and laughs at all the evil plots of the world's political leaders. He laughs because He has the wisdom and power to orchestrate all the evil of Man and Satan to the triumph of His Son.

Because we are currently besieged by so many major news stories, I decided to add four pages to this edition of our magazine so that we could provide you a biblical perspective on many of the issues that we see in the daily news. So, in a sense, this is a special edition of this magazine. I hope it will bless you, and if it does, please share it with others. For example, if you receive the magazine by email, then forward it to all the people on your mailing list, together with an explanation that they can subscribe to the electronic edition free of charge through our website.

Let me conclude with a humorous story. Each year Al Gist, the founder of Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries in



A 10 year old boy named Owen Boatright drew this picture of Dr. Reagan while he was preaching at Hazelwood Christian Church in Plainfield, IN. Dr. Reagan was grateful for the fact that the artist gave him some hair!

DeRidder, Louisiana, hosts a prophecy conference. At this year's conference, Al spoke about the crisis in the Middle East. He began by explaining that the Muslim fundamentalist army trying to take over the area has gone through several name changes. It began as ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). Then, as it began to succeed, it changed its name to ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant — Levant being a French word for the whole Middle East). Recently, the group changed its name again to simply IS (Islamic State). Al said that when he shared this information with his wife, she said, "I'm no expert on any of this, but I can tell you one thing with assurance: The Great I AM is going to convert IS to WAS!" Amen! ✚

Note: Over the years, the sermon I have preached more than any other is titled, "Psalm 2: The King is Coming!" It is available in a DVD album by the same name. The message runs an hour in length and is fully illustrated from beginning to end. It sells for \$12, plus the cost of shipping.



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JERUSALEM

US - Israel Relations in History and Prophecy

Dr. David R. Reagan

The greatest miracle of the 20th Century was the re-establishment of the state of Israel. It was a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, and the United States played a key role in that fulfillment.

How have we interacted with the state of Israel since that time, and what does the Bible say about our future relationship? Let's begin by taking a look at the history of our relationship, considering each U.S. Administration since 1948 when the state of Israel came back into being.

Truman

Our relationship with the state of Israel began on the best possible terms in 1948 when President Harry S Truman recognized the state of Israel immediately after David Ben Gurion had read the Declaration of Independence.¹

Truman had already shown a heart for the Jewish people in his speeches during World War II when he referred to Hitler as a "mad man" and warned that the "Nazi beasts" were carrying out a "systematic slaughter" of the Jews.² He favored allowing Jewish refugees into the country during and after World War II. But the Congress balked at his proposal, so after he became President, he issued an executive order called the "Truman Directive," on December 22, 1945.³ This order opened the door and 23,000 Jewish refugees came in during the next two years.

Truman continued to pressure the Congress, and in 1948 he finally got legislation that permitted 80,000 Jewish refugees to enter the country.⁴

Truman's swift action on May 14, 1948 made the United States the first nation to recognize the state of Israel — and our recognition gave legitimacy to the state in the eyes of the world.⁵

Truman took this action because he was a student of the Bible, and he believed the Jewish people had a right to the land.⁶ Amazingly, he took the action despite the fact that almost every person in his administration opposed it. The opponents included the Secretary of Defense, James Forrestal, and the Secretary of State, George Marshall, both of whom strongly opposed recognition.

In fact, one of the only persons in the Truman Administration who encouraged recognition was the president's personal legal counsel, Clark Clifford, who cited verses from Deuteronomy to verify the Jewish claim to the land. Clifford also believed that recognition would be an "act of humanity" in response to the Holocaust.⁷



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Truman later referred to his decision as "one of the proudest moments of my life."⁸

But despite the crucial support Truman gave, he instituted an arms embargo on Israel in the naive hope that it would prevent violence in the Middle East.⁹

Eisenhower

Dwight Eisenhower always supported Israel in words, but behind the scenes, he applied great pressure for Israel to withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula after the Suez War ended in 1956.¹⁰

In fact, he became the **first president to threaten Israel** when the Israelis dragged their feet about withdrawing. He told them either to withdraw or else he would withhold more than \$100 million in U.S. aid. He also supported a UN resolution condemning Israel for not withdrawing.¹¹

These actions in defiance of our allies — Britain, France and Israel — brought accolades from the international community at the United Nations, especially from the Arab and

Muslim states.

It is interesting to note that in 1965, while being interviewed by a biographer, Eisenhower "wistfully commented" that "looking back at Suez, I regret what I did. I never should have pressured Israel to evacuate the Sinai."¹² President Nixon later reported that Eisenhower had told him the same thing.¹³

One other thing Eisenhower did was to continue the arms embargo that had been initiated by President Truman.

Kennedy

President John F. Kennedy was a strong supporter of Israel in both word and deed. He called Israel "the child of hope and the home of the brave."¹⁴ He added: "Israel carries the shield of democracy and it honors the sword of freedom."¹⁵

He lifted the arms embargo and extended the first informal security guarantees to Israel in 1962. And beginning in 1963, he authorized the sale to Israel of advanced U.S. weaponry, including surface-to-air Hawk missiles.¹⁶

But he firmly opposed Israel's development of nuclear weapons. In a letter to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, dated May 18, 1963, he insisted that American inspectors be allowed to visit the Dimona nuclear reactor located in the Negev desert. He warned against using the reactor to develop nuclear weapons. Prophetically, he wrote, "Development of a nuclear weapons capability by Israel would almost certainly lead other larger countries that have so far refrained from such development to

feel that they must follow suit.”¹⁷ Kennedy’s plea was ignored by the Israelis.

The President’s brother, Bobby, was also a strong supporter of Israel. During his 1968 campaign for the Democrat nomination for President, Bobby declared at a Los Angeles synagogue that he would maintain “clear and compelling support for Israel.” His assassin, a Palestinian named Sirhan Sirhan, later said these words drove him to shoot the candidate.¹⁸

Johnson



LBJ with Yitzhak Rabin

Lyndon Johnson quickly emerged as one of the greatest friends of Israel among modern day presidents — so much so that he has often been referred to as “America’s first Jewish President.”¹⁹ Soon after taking office in the aftermath of John F. Kennedy’s assassination in 1963, Johnson told an Israeli diplomat, “You have lost a very great friend, but you have found a better one.”²⁰ During his administration, the U.S. became Israel’s chief diplomatic ally and primary arms supplier.

Long before he became President, Johnson had established himself as a friend of the Jewish people. In 1938, when he was a Congressman, he worked covertly to establish a refuge in Texas for European Jews fleeing Nazi Germany. In the process, he helped hundreds of European Jews enter Texas through Cuba, Mexico and South America.²¹

In part, Johnson was influenced in his attitude towards the Jews by the religious beliefs of his family, especially his grandfather (Samuel Ealy Johnson, Sr.). He once reported that his grandfather had said to him, “Take care of the Jews, God’s Chosen People. Consider them your friends and help them any way you can.”²²

Johnson was further influenced by a visit he made to the Dachau death camp in June of 1945. His wife, Lady Bird, later recalled that when her husband came home, “he was still shaken, stunned, terrorized and bursting with an overpowering revulsion and incredulous horror at what he had seen.”²³

Johnson strongly supported Israel during the 1967 Six Day War, approving the sale of tanks and fighter jets.²⁴

When asked by Soviet premier, Alexei Kosygin, why the U.S. supported Israel when there were 80 million Arabs and only 3 million Israelis, Johnson replied, “Because it is the right thing

to do.”²⁵

LBJ also closely supervised the crafting of UN Resolution 242 in 1967 which called for Israel to be guaranteed “secure and recognized boundaries.”²⁶

Nixon

President Nixon is considered today to have been anti-Semitic, based upon ugly statements he made about the Jews that are contained on the infamous White House tapes. But when it came to Israel, he was a realist in foreign policy who recognized the importance of the only democratic state in the Middle East.



Nixon with Golda Meir

And when Israel suffered a surprise invasion in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Nixon responded immediately with overwhelming aid to counter the offensive.²⁷ He did so despite the fact that he knew it would alienate the Arab World and greatly endanger our relationship with the Soviet Union.

In short order, the U.S. supplied \$2.2 billion worth of aid that totaled 22,000 tons of equipment that was transported to Israel in 566 round-the-clock flights. Another 90,000 tons arrived by sea.²⁸

To this day, Nixon is greatly admired by the Israelis “as the man who saved Israel.”²⁹

Golda Meir, who was the Israeli Prime Minister during the war, wrote her sister a letter in which she said: “Look, Clara, you’re an American. You don’t like Nixon. I’m an Israeli. I’ll never forget that if it hadn’t been for Nixon, we would have been destroyed.”³⁰

Ford

During his short three year tenure in the presidency (1974-77), President Ford took a hard line stance toward Israel, demanding that they withdraw from the Sinai which they had conquered during the Yom Kippur War.

Ford’s letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was so threatening, that it prompted a response from 76 Senators in which they called on the President to “make it clear that the United States, acting in its own national interests, stands firm with Israel.”³¹

Nonetheless, when the Israelis continued to stall in response to his demands, Ford put the brakes on an Israeli request for F-15 fighter planes and froze all scheduled deliveries of arms.³²

Carter

President Carter put the Sinai issue on the front burner when he assumed the presidency, and in 1979 he was able to broker a deal between Israel and Egypt which provided for a complete withdrawal of Israel from the Sinai Peninsula.³³ “Not since Theodore Roosevelt’s efforts to end the Russo-Japanese War in 1905 had a president so effectively mediated a dispute between two

other nations.”³⁴

Unfortunately, in recent years, Carter’s writings have revealed that he is a vehement anti-Semite who detests the Israelis.³⁵ And thus when the 2014 war between Israel and Hamas broke out, Carter denounced Israel and called for the international recognition of Hamas.³⁶

Reagan



Reagan and Menachem Begin

Ronald Reagan has the reputation of being the most pro-Israel president in American history. Much of that reputation is based on glowing words that he often spoke in support of Israel. For example, in September 1982 in a foreign policy speech about the Middle East he said:³⁷

Israel exists and it has a right to exist in peace behind secure and defensible borders. And it has the right to demand of its neighbors that they recognize those facts. I have personally followed and supported Israel’s heroic struggle for survival every since the founding of the state of Israel. In the pre-1967 borders, Israel was barely 10 miles wide at its narrowest point. The bulk of Israel’s population lived within artillery range of hostile Arab armies. I am not about to ask Israel to live that way again.

But despite words like these, Reagan had a number of runs with Israel.³⁸ For example, in 1981 he significantly strengthened the Arabs by selling them some of our most sophisticated weapons. He did this despite great opposition by both the Israelis and the Israeli lobby in the Congress.³⁹ And when the Israelis bombed the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, Reagan supported the UN Security Council resolution that condemned Israel.⁴⁰ On the other hand, in 1985 Reagan began to provide Israel with \$3 billion in foreign aid annually, all in the form of grants.⁴¹

When Israel launched the war in Lebanon in 1982 to clear the PLO out of the country, Reagan initially supported it, but he soon soured on the operation. He pressured the Israelis to end it, and he helped arrange for Arafat and the PLO leadership to escape into exile in Tunisia.⁴²

More significantly, in 1988 Reagan authorized the State Department to enter into dialogue with the PLO, reversing the U.S. policy of refusing to recognize terrorist organizations.⁴³

Reagan and Menachem Begin had a particularly rough rela-

tionship. Reagan was infuriated when he was not informed in advance of the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, and that same year chastised Israel for annexing The Golan Heights. In response, Begin accused Reagan of treating Israel like a “banana republic.”⁴⁴

George H. W. Bush

The First Bush presidency proved to be the decisive turning point in US-Israel relations. Bush came to power in 1989, and he had hardly assumed office before his anti-Semitic Secretary of State, James Baker, proclaimed that the time had come for Israel to “abandon its expansionist policies.”⁴⁵

Bush added fuel to the fire when he announced in 1991 that he considered East Jerusalem to be “occupied territory,” despite the fact that Israel had officially annexed it in 1980.⁴⁶

Following the Gulf War in 1991, President Bush decided to pursue an Arab-Israeli settlement by convening an international conference in Madrid, Spain. He forced the Israelis to attend by making their participation a condition for the U.S. to provide \$10 billion in loan guarantees to the World Bank. Israel needed the money to deal with an overwhelming influx of immigrants from the Soviet Union.⁴⁷

This conference laid the groundwork for the Oslo Accords in 1993 which initiated the Land-for-Peace process whereby Israel would surrender land in exchange for promises of peace.

I think it is interesting to note that after James Baker completed his service as Secretary of State in 1992, one of the first things he did was to establish a think tank at Rice University called the Baker Institute for Public Policy. And who did he honor with a speaking invitation? Yassar Arafat. To me, it was like inviting Hitler to speak.⁴⁸

Clinton

President Clinton positioned himself as a strong friend of the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. Never before in history did Jewish Americans play such a significant role in a presidential administration. Clinton had five Jews in his Cabinet, he appointed two Jews to the Supreme Court, and many other Jews served in key positions.⁴⁹



Ehud Barak, Bill Clinton & Yasser Arafat

Clinton provided Israel with substantial financial aid, but he worked constantly behind the scenes to convince Israel to trade land-for-peace.

He presided over the signing of the Oslo Accords at the White House in September of 1993. It was these agreements that launched the land-for-peace concept, starting with the Israeli withdrawal from Jericho.⁵⁰

In 1998 Clinton hosted the Wye River Conference between

Arafat and Netanyahu which resulted in Israel agreeing to withdraw from the ancient Jewish city of Hebron.⁵¹

And in 2000 Clinton convened the Camp David Conference between Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak — the most liberal prime minister in Israel’s history. Barak agreed to give Arafat all that he had ever demanded in diplomatic circles, and to the astonishment of all present, Arafat responded by getting up and walking out of the room. He immediately flew back to Israel and launched the Second Intifada.⁵²

George W. Bush



Bush with Ariel Sharon

The second Bush came to power by confirming to Israel’s Prime Minister, Ariel Sharon, that he was not going to follow his father’s hard-line policy toward Israel.⁵³ But hardly had he given this assurance, when in 2001 he turned around and called for the establishment of a Palestinian State, the first American president to do so publicly and formally, proceeding to make it an official part of U.S. foreign policy.⁵⁴

The Bush Administration tried to put out the firestorm this announcement produced by claiming that President Clinton had endorsed the same policy. It was true that in 2001, two weeks before leaving office, President Clinton had stated that he personally believed that the Middle East conflict could not be resolved without creating “a sovereign, viable Palestinian state.”⁵⁵ But he had not made that objective a formal goal of U.S. policy. George Bush did.

Bush also gave new impetus to the Land for Peace strategy by demanding that Israel surrender the Gaza Strip. And in the midst of the withdrawal in the summer of 2005, Bush’s Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, proclaimed: “Everyone empathizes with what the Israelis are doing, but it cannot be Gaza only.”⁵⁶

Obama

President Obama emerged quickly as the most anti-Israel president in U.S. history. His very first television interview was granted shortly after his inauguration to the Muslim network, Al Arabiya.⁵⁷

He followed this up by dashing off to Egypt in June of 2009 to Cairo to give his famous apology speech to the Muslim nations of the Middle East.⁵⁸ In that speech he started developing one of his major lines of thought concerning Israel — namely, that the experience of the Jews in the Holocaust is the moral equivalent of what the Palestinians are experiencing under Israeli

“occupation.”

A month later, in July 2009, Obama announced that the time had come for “daylight” between the United States and Israel.⁵⁹

In March of 2010, Obama met with Prime Minister Netanyahu at the White House. The Israeli prime minister was ushered in a side door like a secret mistress and treated with disdain. No press or photos were allowed.⁶⁰

Obama demanded Israel’s withdrawal from Jewish settlements, and when Netanyahu balked, the president said it was time for him to eat with his family — at which point he walked out and left the prime minister and his aides alone, offering them no food or drink.

In May of 2011 the president went on national TV to demand that Israel return to the suicidal borders that existed before the Six Day War in 1967.⁶¹

In March of 2014, the spokesperson for the State Department, Jen Psaki, announced that the Obama Administration no longer considered it necessary for the Palestinians to recognize the existence of the State of Israel!⁶²

Throughout his administration, Obama has continued to condemn Israel’s settlements as being “illegitimate,”⁶³ and he has continued to provide the Palestinian Authority with over \$600 million in aid each year.⁶⁴

But then what more could we expect from a President who proclaimed to the United Nations in a speech delivered in September of 2012: “The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam.”⁶⁵

Summary

As you can see, the record of U.S. relations with Israel has been erratic from the start.

Even President Truman, who offered immediate recognition, decided to slap an arms embargo on the fledgling nation.

Since that time, we have often treated the Jewish nation with disdain, forcing its leaders to do whatever we desired through the manipulation of foreign aid and through threats of one kind or another.

And, the Israeli government has had little choice but to conform to our demands. That’s because the stark reality is that our veto in the UN Security Council is the only thing that prevents the world from placing draconian sanctions on Israel that would destroy the nation’s economy in short order.

Overall, I would say that until Obama, the Democrat Presidents have been much more favorable to Israel than have the Republicans.

Recent Years

In recent years, since the early 1990s, we have become increasingly hostile to Israel as we have literally forced them to take the self-defeating path of appeasement. Additionally, year after year, we have insulted the people of Israel by refusing to recognize Jerusalem as their capital.

Think for a moment about what an incredible insult this is to the Jewish people. It is equivalent to the Israelis declaring that they do not recognize Washington, DC as our capital, and then proceeding to place their Embassy in Chicago.

Yet, despite our checkered record of support, we have been Israel's best friend. They have been the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign assistance since World War II. To date, the United States has provided Israel with \$121 billion in aid, almost all of it in the form of military assistance.⁶⁶

The Future

But the handwriting is on the wall. The days of American support are numbered. The time has come for the Israeli leadership to face up to the fact that its hope and trust needs to be placed in Almighty God and not in the United States.

In like manner, the time has come for our nation to realize that in our manhandling of Israel, we are courting the wrath of God.

Biblical Insights

Let's conclude by taking a look at what the Bible has to say about all the pressure that is being applied to Israel by the United States and the rest of the world.

Of course, the most important verses are to be found in Genesis 12:1-3 where God told Abraham that He would bless his descendants through Isaac and that He would bless those who bless the Jews and curse those who curse the Jews.

And history attests to the fact that God has been faithful to that promise. Throughout history, the nations and empires who have persecuted the Jews have ended up in the dust bin of history.

The prophet Zechariah said that in the end times the nations of the world would continue to ignore God's warning about mistreating the Jews. He prophesied that all the nations of the world — **all** — would come against Israel over the issue of the control of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2-3):

- 2) Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.
- 3) It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.

And the prophet Joel warned that those who get involved in this process of pressuring Israel to divide up its land will experience the wrath of God (Joel 3:1-2):

- 1) For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
- 2) 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.

The Folly of Appeasement

History proves conclusively that a policy of appeasement never works because all it does is whet the appetite of the aggressor. Winston Churchill put it this way: "An appeaser is

one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last."⁶⁷

Both the world's political leaders and the Humanistic leaders of Israel are deceived into believing that the Arab-Israeli crisis is a political one that can be solved with political compromise. But the fact of the matter is that it is not a political crisis — it is a spiritual one that is immune to political settlement.

Satan's Goal

It is fueled by Satan's maniacal hatred of the Jewish people. He hates them because:

- 1) Through them God gave the world His Word.
- 2) Through them God provided the world's Savior.

Satan also hates them because God chose them as His witnesses to the world and has promised to bring a great remnant of them to salvation through faith in their Messiah.

Satan wants to prevent God from fulfilling that promise, and so he is determined to kill every Jew on planet earth. He has tried it once before through Hitler. He is preparing to try again through the Antichrist.

But Satan will fail, for God has decreed that a great remnant of His Chosen People will be saved and will serve as the nucleus of a Jewish population that will become the prime nation of the world during the Millennium.

Conclusion

True peace is coming to Israel — but not through peace treaties negotiated by men. It will be achieved when the Prince of Peace breaks from the heavens and arrives on the Mount of Olives, and the Jewish people will cry out: "Baruch Haba B'Shem Adonai!" (Matthew 23:39).

Meanwhile we need to pray for our nation, because our leaders are literally crying out for the wrath of God to fall upon us as we try to force the Israelis to divide their capital city and surrender their heartland.

Psalm 122:6 commands us to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Since peace will not come to Jerusalem until the Prince of Peace returns, that prayer is really a prayer for the return of Jesus. So pray it fervently, and in the meantime, get up every morning, look at the sky and cry out: "Maranatha! Maranatha! Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" ✚

Note: The reference notes for this article are attached to the copy posted on our website at www.lamblion.com.

This article is based on a presentation that Dr. Reagan made at a conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in October of 2013. The conference was sponsored by Midnight Call Ministries and a video copy of it can be secured from them (www.midnightcall.com). A similar presentation was made at the 2014 Lamb & Lion conference by Jan Markell of Olive Tree Ministries. Her review started with Woodrow Wilson. That presentation is available on the conference video album which contains six presentations on three DVD discs. It is titled "America's Spiritual Crisis," and it sells for \$25 plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567, or place your order through our website at www.lamblion.com.

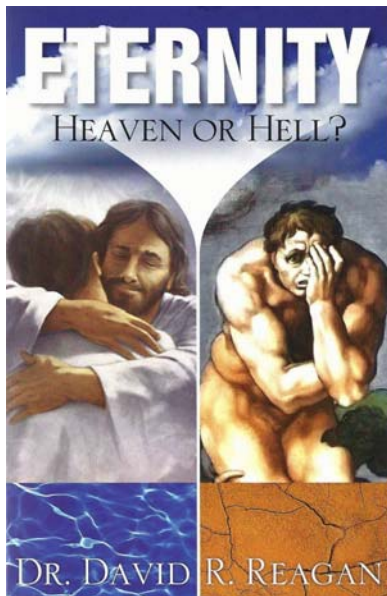
Is Hell For Real?

Dr. David R. Reagan

I get this question at least once a week, and I always respond with a resounding, “YES!” I also receive another question about Hell almost as frequently: “Is it true that you do not believe in Hell?” Where that notion comes from is beyond me. I can only assume that someone out there who wants to discredit me and this ministry is spreading a rumor that I have rejected the biblical teaching of a literal Hell.

So let me set the record straight. *I believe in the literal Hell described by the Bible*, with no ands, ifs, or buts!

I have written extensively about this matter, both in this magazine and in a book of mine that was published in 2010, titled *Eternity: Heaven or Hell?*



I have repeatedly stated that the Bible presents both Heaven and Hell as real places. The Bible says that God created this terrible place to serve as the ultimate destiny of the Devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). The Bible also teaches that Hell will be the destiny of all people who reject the grace and mercy God has provided through faith in Jesus (Matthew 25:46).

Hell is described in the Scriptures as a place of darkness and sadness (Matthew 22:13), a place of fire (Matthew 5:22), a place of torment (Revelation 14:10), a place of destruction (Matthew 7:13), and a place of disgrace and everlasting contempt (Daniel 12:2).

My Understanding of Eternal Punishment

Let me summarize for you in a few short sentences what I believe the Bible teaches about the eternal punishment in Hell that is reserved for those who die outside a faith relationship with God:

- When the unsaved die, their souls go to a temporary holding place called Hades where they consciously exist in a compartment called Torments (Luke 16:19-31).
- At the end of the Millennial Reign of Jesus, the unsaved will be resurrected, judged and consigned to Hell (Revelation 20:11-15).
- The unjust will be tormented in Hell for a period of time in proportion to their sins (Matthew 11:22-24, Luke 12:47-48, and Hebrews 10:29).
- The unsaved will then suffer destruction — they will cease to exist.

The Destruction of Unbelievers

Where does the Bible teach destruction? Consider the following verses:

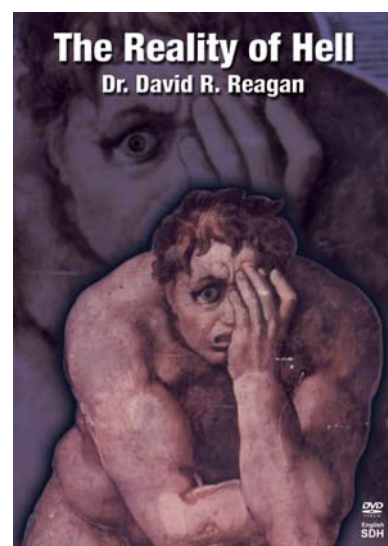
- In Psalm 22 David says the saved will live forever (verse 26), but the lost will not be able to keep their souls alive (verse 29).
- In Isaiah 66:24 the prophet says that the lost will become “corpses.”
- In John 3:16 Jesus says the unsaved will “perish.”
- In 2 Thessalonians 1:9 Paul writes that the unsaved will “pay the penalty of eternal destruction.”
- The writer of the Hebrew letter states in Hebrews 10:27 the unsaved will be consumed in fire.
- The Apostle John writes in Revelation 20:14 that the unsaved will experience “the second death” in the lake of fire, which is Hell.
- Jesus states in Matthew 10:28 that we should “not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul.” Rather, He says we should “fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell.”

The Conditionalist View of Hell

The view of Hell that I have outlined here is called Conditionalism. It is called that because its Evangelical proponents believe that the immortality of the soul is conditional on accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Bible states that God alone is immortal (1 Timothy 6:16). It further teaches that the saved do not become immortal until their resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:53). The Bible never states that the unsaved become immortal. The concept of the inherent immortality of the soul comes out of Greek philosophy, not the Bible.

One of the greatest arguments in behalf of the Conditionalist view of Hell concerns the penalty that Jesus paid for our sins. His penalty was severe suffering followed by death. It was not eternal torment.

So, the Conditionalist view differs from the Traditional view in only one point: The extent of the torment in Hell. Condition-



alists believe that the unsaved will suffer an eternal punishment in the sense of a punishment of eternal consequences — and not eternal punishing. For much greater detail, see my book I mentioned before or get a copy of our newest video entitled “The Reality of Hell.” Either or both can be ordered thru our website at www.lamb lion.com or by calling 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time. The book is \$15; the video is \$12. ❖

Is There Any Validity To The “Pre-Wrath Rapture” Concept?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Let’s begin with some definitions and clarifications. The term, Rapture, refers to the idea that a day will come when Jesus will appear in the heavens, at which time the dead in Christ will be resurrected to meet Him in the air and to receive their glorified bodies. Living believers will be taken up also and will be translated en route from mortal to immortal. Both the resurrected believers and the living ones will then return to Heaven with Jesus. This event is viewed by most as being separate and apart from the Second Coming of Jesus when He will return to earth to reign for a thousand years.

The word, Rapture, does not appear in English language Bibles, but it can be found in the Latin Vulgate translation of Jerome, which served as the basic Bible of the Western world for over 1200 years, from 400AD to 1611 when the King James Version was published. The word appears in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. In English versions it is expressed as “caught up.” The concept of the Rapture can be found in many other places in the New Testament — for example, in John 14:1-4 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.

One other thing that needs to be made clear about the Rapture is that it is a promise to the Bride of Christ, which is the Church. It will not include Old Testament Saints. They will be resurrected at the time of the Lord’s Second Coming, at the end of the Tribulation (Daniel 12:1-2). The Tribulation Martyrs — those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior during the Tribulation and who are killed for their faith — will also be resurrected at the time of the Second Coming.

The Question of Timing

Among those who believe in a Rapture of the Church, there is disagreement as to the timing of the event. Until recent years, there were three concepts of the Rapture’s timing:

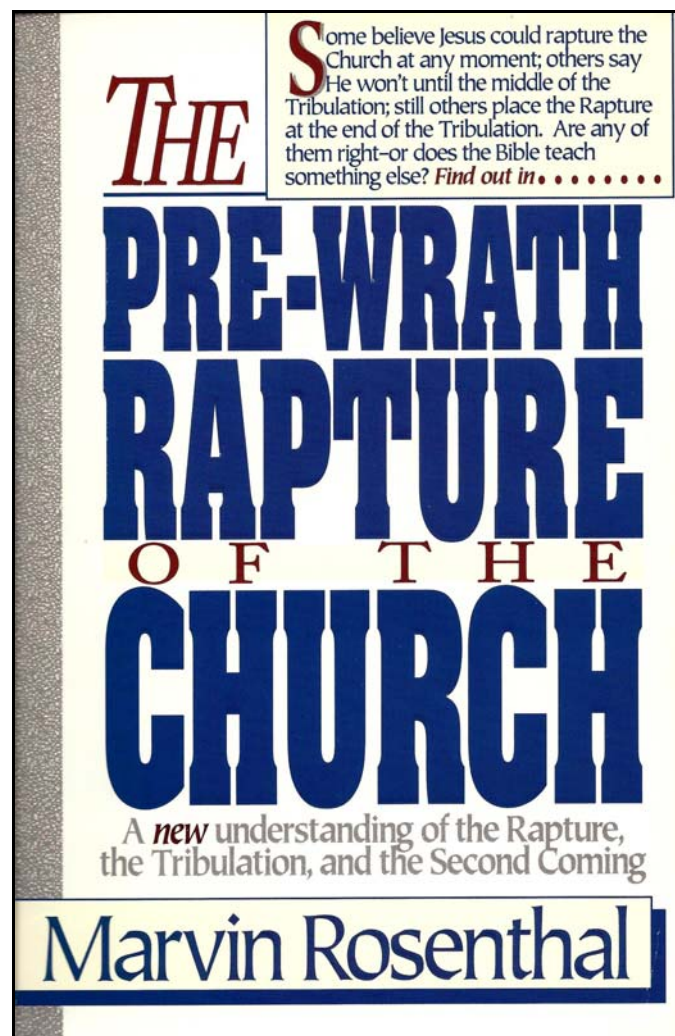
- 1) **The Pre-Trib View** — This is the idea that the Rapture will take place before the Tribulation begins.
- 2) **The Mid-Trib View** — This viewpoint places the Rapture in the middle of the Tribulation.
- 3) **The Post-Trib View** — According to this view, the Rapture and the Second Coming are all one event that takes place at the end of the Tribulation.

The “Pre-Wrath” View

In 1990 Marvin Rosenthal presented a fourth viewpoint in his book, *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church*. Rosenthal was not the originator of this new viewpoint. Rather, he was the one who popularized it with his book.

The person who conceived the “Pre-Wrath” view of the Rapture was a man named Robert Van Kampen (1938-1999). Van Kampen became one of America’s richest men through his involvement in investment banking. During his lifetime he accumulated one of the largest private collections of rare and antique Bibles in North America.

In the 1970’s Van Kampen began developing the “Pre-



Wrath” concept of the timing of the Rapture. Once he had completed his work on the concept, he started trying to find a well known person in the field of Bible prophecy to endorse his new view. That person finally turned out to be Marvin Rosenthal, who at the time was serving as the director of a very influential ministry called Friends of Israel. Rosenthal tried to convince the board of the ministry to abandon its commitment to the Pre-Trib view and accept the new viewpoint. They refused, and Rosenthal was forced to depart. He went to Florida where he built the Holy Land Experience — a Christian theme park which has since been taken over by the Trinity Broadcasting Network. Today, Rosenthal serves as the director of Zion’s Hope, a ministry located in Winter Garden, Florida.

Rosenthal’s book was financed by Van Kampen’s fortune, and he mailed out thousands of copies to pastors all over America. Later, Van Kampen wrote his own books about the “Pre-Wrath” view, the most important being *The Sign* (1992).

The Meaning of the “Pre-Wrath” View

The “Pre-Wrath” view of the Rapture argues that the first three-fourths of the Tribulation is the wrath of Man and the wrath of Satan, and not the wrath of God. Therefore, the proponents of this view argue that the Church will suffer through the first three-quarters of the Tribulation since the Church is promised protection only from the wrath of God.

Those who espouse this viewpoint of the Rapture’s timing

“Pre-Wrath” Rapture



believe that the Seal Judgments are the wrath of Man and Satan and that they continue throughout the first half of the Tribulation and into the second half, right up to the three-quarters point, or shortly thereafter. They place the Trumpet Judgments in the last quarter of the Tribulation and the Bowl Judgments in the first 30 days following the end of Daniel's 70th Week of Years.

Objections to the Viewpoint

I have a number of objections to this concept of the Rapture's timing.

1) The Name — I object to the name given the viewpoint by its proponents. The name is both confusing and vague. It is confusing because both the Pre-Trib and Mid-Trib views are “Pre-Wrath.” The Pre-Trib view argues that the entire 7 years of the Tribulation (Daniel's 70th Week of Years) constitutes a pouring out of the wrath of God. The Mid-Trib view takes the position that only the second half of the Tribulation is the period of God's wrath. So, Rosenthal's name for his viewpoint does not distinguish it from the Pre-Trib and Mid-Trib views. All three are pre-wrath views.

The “Pre-Wrath” name is also vague because it does not give a clue as to when the Rapture occurs in relation to the Tribulation. The name of the Pre-Trib view signifies a belief that the Rapture will occur before (pre) the Tribulation begins. The name of the Mid-Trib view clearly indicates a belief that the Rapture will occur in the middle of the Tribulation. The name of the Post-Trib view puts the Rapture after (post) the Tribulation. But the name, “Pre-Wrath” gives no indication of when the Rapture will occur with relation to the Tribulation.

For that reason, I have decided to call the “Pre-Wrath” view the Three-Quarters Tribulation Rapture viewpoint. And I will be abbreviating it throughout the rest of this article as the “3/4 Trib Rapture.” I have given it that name because its proponents

believe the Rapture will occur about three-quarters of the way through the Tribulation, or shortly thereafter.

2) The Chronology — I object to the 3/4 Trib Rapture because it violates the chronology of the book of Revelation. The sequence of events that is pictured in the book of Revelation clearly places both the Seal Judgments and the Trumpet Judgments in the first half of the 70th Week of Daniel. And the Bowl Judgments are clearly contained within Daniel's 70th Week, near its end. The 3/4 Trib view scrambles all this. As you can see in the diagram above, the Seal Judgments are continued over into the second half of the 7 year period, the Trumpet Judgments are moved from the first half to the end of the second half, and the Bowl Judgments are appended to a 30 day period after the close of Daniel's 70th Week!

3) Imminence — One of my strongest objections to the 3/4 Trib view is its destruction of the imminence of the Lord's return. The Bible emphasizes that the Lord could return at any moment and that we should live looking for His return (Matthew 24:44, 1 Corinthians 1:7, Philippians 3:20, Philippians 4:5, Colossians 3:4, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 5:6, Titus 2:13, and Revelation 16:15). The 3/4 Trib view says the Lord cannot return until after the Antichrist appears, the Jewish Temple has been rebuilt and the world has suffered through about 5 years of the wrath of Man and Satan. Thus, according to the 3/4 Trib view, we should be living looking for the Antichrist and not Jesus Christ.

Rosenthal asserts that the Bible never says that any prophesied end time events could not occur before the Rapture. He is correct. The re-establishment of Israel is an example. The war of Gog & Magog could prove to be another example. Imminency does not preclude the fulfillment of some end time prophecies before the Rapture. Rather, it asserts that none have to happen before the Rapture can occur.

4) The Wrath of God — Another strong objection I have to the 3/4 Trib Rapture view is its mistaken concept of the sovereignty of God. The view attempts to distinguish the wrath of Man and Satan from the wrath of God. Both Man and Satan operate under the sovereignty of God. That's why Psalm 2 pictures God sitting in Heaven laughing at the evil plots of the world's political leaders. His laughing is not motivated by a lack of concern. He laughs because He has the wisdom and power to orchestrate all the evil of Man and Satan to the triumph of His Son.

Further, the Bible portrays God pouring out His wrath both directly (Sodom and Gomorrah) and indirectly (the destruction of both Israel and Judah). God poured out His wrath upon the rebellious northern nation of Israel by allowing the Assyrians to conquer it. He even referred to the Assyrians as "the rod of My anger" (Isaiah 10:5) and "My war-club" (Jeremiah 51:20).

When the prophet Habakkuk complained about God doing nothing about the evil of the southern nation of Judah, the Lord revealed that He was going to pour out His wrath on that nation through Babylon (Habakkuk 1:6). And when the Lord was finished with Babylon, He raised up the Medes and Persians to conquer the Babylonian Empire, referring to the conquering army as "My consecrated ones" (Isaiah 13:3).

During Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years, much of the wrath of God will be executed through the Antichrist, but it is still the wrath of God.

5) The Tribulation — I object to the way in which the 3/4 Trib Rapture view denies that the first half of Daniel's 70th Week is part of the Tribulation. The fact of the matter is that both halves of Daniel's 70th Week are referred to in the Scriptures as a time of tribulation. Matthew 24:9 refers to the first half as "tribulation," and Matthew 24:21 classifies the second half as "great tribulation." Incidentally, Jesus' reference to the second half as the "great tribulation" does not mean it will be worse than the first half. Rather, Jesus called it that because He was speaking to a Jewish audience, and the second half of the Tribulation will be when the Antichrist will try to annihilate the Jews.

6) The Purpose of Daniel's 70th Week — I object to the way in which the 3/4 Trib Rapture view distorts the purpose of Daniel's 70th Week. Daniel 9:24-27 makes it clear that the purpose of Daniel's 70 Weeks of Years is to accomplish six things among the Jewish people:

- 1) To finish transgression
- 2) To make an end of sin
- 3) To make atonement for iniquity
- 4) To bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5) To seal up vision and prophecy
- 6) To anoint the most Holy Place

Just as the first 69 weeks of years (483 years) of the prophecy had nothing to do with the Church, neither does the final week of years. The last seven year period of Daniel's prophecy is about the accomplishment of the purposes listed above among the Jewish people. Accordingly, the entire period of Daniel's 70th

"To say that a judgment [like the Seal Judgments], which reduces the world's population by a fourth, has nothing to do with the wrath of God is incredulous."
— George W. Zeller, "Pre-Wrath Confusion."

Week is referred to in Jeremiah 30:7 as "the time of Jacob's trouble." There is no purpose for the Church during Daniel's 70th Week.

7) The Church — I object to the 3/4 Trib Rapture view of why the Church must be present during the Tribulation. Incredibly, the argument has been proclaimed that the Church must suffer "for purging and purifying."¹ The Bible says that the

blood of Jesus is sufficient to cleanse us of all sin (1 John 1:7). The idea that the Church needs to be purified creates a Christian Purgatory, which is a blasphemy of the blood of Jesus. Furthermore, why is it that only the end time Church deserves this fate?

8) The Seal Judgments — I strongly object to the 3/4 Trib Rapture view that the Seal Judgments do not constitute any portion of the wrath of God. The judgments originate at the throne of God when Jesus begins to open each seal (Revelation 6:1). Further, they are referred to as "the wrath of the Lamb" (Revelation 6:16-17).

9) The Length of Daniel's 70th Week of Years — I object to the fact that the 3/4 Trib Rapture view extends Daniel's 70th Week by 30 days beyond the 7 years or 2,520 days it is supposed to run (Revelation 11:3 and 12:6). There is just no scriptural basis for this extension.

10) The Day of the Lord — I object to the 3/4 Trib view of the Day of the Lord. Rosenthal contends that it begins with the opening of the 7th Seal, and he therefore argues that the wrath of God does not begin until this point.

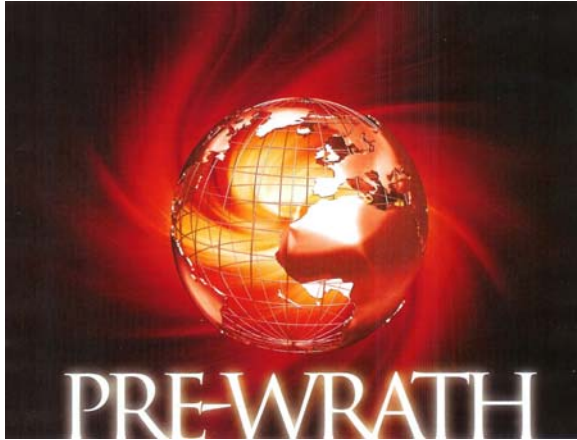
The problem here is that the Day of the Lord is a term that is used in many different ways in the Bible, and it must always be interpreted in context. There are places when it refers to specific national judgments from God, as when Israel was destroyed by Assyria (Amos 5:18-20) and when Judah was destroyed by Babylon (Lamentations 2:21-22 and Ezekiel 13:5). In like manner the fall of Babylon is called the Day of the Lord (Isaiah 13:6-13).

But there are also times when the term refers to end time events. In this regard, it sometimes refers to the return of Jesus at the end of Daniel's 70th Week (Isaiah 2:10-22, Joel 3:9-17 and Zechariah 14:1-9). In other end time contexts, the term is used in a broader sense. For example, in Zephaniah 1:14-18 it is used to refer to the entire period of the Tribulation when "all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy . . ." In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 it says the Day of the Lord will come at a time when people are feeling safe and secure — which would be at the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week, after the Antichrist negotiates a treaty that guarantees peace for Israel. But the prophet Isaiah repeatedly uses a shorthand version of the term — "in that day" — to refer to the Millennium (Isaiah 4:2-6). I therefore think that in reference to the end times, the broad use of the term refers to the period of time from the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week to the end of the Millennium.

Another problem with Rosenthal's concept of the Day of the Lord is that he has it beginning at the point where the Seal Judgments are followed immediately by the Trumpet Judgments. How could that be? The Bible says the Day of the Lord will

begin with people celebrating peace and safety (1 Thessalonians 5:2-3). What feeling of peace and safety will exist when the world is experiencing the Trumpet Judgments? This must be a reference to the treaty of peace the Antichrist will negotiate at the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week and which will mark the beginning of the Tribulation (Daniel 9:27).

We are currently in the Day of the Spirit (Acts 2:17 and 2 Corinthians 3:8). Daniel's 70th Week plus the Millennium constitutes the Day of the Lord. The Eternal State will be the Day of God (2 Peter 3:12).



Other Problems

One of the strangest parts of Rosenthal's book is chapter 16 (pages 215-230). In this chapter he attacks the Pre-Trib Rapture view as espousing two separate comings of the Lord. He then proclaims: "There is not even a hint — anywhere — of two separate comings" (page 222).

In response to this attack, I would like to point out that the Pre-Trib view does not present two comings of the Lord. Instead, it advocates an appearing of the Lord (the Rapture) followed at least 7 years later by the coming of the Lord (the Second Coming). Jesus does not return to the earth at the Rapture. He appears in the heavens for His Church, receives them, and then returns to Heaven with them.

But what is so weird about Rosenthal's attack is that his end time viewpoint presents multiple comings of the Lord — so many, in fact, that it is hard to chart them. Take a look at the chart at the top of page 10. The first "coming" of the Lord I have shown is the Rapture. But Rosenthal has several other "comings."

At the end of Daniel's 70th Week, Jesus returns to earth to save Israel from annihilation, after which He returns to Heaven. Then, at the end of the "30 days of Reclamation" Jesus returns again to defeat Satan at the Battle of Armageddon. Following the "45 days of Restoration," Jesus returns to Heaven, gathers His Church, and returns to begin His thousand year reign. So, Rosenthal has a total of four "comings" of Jesus, yet he has the audacity to assert there is only one "coming" of the Lord and he condemns the Pre-Trib view for having two!

This amounts to mass confusion. Rosenthal recognizes the problem and tries to cover it by stating that Jesus has a "continuing presence" on the earth after the Rapture, and thus His four comings are really only parts of the one Second Coming. This is

all nothing but semantic smoke. In the Pre-Trib view the Rapture is also followed by a "continuing presence" of Jesus on earth as He launches the wrath of God with the Seal Judgments and oversees the continuing implementation of God's wrath with the Trumpet and Bowl Judgments, after which He returns to earth to reign.

A Cornerstone Verse?

A friend of mine, Michael Pfeil, recently published a book in which he defends the 3/4 Trib Rapture viewpoint.² He argues that the cornerstone verses for the view are Revelation 6:9-10, which read as follows:

9) When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

10) and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Pfeil's argument is that these are martyrs killed for their faith during the first half of Daniel's 70th Week. He then says that if they are victims of God's wrath, then they are calling out for vengeance against God! He argues, instead, that they are victims of the Antichrist and are crying out for vengeance against him — and this, in turn proves that the first half of Daniel's 70th Week constitutes the wrath of Man and Satan, and not the wrath of God.

The problem with this argument is that when the wrath of God is poured out, it falls on the just and the unjust unless God specifically promises protection to believers. He has promised the Church such protection (1 Thessalonians 1:10). He has also promised that He will protect the 144,000 Jews who are sealed by His Spirit at the beginning of the Tribulation (Revelation 7:1-8 and 14:1-5).

But He has made no such promise of protection for those who receive Jesus during the Tribulation. They will suffer just as Daniel and his cohorts suffered when Judah fell to the Babylonians. The rain falls on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45), and the just who suffer martyrdom during the Tribulation will cry out for vengeance against their executioners.

Conclusion

The 3/4 Trib Rapture concept does not pass the test of the Scriptures. Even worse, as Jack Van Impe has put it, the concept is "the Christians' ultimate nightmare" rather than their "blessed hope"³ (Titus 2:11-13). ❖

Notes:

- 1) Alan Kurschner, "Prewrath — What Is It?" www.AlanKurschner.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Prewrath.pdf, page 1. See also: Cooper Abrams, "Fatal Flaws in the Modern Pre-Wrath Rapture Position," <http://bible-truth.org/Pre-Wrath.html>, page 12.
- 2) Michael E. Pfeil, *Rapture of the Church: Bound for Heaven, BUT . . .* (Bloomington, IN: Westbow Press, 2013).
- 3) Jack Van Impe, "What validity, if any, should be given to the Prewrath Rapture theory?" www.jvim.com/newsletter/pastissues/2012/20120723.html, page 1.

The Mystery of the Shemitah: A Book Review

Dr. David R. Reagan

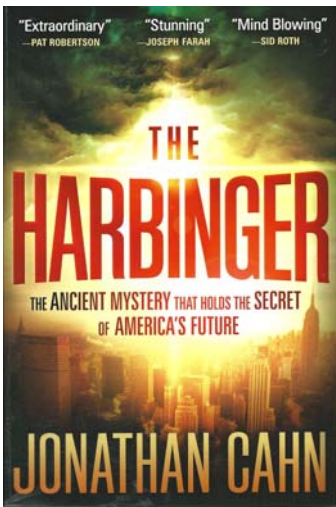


In the May-June 2013 Issue of our magazine we featured a picture of Jonathan Cahn on the cover. We did so not because of his book, *The Harbinger*, but because of the phenomenal sermon that he delivered in January of that year at the Presidential Inaugural Breakfast. In that sermon he presented one of the most powerful indictments of the sins of America I have ever heard. And he clearly warned that our

nation is begging for the wrath of God. He concluded his remarks by calling the nation to repentance before God delivers us from judgment to destruction.

That sermon is well worth viewing on the Internet. You can find it on YouTube. Just go to that website (youtube.com) and type into the search engine: "Cahn presidential inaugural breakfast." The video runs about 35 to 40 minutes, depending on which version you select to view.

This warning to America had also been the theme of Cahn's book, *The Harbinger*. But this crucial theme seemed to get lost in all the controversy that the book stirred up among Bible prophecy experts. Incredibly, instead of focusing on his theme and praising God for it, most of them attacked the book for "applying to the United States a prophecy that was intended for Israel" — namely Isaiah 9:10. This criticism ignored the fact that Isaiah 9:10 is not a prophecy. It is a descriptive verse that tells how the nation of Israel responded to a remedial judgment of God in defiance rather than repentance, just as we did after the 9/11 attacks. It was a perfectly justifiable use of the verse.



They also attacked the book because they claimed that Cahn had stated that America had a special covenant relationship with God, like biblical Israel. But Cahn had never said that. What he did say is that the founders of this nation felt that God had called the nation into being for a special purpose — namely, to spread the Gospel around the world. And yes, they believed they had a special covenant relationship with God. That is an historical fact.

There were many other trivial attacks on the book that

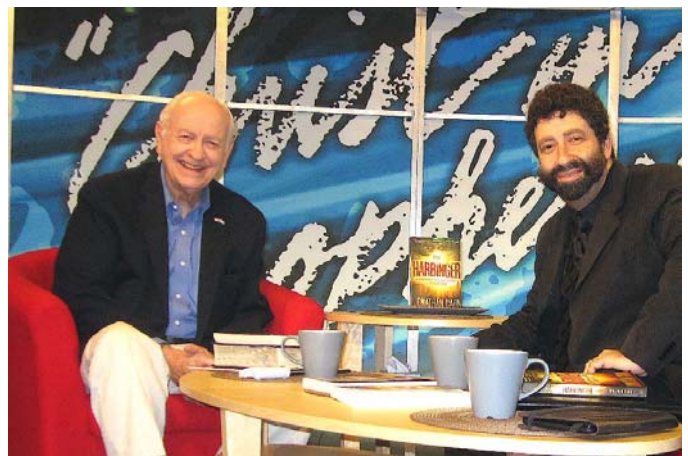
amounted to nothing. It became clear to me that Satan did not want anyone to pay attention to the book's powerful call for national repentance. So he motivated malicious attacks on the author and the book in order to divert attention from the message.

Now comes a new book from Jonathan Cahn called *The Mystery of the Shemitah*. The sensational sub-title of the book declares: *The 3,000-Year-Old Mystery That Holds the Secret of America's Future, the World's Future, and Your Future!* I assume that line was written by an over-zealous advertising executive.

The Shemitah (pronounced Shmi-tah in Hebrew) is the seventh year of the seven-year agricultural cycle mandated by the Torah for the Land of Israel, and it is still observed in contemporary Judaism. In Leviticus 25:1-7 the Jewish people were commanded by God to allow their land to rest every seventh year. The land was to be given a Sabbath rest, and there was to be no sowing or reaping during that year. Further, God promised them that if they would be obedient to this law, He would bless them in the sixth year with an abundant crop sufficient for three years (Leviticus 25:20-21). It was their violation of this law that led to the Babylonian captivity of the Jews. They were assigned one year of captivity for each of the 70 Shemitahs they had neglected to observe (2 Chronicles 36:21).

In his new book, Cahn tries valiantly to apply this law to the United States, arguing that because of our rebellion against God, He has been placing remedial judgments on our nation at the beginning and ending of each seven year cycle of the Shemitah, mainly in the form of fluctuations of the stock market.

I am sorry to say that I think Cahn is way off base with this thesis, and I recently told him so when he visited our headquarters and we recorded two television programs with him.



Dr. Reagan with Jonathan Cahn

It is one thing to apply an Old Testament spiritual principle to our nation, such as the one in 2 Chronicles 7:14, or to apply a descriptive passage, such as the one in Isaiah 9:10 — but it is something else entirely to apply an Old Testament command given exclusively to the Jewish people and exclusively for their

land. The law of the Shemitah simply has no application to a Gentile nation in the 21st Century.

Further, this is a command that was part of the Law of Moses, which was a covenant between God and Israel exclusively, and which was invalidated by the institution of the New Covenant at the death of Jesus. As the Apostle Paul put it, the New Covenant “has made the first obsolete” (Hebrews 8:13).



Another major problem with Cahn’s thesis is that, as I told him personally, it is based on the Hebrew calendar “which is a total mess.” In the July-August 2000 issue of our magazine we published an in-depth article about the Jewish calendar, which you can find on our website. The calculation of the years of the Jewish calendar, according to the Talmud, was done in the 2nd Century A.D. by Rabbi R. Yose. As you will see in my article about the Jewish calendar, his calculations are off by more than 250 years! So, for example, instead of this being the year 5775, it should be about 6025 to 6030.

How does this affect Cahn’s thesis about the Shemitah? The calendar is such a mess that no one can say for sure when it is time for a Jubilee Year, much less what is the year of a Shemitah. Cahn claimed to me that the Shemitah years have been recorded since the time of Christ. Maybe so, but the Bible makes it clear that the Shemitah applies only when Israel is in the land (Deuteronomy 31:10–13), and Israel was out of the land for over 1,800 years until the re-establishment of the state in May of 1948. Since the re-establishment of the state occurred in the year of 1947-1948, the first Shemitah would be 1954-1955, which makes a shambles of Cahn’s calculations.

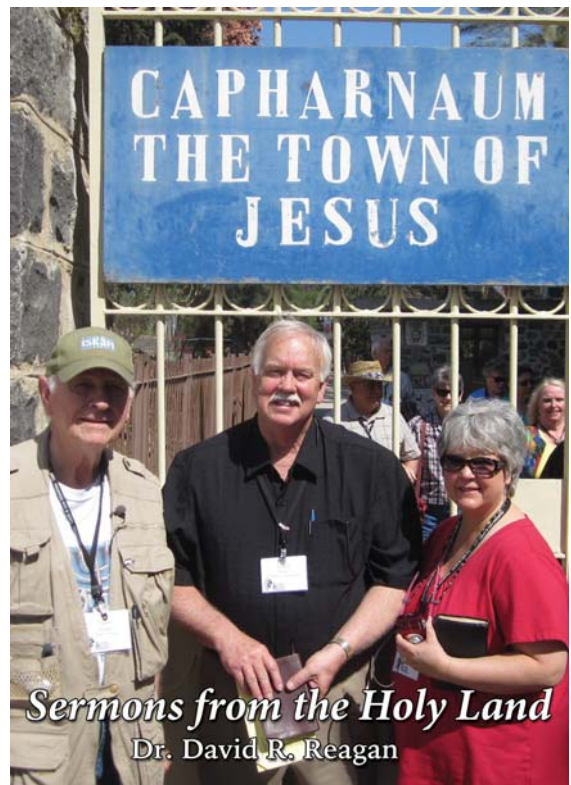
But there is even a problem with this calculation. That’s because the former Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, Ovadiah Yosef (1920 - 2013), took the position that the biblical obligation of the Shemitah holds only when a majority of the Jewish people are living in the biblical Land of Israel. That requirement is yet to be fulfilled in two ways. First, the Jewish population of Israel is slightly more than 6 million, which is not half the Jewish population of the world (13.3 million). And the Jews have not yet regained the land of biblical times.

I think this new book by Cahn is most unfortunate. There is no need to resort to the theatrics of “mysteries” to prove that America is in rebellion against God and is courting the judgment of God. All we need to do is read 2 Chronicles 36:15-16:

15) The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them [the Jewish people] again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

16) but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy. ❖

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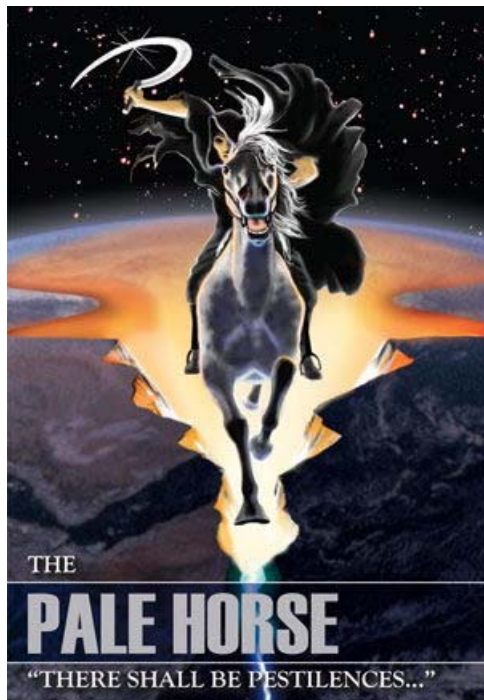
We have extracted ten of Dr. Reagan’s sermons from the 11 television programs we recently broadcast that were shot in Israel while he was hosting a pilgrimage group. They are available in a video album that contains two DVD discs that run a total of two hours and 35 minutes. The sermons are:

- 1) “The Miracle of Israel,” delivered at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv.
- 2) “The Evil of Replacement Theology,” delivered at the Crusader Castle in Akko.
- 3) “The Healing Ministry of Jesus,” delivered at Korazin.
- 4) “The Virgin Birth,” delivered at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.
- 5) “The Wars of the End Times,” delivered at the Fortress of Megiddo in the Valley of Armageddon.
- 6) “David’s Passion for God,” delivered at the Ein Gedi Oasis at the Dead Sea.
- 7) “The Eastern Gate in Prophecy,” delivered at the Dominus Flevit Chapel on the Mount of Olives.
- 8) “The Israeli Military in Prophecy,” delivered at the grave of Jonathan Netanyahu in the Mount Herzl Cemetery.
- 9) “David and the Ark of the Covenant,” delivered at the Church of the Ark in Abu Gosh.
- 10) “Symbolic Prophecy and the Resurrection of Jesus,” delivered at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

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The Pale Horseman: Getting Ready to Ride?

Todd Strandberg



Source: <http://worldtocome.org/>

Throughout history mankind has suffered the crippling effects of various infectious diseases — including times when 90 percent of a city’s population would be wiped out by one of these microscopic germs. When plagues would get really bad in Europe, the nobility would often flee to the countryside.

The greatest killer on the battlefield has always been infectious disease. During the American Civil War twice as many soldiers died from disease than from battle wounds. The Russian winter is famously blamed for decimating Napoleon’s army, but it was really Typhus that killed most of his soldiers.

Smallpox is responsible for an estimated 500 million deaths in the 20th century. This death count is 8 times greater than all the victims of World War II. Smallpox has claimed the most number of lives, but it is also the only infectious disease that man has completely eradicated from nature.

The modern age of antibiotics and vaccines has caused us to be complacent about the threat from microorganisms that would seek to invade and kill the human body. While our drug research has focused on more trivial ailments, deadly diseases have learned to mutate and jump species.

Our struggle with infectious disease may have more to do with spirituality than biology. I recently watched a video that explained why we have been unable to find a cure for AIDS. The bug is simply too devilishly clever for us. The AIDS virus mutates a million times faster than most other viruses. The protein coating of AIDS changes so rapidly that the human immune system has no way to target it. It’s like trying to decipher a coded message while a super computer is constantly

working to scramble the text.

From 1981 to 2014 America spent over \$220 billion on AIDS research. We know more about AIDS than any other virus. Maybe we would have a clearer understanding of the disease if we considered the fact that it is spread almost exclusively by sinful activity.

I’ve been keeping my eye on Ebola for several years. In 1976, the virus was first spotted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Up until now, Ebola has been very elusive — emerging every few years from the jungles of Africa, killing several people, and then disappearing without a trace.

The five known strains of Ebola have a mortality rate of between 50% and 90% of those who are infected. It is generally believed to only spread through close contact with blood or bodily fluid. However, Ebola has managed to infect doctors who wore heavy protective gear. The virus has also resisted all efforts to develop a vaccine.

This current outbreak is the largest to date, killing more than 4,555 people, which is more than all the other outbreaks combined. The largest outbreak to date is the ongoing 2014 West Africa Ebola outbreak which is running unchecked in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. The global community has reason to be worried by the fact that all the other outbreaks were restricted to a single location.

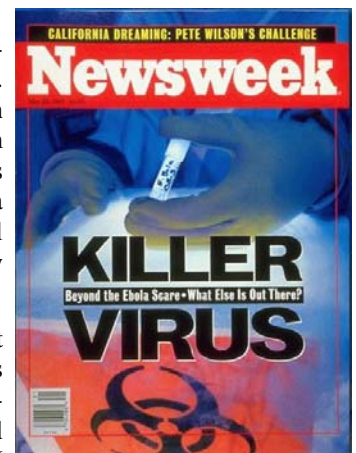
We seem to be under increasing attacks from a growing number of infectious diseases. It was just a few months ago that the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS, was out to get us. The World Health Organization blames MERS for 300 deaths.

In China, around 200 people were killed by the bird flu. The reason for the big concern over diseases that only claim relatively few number of lives is because the gap between a few hundred deaths and several million could become very narrow.

Our closeness to the last days of these end-times increases the likelihood of seeing harmful organisms defy all efforts to control their spread. I have no way of knowing if Ebola will be one of the plagues that will kill over a fourth of the world’s population at the beginning of the Tribulation. If Ebola turns into a pandemic, we have a strong indication that the pale horse rider is getting ready to head out.

“And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, ‘Come and see’. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth” (Revelation 6:7-8). ❖

Note: Todd Strandberg is the founder of the Rapture Ready website (www.raptureready.com).



Will ISIS bring about the demise of Western civilization?

Dr. Michael Youssef



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When Western politicians who make decisions based upon “trust your feelings” meet the cold reality of Islamist logic, the Islamists will win – unless we either change our worldview or replace those politicians with ones who are logical and rational.

Today, many people are wondering if ISIS will ultimately destroy Western civilization. But before I address that question, we need to take a little journey to discover what Western culture has done to itself.

Beginning with the age of reason in the 17th century, Western culture built itself on the foundation of reason and objective truth.

In the 1960s, however, Western culture underwent a radical transformation. A new way of looking at reality — focusing on the inner, subjective experience instead of objective truth — profoundly affected the baby boomer generation.

In 1967, Dr. Timothy Leary toured the U.S., speaking on college campuses with a psychedelic light and sound presentation called “The Death of the Mind.” He urged students to experiment with LSD, start their own psychedelic religions, turn off their rational minds, and reach out to the universe with chemical-altered feelings to “run on, tune in, and drop out.”

Most baby boomers will remember the summer of 1967 as the Summer of Love, with huge gatherings in cities across the United States and Canada. Years later, Time magazine said that the overriding theme of the Summer of Love was “trust your feelings.”

Ten years later, the message was blasted into our collective consciousness with the release of George Lucas' movie, *Star Wars*. In the film, the wise mentor Obi Wan Kenobi instructs

young Luke Skywalker to “trust your feelings.”

Baby boomers then taught that “trust your feelings” message to their children and grandchildren. So now, young people are even more divorced from rational thinking than their parents were – a feeling-based worldview pervades our culture.

Fast-forward to today, where those children and grandchildren are now in power. They are congressmen and women, governors, and even the president. They use their feelings to make decisions on factual matters that require logic and rational thinking.

We feel bad for the poor, so instead of creating a rational program to provide them with employment and therefore dignity, we dole out billions, no trillions of dollars in the form of welfare credit cards by which they can buy alcohol, marijuana, or whatever they may “feel” they need. This reliance on feelings has created dependency, irresponsibility, fraud, and victimhood, to say nothing of trillions of dollars in debt.

Take this whole issue with dealing with a group of murderous, bloodthirsty savages who call themselves the “Islamic State.” Our “trust your feelings” politicians rush to the television cameras explaining that those people are not really Islamic.

But the thugs of ISIS say that they are the true Islam. And furthermore, they say that their beheadings come as a direct order from their religious book, which they say their god gave them. To them, this is very logical and rational.

In accordance with their logic, they will do a whole lot of killing through their foot soldiers and sleeper cells in Western countries, including the United States. They have no emotional investment in these decisions, only clear-cut facts.

When Western politicians who make decisions based upon “trust your feelings” meet the cold reality of Islamist logic, hands down the Islamists will win — that is unless we begin to change either our worldview, or replace our current “feelings” politicians with logical, rational ones.

Back to my question: will ISIS destroy Western civilization? The answer is no — Western foolishness will destroy Western civilization. The instrument used for that destruction notwithstanding.

In my columns I have been raising the alarm louder and louder, but unless this warning is heeded in 2014, 2016, and every election thereafter, I'm afraid our Western civilization as we know it will go down the tubes. ❖



Arrival of the Police State? —

The Mayor of Houston, Annise Parker, is a lesbian and a militant LGBT crusader. She is responsible for the passage of what has come to be called “Houston’s bathroom bill.” It requires women to let sexually confused men



Annise Parker

use their bathrooms, locker rooms and shower facilities. Houston’s pastors rose up in righteous indignation and denounced the ordinance as grossly immoral and an unconscionable invasion of women’s privacy. When the Mayor and two of her homosexual City Council members rammed through the ordinance anyway, the Houston pastors put together a petition drive to force the city to put the issue up for a vote. They quickly garnered more than three times the number of signatures required. When their petition

was rejected, the pastors sued the Mayor. Incredibly, the Mayor retaliated by having the city attorney subpoena five of the pastors’ sermons, emails and videos containing any negative comments about homosexuality or the mayor herself! One commentator characterized the Mayor as “the Gay Gestapo.” Thus far the pastors have refused to comply, despite the Mayor’s threat that she would have them held in contempt of court.

Isn’t it amazing how hypocritical Liberals can be? They talk about freedom of speech, but when they gain power, they try to squelch all the speech they disagree with. They demand separation of church and state, and yet they resort to the power of the state to intimidate the Church. They speak eloquently about the glory of tolerance, but they show utter intolerance toward those who disagree with them.

The Dwindling of Christianity —

In 1990, 86% of Americans claimed to be Christian. That number has plummeted to 75% today. About 65% claim to be church members, and only 20% say that they attend weekly worship services. The most chilling statistic is that only 9% of Americans qualify as “Bible believing Christians,” based upon their responses to a series of questions. In summary, most Americans are “Cultural Christians,” meaning that they claim to be Christians, but they are Christians in name only, with little, if any, outward manifestation of their faith.

There are 344,895 churches in America. Slightly more than half of these — 177,000 — have a membership of 99 or less. The next largest group is those with a membership of 100 to 499 — a total of 105,000 churches.

The total number of Protestants is 77.5 million. Catholics total 58.9 million. The largest Protestant denomination is the Southern Baptist Convention, with 19.8 million. Non-denominational churches come in second with a total of 12.2 million. The Assemblies of God rank third with 2.9 million.

It could be worse. Only 59.5% of the British claim to be Christians, with Islam coming in second at 4.4%. And only 7% of the British attend church.

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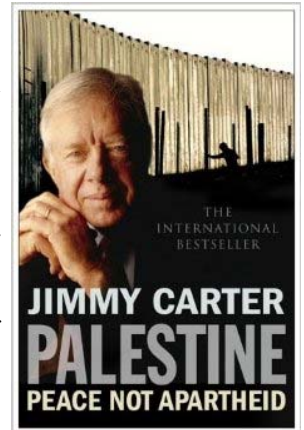
Israel’s Growing Population —

In 1900, there were 40,000 Jews living in Israel (or Palestine, as it was called then). By the end of World War II that population had grown to over 600,000 despite strenuous efforts by the British authorities to keep the

Jews from returning to their homeland. This year, Israel celebrated its 66th birthday. (The state was established on May 14, 1948). On that day, the Central Bureau of Statistics issued a report estimating the nation’s population to be 8.1 million, consisting of 6.1 million Jews, 1.7 million Arabs and 0.3 million other nationalities. This means the Jews constituted 75% of the population, and approximately three-quarters of these were Sabras, meaning they were born in the country.

So, for the first time ever, there are as many Jews living in Israel as there are in the United States, and there are more Jews in Israel than died in the Holocaust. There are almost 14 million Jews in the world (13.7 million). Before long, half of them will be living in Israel.

No Jews are allowed to live in Arab countries. Israel has a population of almost 2 million Arabs, and they are allowed all the rights and liberties of the Jews, including the right to serve in the Jewish parliament, called the Knesset. The only thing they cannot do is serve in the Israeli military. Yet former President Jimmy Carter had the audacity to write a book claiming that Israel practices Apartheid!



Netanyahu at the United Nations —



On September 30 the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, spoke at the United Nations. He presented a powerful, hard-hitting speech in which he characterized militant Islam as “a cancer that’s spreading and must be removed before it’s too late.” He pointed out that wherever militant Islam rules, “women

are treated as chattel, Christians are decimated and minorities are subjugated, sometimes given the stark choice: convert or die.” He characterized Hamas and ISIS as “branches of the same poisonous tree,” both bent on world domination through terror, “just as the Nazis were.” And he observed that the gravest threat in the world today is “the danger of Iran obtaining nuclear weapons.”

Netanyahu concluded his speech by quoting a verse from the book of Isaiah: “For the sake of Zion, I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem, I will not be still until her justice shines bright and her salvation glows like a flaming torch” (Isaiah 62:1).

Pray for this man. Pray that God will give him supernatural wisdom in handling the problems of Israel.✪

God's Timing —

From a 2012 DaySpring calendar:

When the time was right,
the sea parted,
the walls fell down,
the lions went hungry
the sun stood still,
the star appeared,
the waves were calmed,
the stone was rolled away,
the Lord ascended . . .
And when the time is right,
the King of kings will return.

God is never early and He's never late —
He's always right on time
and His plans for you are good.

Spiritual Musings —

"The Church today is full of leopard theologians. They are the ones who believe that only spots of the Bible are inspired, and they know which spots." — Dr. W. A. Criswell (1909-2002), former pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

"The Postmodern view is that there is no truth, except the truth that there is no truth." — Eric Barger, founder of Take A Stand! Ministries.

"We are in the midst of an epidemic of identity theft — the worst example being Jesus. He warned us this would happen, and it is happening. There are false Jesus' all over the landscape." — Warren Smith, former New Age teacher and current Christian defender of the faith.

"God does not get goose bumps when He hears the *Star Spangled Banner*." — Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas.

"Every signer of the United States Constitution signed underneath a statement that read: 'in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven.'" — Carl Gallups, Baptist pastor from Florida and best selling author.

"The Church has invited the world into its sanctuary, and churches today are spending their time entertaining the goats rather than feeding the sheep." — Mike Gendron, founder of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries in Plano, Texas.

"Unfortunately, there is a very important misconception regarding the people who will be left behind when Jesus takes His Church off the face of this planet. The general thinking is: only the bad people will be left to go through the Tribulation because all the good people will go to Heaven and live with God . . . Salvation is not about being 'good.' It's about God's grace . . . None of us deserve Heaven. We are saved by God's grace through our faith in the Person and work of Jesus Christ . . ." — Don McGee, founder of Crown & Sickel Ministries in Amite, Louisiana.

"We are not called to save America. Rather, we are called to save Americans from God's judgment." — Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas.

"God's Church was never ordained to be a social club." — Mike Gendron of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries.



Food for Thought

Preparing Your Bible for the Rapture

You need to write something like the following in the front of your Bible:

If you have been left behind by the Rapture, you need to reach out to God for the salvation of your soul.

1) Why do you need salvation? Read Romans 3:9-18,23. Also read 2 Chronicles 6:36, Psalm 143:2, Jeremiah 17:9 and 1 John 1:10.

2) How do you receive salvation? Read Romans 10:9 and Acts 16:31.

3) Salvation cannot be earned. It is a free gift of God through faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

4) I suggest you pray a prayer like the following: "Dear Heavenly Father, I confess to You that I am a sinner and that I am sorry for my sins. I accept Your Son, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for sending Him to die for my sins. In His name I pray, Amen."

5) After you have become a child of God, you should seek an opportunity to manifest your faith through public confession to others and through baptism. Read Romans 10:9 and Acts 2:38. These things may have to be done secretly among a few fellow believers because of the severe persecution of believers during the Tribulation.

6) As you come under persecution for your faith, read the following passages for encouragement: Isaiah 43:1-3, Psalm 34:15-19, Philippians 4:6-7 and 1 Peter 5:6-7.

The Fifth Gospel —

Words from Dr. Steve DuCett, evangelist for The Berean Bible Ministry (<http://thebereanbibleministry.org>).

"The first four books of the New Testament, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are referred to as the Gospels, which means "good news." The gospels are good news because they announce that the long awaited and prayed for Messiah, Jesus, has finally come. It is good news that He died for our sins. It is good news that He rose from the dead. It is good news that He has reconciled us with God. It is good news that He has opened for us the door to eternal life with God.

"The Book of Revelation tells us the good news that Jesus is still on His throne. It is good news that He is still the head of His Church and knows what is going on. It is good news that He will return. It is good news that He will rule with justice and righteousness. It is good news that Satan and his demons will be cast into the lake of fire. It is good news that there will be new heavens and a new earth. It is good news that the curse that we have lived under since sin entered the world will be lifted.

"The Book of Revelation brings the good news that Jesus is coming again, in answer to our prayer, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The Book of Revelation is no less good news in answer to our prayer than the Gospels are in answer to the ancient prayers of the Jews. There is a fifth gospel, it is called The Book of Revelation." ❖

Put Yourself in this Picture



Our June 2014 group of pilgrims standing on the Mount of Olives, with the Old City of Jerusalem behind them. The author of this article, Tim Moore, is circled. The arrow is pointing to the co-host of the pilgrimage, Sam McCullough, who is a Lamb & Lion trustee.

“Next Year in Jerusalem!”

Tim Moore

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That fervent aspiration, “Next year in Jerusalem!” has echoed from the lips of every Jew for over 19 centuries as the hopeful declaration and the closing prayer of every Passover meal. Over the last 100 years, more and more Jews have taken advantage of modern transportation to return to their Promised Homeland in increasing numbers — both as permanent immigrants and as glad-hearted guests.

For many years, most Christians had little inclination and limited opportunity to journey to the Promised Land. But as more and more Christians have become serious students of Scripture, they realize that God has not forgotten His promises to His Chosen People or the Promised Land. And, they are drawn to the ancient land that God calls the “Holy Land” (Zechariah 2:12).

So, why should a 21st century disciple of Jesus Christ consider a pilgrimage to modern-day Israel? I can think of several reasons. First, there is no substitute for first-hand experience — literally “walking where Jesus walked.” Visiting the places where Jesus ministered offers insight and understanding of the geography and terrain as well as the sweep of God’s revelation

in a chosen place to a chosen people. History — or His story — becomes clearer when you see how ancient promises were fulfilled in the Promised Land. And, the continuing faithfulness of God among the Jewish people bears testimony to God’s goodness and fulfillment of prophecy before our very eyes. Also, our Lamb & Lion pilgrimages emphasize the connection between ancient history from Scripture, fulfilled prophecy in modern times, and the culmination of history and prophecy in the soon return of Jesus Christ.

In summary, a Christian visiting modern Israel receives:

1) **Illumination and understanding.** While there, you will—

- Stand on Mount Carmel and hear the words of Elijah before he kills the prophets of Baal: “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God follow Him; but if Baal is God follow him” (1 Kings 18:21).
- Walk among the rubble of the cities of Capernaum and Korazin and hear Jesus say “Woe to you” because they did not repent (Matthew 11:20-21).
- Experience the scorching heat of the Ein Gedi oasis at the Dead Sea and truly understand why David wrote, “As a deer pants for the streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (Psalm 42:1).
- Stand atop the fortress of Megiddo and look over the Valley of Jezreel (Armageddon) where the armies will gather in the end times to come against the Lord and will be destroyed (Joel 3:14).

- Pray in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asked the Father “If you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but your will be done” (Luke 22:42).
- Walk the very streets where Jesus carried the cross on His way to fulfill the Father’s will (John 19:17).
- Stand before the Hill of the Skull and then enter into the empty tomb where many believe the body of Jesus was buried (John 19:17 and Matthew 28:5-6).

Can you see it? Can you hear it?



Tim praying at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

2) Motivation to dig even deeper in their personal study of the Word. If you are a student of Scripture but have never visited the Promised Land where Jesus lived and ministered, I can promise that your faith will be strengthened, your joy will be heightened, and your anticipation of the Lord’s soon return will be set aflame.

3) Connectivity with other like-minded believers who share the experience and provide mutual encouragement. Nothing can compare to the joy and peace and understanding one receives when walking with, talking with, and worshipping with brothers and sisters in Christ in the place where the Word of God was, is being, and will be fulfilled.

4) A greater love for the Jewish people — not because of their inherent worth or merit (any more than any other people), but because God is obviously honoring His promise to regather and bless His Chosen People in these “end days.”

5) The ability and desire to come back home and share your experiences, insights and renewed passion with your church, family and friends. The return on your investment will overflow into the lives of people all around you.

6) A heightened sense of Jesus’ soon return. You will peer intently up into the sky on the Mount of Olives imagining the sight the disciples saw when Jesus was taken up before them and then hear the words of two men say, “Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Then, you will look down on the Eastern Gate of the city where Jesus will soon enter to reign as King of kings (Acts 1:10-11 and Psalm 24:7-10).

Key Questions

Some folks express a degree of reluctance or concern about visiting the Holy Land because of a perception that Israel is “dangerous.” So, is it safe to visit Israel? Having been to Israel several times, and traveled throughout the United States and much of the world (including some very dangerous places), I can tell you that I feel safer in Israel than most American cities. Even the most hesitant pilgrims quickly learn that their fears were overwrought. Furthermore, we do not go into the areas of unrest, like the Gaza Strip or the West Bank.

Is it worth the expense and investment of time? While not inexpensive, the cost is all-inclusive and is very reasonable for a pilgrimage of this quality. For this “once in a lifetime” experience, it is truly a bargain. No one who has gone to Israel with Lamb & Lion has regretted this investment in their increased understanding of and appreciation for what they have read in Scripture for years.

I can assure that you will be blessed and that you will return home praising the Lord for impressing on your heart to go. I can also promise that you will come back excited about His Second Coming and crying, “Maranatha, Come quickly, Lord Jesus!”

An Invitation

Our next pilgrimage is planned for early June. Come with us. Make Aliyah (Hebrew for “going up”) to Israel. Gaze upon the hills and valleys and rivers and streams that Jesus saw. See with your eyes and hear with your heart the wonders of the great “I AM”! Stand where He will set His foot once again when He steps out of heaven to reign from Mount Zion in Jerusalem. Lay claim to the prophecy of Isaiah when he said:

... And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths...” (Isaiah 2:3).

So, instead of praying, “Next year in Jerusalem,” join us this year. You’ll be glad you did! ❖

Note: Our next pilgrimage is scheduled for June 6-17. The air carrier will be Lufthansa, which means we will spend the night in Frankfurt on our return journey to the States. In Israel, we will spend two nights in Tel Aviv, two nights in Tiberias (on the Sea of Galilee), and five nights in Jerusalem. The hosts will be Tim Moore and George Collich. George is our senior staff member. Both have been to Israel many times, and both have been trained by Dr. Reagan to serve as pilgrimage hosts. Every aspect of the pilgrimage has been planned by Dr. Reagan. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, give us a call at 972-736-3567 or email us at lamblion@lamblion.com, and we will send you a detailed brochure.



Announcing the 2015 Lamb & Lion Bible Conference

Theme: *Messages for a Rebellious Nation*

Dates: July 10-11, 2015 (Friday evening through Saturday afternoon)

Location: The Marriott Conference Center in Allen, Texas

Host: Dr. David Reagan and the Staff of Lamb & Lion Ministries

Speakers

Kelly Shackelford — President of Liberty Institute in Texas, an influential non-profit law firm, dedicated to defending and restoring religious liberty across America. He is a constitutional scholar who has argued before the U. S. Supreme Court and testified before the U.S. House and Senate on constitutional issues related to religious liberty.



Bob Russell — Former pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the nation's largest churches. Now through Bob Russell Ministries, he continues to preach at churches and conferences, provide guidance for church leadership, mentor other ministers, author books and produce Bible study videos for use in small groups.



Tim Wildmon — President of the American Family Association (AFA) and American Family Radio (AFR). AFA is a pro-family advocacy organization with over two million online supporters. He is the co-host of two national radio programs produced by the AFA. He frequently appears on secular TV programs as a spokesman for conservative Christian values.



Carl Gallups — Pastor of Hickory Hammock Baptist Church in Milton, Florida, and host of a conservative radio talk show with a large national audience. Author of the best-selling books, *The Magic Man in the Sky*, and *The Rabbi Who Found Messiah*. He is the founder of the PPSIMMONS YouTube ministry channel. An eloquent speaker and an aggressive defender of the faith.



Dave Reagan — A former professor of international law and politics. Founder of Lamb & Lion Ministries and its Senior Evangelist. Host of the ministry's TV program, "Christ in Prophecy" which is broadcast nationwide. Author of many books about Bible prophecy. Expert on the Middle East which he has visited 45 times. Producer of many video teaching programs.



Musicians

The conference will begin on Friday evening, July 10 with a concert by Marty Goetz. Marty is a Messianic Jewish musician, recording artist, and anointed worship leader. He was the featured musician at our 2009 conference and is being invited back by popular demand.



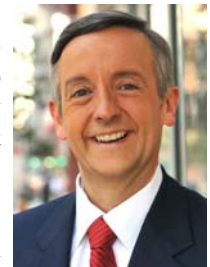
Hollingsworth

Our featured vocalist will be Jack Hollingsworth. Jack wandered the streets homeless for 20 years before his life was transformed by Jesus. For the past 20 years he and his wife, Sally, have traveled the nation speaking, teaching, and singing. He is the featured singer on the Lamb & Lion television program, "Christ in Prophecy."

Marty Goetz

Banquet

The conference will kickoff on Friday evening with a banquet that will celebrate Lamb & Lion Ministry's 35th anniversary. Marty Goetz will provide a concert, and Robert Jeffress will be the featured speaker. Jeffress is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas. He is known for his boldness and courage in speaking out in behalf of Christianity and absolute truth. He is an anointed speaker, writer and defender of the faith.



Robert Jeffress

Registration

The five **Saturday** sessions of the conference are free of charge, but seating is limited, so registration is required. To register, call 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday, or register at our website: www.lamblion.com. For those desiring to attend the **Friday** evening banquet, there is a charge of \$50 per person that must be paid at the time of registration for the conference.

Venue and Accommodations

The conference will be held at the Marriott Conference Center in Allen, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. The Marriott will also serve as the official conference hotel. A special room rate of \$99 has been arranged. To reserve a room, call 214-383-1151 or 1-800-627-7468 and ask for the Lamb & Lion Conference rate (group code LLMC). ❖

“Christ in Prophecy” Broadcast Schedule

National Networks

Daystar Network DirecTV Channel 369 DISH Channel 263 On cable networks throughout the nation.				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm

The Church Channel Network DirecTV Channel 371 DISH Channel 258				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sat. 6:30pm	Sat. 7:30pm	Sat. 8:30pm	Sat. 9:30pm

National Religious Broadcasters Network DirecTV Channel 378				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm

Golden Eagle Broadcasting Network DirecTV Channel 363				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Tues. 4:00pm	Tues. 5:00pm	Tues. 6:00pm	Tues. 7:00pm

The TCT Network DirecTV Channel 377				
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The CTN Network DirecTV Channel 376 DISH Channel 267				
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LeSea World Harvest Network DirecTV Channel 367 AT&T U-verse Channel 578				
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Cornerstone Network 113 Affiliated Stations and Glorystar Satellite				
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Day Time	Sun 6:00pm	Sun. 7:00pm	Sun. 8:00pm	Sun. 9:00pm

Regional Networks

Family Vision Network in Louisiana — Various times. See: www.kajn.com/familyvision. Three broadcast stations and 11 cable systems.

KSCE in El Paso, Texas — Sundays at 10:30am Mountain time. Channel 38. Also carried locally on DirecTV, DISH, & AT&T U-verse on channel 38.

VTN Victory TV in Arkansas — Saturdays, 6:00pm Central time. Three broadcast stations. Also carried locally on DirecTV, DISH & AT&T U-verse on channel 25.

KTLN in San Francisco, California — Sundays at 6:30pm Pacific time. Channel 25. Also carried locally on DirecTV & DISH on channel 68.

TLN in Chicago, Illinois — Sundays at 6:30pm Central time. Channel 138.

KVBA In Alamogordo, New Mexico — Thursdays at 8:30 pm Mountain time. Channel 19.

KAZQ TV-32 in Albuquerque, New Mexico — Sunday at Noon and Friday at 9:00pm Mountain time.

WTGL in Orlando, Florida — Sunday at 12:30am Eastern time.

Internet Networks

HisChannel.com — Sunday at 9:30pm Central time. On demand access anytime.

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YouTube.com/user/ChristinProphecy — On demand anytime.

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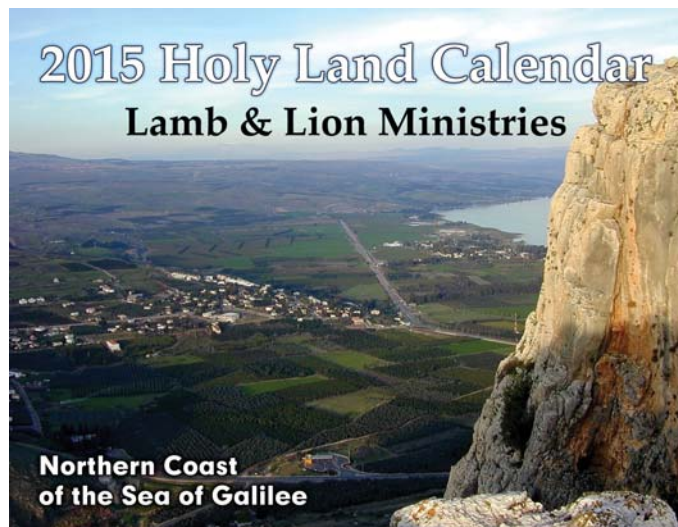
DailyMotion.com/us — On demand anytime. This is the European version of YouTube.

LambLion.com — On demand anytime.

Ministry News

Speaking Schedule — In February, Dr. Reagan will be one of the speakers at a Bible prophecy conference to be hosted by First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas (27-28). Another of the speakers will be Pastor Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church in Dallas. Because of his wife's illness, Dr. Reagan will be limiting his out-of-town speaking engagements during 2015 to one a month. But the ministry's other evangelists, Tim Moore and Nathan Jones, will be available to accept invitations to speak at churches and conferences.

2015 Calendar —



Our Holy Land calendar for 2015 is ready for distribution. It features 13 full color photographs of scenes in Israel. The calendar is priced at \$5 each plus the cost of shipping. You can order it through our website at lamblion.com, or you can order by calling our office at 972-736-3567, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time.



The Dean of Prophecy —

Dr. Charles Pack, the man whom Dr. Reagan always referred to as "The Dean of Bible Prophecy," was called home to the Lord on September 15. He was 96 years old. Dr. Pack was a native of Oklahoma. After serving three years in the Navy during World War II, he attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. When he graduated in 1951, he served as pastor of a Bible Church in Chicago and a Baptist Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, before returning to Oklahoma in 1957 to start Faith Bible Church in Tulsa. In 1977 he resigned his pastorate and started devoting his full time to the teaching and preaching of the Lord's soon return. He formed a ministry called Thy Kingdom Come and began to broadcast television programs and host an annual prophecy conference. Dr. Reagan spoke at his conferences several times. His associate for ten years, Phillip Goodman, continues the ministry today under a new name — Bible Prophecy As Written (www.bibleprophecyaswritten.com).

Website — Lamb & Lion Ministries continues to reach out to the nearly three billion people accessible worldwide over the Internet with the message of the soon return of Jesus. Our main website at www.lamblion.com is visited by 335,000 people on average per month. That's 10-15,000 people per day downloading over 1.5 million pages of prophetic teachings and podcasting files per month!

The Lamb & Lion App has been installed on over 23,000 Apple, Android, Windows and Kindle devices and launched over 200,000 times. The Christ in Prophecy Journal blog at www.lamblion.us provides nearly 1,600 articles to those throughout the world who want a daily dose of Bible prophecy. The "Christ in Prophecy" television program is viewable 24/7 on our main website, along with online video networks like LightSource, HisChannel, YouTube and Vimeo. New social network outreaches through the 8,500 members of our Facebook group, Twitter and Google+ pages continue to greatly expand. Thousands of learning resources have been purchased through our online store at www.bibleprophecyresources.com, Amazon and Nook.

Join the other 30,000 people who have signed up for our bi-weekly e-newsletter by visiting www.lamblion.com today!

Israel Pilgrimage — Our next pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for June 6-17. It will include two nights in Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean, two in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and five in Jerusalem. En route back to the States, we will stop over for a night in Frankfurt, Germany. Be sure to note the article that begins on page 19 in this issue. Call our office for a detailed brochure.

Prophecy Partner Program —



Prophecy Partner John Mulliniks of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is shown above with George Collich, the ministry's senior staff member and the ministry's Director of Finance. As Dallas Cowboy fans, we love him despite his New Orleans Saints' shirt!

Our greatest need is more Prophecy Partners. In order to continue expanding our outreach, we need to grow our Prophecy Partner base above 3,000. To become a Prophecy Partner, just give us a call and make a minimum commitment of \$25 per month. You will receive a special Prophecy Partner letter and gift each month from Dr. Reagan, and you will be eligible for discounts on many of our Bible study materials.✚



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A Classic Book About Prophecy

Dr. Reagan's book, *God's Plan for the Ages*, provides a sweeping overview of every aspect of Bible prophecy.

The book was first published in 1993 with the title, *The Master Plan*. It was quickly translated and published in almost a dozen languages. At the turn of the century, Dr. Reagan decided to start preparing a greatly expanded version of the book. It was published in 2005 and has gone through several printings since that time.

The original book contained 25 chapters. This expanded edition contains 42 chapters, plus an epilogue that presents a verse-by-verse exposition of Psalm 2 — one of the greatest end time prophecies in the Bible. The original book ran 243 pages. This new version runs 413 pages.

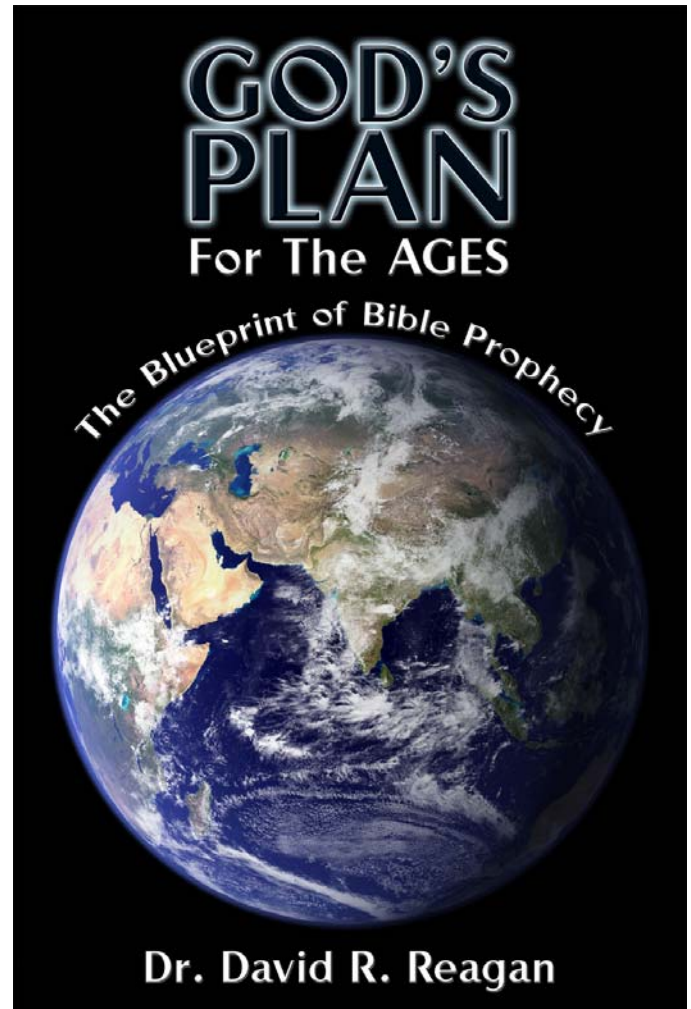
One of the unique features of this book is that every chapter stands on its own. Thus, the reader can turn to any chapter whose topic sounds interesting and read that chapter without having to read the chapters that precede it.

In 2010 Dr. Jack Van Impe purchased 5,000 copies of this book to offer to his supporters. In the letter he sent to them about the book, he said:

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