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Observations by the Editor

The Middle East

As this issue of our magazine went to the press, Israel was battling terrorist organizations on two fronts. And even though the Israelis were acting in self-defense, they were being condemned by most of the world. Some things never seem to change!

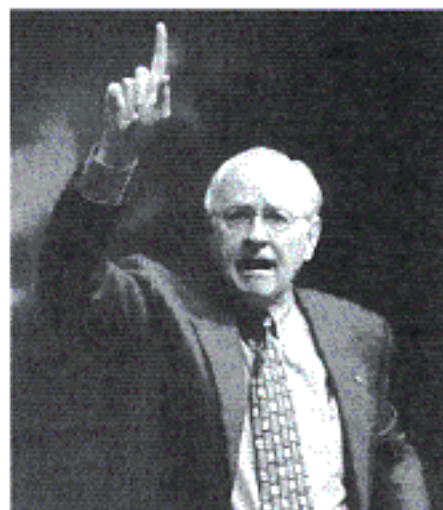
Even those who agreed that Israel had a right to strike at both Lebanon and Gaza argued that Israel's response was "disproportionate." What hypocrisy! Every nation criticizing Israel would be doing the same thing Israel is doing if terrorist groups started lobbing missiles into their country.

As long as Jews are being killed, the world remains silent. When Israel finally strikes back and non-Jews start dying, the world gets interested in a cease-fire.

I praise God that President Bush has stood firmly behind Israel in the midst of this current crisis. He understands that Israel is an ally in our world war against Islamic Fascism. We are either going to fight these people abroad in places like Iraq, Lebanon and Gaza, or we are going to fight them in Florida and Connecticut and North Carolina.

Many people called or emailed me asking for me to post an article on our website explaining the current conflict. That was not necessary because the article was already there. It is one that I wrote in 2003 entitled, "The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective." Go to our website's home page at www.lamblion.com, look on the left side of the page, and you will see the "Question of the Month: What is going on in the Middle East?" Click on that question, and it will take you to an in-depth essay that will help you better understand why Israel is at war with its neighbors.

The world's incredible hypocrisy toward Israel is an expression of deep-seeded anti-Semitism. Satan inspires it because he hates the Jews with a passion. He hates them because they are God's Chosen People and because they gave the world the Bible and the Messiah. He also hates them because God has promised to bring a great remnant of the Jews to sal-



Dr. Reagan preaching.

vation in Yeshua at the end of the Great Tribulation. Satan desires to kill every Jew on earth so that God cannot keep His promise. That is what the Holocaust was all about.

There are four key prophecies about the Jewish people in the end times:

- 1) They will be regathered from the four corners of the earth (Isaiah 11:10-12).
- 2) They will re-establish their state (Isaiah 66:7-8).
- 3) They will re-occupy the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 8:7-8).
- 4) The whole world will come against them over the issue of who will control Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2-3).

The first three of these prophecies were fulfilled in the 20th Century. The fourth is being fulfilled before our very eyes at the moment.

Jesus is at the very gates of Heaven, ready to return. We are living on borrowed time. ❖

Cover Art — Our cover art this month was done by Teresa Fasolino. She is a nationally recognized illustrator and a medal winner from the Society of Illustrators. She teaches at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. You can learn more about her art work at www.newborngroup.com.

The cover layout was done by Keith Fink who is a graphic artist at The Master's Press in Dallas, Texas.

Jesus: The Lamb & Lion

Dr. David R. Reagan

Every week we receive several messages asking, "Where in the Bible does it say the lamb will lie down with the lion?" The person usually adds that he or she has spent considerable time searching for the verse without success, and they decided to contact us because of the name of our ministry. "With a name like Lamb & Lion," they say, "surely you know where this verse is located."

The Surprising Answer

Well, folks, the startling answer is that no such verse exists! People find this hard to believe. As one person expressed it to me, "I have received too many Christmas cards with pictures of a lamb and a lion for such a verse not to exist!" I guess this mythical verse ranks right up there with the one that supposedly says, "The Lord helps those who help themselves."

The verse people are searching for is Isaiah 11:6. It is the first verse in a passage that describes how the earth will be transformed when Jesus returns and the curse on nature is lifted. It says: "The wolf will dwell with the lamb."

Yes, it is the *wolf* that is pictured with the lamb, not the lion. The lion is mentioned in verse 7 where it says, "The lion will eat straw like the ox."

There is no doubt that the lamb and lion will lie down together during the Lord's millennial reign, because all of nature will be reconciled in peace, but the biblical reference is to the wolf and the lamb. I guess artists have just always found it more dramatic to picture the lamb and the lion together.

Seeking a Ministry Name

The name of our ministry has nothing to do with these verses in Isaiah 11. When I formed this ministry in 1980, I sought a name that was related to the ministry's purpose of teaching Bible prophecy and proclaiming the soon return of the Lord. My first choice was Maranatha Ministries. I liked that name because Maranatha is an Aramaic expression that means "O Lord come!" (1 Corinthians 16:22). But when I checked with the Secretary of State of Texas, I found that name had already been taken.

So, I started praying for the Lord to give me a new and distinctive name. That's when He



laid "Lamb & Lion Ministries" on my heart. I liked the name because it pointed to the two great prophetic images of the Messiah that are found in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Messiah is pictured as the Suffering Lamb and the Conquering Lion. As the Suffering Lamb, it was prophesied that He would die for the sins of Mankind. His image as the Conquering Lion had to do with the time when He would pour out wrath on the enemies of God and then begin reigning over all the earth.

The two images were so distinct that the Jewish sages concluded they must be talking about two Messiahs. They referred to the Suffering Lamb as Messiah ben Joseph. The Conquering Lion was called Messiah ben David. They could not see that the prophets were talking about one Messiah who would come twice, each time in a different role and for a different purpose.

The Suffering Lamb

The concept of the Messiah as a Suffering Lamb is rooted in the Passover Feast and the requirement that each family sacrifice an unblemished male lamb as an animal atonement for sins. We know, of course, that such a sacrifice was insufficient to truly atone for sins (Hebrews 9:11-16), but it was an expression of faith that provided a temporary covering of their sins. Their full forgiveness would have to await the sacrifice of a perfect man, the Lamb of God.

That's the reason that when Old Testament saints died, their souls did not go to Heaven. Instead, they went to a temporary holding place called Paradise or "Abraham's bosom," which was a compartment in Sheol — called Hades in the New Testament (Luke 16:19-31). They could not go to Heaven and exist in the presence of a holy God because their sins were only covered by their faith and not forgiven.

When Jesus, the perfect Lamb of God, died on the Cross, His spirit descended into Hades where He made a proclamation (1 Peter 3:19 and 4:6). We are not told specifically what He proclaimed, but undoubtedly it must have been, "The blood has been shed!" I can only imagine the roar of celebration that must have come from the saints who had been awaiting that news. Now, their sins were forgiven. Now, they could go to Heaven.

That's the meaning of a rather enigmatic passage in Ephesians 4:8 which says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives and He gave gifts to men." When Jesus ascended to Heaven, He took Paradise with



Pictures of the wolf with the lamb are very rare.

Him. Paul later affirmed this in his writings (2 Corinthians 12:1-4).

Ever since that time, when a believer dies, his spirit goes directly to Heaven. The Cross changed everything. Today, when a person puts his faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior, his sins are not only covered but forgiven because "the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sins" (1 John 1:7).

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Isaiah 53 is the great Suffering Lamb passage. It states that the sins of Mankind would be placed on the Messiah and "like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth" (Isaiah 53:7). He would be rendered as a "guilt offering," and as a result of "the anguish of His soul," He would "justify the many" (Isaiah 53:10-11).

In response to this prophecy, many years later when Jesus appeared at the Jordan River to be baptized, John the Baptist cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" (John 1:29 and 36). Using this same imagery, the Apostle Peter wrote that we have not been "redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold . . . but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The Conquering Lion

The image of the Conquering Lion was used by the Hebrew prophets to symbolize what we today refer to as "The Second Coming." The Messiah was pictured as a roaring lion who comes to pour out the wrath of God on those who have rejected the Lord's grace, mercy, and love.

As the lion or the young lion grows over his prey . . . So will the Lord of hosts come down to wage war on Mount Zion . . . the Lord of hosts will protect Jerusalem. He will protect and deliver it. He will pass over and rescue it. — Isaiah 31:4-5

The Lord will roar from on high and utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. — Jeremiah 25:30

[The Lord] will roar like a lion; indeed He will roar, and His sons . . . will come trembling from the west. They will come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will settle them in their houses . . . — Hosea 11:10-11

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars lose their



brightness. And the Lord roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the Lord is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel. — Joel 3:15-16

The Book of Revelation

In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John combines the images of the lamb and lion to express the full meaning of Jesus as Messiah.

At the beginning of chapter 4, John is raptured to Heaven (a symbolic form of the Rapture of the Church before the Tribulation begins). In chapters 4 and 5 John describes the glorious heavenly scene of God's marvelous throne surrounded by 24 elders and guarded by four strange creatures which are representative of all of God's creation.

At first, John focuses on the never-ceasing worship and the songs of adoration which celebrate God's holiness and power. But at chapter 5 John's attention suddenly shifts to a scroll in the right hand of God. It is sealed with seven seals. John seems to immediately sense the significance of this scroll which, in chapter 10, is revealed to be the title deed of planet earth.

A "strong angel" suddenly proclaims in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" (Revelation 5:2). No one appears to be worthy, and John begins to weep. It is at this point that one of the 24 elders says to John: "Stop weeping. Behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the scroll and its seven seals (Revelation 5:5).

When John turns to look at the Lion, he sees instead a Lamb "standing, as if slain . . ." He looks for the Lion and sees a bloody Lamb. The Lamb takes the scroll from God's hand, and all of the heavenly host breaks forth in song (Revelation 5:9):

Worthy are You to take the scroll, and to break its seals; for You were slain, and did purchase for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

In chapter 10 we are presented with a flash-forward that shows Jesus in the Second Coming portrayed as a "mighty angel" who returns to earth with the scroll open in His hand. He comes to claim the earth for His saints who will rule with Him. Reverting back to Old Testament imagery, the passage says He will cry out "with a loud voice, as when a lion roars" (Revelation 10:3).

Strangely, throughout the rest of Revelation, John uses the Lamb imagery when referring to the Messiah during the Tribulation and at His Second Coming. It is the Lamb who is pictured as pouring out the wrath of God (Revelation 6:16-17). It is the Lamb who



The Shekinah glory of God shines forth from Mount Zion in Jerusalem as the wolf dwells peacefully with the lamb.

wages war against the Antichrist and his forces (Revelation 17:14).



This picture of Jesus, the Lamb and the Lion, is from the series of majestic illustrations of the book of Revelation that have been painted by Pat Marvenko Smith. You can find her artistic resources at www.revelationillustrated.com.

I believe John emphasizes the Messiah as a Lamb because it symbolizes the great price He paid for the sins of Mankind. It also reminds us of the Lamb's vindication as He returns to take the earth's dominion from Satan. And it emphasizes that Jesus is going to receive the honor and glory that He so richly deserves — the glory He was denied when He came as the Suffering Lamb.

As we wait for the fulfillment of Revelation's prophecies, let us exalt the Lamb and yearn earnestly for the Lion. ♦

Revelation Resources

Dr. Reagan's book, *Wrath and Glory*, is an excellent resource for studying the book of Revelation.

It is written in a down-to-earth, easy-to-understand style. It takes you through the book of Revelation chapter by chapter, demonstrating that the book can be understood and that it has practical relevance to our lives here and now.

The book contains charts and diagrams to help you better visualize the message. It also contains an entire chapter devoted to answering the most commonly asked questions about Revelation. The book runs 240 pages in length and sells for \$10. To order, call 1-800-705-8316 between 8am and 5pm (Central time), Monday through Friday.

Another good Revelation resource is Dr. Reagan's verse by verse audio commentary on the book. It is available on 12 cassettes, 12 CDs, or one MP3 CD. The cassette and CD albums sell for \$35. The MP3 CD sells for \$15. There is also a study guide designed to be used with any of these audio albums. It sells for \$5. ♦



Food for Thought

Dave Hunt — Bible prophecy expert and Christian apologist:

"Through the Christian emphasis on psychology rather than the Word of God, we have turned the salvation of souls into the healing of minds."



Chuck Colson — Christian commentator on the national and world scene:

"The statement that there are no moral absolutes is an absolute statement.
The statement that it is wrong to moralize is a moralizing statement.
The statement that tolerance must be our guideline for life is an intolerant statement."



Mike Gendron — Christian evangelist who is founder and director of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries:

"I believe the Roman Catholic Church is Satan's greatest counterfeit."
"Robert Schuller finds Peale appealing and Paul appalling."



Lars Enarson — Founder and director of Watchman International Ministries:

"The Church began as a Jewish movement in Jerusalem, became a philosophy in Greece, an institution in Rome, a culture in Europe, and a business in America."



Don McGee — Founder and director of Crown & Sickle Ministries. Comment made in response to those who love to challenge others to religious debates:

"When you wrestle with a hog, you both get muddy, and the hog loves it!"



Mark Steyn — Columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*:

"The United Nations is a shamefully squalid organization whose corruption is almost impossible to exaggerate."

Dr. Peter Marshall: A Poetic Preacher with a Prophet's Voice

Dr. David R. Reagan

I was wandering through a Christian bookstore recently when a book entitled, *The Wartime Sermons of Dr. Peter Marshall*, caught my eye. I had heard of Peter Marshall all my life, but I really knew almost nothing about him except that he had served briefly after World War II as Chaplain of the U. S. Senate.

I picked up the book and started browsing through it. I could not put it down. Even though it was an expensive hardback, I decided to purchase it. It was a Saturday afternoon, and I spent the rest of that day and all that evening devouring what turned out to be a collection of masterpiece sermons.

Peter Marshall was born and raised in Coatbridge, Scotland. He immigrated to the United States in 1927. In the 22 years between the time he came ashore at Ellis Island, New York, and his death in 1949 at the age of only 46, he became one of America's most famous preachers. For 12 years (1937-1949) he served as pastor of New York Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. During the last two years of his life (1947-1949), he also served as Chaplain to the U.S. Senate.

His wife, Catherine Marshall, wrote a best-selling biography of him entitled *A Man Called Peter*. It was subsequently made into a much-heralded movie in 1955 starring Richard Todd.

A Unique Style of Preaching

His son, Peter J. Marshall, says that what made his father's preaching so remarkable was "that he had the soul of a poet." That was certainly true, both in the way he expressed his ideas and in the way he wrote them on paper. Consider, for example, his famous description of a sunset:

The sun, like a ball of fire, sinks lower and lower, until it meets in a blistering kiss the western horizon . . . after having set the heavens on fire, until they glow

with scarlet
crimson
cerise
vermillion
pink
rose
blush
and coral,

leaving in his wake clouds, curling like nebulous dust, from under the chariot wheels of the sun.

It was a pictorial and imaginative style of preaching, focused on painting word pictures for people. His son says it was a style he began practicing in seminary, and "by the grace of God, his seminary professors didn't try to change him. Instead, they encouraged him to develop his own style. And his own it was — unique in the annals of American preachers."



Dr. Peter Marshall, his wife, Catherine, and their son, Peter John.

Peter Marshall did not preach to people's heads. He aimed at their hearts. That doesn't mean that his sermons were devoid of intellectual content. They were full of it. But he expressed himself in a way that touched people's innermost being. Using his father's writing style, his son expresses his father's preaching style in the following way:

He wanted to grip the *hearts* of the listeners,
to help them *feel* the reality of a living Savior,
to know that Jesus loved *them*,
and understood what they were going through.

The Nature of the Book

The book, *The Wartime Sermons* (Clarion Call Marketing, Dallas, 2005), was edited by Dr. Marshall's son, the Reverend Peter J. Marshall. It contains 11 sermons preached during World War II and one that was delivered in 1947. It also contains 7 pastoral prayers that were delivered during the war.

His son says that the reason he decided to publish these particular sermons is because they are so relevant to the United States today as it is engaged in a worldwide war against terrorism. He is certainly right with that assessment. The messages are as fresh as if they had been written after the 9/11 attacks in 2001.

God bless America or America bless God?

In September of 1940, one year before the attack on Pearl Harbor, in a sermon entitled, "Why Should God Bless America?" Dr. Marshall addressed the prevailing isolationist, anti-war men-

The Faith America Needs

(An excerpt from a sermon by Dr. Peter Marshall, delivered to the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. on February 14, 1943. It is just as applicable to our nation today, if not more so, than when it was delivered. The excerpt is presented below exactly as it appeared in Dr. Marshall's sermon script. He not only spoke poetically; he also typed the layout of his sermon in poetic form, similar to the method that was used by Carl Sandburg.)

America needs a faith today that will match its crisis. It needs the faith of the founding fathers and mothers. It needs the old fashioned faith in God that supported and strengthened our American pioneers during their times of peril and distress.

Our fathers and mothers were not ashamed of their faith.
They believed in God.
They were not ashamed to pray.
To them faith was as real as fire,
 and prayer was as real as potatoes.
And their faith gave them certainty of conviction,
 a comforting assurance within,
 and an invincible courage that brought victory.

God honored them because they honored Him.

What was the stuff that old fashioned religion was made of?
It was made of great beliefs.
It cast its anchor deeper than guesses,
 or notions,
 or fantasies.
It was not a walking question mark . . .
 it was a standing conviction.

Storms could not shake it . . .
 floods could not wash it away.

It was the great beliefs of Washington,
 Franklin,
 Jefferson,
 and Lincoln that made them great.

Democracy,
 which reaches its highest peak in this country,
 will fail when God is forgotten and His Book neglected.

The strongest bulwark of our American heritage is the Christian home.
When that goes ---
 our American heritages goes with it.
Let us make no mistake about that.

tality that had gripped most Americans. He boldly asserted, "I am one of those who believe that there are some things worth fighting for and worth dying for, if need be." But then he quickly added, "The trouble with our age is not so much that it cannot believe there is anything worth dying for, but that it is not so sure that there is anything worth *living* for."

With regard to the war raging in Europe at the time, he proclaimed that he was on "the horns of a terrible dilemma." As he put it, "We all hate and abhor war, we detest it. It is contrary to all the principles of Christ . . . And yet, at the same time, I feel that there are certain qualities, certain principles, certain heritages, certain liberties, for which a man should be willing to fight and even dare to die."

Democracy or God?

Ever since our war on terrorism began, President Bush has spoken repeatedly of his belief that the spread of democracy among the Muslim countries of the world is the key to peace. Here is what Dr. Marshall had to say about that idea in his 1940 sermon:

The idea may be abroad in some quarters that democracy is the thing that must be preserved . . .
and that God is brought in as its servant.
We must not get the cart before the horse.

The plea of the Church today is not
that people shall call upon God to return to our democracy and bless it . . .
but rather that we shall together cause our democracy to return to God and be blessed.

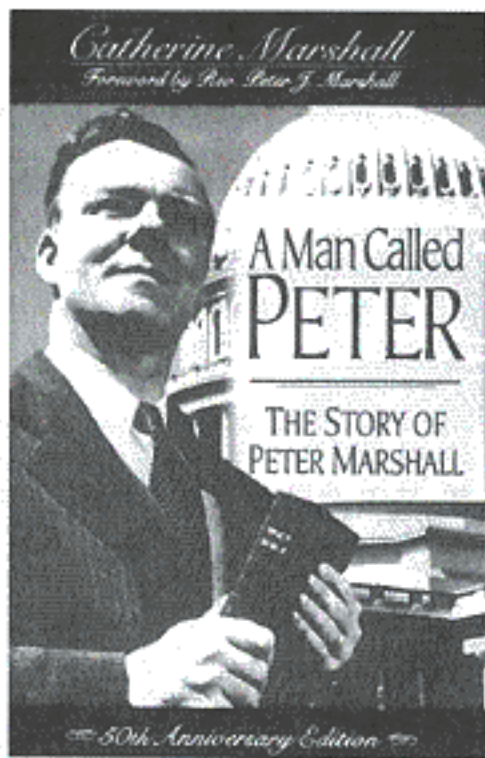
The Causes of War

In May of 1942 Dr. Marshall preached a very powerful sermon entitled "Why Does God Permit War?" He used James 4:1 as his text: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (KJV).

He began the sermon with a rhetorical question: "Has God ever promised to prevent war in this world that is still in rebellion against Him?" He then asked, "Why should God prevent war?" His answer: "We cannot expect blandly to ignore the conditions of God's blessing, go our own way, do as we please, and still enjoy the blessings of peace." Perhaps his most profound observation in this sermon was the following:

What man refuses to learn in times of peace,
God teaches him in times of war . . .
God permits war in order that we might see what sin really is.

He concluded the sermon with these words: "The most vital question that faces us today is not after all, 'Why does God permit war?' . . . but rather, 'Are we learning the lesson?'"



Preparing for Death

One of the sermons in the book that impressed me the most carried the strange title, "Rendezvous in Samarra." In late 1941 Dr. Marshall was invited to speak at the Sunday morning chapel service at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. As the day approached he began to feel the leading of God to preach an entirely different sermon from the one he had planned and prepared. He finally called the academy's chaplain and asked for permission to change his topic. The new topic he had selected was a heavy one — the inevitability of death — but the chaplain approved the change.

Dr. Marshall began the sermon by observing, "Whenever my mother spoke of plans for the future, she always added — even in her letters — the phrase, 'God willing.' This is not just a pious cliché. It was the clear recognition that her future was in God's hands." He then asserted that the issue of life and death is in the hands of God, and he emphasized that

"for every one of us, life is a fragile thing." As an example, he pointed to the unexpected tragedy of the Hindenburg disaster in 1937.

He ended the sermon with an incredible illustration that would be long remembered:

An old legend tells of a merchant in Baghdad who one day sent his servant to the market. Before long the servant came back, white and trembling, and in great agitation said to his master:

"Down in the market I was jostled by a woman in the crowd, and when I turned around I saw it was Death that jostled me. She looked at me and made a threatening gesture. Master, please lend me your horse, for I must hasten away to avoid her. I will ride to Samarra, and there I will hide, and Death will not find me."

The merchant lent him his horse, and the servant galloped away in great haste.

Later, the merchant went down to the market place, and saw Death standing in the crowd. He went over to her and asked, "Why did you frighten my servant this morning? Why did you make a threatening gesture?"

Death said, "It was only a start of surprise. I was astonished to see him in Baghdad, for I have an appointment with him tonight in Samarra."

Dr. Marshall then ended this sermon by saying, "We all have an appointment in Samarra. But that is cause for rejoicing — not for fear, provided we have put our trust in Him who alone holds the keys to life and death." Wow! That's what I call preaching!

A few hours after Dr. Marshall had finished delivering this sermon, the announcement was made that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor. You see, He delivered this prophetic sermon on the morning of December 7, 1941. ♦

Applying the Science of Probability to the Scriptures

Dr. David R. Reagan

For years I have been quoting a book by Peter Stoner called *Science Speaks*. I like to use a remarkable illustration from it to show how Bible prophecy proves that Jesus was truly God in the flesh.

Recently, I decided that I would try to find a copy of the book so that I could discover all that it had to say about Bible prophecy. The book was first published in 1958 by Moody Press. After considerable searching on the Internet, I was finally able to find a revised edition published in 1976.



Peter Stoner

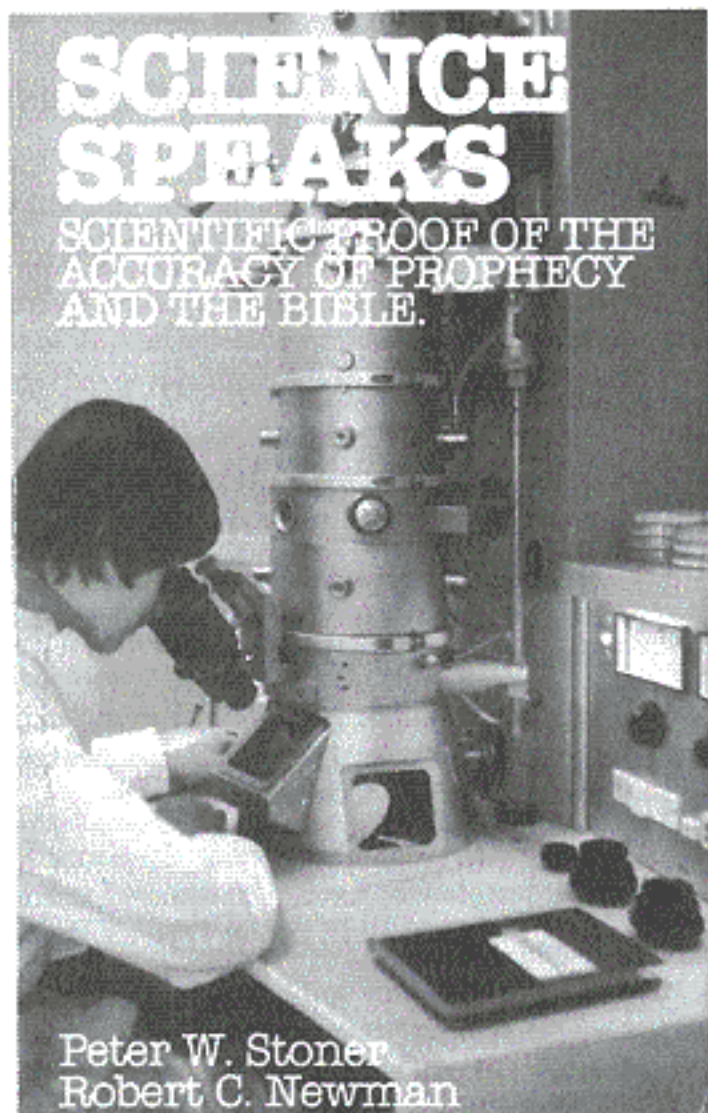
Peter Stoner was chairman of the mathematics and astronomy departments at Pasadena City College until 1953 when he moved to Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. There he served as chairman of the science division. At the time he wrote this book, he was professor emeritus of science at Westmont.

In the edition I purchased, there was a foreword by Dr. Harold Hartzler, an officer of the American Scientific Affiliation. He wrote that the manuscript had been carefully reviewed by a committee of his organization and that "the mathematical analysis included is based upon principles of probability which are thoroughly sound." He further stated that in the opinion of the Affiliation, Professor Stoner "has applied these principles in a proper and convincing way."

The book is divided into three sections. Two relate directly to Bible prophecy. The first section deals with the scientific validity of the Genesis account of creation.

Part One: The Genesis Record

Stoner begins with a very interesting observation. He points out that his copy of Young's *General Astronomy*, published in 1898, is full of errors. Yet, the Bible, written over 2,000 years ago is devoid of scientific error. For example, the shape of the earth is mentioned in Isaiah 40:22. Gravity can be found in Job 26:7. Ecclesiastes 1:6 mentions atmospheric circulation. A reference to ocean currents can be found in Psalm 8:8, and the hydraulic cycle is described in Ecclesiastes 1:7 and Isaiah 55:10. The second law of thermodynamics is outlined in Psalm 102:25-27 and Romans 8:21. And these are only a few examples of scientific truths written in the Scriptures long before they were "discovered" by scientists.



Peter W. Stoner
Robert C. Newman

Stoner proceeds to present scientific evidence in behalf of special creation. For example, he points out that science had previously taught that special creation was impossible because matter could not be destroyed or created. He then points out that atomic physics had now proved that energy can be turned into matter and matter into energy.

He then considers the order of creation as presented in Genesis 1:1-13. He presents argument after argument from a scientific viewpoint to sustain the order which Genesis chronicles. He then asks, "What chance did Moses have when writing the first chapter [of Genesis] of getting thirteen items all accurate and in satisfactory order?" His calculations conclude it would be one chance in 31,135,104,000,000,000,000 (1 in 31×10^{21}). He concludes, "Perhaps God wrote such an account in Genesis so that in these latter days, when science has greatly developed, we would be able to verify His account and know for a certainty that God created this planet and the life on it."

The only disappointing thing about Stoner's book is that he spiritualizes the reference to days in Genesis, concluding that they refer to periods of time of indefinite length. Accordingly, he concludes that the earth is approximately 4 billion years old. In his defense, keep in mind that he wrote this book before the foundation of the modern Creation Science Movement which was founded in the 1960's by Dr. Henry Morris. That movement has

Peter Stoner's Calculations Regarding Messianic Prophecy

Peter Stoner calculated the probability of just 8 Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in the life of Jesus. As you read through these prophecies, you will see that all estimates were calculated as conservatively as possible.

- 1) The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
The average population of Bethlehem from the time of Micah to the present (1958) divided by the average population of the earth during the same period = $7,150/2,000,000,000$ or 2.8×10^{-5} .
- 2) A messenger will prepare the way for the Messiah (Malachi 3:1).
One man in how many, the world over, has had a forerunner (in this case, John the Baptist) to prepare his way? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^{-3} .
- 3) The Messiah will enter Jerusalem as a king riding on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9).
One man in how many, who has entered Jerusalem as a ruler, has entered riding on a donkey? Estimate: 1 in 100 or 1×10^{-2} .
- 4) The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend and suffer wounds in His hands (Zechariah 13:6).
One man in how many, the world over, has been betrayed by a friend, resulting in wounds in his hands? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^{-3} .
- 5) The Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12).
Of the people who have been betrayed, one in how many has been betrayed for exactly 30 pieces of silver? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^{-3} .
- 6) The betrayal money will be used to purchase a potter's field (Zechariah 11:13).
One man in how many, after receiving a bribe for the betrayal of a friend, has returned the money, had it refused, and then experienced it being used to buy a potter's field? Estimate: 1 in 100,000 or 1×10^{-5} .
- 7) The Messiah will remain silent while He is afflicted (Isaiah 53:7).
One man in how many, when he is oppressed and afflicted, though innocent, will make no defense of himself? Estimate: 1 in 1,000 or 1×10^{-3} .
- 8) The Messiah will die by having His hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16).
One man in how many, since the time of David, has been crucified? Estimate: 1 in 10,000 or 1×10^{-4} .

Multiplying all these probabilities together produces a number (rounded off) of 1×10^{-28} . Dividing this number by an estimate of the number of people who have lived since the time of these prophecies (88 billion) produces a probability of all 8 prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one person. That probability is $1 \text{ in } 10^{17}$ or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. **That's one in one hundred quadrillion!**

since produced many convincing scientific arguments in behalf of a young earth with an age of only 6,000 years.

Part Two: The Accuracy of Prophecy

The second section of Stoner's book, is entitled "Prophetic Accuracy." This is where the book becomes absolutely fascinating. One by one, he takes major Bible prophecies concerning cities and nations and calculates the odds of their being fulfilled. The first is a prophecy in Ezekiel 26 concerning the city of Tyre.

Seven prophecies are contained in this chapter which was written in 590 BC:

- 1) Nebuchadnezzar shall conquer the city (vs. 7-11).
- 2) Other nations will assist Nebuchadnezzar (v. 3).
- 3) The city will be made like a bare rock (vs. 4 & 14).
- 4) It will become a place for the spreading of fishing nets (vs. 5 & 14).

5) Its stones and timbers will be thrown into the sea (v. 12).

6) Other cities will fear greatly at the fall of Tyre (v. 16).

7) The old city of Tyre will never be rebuilt (v. 14).

Four years after this prophecy was given, Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Tyre. The siege lasted 13 years. When the city finally fell in 573 BC, it was discovered that everything of value had been moved to a nearby island.

Two hundred and forty-one years later Alexander the Great arrived on the scene. Fearing that the fleet of Tyre might be used against his homeland, he decided to take the island where the city had been moved to. He accomplished this goal by building a causeway from the mainland to the island, and he did that by using all the building materials from the ruins of the old city. Neighboring cities were so frightened by Alexander's conquest that they immediately opened their gates to him. Ever since that time, Tyre has remained in ruins and is a place where fishermen spread their nets.

Thus, every detail of the prophecy was fulfilled exactly as predicted. Stoner calculated the odds of such a prophecy being fulfilled by chance as being 1 in 75,000,000, or 1 in 7.5×10^7 . (The exponent 7 indicates that the decimal is to be moved to the right seven places.)

Stoner proceeds to calculate the probabilities of the prophecies concerning Samaria, Gaza and Ashkelon, Jericho, Palestine, Moab and Ammon, Edom, and Babylon. He also calculates the odds of prophecies being fulfilled that predicted the closing of the Eastern Gate (Ezekiel 44:1-3), the plowing of Mount Zion (Micah 3:12), and the enlargement of Jerusalem according to a prescribed pattern (Jeremiah 31:38-40).

Combining all these prophecies, he concludes that "the probability of these 11 prophecies coming true, if written in human wisdom, is . . . 1 in 5.76×10^{59} . Needless to say, this is a number beyond the realm of possibility.

Part Three: Messianic Prophecy

The third and most famous section of Stoner's book concerns Messianic prophecy. His theme verse for this section is John 5:39 — "Search the Scriptures because . . . it is these that bear witness of Me."

Stoner proceeds to select eight of the best known prophecies about the Messiah and calculates the odds of their accidental fulfillment in one person as being 1 in 10^{17} . (See the illustration on page 10.)

I love the way Stoner illustrated the meaning of this number. He asked the reader to imagine filling the State of Texas knee deep in silver dollars. Include in this huge number one silver dollar with a black check mark on it. Then, turn a blindfolded person loose in this sea of silver dollars. The odds that the first coin he would pick up would be the one with the black check mark are the same as 8 prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of Jesus.



The point, of course, is that when people say that the fulfillment of prophecy in the life of Jesus was accidental, they do not know what they are talking about. Keep in mind that Jesus did not just fulfill 8 prophecies, He fulfilled 108. The chances of fulfilling 16 is 1 in 10^{45} . When you get to a total of 48, the odds increase to 1 in 10^{157} . Accidental fulfillment of these prophecies is simply beyond the realm of possibility.

When confronted with these statistics, skeptics will often fall back on the argument that Jesus purposefully fulfilled the prophecies. There is no doubt that Jesus was aware of the prophecies and His fulfillment of them. For example, when He got ready to enter Jerusalem the last time, He told His disciples to find Him a donkey to ride so that the prophecy of Zechariah could be fulfilled which said, "Behold, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey" (Matthew 21:1-5 and Zechariah 9:9).

But many of the prophecies concerning the Messiah could not be purposefully fulfilled — such as the town of His birth (Micah 5:2) or the nature of His betrayal (Psalm 41:9), or the manner of His death (Zechariah 13:6 and Psalm 22:16).

One of the most remarkable Messianic prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures is the one that precisely states that the Messiah will die by crucifixion. It is found in Psalm 22 where David prophesied the Messiah would die by having His hands and feet pierced (Psalm 22:16). That prophecy was written 2,000 years before Jesus was born. When it was written, the Jewish method of execution was by stoning. The prophecy was also written many years before the Romans perfected crucifixion as a method of execution.

Even when Jesus was killed, the Jews still relied on stoning as their method of execution, but they had lost the power to implement the death penalty due to Roman occupation. That is why they were forced to take Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor, and that's how Jesus ended up being crucified, in fulfillment of David's prophecy.

The bottom line is that the fulfillment of Bible prophecy in the life of Jesus proves conclusively that He truly was God in the flesh. It also proves that the Bible is supernatural in origin. ❖

Note: A detailed listing of all 108 prophecies fulfilled by Jesus is contained in Dr. Reagan's book, *Christ in Prophecy Study Guide*. It also contains an analytical listing of all the Messianic prophecies in the Bible — both Old and New Testaments — concerning both the First and Second comings of the Messiah. 150 pages, \$15. To order, call 1-800-705-8316.

For creation science resources see the following websites:

- Institute for Creation Research (icr.org)
- Answers in Genesis (answersingenesis.org)
- Creation World View (creationworldview.org)
- Creation Truth Foundation (creationtruth.com)
- Probe Ministries (probe.org)

The Prayer that Stirred a Nation (and continues to do so)

Dr. David R. Reagan

Hardly a week goes by that I do not receive two to three copies of a prayer that was prayed before the Kansas legislature in 1996. It inspired people then, and it has continued to inspire them ever since that time. I recently searched for the prayer on the Internet, using the Google search engine, and I came up with literally hundreds of sites where the prayer is posted.

The prayer first came to America's attention when it was presented before the Kansas House of Representatives on January 23, 1996. The person who spoke the prayer was Joe Wright, pastor of Central Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas, one of the state's largest churches.

The Invitation and the Resulting Furor

Pastor Wright was invited to deliver the prayer by Anthony Powell, a Wichita Republican member of the Legislature who was also a member of Wright's church. Pastor Wright prayed the prayer and then promptly departed the state capital to return home. He was completely unaware of the ruckus his prayer had caused until his secretary called him on his cell phone.

That was when Pastor Wright discovered that one of the Democrat members of the House had walked out during the prayer. Three other Democrats had issued public statements blasting the prayer. One labeled the prayer a "message of intolerance." Another claimed that it had "made everyone mad." The Democrat Minority Leader, Tom Sawyer, asserted that "the prayer reflects the extreme, radical views that continue to dominate the House Republican agenda since right-wing extremists seized control of the House Republican Caucus last year."

What could Pastor Wright have said that would cause such an explosion of emotions? Well, read it for yourself, and as you do so, keep in mind that what he said was characterized as "extreme radical views."

The Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance.

We know your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we've done.

We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it moral pluralism.

We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism.



Pastor Joe Wright is shown above, on the left, with Dr. Reagan.

We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building esteem.

We have abused power and called it political savvy.

We have coveted our neighbors' possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us O God and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent here by the people of Kansas, and who have been ordained by You, to govern this great state.

Grant them Your wisdom to rule and may their decisions direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your son, the living savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Pastor Wright's Response

The staff at Central Christian Church stopped counting the phone calls after the first 6,500 — 98% of which were positive in nature. When Pastor Wright was pressed for a response to the furor, he said, "I certainly did not mean to be offensive, but I don't apologize for the truth."

When asked if he had anticipated that the prayer might stir up a controversy, he replied, "I thought I might get a call from an angry legislator or two, but I was talking to God, not them. The whole point was to say we all have sins that we need to repent of — all of us. The problem, I guess, is that you're not supposed to get too specific when you're talking about sin."

The National Response

Someone sent a copy of the prayer to Paul Harvey, and he read it on his radio program. The response was swift and overwhelming. He received the largest amount of mail in the history of his program! People from all across America wrote in asking for copies of the prayer.

A few weeks later, he read it again, and once again the response was amazing. So much mail came in that Paul Harvey's staff decided to sack it up and ship it to Pastor Wright's church. They simply could not handle it.

"The Rest of the Story"

And now for "the rest of the story," as Paul Harvey often puts it. First of all, the prayer was not actually written by Pastor Wright. The author was Bob Russell, pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the largest churches in the nation. He prepared it for a prayer breakfast that was hosted by the Kentucky Governor. The prayer was well received, and since there was no controversy, it was not picked up by the press.

Pastor Wright saw the prayer in the Southeast Christian Church newspaper, clipped it, and filed it away for future reference. When he was asked to lead a prayer at the Kansas Legislature, he remembered the prayer and retrieved it. He did some editing and then delivered the prayer. The rest is history.

Moral Activism

Another thing most people outside of Kansas do not know is that Pastor Wright does more than just talk and pray about the moral problem of American society. He takes a public stand whenever he has an opportunity.

For years he has led his church in public demonstrations against an abortion mill in his city that provides late term abortions. The church purchased a house next door to the abortuary where they provide Christian counseling for those considering an abortion.

In like manner, Pastor Wright has directed demonstrations and boycotts against book stores selling pornographic materials. And he and a fellow Baptist pastor, Terry Fox, led a successful effort to force the Kansas State Senate to allow the people of the state to vote on a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage.

A Remarkable Campaign

The campaign for the constitutional amendment was particularly phenomenal. The State House had approved the submission of a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. But a committee in the State Senate decided to sit on the legislation, refusing to send it from the committee to the floor of the Senate for a vote. Pastor Wright was incensed over the arrogance of the committee in refusing to allow the people of Kansas to express their opinions about the important issue.

Pastor Wright enlisted the support of Terry Fox, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, another Wichita mega-church. The two began to lobby the State Senate where they received a frosty reception. The pastors rallied the members of their congregations to write, fax, email, and phone the recalcitrant State Senators. The two pastors were denounced on the floor of the Senate. One State Senator derisively referred to the them as "the two Ayatollahs from Wichita."

Pastors Wright and Fox decided to take their fight to the people of the state. They rallied pastors throughout the state while they personally toured, speaking in 41 cities. They both received bomb threats, and Pastor Fox's church was set on fire.



Members of Central Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas gather to protest abortion.

But the pastors persisted. Over 100,000 new voters were registered.

The Victory

When the newly elected Legislature convened in 2005, Pastors Wright and Fox were back at the capitol, this time with 400 other pastors. The legislators took notice. They promptly approved a bill allowing the citizens of Kansas to vote on a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. The amendment was overwhelmingly approved by Kansas voters by a whopping 70% majority. Arrogant legislators who thought they knew what was best for the people had been put in their place.



Terry Fox (on the left) rejoices with Joe Wright over their great legislative victory in behalf of morality.

In the midst of all the controversy, before the final victory, Pastor Wright decided to publicly address critics within his own church. In a Sunday morning service he proclaimed:

Some of you are sending me anonymous notes and threatening to quit giving money to the church. I love you and care about you, but every night when I turn the lights out, it's just me and God, and I've got to know that He is pleased with me.

The congregation jumped to its feet, giving him a standing ovation. About 25 families walked out. "Some were our best-giving members," Wright observed. "But it really boils down to this — Are you here to please God or to please people?"



Don Wildmon

Don Wildmon, founder and director of the American Family Association, has often said that the fundamental reason for the pagan drift in American culture is the fact that there are 300,000 pulpits in this nation where there is silence regarding the moral issues that are tearing our society apart. Much of that silence is due to a fear for job tenure.

In fact, Mr. Wildmon, a former Methodist preacher, says that the sharpest criticism he receives comes from pastors who mock his efforts



Central Christian Church members demonstrate outside a Barnes & Noble store in Wichita, Kansas.

to fight against pornography and against filth in movies and television programs. He says that they often point out that despite all his efforts over many years, the filth in our society has just gotten worse. They accuse him of banging his head against the wall in a losing cause.

"I respond to them," says Wildmon, "by pointing out that we as Christians are not called to win, we are called to stand for righteousness. We will win when Christ returns. Until then, it is our responsibility to speak out in behalf of what is right."

Conclusion

We can praise God that there are two fearless pastors in Wichita, Kansas, who are willing to put their jobs on the line by taking a stand for righteousness and who are willing to be persecuted for doing so.

Pray for your pastor. Pray that he will have the courage to stand up and speak out in behalf of righteousness.

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

— Matthew 5:10-12 ✦

Note: Pastors Joe Wright and Terry Fox have a call-in radio program that is broadcast over KNSS Radio in Wichita, Kansas, from 7 to 9 pm on Sunday evenings. KNSS is located at 1330 AM.

Dr. Reagan has recorded two TV programs with Pastor Wright. The first, "The Church and Social Activism," was broadcast during the week of July 30th. The second, "Standing for Righteousness," was broadcast during the week of August 6th. You can get both programs on one DVD for \$10 plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 1-800-705-8316. One of the programs features Pastor Wright reading his famous prayer.

Islamic Education

A U.S. District judge in California has ruled that a required course in Islam for seventh-grade students in California is constitutional. In this course, students are required to wear Muslim garb, memorize verses from the Quran, and pray to Allah.

Incredibly, the judge ruled that the program was "devoid of any devotional or religious intent." The ruling has been appealed to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, the court that ruled that the phrase, "one nation under God," in the pledge of allegiance is unconstitutional.

Can you imagine any federal court upholding a mandatory educational program that required students to pretend that they were Christians for several days and which required them to memorize Christian Scriptures and recite prayers like the Lord's Prayer?

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against . . . men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness . . . professing to be wise, they became fools. — Romans 1:18, 22

Episcopalians



Katherine Jefferts Schori, Episcopal Bishop of Nevada, was elected in June to a nine year term as Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America, becoming the first woman in Anglican history to head up a national church.

The 52-year-old bishop is married to Richard Schori, a retired theoretical mathematician. They have one daughter who is a U.S. Air Force pilot.

Bishop Schori was raised a Roman Catholic. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Stanford University and a master's and doctorate in oceanography at Oregon State University. She graduated from divinity school in 1994.

She has been an active member of the Episcopal Church's liberal wing, and as such, she favored the 2003 ordination of New Hampshire Bishop Gene Robinson, the church's first openly gay bishop.

With regard to homosexuality, Bishop Schori contends it is "a given characteristic, not chosen." When asked how she reconciles her position on homosexuality with specific passages in the Bible that declare homosexuality to be a sin, she said "the Bible was written in a very different historical context by people asking different questions."

At the same convocation that elected Bishop Schori, the delegates passed a resolution expressing "regret" for consecrating the first homosexual bishop in 2003. But the next day they voted to continue consecrating homosexual bishops. Then, 24 hours later, they reversed themselves yet again and adopted a resolution calling on the church to avoid consecrating *additional* gay bishops! Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas observed: "Apparently they are so wishy-washy that they are even wishy-washy about their wishy-washiness."

TIMES and Seasons

Christ Church Episcopal in Plano, Texas, the largest Episcopal congregation in the United States, responded to the election of Bishop Schori by announcing that it will leave the denomination.

The church's pastor, **David Roseberry**, issued a statement that said: "The mission of Christ Church is to make disciples and teach them to obey the commands of Christ. The direction and leadership of the Episcopal Church is different and we regret their departure from biblical truth and the historic faith of the Anglican Communion."



The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires . . . — 2 Timothy 4:3-4

Political Correctness



Incredibly, the principal of Liberty Elementary School in Colleyville, Texas decided to remove the words, "In God We Trust," from a large image of a liberty nickel which appeared on the cover of the school's inaugural yearbook.

This ridiculous act of political correctness was defended by the principal on the grounds that she "did not want to offend students of different religions." She also pointed out that for those students who preferred the slogan, she provided a sticker containing the phrase which they could stick on the picture. Parents were not impressed.

Even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. — Romans 1:21

Emerging Church Movement



Brian McLaren, the leader of the apostate Emerging Church Movement, recently made the following comment about the controversial, anti-Christian book, *The Da Vinci Code*: "I don't think *The Da Vinci Code* has more harmful ideas in it than the *Left Behind* novels."

McLaren describes himself as "catholic, evangelical, post/protestant, liberal/conservative, mystical/poetic, biblical, fundamentalist/calvinist, anabaptist/anglican and methodist." How can he hold to all these labels at once? It is because he rejects the Bible as his objective authority for truth. Instead, he emphasizes experience. ❖

Exciting Television Developments

In May the DayStar Television Network began broadcasting once again over the DISH satellite system. This will increase the outreach of our program by 12.5 million homes (about 50 million people). DayStar was removed from DISH in October of 2004 due to legal problems with the SkyAngel satellite system. We rejoice that the problems have now been resolved.

DayStar will be broadcasting over channel 263 on DISH. DayStar's programs are also available over the much larger DirecTV satellite system, as well as 50 broadcast stations scattered across the United States. In all, DayStar's programming is now available to about 65 million homes in America, and through 8 international satellites, the programming is available to the entire world. DayStar is now the second largest Christian television network in the world, second only to the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN).



Also in May DayStar began broadcasting all its programs inside the nation of Israel. According to Marcus D. Lamb, who founded DayStar, together with his wife, Joni, "This is a first. Never before has the nation of Israel granted a license for a 100% Christian channel to broadcast into all of Israel. Up to now, it has either been illegal, impossible, or impractical. The message of the Gospel will now be going into every home in Israel 24 hours per day, 7 days a week."

In mid-June Dr. Reagan was interviewed on DayStar's anchor program, Celebration, and Marcus Lamb began the program by reading an email message from a viewer in Jerusalem.

We at Lamb & Lion rejoice that God has made it possible for us to be a vital part of DayStar's outreach to the world. ✦

Lamb & Lion began broadcasting over the Inspiration Network in January of 2004. This new outreach was made possible through a miraculous answer to prayer when two of our Prophecy Partners presented us with a gift of \$150,000 that was designated for television expansion.



The folks at INSP have been very gracious towards us ever since we first contacted them. They were aware of our program, "Christ in Prophecy," and they offered us a prime time broadcast slot at 7:30pm on Tuesday.

Recently, in mid-July they called and said they had another good slot available and wanted to give us the first option to pick

it up. The time available was 11am on Wednesday (Eastern time). The line-up before that hour was a strong one: John Hagee, James Robison, and Joyce Meyer. We decided to step out in faith and accept the offer. The new broadcast began in early August, and it is costing us an additional \$2,125 per week, bringing our total expenditure for TV broadcasting to almost \$10,000 per week.

We praise God for this new opportunity to double our outreach on INSP, and we pray that God will supply the necessary funds through supporters like you. Please join us in praying for our continued effectiveness on INSP. ✦

New Programs with Dr. Carlson

Last year we produced four TV programs with Dr. Ron Carlson that proved to be exceptionally popular with our viewers. They concerned the cults. We edited the programs together to produce a special video program called "The Dangers of the Cults."

Dr. Carlson is the founder and director of Christian Ministries International, located in Minnetonka, Minnesota. He is considered to be Christendom's foremost expert on cults and world religions.

We invited Dr. Carlson to return this year to videotape four more programs, this time about world religions. We began broadcasting the programs in mid-August. The titles of the programs were as follows:

- "The Distinctiveness of Christianity"
- "The Lure of Eastern Religions"
- "The Essence of Islam"
- "The Nature of the New Age Movement"

Dennis Pollock, Lamb & Lion's former Associate Evangelist and now head of Spirit of Grace Ministries, assisted Dr. Reagan with the interviews.



Dr. Reagan, on the left above, is shown with Dr. Ron Carlson and Dennis Pollock.

Following the programs with Dr. Carlson, the ministry will broadcast three programs in September that were made with Mr. James Walker, the director of Watchman Fellowship in Arlington, Texas. Mr. Walker's ministry is one of the most outstanding cult-watching ministries in America. Mr. Walker was born and raised in the Mormon Church. ✦

Our TV program, "Christ in Prophecy" is currently being aired on the SkyAngel satellite via the FaithTV Network.



Recently, a representative from SkyAngel called and said they were looking for Christian video programs that they might use as television specials. They asked us to send them some of our video productions for their review. We sent them a total of ten.

A couple of months passed, and then we received notification from SkyAngel that their review committee had selected all ten of our videos to be shown as TV specials, and that they were going to broadcast each one free of charge! These are programs that run 60 to 90 minutes in length. To say the least, we were delighted and greatly blessed by this news.

The broadcast of these programs will expose the message of our ministry to a whole new audience. Please pray with us that SkyAngel will get an overwhelmingly positive response. And please plan to tune in to watch the programs.

If you do not have access to SkyAngel's programming, you can make all the necessary arrangements by calling 1-800-SKY-ANGEL (1-800-759-2643). The service is available for as low as \$14.99 per month, and provides you with access to 33 TV and radio channels.

Here is the broadcast schedule for the ten TV specials featuring Lamb & Lion videos (*all times are Eastern*):

Revelation Revealed: 08/25/06 from 8-9:30 pm ET; rebroadcast on 9/27/06 from 7-8:30pm; rebroadcast on 12/16/06 from 7-8:30pm.

The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective: 09/09/06 from 8-9pm ET; rebroadcast 9/10/06 from 2-3pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 8:30-9:30pm.

The Mark Gabriel Story: The Truth About Islam: 09/09/06 from 9-10 pm ET; rebroadcast 9/11/06 from 7-8pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 9:30-10:30pm.

The Dangers of the Cults: 09/16/06 from 8-9:30pm ET; rebroadcast on 10/31/06 from 7-8:30pm.

Jerusalem Through Spiritual Eyes: 09/23/06 from 7-8:30pm ET; rebroadcast 10/13/06 from 5:30-7pm; rebroadcast 11/8/06 from 7-8:30pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 12-1:30pm.

The Galilee of Jesus: 09/23/06 from 8:30-10pm ET; rebroadcast 10/13/06 from 4-5:30pm; rebroadcast 11/8/06 from 8:30-10pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 1:30-3pm.

The Ark of His Presence: 10/06/06 from 8-9pm ET; rebroadcast 11/18/06 from 8-9pm; rebroadcast 12/3/06 from 2-3pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 3-4pm.

The Exponential Curve: 10/14/06 from 8-9pm ET; rebroadcast 11/5/06 from 2-3pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 6-7pm.

Israel In Bible Prophecy: 10/20/06 from 8-9pm ET; rebroadcast 11/18/06 from 7-8pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 4-5pm.

Worship in Prophecy: 11/18/06 from 9-10pm ET; rebroadcast 12/3/06 from 3-4pm; rebroadcast 12/16/06 from 5-6pm. ♣

"Christ in Prophecy" Broadcast Schedule

DayStar Network				
DirecTV Channel 369		DISH Channel 263		
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm
	Sun. 10:30pm	Sun. 11:30pm	Mon. 12:30am	Mon. 1:30am

Inspiration Network				
Available on cable networks				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm
	Wed. 8:00am	Wed. 9:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 11:00am

FaithTV Network				
SkyAngel Channel 9708				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Sun. 10:30am	Sun. 11:30am	Sun. 12:30pm	Sun. 1:30pm



"Christ in Prophecy" is also broadcast throughout southern Louisiana on the **Family Vision Network**: Sunday at 6:30pm; Monday at 8:30am; and Wednesday at 7:00pm. For specific stations, check the network's website at www.kajm.com/familyvision. ♣



Ministry News

Peter Marshall Recordings — About two dozen of the sermons of Dr. Peter Marshall are available on either cassette tape or CD and can be purchased through his son's ministry over the Internet at petermarshallministries.com. There are two in particular that Dr. Reagan highly recommends: "Trial by Fire" and

"Compromise in Egypt." The newly published book, *The War-time Sermons of Dr. Peter Marshall*, can also be purchased at this site.

Regional Bible Prophecy Conference — Dr. Reagan will be one of the featured speakers at a conference in Minnesota sponsored by Olive Tree Ministries. The conference will be held at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, MN, a suburb of St. Paul. The theme is "Understanding the Times 2006." The dates are October 6-7. For more detailed information, see www.olivetreeviews.org. Joseph Farah, the founder and editor of World Net Daily, will also be one of the speakers.

Missions Need — Several years ago we raised about \$15,000 to build a house in the Philippines for Pastor Remegio Blanco and his wife. Pastor Blanco is a dynamic man of God who has a great zeal for the lost. He also has been blessed with creative vision for reaching the lost. Last year he started holding outdoor evangelistic crusades all over his province, including revivals among the military. The attendance at these crusades continues to grow. He has an immediate need to purchase a mini-truck to haul the equipment needed to conduct the crusades. He is pictured below next to a truck that he can purchase for \$5,000. We need your help in raising this money. If you feel led of the Lord to help us, send a donation designated for "Philippines."



Another missions need relates to the church we are building in Kimberley, South Africa. The latest report is that the construction should be finished before the end of this year. Dr. Reagan and his former associate, Dennis Pollock, are planning to go to Kimberley in December to dedicate the building and to hold an evangelistic crusade in it. They also plan to hold a Bible prophecy conference for pastors. The need here is for \$10,000. If you would like to help with this effort, please designate your gift for "South Africa Outreach." Thanks! ♦

Communications



TV Show & Website — "I just want to thank you for your TV program and your website. I have been watching your program and your website for six months now. If it were not for your TV show, I would have never understood Bible prophecy. I now have a much clearer picture, and can explain it to others. Your studies in Revelation on your website opened up for me a part of the Bible that I thought no one understood . . . Thanks for making Bible prophecy easy to understand." — Sandra Arnold (home town unknown).

Magazine — "Thanks for sending me copies of your Lamp-lighter magazine. I love the magazine and would like to be put on the regular mailing list. I really appreciate your ministry." — Jennifer Thomas in North Pole, Alaska.

Website — "Ok . . . this is probably gonna sound goofy to you guys. In a nutshell, all my family members are extremely religious people. I'm the black sheep of the family. I drink, smoke, gamble, cuss, etc. So, somehow I ran across your website and just became totally infatuated with it. I read and read and read and got tingles and actually decided to send you a donation of what I would have spent on beer." — Jeff

Television — "I want to say that I am very impressed with your TV programs. I have seen many examples of Christian TV from the USA, and to be quite honest, the vast majority of the programs have given me great cause for concern because they contained all manner of unsound teaching, an emphasis on money, and self-exalting personalities. To be quite frank, I think they do far more harm than good. But you are completely different. In fact, I'd like to suggest that Jesus Himself might well make TV in a similar style!" — David Miller in England.

Television — "I have a friend spending some time with me. I told her we do two things on Wednesday. We set out the garbage cans on the curb, and we watch 'Christ in Prophecy.'" — Marion Blaylock in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Television — "Exciting news!!!! DayStar programming is now available in my own area and is reaching my home." — John Ishmael in Bangalore, India.

Overall Ministry — "I want to thank you for your ministry. I have seen Dr. Reagan speak in person and I have watched your TV program. I've read nearly every word on your website and in your magazines, and I have purchased a few of your books and have thoroughly enjoyed them . . . I just want to let you know that your teaching that 'the Bible says what it means and means what it says' has had a great impact on me. Your teachings on the soon return of Christ have given me a feeling of urgency that the time is growing short. I am truly excited and motivated to share as we anticipate that shout to 'come up here.'" — Alicia Broadus in Richmond, Kentucky.

Television — "I enjoy your television program, but unfortunately I do not have access to a schedule of all the times your program appears." — Cyril Lotriet in New Zealand. ♦

Resource Materials for the Study of Bible Prophecy

Books



Wrath and Glory. Dr. Reagan's explanation of the book of Revelation. Written in a down-to-earth and easy-to-understand manner. It provides guidelines for interpretation, and responds to the most frequently asked questions about Revelation. It also explains how the book relates to Christian living. 240 pages. \$10.



Living for Christ in the End Times. A hard-hitting commentary on how Christians are to respond to the decay of society and the increasing apostasy within the Church. The book is full of practical guidelines for overcoming paganism and living a triumphant daily life in the power of the Holy Spirit. 263 pages. \$10.



God's Plan for the Ages. Dr. Reagan's newest book. It provides an overview of every aspect of Bible prophecy regarding both the First and Second Comings of the Messiah, with a special emphasis on end time prophecies. Contains 42 in-depth chapters and several charts and diagrams. 415 pages. \$15.



The Christ in Prophecy Study Guide. Lists in chronological order all the prophecies in the Bible concerning both the First and Second Advents of the Messiah. Represents seven years of research. Printed in a large format (8½ by 11") and spiral bound. Provides both topical and scripture indexes. 150 pages. \$15.



Jesus is Coming Again! Dr. Reagan's book for children (pre-school and elementary). This is the only book ever published for children about end time prophecy. Beautifully illustrated in full color. Large format (8½ x 11"). Durable cover. Contains teaching tips for parents, together with a list of Scripture references. 28 pages. \$7.

Audio Program



An Overview of Revelation. Dr. Reagan presents an in-depth survey of the book of Revelation, covering it verse by verse. Twelve audio tapes or 12 CDs in an album. \$35. Also available on one MP3 CD for \$15. A study guide is available to accompany the album. The cost of the guide is \$5. Our most popular study resource.

Video Programs

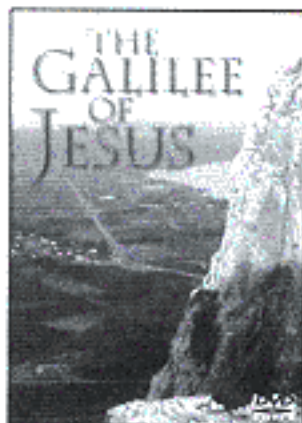
Israel in Bible Prophecy. An exciting survey of seven prophecies that are being fulfilled in Israel today, all of which point to the soon return of Jesus. The video was shot on location at various sites in Israel. Appropriate for both individual and group study. Shows how the Jews are the key to understanding end time prophecy. Contains significant historical footage. 65 minutes in length. VHS or DVD, \$15.



Revelation Revealed. Dr. Reagan presents a 75 minute overview of the entire book of Revelation, covering the book chapter by chapter. The video is rich with maps, charts, diagrams, still photos, animations, and video footage. Dr. Reagan clearly demonstrates that the book of Revelation can be understood and is relevant to Christian living here and now. Appropriate for individual or group study. VHS or DVD, \$15.

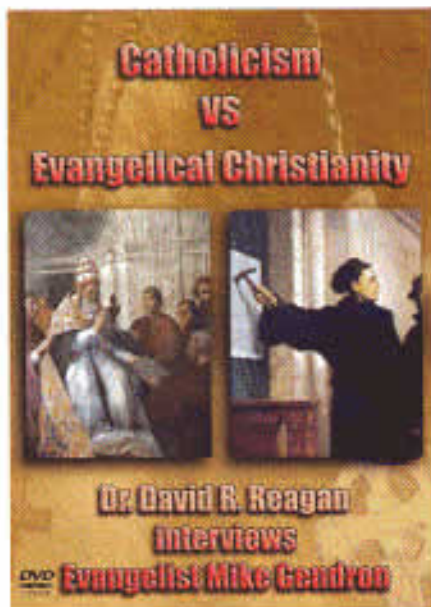


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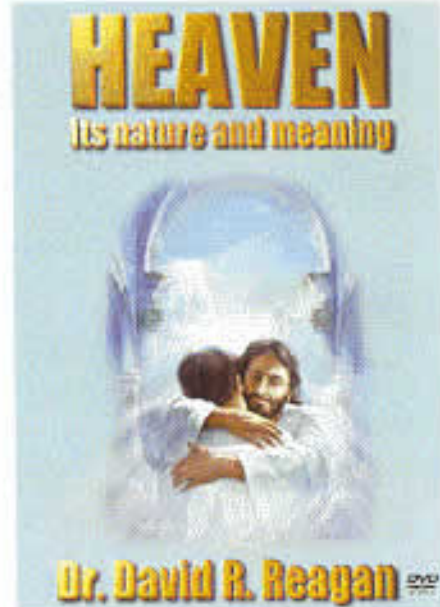
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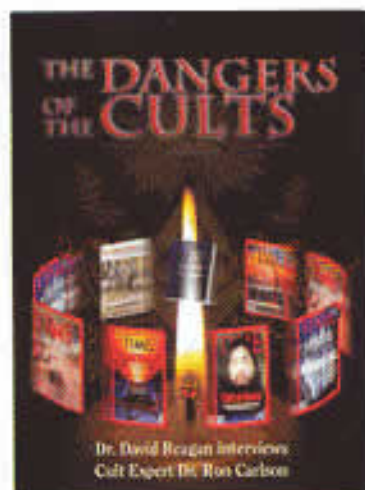
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Dr. Reagan's presentation to a Stealing the Mind Conference concerning the relationship between natural disasters and the sovereignty of God. 50 minutes in length. DVD, \$12.



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