



Christ in Prophecy

Interview 24: “Hitchcock on the USA in Prophecy”

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Is it possible that the United States, a super power without equal in history might not be a key player in end time events leading up to the Lord’s Return? If so, what is likely to happen to our nation to remove it from the scene as a key world player in international politics? What does the Bible have to say about the USA in prophecy? For a detailed discussion of this crucial question, stay tuned.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus our blessed hope and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. My colleague Nathan Jones and I are delighted to have with us again this week a very special guest, one of our Bible prophecy colleagues named Mark Hitchcock. Mark, welcome back to Christ in Prophecy for the third week.

Dr. Hitchcock: Thanks for having me it is great to be back with you.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, as I say this is Mark’s third week with us and we feel very blessed to have him back with us for a third time. As I have explained previously Mark is the Pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma and he is also a very prolific writer about Bible prophecy. He is also a very much in demand Bible prophecy speaker at conferences all over the nation. I am also glad to have Nathan Jones here to help me to interview Mark. Nathan is our Web Minister here at Lamb and Lion Ministries. And folks that doesn’t mean that he is a Web Master, he is a Web Minister he’s the one who responds to all the questions that you folks send into our website. And I am so glad to have him to do that, so I don’t have to do all of that. But we get together once in a while and confer don’t we?

Nathan Jones: Oh, go to the expert here.

Dr. Reagan: Well Nathan it is good to have you back.

Nathan Jones: Well great to be here Dave, thank you. Hey folks two weeks ago we began our interview of Mark Hitchcock by discussing his excellent book, *2012*, and in that book he discusses from a biblical viewpoint all the reasons why there has been so much speculation about the world coming to an end in the year 2012. And then last week we shifted our focus to another of Mark's books this one called, *Cashless*, it concerns the fulfillment of biblical prophecies about the end time economic system being a cashless one where buying and selling can be easily controlled by a world government headed up by the Antichrist. And if you missed either one or both of those previous interviews with Mark you can find them on our website at lamblion.com. Well in this week's interview we're going to consider a third book by Mark this one entitled, *The Late Great United States*, it is subtitled, *What Bible Prophecy Reveals about America's Last Days*.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Mark I would like to get into the topic of the United States in Bible prophecy by taking a look at some of the places where people historically have found the US in Bible prophecy. And one of those that I know goes back a long-time because I read again books published in the 19th Century that said this, is Isaiah 18. And the reason for that is that it refers to a nation of people who are tall and smooth you know with no beards, and it talks about a people who live in a nation that is divided by a great river. And people say uh-huh there is the United States in Bible prophecy. How about it?

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah a lot of people like to go to Isaiah 18 I have read that as well. You know a lot of folks back in centuries past I mean it is a very old view. Now everybody would agree that America is not mentioned by name in the Bible, there is no where that America is mentioned. But Isaiah 18 to me the problem with referring that to the United States, there are several problems with it. One a lot of people latch on to this idea that says you know it's the land of whirring wings and they take that to be the wings of an eagle. But probably being in the Nile Valley area it is the wings of insects, is probably what it is referring to. And when you read Isaiah 18 it is in the context of God talking about some of the near nations around Israel and he is talking about Egypt and probably this nation that's not named there is probably ancient Cush, which was the nation to the south of the modern day nation of Egypt. So you know the idea that

it says it a land divided by a river people take that to be the Mississippi or other rivers, but it was the Nile River.

Dr. Reagan: But it shows you have desperate people are to find the United States in Bible prophecy.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yes it does, and you know people can read things into Scripture. It is like the old statement you know, "Wonderful things in the Bible I see especially those put there by you and by me."

Dr. Reagan: I like that, I have never heard that.

Dr. Hitchcock: When we go to, when we look at places in the Bible and that is one of the problems with prophecy we can kind of speculate and read the Bible in light of really current events or things we want to see rather than reading current events through the Bible and I think that is important.

Nathan Jones: I've got 2 for you then since, because there are many. If you go to Ezekiel 38:13 and it talks about the big Gog Magog Battle where Russia and Turkey and Iran and some other nations like Libya are going to attack Israel. And there are nations that sit out one of them is Dedan and Sheba which ends up being the modern Arab nations. And also the merchants of Tarshish and archeologist assume that Tarshish was the ancient name of Britain. It kind of means beyond Gibraltar and that depending on your translation, Tarshish and it is young lions, in other words Britain, settled Canada and the United States and Australia and that these nations, these merchants will eventually if you go to 39:6 that at the end of the Gog Magog Battle when the armies are destroyed that God will go ahead and send fire on the nations that invaded as well as on the nations on the coastlands. So the question is: Is the United States one of those merchants of Tarshish? And are we going to have fire poured on us, are we one of those nations that live in safety?

Dr. Hitchcock: You know of all the different places where people try to find America in prophecy if you want to find one this would be the best one I think. Because you are right in Gog Magog all these nations, Russia, and these Islamic nations are invading Israel but it says that Sheba and Dedan and that Tarshish and the young lions there who are the merchants, as you said they kind of sit on the sidelines and they give what I kind of call a lame protest to this invasion.

Dr. Reagan: Kind of sound likes the UN.

Dr. Hitchcock: It certainly does.

Dr. Reagan: It sounds like, because they are saying, “Have you come to capture great spoil?” Or the present US government.

Dr. Hitchcock: That’s right, you know it is kind of this laissez faire attitude of saying have you come to capture spoil? Well it is obvious they have, you know the UN and others are always giving these condemnations of things but not doing anything. Really if you look at it today it talks about Sheba and Dedan are on the sidelines, well that’s more of the moderate Arab states today, that often do side with the West. The issue though comes down to where was Tarshish? You know Tarshish some people take was Spain because you know that is where Jonah remember was going to Tarshish you know the opposite direction of Phoenician colony in Spain was it Great Britain. But the young lions there does refer to kind of the nations that come out of that place. So if it is Britain then you could possibly see America in the young lions.

Dr. Reagan: But no one knows that for sure.

Dr. Hitchcock: That is right, no one knows. So that is why, I would say if you want to find America somewhere in the Bible that is probably the best place. But for me personally it is too tenuous to say that this is America.

Dr. Reagan: It is certainly foggy.

Dr. Hitchcock: But even, one of the points I like to make too is even if Isaiah 18 were a reference to America or this were a reference to America it doesn’t really tell you anything about our country. All it tells you is that we exist.

Dr. Reagan: Well I got tickled because I grew up with people teaching me that this was the United States in Bible prophecy. And then when archeological discoveries in recent years seemed to point to Tarshish as Spain the people who believe this said, “Oh, well it is still the United States because who discovered America?”

Dr. Hitchcock: That’s right.

Dr. Reagan: Columbus where did he come from? Spain, so we are really one of the young lions of Spain not one of the young lions of Britain.

Dr. Hitchcock: That’s right.

Nathan Jones: More like Argentina or South America then if that is the case.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, well let's go to another one, Revelation 12. In Revelation 12 it says there is going to be a great war in the middle of the Tribulation, Satan will be cast down to earth he will come down in great wrath he is going to possess the Antichrist and motivate him to destroy, annihilate the Jewish race. And it says that as he begins to come against the Jews that they will flee into the wilderness on the wings of a great eagle and people say, "Uh-huh, there we are, there is the United States in Bible prophecy, because the symbol of our nation is an eagle. Therefore we are going to provide the end time airlift for the Jewish people."

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah, when I would see that as the wing of an eagle there as the Jewish people are fleeing are simply speaks of it God gives them protection, gives them speed and swiftness to be able to flee into the wilderness and be protected. You know again to me to build a whole case there that America is in Bible prophecy just because of the mention of an eagle. You go to the other places you know in the book of Revelation it says there is an angel you know like an eagle you know flying in the mid-heavens you know proclaiming the gospel, is that the United States as well? So it is when you take those kind of arguments to me again it is even more tenuous than making the young lions of Tarshish to refer to America.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, I would agree and particularly when you come to symbolic phrases like the wings of an eagle the best thing to do is to search with a concordance or if you have it on the computer that term.

Dr. Hitchcock: Right.

Dr. Reagan: And you'll find the exact words in Exodus 19:4, and Deuteronomy 32:11 where it says that the children of Israel came out of Egypt on the wings of a great eagle.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah, that is right.

Dr. Reagan: All it means that they are coming out under the protection of Almighty God.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah, that is right. And with speed too, and swiftness as they are coming out, yeah that is right. But it kind of heightens this idea again when we are talking about how people tend to just grab onto things, just very small things and build a whole doctrine on that. That is a warning I think, a good warning to all of us to be careful about not doing that.

Dr. Reagan: Sure.

Nathan Jones: What about Revelation 18 then? Some people when they read Babylon they'll say that it is New York City, or it the United States as a whole. Is Babylon which gets destroyed in an hour the nation of the United States?

Dr. Hitchcock: And I would say that is the most popular one today.

Dr. Reagan: It is. Almost every day I get a message from somebody saying it's got to be the United States because it talks about a nation that controls the world and economy and everything it has got to be us.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right and it became ever more popularized after 9/11 after those events took place. There are several clues. The book of Revelation, Revelation 17:18 tells us that Babylon is the great city which rules over the kings of the earth. So it is a city and it tells us that very clearly. Now what city is it? When you go back to the beginning of the passage it says whatever this Babylon is it says it is the mother of all harlotry of all spiritual rebellion against God. Well there is only one city that I know of that qualifies as the fountainhead of all of this and it was Ancient Babylon. The book of Revelation is called the apocalypse it is the unveiling it is not a hiding of truth, and the word Babylon occurs about 300 times in the Bible, and all the other times that Babylon occurs with maybe one exception in 1 Peter 5 it refers to Ancient Babylon. And it would seem strange to me that for the Bible to refer to Babylon over and over and over again as literal Babylon then you come to the very end of the Bible and all of a sudden it has changed. You know Babylon is the most talked about topic though in the book of Revelation there are 44 of the 404 verses in the book of Revelation about Babylon, 11% of the book of Revelation is about Babylon. So whatever it is, it is very important and I see Babylon as both the city, I take it as the literal city over in Iraq, but also the false system the Antichrist will develop around that city that will exist in the end times.

Dr. Reagan: Well that is the point I would make whether it would be Babylon, Rome or whatever it is going to be the empire of the Antichrist.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: And that empire is not going to be the United States of America it is going to come out of the European Union out of the European Roman Empire and so whether it is Rome Babylon or whatever it is going to be, that is talking about the worldwide kingdom of the Antichrist which is going to be a much greater kingdom than the United States of America because it is going to include the whole world.

Dr. Hitchcock: Right and Bible prophecy focuses on that part of the world as well. So I agree you know Babylon could be I take it as literal Babylon others take it as Rome, but it is not going to be New York City or the United States it just simply doesn't fit.

Part 3

Nathan Jones: Welcome back to our interview of Dr. Mark Hitchcock, Pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma and Bible prophecy author and speaker. Mark we threw all these Bible verses at you that America is supposed to be in the Bible and you shot them all down. Is America in Bible prophecy?

Dr. Hitchcock: Well I don't think that America is mentioned in Bible prophecy. You know I don't see American anywhere but then that raises a really large question you know, why? Of course a lot of people would say, "Well we are not mentioned in the Bible just like a lot of countries are not mentioned." Canada isn't mentioned, Brazil isn't mentioned.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, but they are not dominating the world.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Nathan Jones: They're not America.

Dr. Hitchcock: But you know I have never been to a conference and been asked, "Where is Canada in prophecy, where is Brazil?" But it makes sense like you say that people would ask that because we are the most dominant political, economic, military nation that has ever existed.

Dr. Reagan: And it is even more pressing when you consider the fact that the signs of the times indicate we are right on the threshold of the Tribulation, I mean.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right. And we are the great protector of Israel as well. Plus God did mention nations that were far away from Israel, He mentions Rosh you know Russia, He mentions the kings of the East probably China. So God did mention places far away, if He had wanted to mention us He could have. So the fact that we are not there leads me to believe that something has happened to our country that has caused us to go from being a leading nation to being a following nation.

Dr. Reagan: Well what do you think that is?

Dr. Hitchcock: Well there are a lot of different things you can look out there and see today. Now since the Bible doesn't tell us then we have to engage in some speculation, but I think it is speculation that is justified, because you look at our world today and you can say oil is our Achilles heel. You know back when the Arab Oil Embargo happened in 1973 and '74 we were importing 35% of our oil and we said we've got to get off this oil addiction. Well now it is 70%.

Dr. Reagan: Right.

Dr. Hitchcock: Those nations have us literally have us over a barrel over the oil that is a serious thing. You have just the whole economic crisis our nation with some of its policies that are being adopted could go bankrupt. California...

Dr. Reagan: We are bankrupt.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah we are but officially. California is bankrupt.

Dr. Reagan: Right.

Dr. Hitchcock: You know the national debt clock, you know they have it spinning you know, 10 million, 10 trillion, 11 trillion really the amounts of money become almost meaningless really after a while it is so much in debt. And so we look at that you know selling, and China mainly China is underwriting and financing all of this debt, I mean we are the greatest debtor nation in history. We look at radical Islam, could there be a nuclear 9/11? And I hate to even say that, God forbid that would happen, because we love this country, we don't want something like that to take place.

Dr. Reagan: But it could.

Dr. Hitchcock: It could.

Dr. Reagan: I mean Mark all they would have to do is float a merchant ship into New York Harbor with a suicide crew set off a nuclear weapon and this nation would be in chaos we would have military law overnight.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah, what it would do to our nation financially, but what it would do psychologically to our country, think about that. You know there are people in this world they wake up every morning and they think all day and they go to bed at night thinking about how they can bring down the United States that they call the Great Satan. So that is a real possibility that is out there, something that horrifies us to think of it, but it certainly could take place. Those

are some of the kinds of things that we can kind of look out there or you know you look at a collapse from within, look at the moral fiber of our country and the weakening of it and the way this country has moved.

Dr. Reagan: It is what happened to the Roman Empire.

Dr. Hitchcock: Sure.

Dr. Reagan: It is what happened to the Russian Empire.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Nathan Jones: Any nation that adopts homosexuality as a way of life, usually that is the last chapter.

Dr. Hitchcock: Alexander Tytler you know years ago went through those different phases that nations go through, you know and the time period of the existence of the world's great powers is about 200 years, you know we are on loaned time really if you will in this country. But I think my idea is there is a biblical event that I think points to what could happen to America and that is the Rapture. That is something in the Bible that I think to me gives a good reason of what could take place to this country. When you think about when the Rapture takes place there are believers all over the world obviously but America by any estimation has the largest percentage of true believers who know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Dr. Reagan: More than all of Western Europe and England put together.

Dr. Hitchcock: Oh yeah there are below 1% those nations. I will never forget years ago I was traveling from near Ephesus over to Ismer, Turkey and riding up around the edge of the city, I looked down on the city of 3 million people and there are about 2,000 or 3,000 believers in this, and I thought if the Rapture happened they would never know the difference.

Dr. Reagan: That's right.

Dr. Hitchcock: This American on the bus who disappeared they could care less.

Dr. Reagan: I would imagine that we have some viewers who don't even know what the word Rapture means so explain what you mean when you say the United States could suddenly cease to be a world power because of the Rapture.

Dr. Hitchcock: The Rapture is that future event when Christ is going to descend from Heaven and all believers on the earth are going to disappear the Bible says in the moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Every believer on the face of the earth is going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. And that would be about 8% to maybe 10% according to the best statistics I have read of the people in this country, the salt and light is gone. Now you talk about a drop on the Dow Jones the next day.

Dr. Reagan: You are talking about an event separate and apart from the Second Coming.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right, I would say that the Lord's coming is going to happen in 2 phases. There's not 2 Second Comings, the Lord is going to come back to the earth at His Second Coming and at the Rapture we are going to be caught up and meet Him in the air.

Dr. Reagan: Okay...

Dr. Hitchcock: So it is 2 phases.

Dr. Reagan: ...so the Rapture is going to be before the Second Coming.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: And His coming where He really appears in the heavens He is not going to come back to the earth but He appears and all believers living and dead are taken up. You know if that happened there would be absolute, total chaos in this country.

Dr. Hitchcock: There would be, and all over the world, but especially here in this country.

Dr. Reagan: We've got born again Christians in key positions all over this country, and military, education, business, you name it.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah the salt and the light are taken out...

Dr. Reagan: The only way this nation could continue to exist would have to have military law overnight, Marshall Law.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: Think of all the church that would suddenly be raided, people stealing the sound boxes and stealing the computers and everything they could get their hands on.

Nathan Jones: And we think that the immorality is bad now, can you imagine you remove the Church you remove the restraining influence on the government. Can you imagine the immorality that would be legalized?

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah immorality runs rampant and then you take all the believers out and where does the support for Israel go? Which is the one thing I believe now and our nation as bad off as we are in our country, I think the one thing that is staying God's hand against our country is overall we still, we've always been a country that supported Israel. Now that is beginning to wane seriously in our country and it something we need to be very concerned about. But I think over our history we've received good marks on our report card for how we have treated the Jewish people. And God has blessed our nation greatly because of that, but all the Christians disappear, the moral rot deepens in our country, the support for Israel is taken away and that I would think would even deepen what takes place. I think Europe will rise, Europe right now is the strongest economy in the world they have the strongest economy in the world at this time. You know they are going to lose less than 1% of their population; we lose 8-10% of our population. America will become at that time I believe a following nation rather than a leading nation in the world.

Dr. Reagan: How do you see the United States right now in terms of a Biblical view of a society?

Dr. Hitchcock: Well Romans 1, I think is a key passage that tells us what happens when God begins to pour out His wrath upon a nation, upon a people. And we often, you know you hear people say all the time when is God going to judge America? And my response is that He already is. The first phase of God's judgment, I would call it the wrath of abandonment, God begins to abandon people to their own devices.

Dr. Reagan: He just steps back and lowers the hedge of protection and says if that is the way you want to live.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right and three times there in Romans 1 it says, "And God gave them over, and God gave them over, and God gave them over." So what we see there is really a cycle, a downward cycle or what takes place or steps really in this process. And the first one there in Romans 1 verses 24-26 is what we might call a sexual revolution.

Dr. Reagan: That's right.

Dr. Hitchcock: And when it just becomes unbridled in the passions in the culture and you know I was born in 1959 and I really lived through and witnessed as a young man that sexual revolution in our culture. And then the second where it says, "God gave them over." Is what I really have termed and others a homosexual revolution.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah it is blatant homosexuality.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yes, and I have witnessed that in my lifetime, it really began I would say in the early 1980's and it is still continuing today. And then it goes on down in the passage to talk about where people just openly encourage evil.

Dr. Reagan: Finally God just delivers the whole society over to a depraved mind.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right and there is an open encouragement of basically evil. And we look at our country today and those are the signs there, not that God is going to judge you, it says when you see these things it is a sign you are already under God's judgment.

Dr. Reagan: Well throughout history, throughout Biblical history and ever since the end of Biblical History we can look and see that God deals with nations in a certain way. And one of those ways is through remedial judgments, what I call remedial judgments where He calls a nation to repentance, because He does not wish that any should perish, He is very patient and He calls the nation to repentance. And we know from the example of Jonah going to Nineveh that when a nation does repent as the King did and called the whole nation to repentance.

Dr. Hitchcock: Right.

Dr. Reagan: God relented.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right. Yeah there are these large sections in the Old Testament of God's judgment on Gentile nations. A lot of people think that God does not care about nations, He just cares about Israel. Well He cares about Israel but Gentile nations are judged and they are judged for violence, for immorality, for materialism, for all those different things that are running rampant in our culture.

Dr. Reagan: You recall from the book of Judges where the cycle just goes over and over and over, they come back to God, God blesses them, they drift away from God, they begin getting involved in idolatry, God puts judgments upon them they turn back to God and say, "Please save us." And He does and then it starts all over again.

Nathan Jones: Well when I was a kid I used to wonder, you would read through the history of Israel and by 2 generations they were evil, then they would be brought back and then 2 generations, I wondered how that was possible in 2 generations and now that I am older and I get to experience at least 2 generations I can start seeing hey that really can happen in a country within a 100 years.

Dr. Hitchcock: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: It certainly can and I think God is calling this nation to repentance right now, and we need to take that call very seriously.

Part 4

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to our interview of Mark Hitchcock author of, *The Late Great United States* a book about our nation in Bible prophecy. Mark one of the things you alluded to a few moments ago had to do with our relationship with the nation of Israel. In Joel 3 God says that, "In the end times I am going to gather the nations down to the valley of judgment, the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and I am going to enter into judgment with them and he says the basis of that judgment is going to be whether or not they attempted to divide up my land. And He says He is going to pour out his wrath on nations that divide up the land of Israel. Well brother we are involved in dividing up the land of Israel right now.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: How about some comments about that?

Dr. Hitchcock: Well you know this promise that God made to Abraham, you think about how long ago He gave that to Abraham. He said those who bless you I'll bless and then literally in the Hebrew it is the one that curses you I must curse. We've seen that played out through history. In fact someone has brought out the point I think it is a great point, every time people have tried to wipe out the Jewish people the Jewish people end up with a holiday. You think about with Pharaoh you know they got Passover, with Haman they got the Feast of Purim, and with Antiochus Epiphanes they got Hanukkah, and really with Hitler they got the rebirth of their modern nation in 1948. So this has been played out throughout history that those who bless God's people are blessed and those who curse them are cursed. And I think that is one of the reasons that God's hand of blessing has been so evident upon our country. But what we see

happening today in our nation is basically a slow but steady turning away from the nation of Israel and an abandonment of them. And with all of the other problems that we have in our country that deserve the judgment of God and are already bringing it that is the last thing that we need to do is to be involved in anything that ceases to be a blessing to the Jewish people.

Dr. Reagan: Well it certainly is and I think most people are not aware of the degree to which we are involved in forcing Israel to give up their heartland right now. You know it started with the first President Bush who basically said if you want us to guarantee loans to you from the World Bank then you've got to begin negotiating land for peace. We forced them to the negotiation, we forced them into this suicidal policy of appeasement and as you well know appeasement always wets the appetite of the aggressor it never satisfies. And we have had their arm up their back ever since then, both of the Bushes also Clinton and now with President Obama it is the same thing, we are forcing Israel to give up their heartland. And we have great power to do so because we are the only ones in the United Nations who stand between Israel and economic sanctions that could destroy that nation with our veto and they know that.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: And we can say, "You can either do what we say or else."

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right, I just call it land, it's not land for peace it is just land is all I call it.

Dr. Reagan: And no matter how much we give up they want more.

Dr. Hitchcock: No, that's right they don't recognize Israel right to exist so you're dealing with someone who doesn't recognize your right to exist. So, it is feudal to do that but there over there in a difficult situation but you know the only foreign policy statement in the Bible for nations is to bless the Jewish people. That is amazing to me.

Dr. Reagan: I never thought about that.

Dr. Hitchcock: It is the only foreign policy statement in all the Bible is be sure whatever you do that you bless the Jewish people.

Dr. Reagan: Does God have a domestic policy for nations?

Dr. Hitchcock: Yeah He does, you know God says, you know, righteousness exalts a people but sin is a reproach to any nation. So one of the two parts of a domestic policy for a country is to promote righteousness, and you know the thing that I like to think about in my own life it is

easy to decry all the immorality that is happening in our culture. But I need to look at my own life.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Dr. Hitchcock: Because if I am involved in pornography and the immorality and these things that are polluting our country. What right do I have to decry what is happening in our country? So we need to look towards ourselves and we also need to be praying the Bible tells us to pray for our leaders and we need to be praying earnestly for our leaders for our military that God will bring them to Himself, He will surround them with people who have wisdom that they will listen to. We desperately need to be praying for our country.

Dr. Reagan: Well, we do and we do need to be looking at ourselves. I have often said that over 80% of the people in this country profess to be Christians, but if professing Christians would stop buying lottery tickets the lotteries would cease, if confessing Christians would stop getting abortions the abortion mills would have to close.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: We are part of the problem.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right, we have to look at ourselves because it is like in Isaiah when Isaiah was saying renouncing his woes on the nations in Isaiah 5 and 6 and then when you get to the end there what does he say? It says, "Woe is me."

Dr. Reagan: Amen.

Dr. Hitchcock: And I think rather than always looking at the nation we need to look at ourselves as well.

Dr. Reagan: Well, folks, that is our time, I hope this program has been a blessing to you and I hope you will be investigating your own souls; I'm going to be investigating mine over these next few weeks to come. Until next week, Lord willing this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb and Lion Ministries saying, "Look up be watchful for our redemption is drawing near."

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