

Christ in Prophecy

Pre-Trib 33: Salus & Rosado

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: I recently had the opportunity to interview two Bible prophecy experts named Bill Salus and August Rosado. Mr. Salus is a Bible prophecy researcher and writer. Mr. Rosado is a Bible prophecy preacher and teacher. I talked with Mr. Salus about his latest discovery in Jeremiah 49 which indicates a nuclear explosion will occur in Iran in the end times. I talked with Mr. Rosado about the relevance of Bible prophecy to Christian evangelism and Christian maturity. Stay tuned for both of these interviews.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Blessed Hope, and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. I have a very special treat for you on our program today. I am going to show you interviews that I conducted recently with two Bible prophecy experts. The first is Bill Salus from La Quinta, California. Bill is an in-depth Bible prophecy researcher who specializes in finding and interpreting end time Bible prophecies that have been overlooked. Bill burst onto the Bible prophecy scene in 2008 with a big way with the publication of his first book which was titled "Isralestine." It was a book about Psalm 83, and it has since been published in a revised edition. Bill's latest book is about an obscure end time prophecy in Jeremiah 49 that seems to indicate that a nuclear explosion will take place in a very specific area of Iran in the end times. It is titled, "Nuclear Showdown in Iran." Subtitled, "The Ancient Prophecy of Elam." My interview with Bill concerned this new book of his. And here now is that interview.

Bill Salus Interview

Dr. Reagan: Bill you have become known in the Bible prophecy field as the number one Bible prophecy sleuth who goes through the Scriptures and finds passages that people have never put much emphasis on. And you began to show us how important these passages are for the end times. You did that with Psalm 83. Now you are doing it with a passage in Jeremiah 49 that almost no one seems to have ever paid much attention to. Tell us about that passage.

Bill Salus: Well, yes, David the prophecy Jeremiah wrote in 596 BC has been vastly overlooked. And I think it is a prophecy that could be imminent. It could be dealing with Iran's nuclear program. There are only six verses it is easy to just kind of pass right through it, but these six verses are very potent and I think they are very applicable for our time. The Lord gets fiercely angry at Elam which Elam is part of Iran today.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, I was going to ask you where is Elam? And it is a section, in fact isn't it where their nuclear facilities are located?

Bill Salus: It is. It hugs the Persian Gulf. So when you look at a modern day map of Iran you've got Elam and Persia, Ancient Persia. Elam hugs the Persian Gulf it is where the Bushehr Nuclear Reactor is in the Bushehr Province which is a nuclear disaster waiting to happen. Studies have shown that it is loaded with Russia fuel rods and we can talk a little bit more about that. But it comprises about one-fifth of modern day Iran. So, it was always isolated from Persia by these Zagros Mountains range there, so it is a very unique place, but it has been vastly overlooked. When most people talk about Iran the future of Iran in Bible prophecy of course they would have typically gone to the Ezekiel 38 where Ezekiel talks about Persia. But his contemporary Jeremiah actually wrote before Ezekiel this prophecy we find out in verse 1 of Jeremiah, excuse me verse 34 of Jeremiah 49 that it was actually written about 596 BC during the beginning of the reign of King Zedekiah. So, he writes about it in 596 BC and Ezekiel then about 10 years later writes about Persia. So, Iran has double trouble and double jeopardy in the end times.

Dr. Reagan: Well this is extremely interesting to me because this passage has been so much overlooked. And yet the passage is clearly about the end times isn't it?

Bill Salus: It is interesting both Ezekiel and Jeremiah use the same word, "In the later years," to address the timing of this prophecy. That's the final verse of Jeremiah 49:39.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, so, then what does it say about Elam?

Bill Salus: Well it says that Jeremiah is informing us that the Lord is fiercely angry at which would be Iran today. Something angers the Lord to a point of judgment coming forward. And the judgment becomes a disaster, an epic biblical disaster, David. We are told how it happens. He breaks the bow of Elam at the foremost of their might. And so, something that is angering the Lord. They are wanting to launch something. They are wanting to target somebody. And of course today Israel is in the crosshairs with Iran.

Dr. Reagan: Of course.

Bill Salus: And so they are wanting to strike, but He is going to break their bow, He is going to stop their ability to do that. At the foremost of their might which probably today would be their nuclear program. Now it is interesting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has got a parallel concern with Iran. Not only their nuclear program and the enrichment of uranium with centrifuges but also their ICBM Inter-Continental Ballistic Missiles. You are continuously hearing him these days talking about they should not be able to manufacture ICBM's which he says the only purpose for those is to put a nuclear warhead in them. And they must not be able to continue to enrich uranium he wants everything dismantled from his perspective. So, breaking the bow of Elam the idiom would look like you've got an archer, and Isaiah 22 verse 6 tells us that the Elamites were expert archers. You have a bow that is broken you cannot grab the arrows out of your quiver, or the missiles out of your silo to launch them. It is going to be broken. But where it gets interesting is the next verse.

Dr. Reagan: Go ahead.

Bill Salus: Ok, the next verse after the judgment starts to manifest is that the Lord says He will bring the four winds against Elam from the four corners of Heaven and scatter the Elamites towards those winds. There will be no nation, where the exiles, the outcasts of Elam don't go. It is speaking about a worldwide dispersion, so whatever this disaster is it is going to be of the

magnitude to affect the indigenous population to scatter them out into the nations of the world. Now, that of course could be a nuclear radioactive scenario.

Dr. Reagan: Sure sounds like one.

Bill Salus: It sure could. And now we have a modern day example of refugees coming out of a war torn area, the Syrian refugees who have come out from the Revolution in Syria that has been going on for several years now, about 3 million of them. But, they are not out in the whole world, they are scattered around Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, etc. So we are talking about something that is a much grander scale in that verse right there.

Dr. Reagan: Well not only that but it goes on to say something very peculiar here that really is fascinating that the Lord is ultimately going to make this place part of His throne.

Bill Salus: Well yeah, see now these six verses the first four verses do not bring very good news to Iran. I mean it's a disaster, it is a calamities disaster. It says that actually it will be so bad not only the worldwide dispersion but it says that the Iranians will be dismayed before their enemies. Talking about a menu of enemies, more than just the Lord being angry. And of course they you know they've got Israel's concerned. The GCC the Gulf Cooperative Council the Arab States on the other side of the Persian Gulf are extremely concerned about Iran's nuclear program. I'll tell you about that because it is built on where three tectonic plates converge and I'll tell you about that in a moment. But it says that there are going to swords coming after them. This is a big deal. But, the last two verses when you are starting with verse 38 there are good news for the Iranians and this is the whole bigger backstory about what's going on in Iran today. There is a nuclear showdown I believe and that is the title of the book. And also there is a spiritual showdown going on between Christianity and Islam. And God says He will set His throne up in Elam and destroy from there the kings and the princes in verse 38 of Jeremiah 49. Which tells us one of the reasons He is fiercely angry is because there is bad leadership and He's going to have to destroy them and set His throne up inside of there. Get rid of the king in that court. And we know that the most repressive Islamic regimes in the world right now, is trying to put their finger on a nuclear weapon and wipe Israel off the map is Iran, those leaders have to be take out. And so there wanting to launch something back to the bow. What are they wanting to launch, these kings and these prince that they have to be taken out? The good news is He will set His throne in Elam. And the last verse says He will bring back the captives of Elam. He will restore the fortunes of those exiles we are told in verse 36 that are sent out into the nations of the world. That is good news David, dreams, visions, miracles, healings Iran is the number one growing evangelical population in the world. And there are many Elamites, many Iranians we'll say Iranians today that are looking to this prophecy to find fulfillment as an exit strategy to get out of that area because it is very repressive in Iran and it is very difficult for them to leave. It is a big back story.

Dr. Reagan: But Bill we know from many, many other prophecies in the Bible that when the Lord returns His capital city is going to be Jerusalem. That is where His throne is going to be. That is where He is going to reign over all the world. What in the world does this mean when He says I'll put My throne there?

Bill Salus: This is certainly the most puzzling part of the six verses. The Hebrew word is kisse, K-I-S-S-E. We find this word used in Isaiah 66 where it says, "Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool." We find it in Jeremiah 3 I think it is around verse 16 and 17 that talks about, He will set His throne up, the Messiah will have His throne in Jerusalem in the Messianic

Kingdom that is how we would look at that. It shows, it talks about this in other places as well. We know Jerusalem is where the Messiah is going to reign from. So, what is this throne in Elam that's got so many Iranian's excited about right here? Well when you study the word it can mean a literal throne. So one possibility that I like to think about, remember it says He is going to bring back those exiles, those dispersed those outcasts. Some of them are going to come to recognize Jesus Christ. And they will be, they will be a remnant like there will be a remnant of Israeli's a remnant of Jordanians, a remnant of Assyrians, a remnant of Egyptians that will go through the travails that they are going through all the way through the Tribulation. But there will be a remnant that recognizes Jesus as the Messiah and they will be restored back to a Garden of Eden like condition apparently. So, maybe kings often had other palaces right?

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

Bill Salus: Cyrus had one. Persia also had one in Elam when they conquered it. Maybe Jesus will have a little second palace somewhere in Elam. That is one idea. It is a little bit of a stretch, David. But it can also mean it is a position of authority like King Cyrus, one of the very few good kings of Iran in the past anointed by the Lord so he was doing God's bidding. He was used by the Lord we are told in Isaiah 44 and 45 for the purposes of bringing the Jews out of the Babylonian captivity, had to be after the 70 years period. So in 539 BC Cyrus was anointed to bring the Jews back. Maybe He'll have an anointed type person like that in Elam.

Dr. Reagan: The only prophecy I can think of that is similar to this is the one that has to do with Damascus and how it will cease to exist in the end times. And this is talking about a pretty compelling devastation of Elam that is going to require people to scatter. I saw a documentary recently about the nuclear devastation that occurred in Russia. And how the people fled those cities there and how they are just ghost towns now. Something like that could occur.

Bill Salus: Well, absolutely. This is a great concern. The former UN Ambassador John Bolton said in the summer of 2010 when the Russian fuel rods were loaded into Bushehr he said, "Israel's opportunity to destroy it gets window head shut because it would create a nuclear disaster."

Dr. Reagan: Are the people, Christian in Iran are they aware of this prophecy?

Bill Salus: They are. There are primarily three main satellite television programs that reach into Iran. One of them is Iran Alive Ministries, TBN has one and CBN has one also. TBN's is called Nejat TV and they reach into over the heads of the ayatollahs under their noses into the households of Iranians who are extremely dismayed with Islam. Many Muslims in Iran are dismayed with Islam. Most of the population in Iran about 80% is under 30 years old they were indoctrinated into these ayatollah's things which took over in 1979 and immediately Iran goes to war for eight years with Iraq. They have been repressing their people, all kinds of issues. And so, Christianity is very appealing to them and they are coming to the Lord in multitudes it is the number one growing evangelical population in the world; growing at a rate of 19.6%. Compared to America growing at rate of .08%. Amazing phenomenon through dreams, miracles, and healings.

Dr. Reagan: Tell us again the name of your book.

Bill Salus: "Nuclear Showdown in Iran: Revealing the Ancient Prophecy of Elam."

Dr. Reagan: I understand you also have some videos that go with that.

Bill Salus: We have a DVD, a teaching DVD that goes with it that enhances the book, and complements it.

Dr. Reagan: Same title?

Bill Salus: Same title.

Dr. Reagan: And they can get those from your ministry or from amazon.com?

Bill Salus: Either place my ministry website is prophecydepot.com, prophecydepot like Home Depot .com, and amazon.com under "Nuclear Showdown in Iran: Revealing the Ancient Prophecy of Elam."

Dr. Reagan: Thank you Bill.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: For those of you who may have tuned in late I am presenting two interview I conducted recently with Bible prophecy experts. The interview you have just been watching was with Bill Salus the author of a fascinating new book called: "Nuclear Showdown in Iran." The second interview I am going to present is one I conducted with a wonderful man of God named August Rosado. August is a native of Massachusetts who now lives in Connecticut. His ministry is called Today in Bible Prophecy. August is a very articulate preacher and teacher who has an encyclopedic memory of Scripture. I talked with him about the importance of Bible prophecy both as a tool of evangelism and Christian discipleship. Here now is my discussion with him.

August Rosado Interview

Dr. Reagan: August from a viewpoint of Bible prophecy what is the greatest burden on your heart today?

August Rosado: Dr. Reagan I would have to say the greatest burden that God has given me is to evangelize and proclaim the soon return of Jesus Christ. My wife and I travel all across these United States and it's great to give information about prophecy and what is going on in Israel, and the Middle East and around the world. But, the burden that the Lord has given me is to use Bible prophecy as a springboard for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. You know we've been on the road for the last 3 1/2 months traveling the South and the Midwest. We've seen about 13 people come to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and personal Savior, one of them being Jewish. And so this is the burden that the Lord has given me is to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And that is what Bible prophecy is all about. The main verse for our ministry is in 2 Peter 1:19, and Peter says, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy where unto you do well to take heed. As unto a light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawns and the daystar rise in your hearts." Prophecy it's a light that shines in a very dark world. And Dr. Reagan we live in a very dark world.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

August Rosado: And so my burden is not only give information about what is going on around the world, but to use prophecy as a springboard for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Reagan: You know August I run across so many pastors who say to me that prophecy is just pie-in-the-sky, doesn't have any relevance to the here and now. I don't have time to talk about it. But the Bible reveals that Bible prophecy can be a great tool of evangelism. For example on the Day of Pentecost when Peter preached the very first Gospel sermon all he preached was prophecy. He gave the prophecy and said the Messiah fulfilled it. He gave the prophecy the Messiah fulfilled it. And yet it is so ignored. Here we are at the very point where Jesus is about to return and churches are ignoring Bible prophecy in mass.

August Rosado: Yes, and I have experience that myself at churches that I have called across the country. I would say to this pastor, "Hey I would love to come to your church and talk about Bible prophecy; the blessed hope of Titus 2:13." And I am just blown away by the response I get by these preachers. I have one preacher out of Rhode Island he told me this he said, "August I appreciate what you're doing but we can never have prophecy taught in this church." I was stumbling over words. And I said, "Well pastor--

Dr. Reagan: A third of God's Word.

August Rosado: A third of God's Word. I said, "Why not preacher?" He says, "It is just a confusion subject. We just can't have this type of topic in the church. You know we are confused on Pre-, Mid-, Post- and we just don't want our people being you know confused on the subject." And I looked at this preacher and I said, "Pastor, you are robbing your people of the doctrine of the blessed hope."

Dr. Reagan: Well he certainly is. And it is just so sad to see people ignoring it. You know Satan must be sitting on the sidelines just laughing about the fact that here is Jesus, it is like God is shouting from the heavens, "Jesus is coming soon."

August Rosado: And we see all the signs taking place that's signifying that Jesus Christ is coming soon. For example when John the Apostle on the Island of Patmos 2,000 years ago he says in Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he who readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things that are written therein. He said for the time is at hand." So we see Dr. Reagan that the time is at hand. But churches by large are saying we don't want to bother with this stuff and we are not going to have prophecy teachers coming in and teaching this subject. I mean I am a Pan-Millennialist I just believe it's all going to pan out in the end. Dr. Reagan that doesn't sit well with me.

Dr. Reagan: Ah, it doesn't sit well with me either because to me that is an admission that I am too lazy to study it.

August Rosado: Exactly. Exactly. And again prophecy is a lamp that shineth in a dark place.

Dr. Reagan: Well what do you say to pastors who say to you, "Well you know people have been saying for 100 years that we are living in the season of the Lord's return? He may return any moment. What is different about today?"

August Rosado: When again going back to Revelation 1:3 when John said, "The time is at hand." Oh, you Christians for 2,000 years have been saying the same exact thing, Jesus is coming back. He is coming back. And well where is Jesus? I don't see Him. Jesus where are you? I mean where is He? But you know something a lot of the denial about Jesus coming back is coming from those within the Church.

Dr. Reagan: I know.

August Rosado: In 2 Peter 3:3-4.

Dr. Reagan: I was turning there.

August Rosado: Peter says that in the Last Days you would have these mockers, these scoffers.

Dr. Reagan: This is a fulfillment of prophecy. It shows we are living in the last days.

August Rosado: Exactly. Exactly.

Dr. Reagan: It all does. You keep on talking about the signs of the times of all the signs of the times that exist today what do you consider to be the most significant?

August Rosado: I would have to say the most significant and I know you hear this a lot is of course the rebirth of the State of Israel.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah.

August Rosado: That is one of the major signs that prophecy is being fulfilled.

Dr. Reagan: Well end time Bible prophecy focuses on Israel.

August Rosado: It focuses, Israel is the main piece of Bible prophecy. But again the Church is denying this and they are saying that God wants nothing to do with Israel anymore. He wants nothing to do with the Jews anymore. All the promises that God gave to the Jews are now null and void, they have been transferred over to the Church and so now Dr. Reagan we are the New Israel. Of course we call this Replacement Theology.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, yeah, well you know August even if you didn't know anything about Bible prophecy or didn't believe it you would have to just stop and think, maybe something supernatural is going on. Because no people in all of history have been scattered all over the world, brought back and their state come back into existence when everybody in the world hates the Jews with a passion and wants to do everything to stop them.

August Rosado: You know when I read those prophecies I get goosebumps Dr. Reagan. You know when I read Isaiah chapter 66:7-8 God said to Isaiah, "Shall a nation be born in one day?" How many nations do you know that were born in just one day?

Dr. Reagan: And it says the birth pains are coming afterwards.

August Rosado: Exactly.

Dr. Reagan: And that's what happened. The birth pains are continuing to this day.

August Rosado: Even to this very day.

Dr. Reagan: I would also point to the fact that for the first time ever in all of history we are seeing a convergence of all the signs. I mean it is not just one sign or this sign the most important one is Israel but there is a convergence of all the signs.

August Rosado: A whole bunch of them.

Dr. Reagan: Like we've never seen before.

August Rosado: Yes, absolutely and we are seeing all these signs today. We are seeing prophecy being fulfilled right before our very eyes. I just can't understand how anybody can deny this. We are seeing Bible prophecy in the 21st Century fulfilled right before our very eyes. It is amazing. Absolutely amazing.

Dr. Reagan: Well I know this I know the people in the pews are interested in Bible prophecy. They are fascinated by it. They want to know what is going to happen. The problem we are running into is the pastors.

August Rosado: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: That is the roadblock. And I'll give you a great example of it each year one of our colleagues Al Gist of Maranatha Ministries holds a conference, a large conference and for many years it was held in Broussard which is a suburb of Lafayette. The first time he ever had Tim LaHaye come to be one of the speakers at that conference he called every large church in that area and said, "How would like to have Tim LaHaye free of charge to speak on Sunday morning?" And they said, "We are not interested." Tim LaHaye.

August Rosado: Free of charge. Not interested.

Dr. Reagan: Not interested. That is a tragedy, it is a tragedy.

August Rosado: Yes it is. Yes.

Dr. Reagan: To think they have no interest in their people hearing anything about the coming of the Lord.

August Rosado: Again Dr. Reagan what does that tell you? I mean we just see this trend, a dangerous trend going on in the Church right now. Where preachers are not interested in a doctrine that permeates a third of the Word of God.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah.

August Rosado: That is a shame.

Dr. Reagan: If you give a conference on church growth they are all there.

August Rosado: Church growth. Church business.

Dr. Reagan: If you want to see a church grow preach Bible prophecy.

August Rosado: Yes, there you go. There you go. And again is just goes back to that pastor telling me we will never, ever have prophecy taught in this church I don't want to confuse my people. No, you are robbing them of the doctrine of the blessed hope.

Dr. Reagan: How did you get interested in Bible prophecy?

August Rosado: It was back in 1988 when I got saved April 22nd, 1988, 10:49 AM on a Thursday morning. Dr. Reagan I remember it like it was just yesterday.

Dr. Reagan: Well it sounds like it.

August Rosado: And a Baptist preacher came to my house and won my wife to the Lord. And then he said, "August we are going to go a synagogue on Saturday." And I said, "Well, why are we going to go a synagogue?" He said, "We are going and try to reach out to the Jewish people." And I said, "Why?" He said, "Well, August number one Jesus Christ, Yeshua was a Jew." "I thought He was a Baptist. I thought he was a Baptist." "No, no, August he was a Jew. And the Jews are God's chosen people. And we are going to go there and we are going to try to reach out to the Jewish people." He took me to that synagogue on the Shabbat the Sabbath and God spoke to me right there. And the pastor told me right there when we were in that synagogue, he said, "August, don't let anybody tell you different the Jews are a fulfillment of Bible prophecy." And right there God just clicked something right in me. And I started to just study Bible prophecy. I am just a student, Brother. I have been studying prophecy for 26 1/2 years and I am still learning something new every single day.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, yes. Oh, yes.

August Rosado: But I am just so addicted to the study of Bible prophecy. Every time I study Bible prophecy I just want to practice my route to take off I get so excited about the subject.

Dr. Reagan: That story you just told me you must have a broken heart over the way in which the vast majority of Christendom today argues that God has washed His hands of the Jewish people and has no purpose left for them.

August Rosado: Wants nothing to do with the Jews anymore. And we call this heretical, anti-Semitic doctrine Replacement Theology. And a lot of Bible seminaries, a lot of churches are teaching this heretical doctrine. If you believe in Replacement Theology my advice to you is to rip out Romans chapters 9, 10, and 11 out of your Bible.

Dr. Reagan: You have to.

August Rosado: Because as long as those chapters are in there Paul refutes that blasphemous doctrine.

Dr. Reagan: He says very clearly in fact that God has a purpose for the Jews. And He has a future for the Jewish people. And we know that from what Bible prophecy tells us.

August Rosado: Not only does He have a future for Israel but He has a future for the Church. And I always say this when I preach at churches all across the country, Dr. Reagan, if God can break His promises to Israel, well guess what you don't have a leg to stand on either. If God can break His promises to the Jews then that means He can break His promises to me.

Dr. Reagan: That is a wonderful point. I mean if He didn't mean what He said when He made those promises to the Jewish people, then how do we know that He means what He says when He promises the Rapture of the Church, or that we are going to reign with Him for 1,000 years on this earth?

August Rosado: Amen. And I take the Bible as you say Dr. Reagan for its plain sense, literal meaning. And if the plain sense makes sense, don't look for any other sense or you will end up with nonsense. And there is a lot of nonsense being propagated in the Church today especially when it comes to Bible prophecy. Just take God at His word. Take Him at His promises. All God's promises are yea and that sits well with me.

Dr. Reagan: You know August I must say that if you ever develop any enthusiasm about any of this you'd probably be a pretty good preacher.

August Rosado: [laughing] I'm working on it.

Dr. Reagan: Well, tell us how people can get in touch with you and your ministry.

August Rosado: All they have to do Dr. Reagan is go to my website: www.todayinbibleprophecy.org, they can sign up for our newsletters, look up our Israel Prophecy Tours, and look at our on-line bookstore. We have a number on there and that is how they can get in contact with us.

Dr. Reagan: And they can also invite you to come and speak at their churches and share this.

August Rosado: I would love to come to speak at their churches on Israel, Bible prophecy, and current events, absolutely.

Closing

Dr. Reagan: Isn't it amazing how God can take a man who grew up knowing nothing about Bible prophecy and transform him through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit into a powerful preacher of the Word? I hope this program has been a blessing to you. And I hope you will join us again next week when I will present two more interviews with Bible prophecy experts. One of whom is a lawyer who became a pastor, and the other is a dynamic young man from the Dominican Republic. Well, folks, that is our program for this week. Until next week the Lord willing this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb & Lion Ministries saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our redemption is drawing near."

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