

Christ in Prophecy

Revelation 9: “The 7 Churches: Smyrna & Pergamum”

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Did you know the New Testament contains seven very personal letters that were written by Jesus to seven churches located in modern-day Turkey? And did you know those letters are relevant to us today? For more information, stay tuned.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus our blessed hope. I'm Dave Reagan Founder and Director of Lamb and Lion Ministries and I want to welcome you to our program, Christ in Prophecy. I'm delighted to have with me this week two of my dearest colleagues who are experts in Bible prophecy and who are going to help me to interpret and apply the seven church letters of Revelation. They are Dennis Pollock, who is the Founder and Director of Spirit of Grace Ministries in McKinney, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. And the other is Don McGee, who is the Founder and Director of Crown and Sickle Ministries in Amite, Louisiana, that's sort of a suburb of Baton Rouge, although it's way out there in the country isn't it?

Don McGee: It is.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, okay. Well thanks for joining me fellows, it's good to have you back.

Don McGee: Good to be here.

Dennis Pollock: Thanks, great to be with you.

Dr. Reagan: This is our third program in a series on the seven letters to the seven churches of Revelation. These are letters that Jesus dictated to the apostle John when Jesus returned to this earth 65 years after His death, burial, and resurrection. In our first program, we presented an overview of all seven letters, focusing on thirteen promises the letters contain for those who are classified as overcomers. And we saw that an overcomer is defined as a person who has placed his faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Last week we took a look at the Isle of Patmos, where the letters were written and we discussed the first letter, the one to the church in Ephesus. This week we are going to take a look at two more of the letters, the ones written to the churches at Smyrna, and Pergamum. Smyrna was located 35 miles north of Ephesus on the western shore of modern day Turkey, an area that was called Asia Minor in biblical times. Today, Smyrna is the modern city of Izmir. Izmir is a major port city with a population in excess of 3 million people. There is nothing left of the ancient city of Smyrna, because the modern city has been built right on top of it. The only ancient ruins that can be seen are what is left of a Roman marketplace that dates back to the Second Century AD. The population of Smyrna at the time Jesus wrote to the church is estimated to have been about 200,000. The city has a superb natural harbor that made it an important commercial center rivaling Ephesus. It had celebrated schools of science and medicine, and was known for its magnificent public buildings. It had the largest theatre in all of Asia Minor. Mount Pagus, which towers above the harbor, had an acropolis built on it that was considered to be the city's crown. Today it is the location of a castle fortress that was built by Alexander the Great. Smyrna was filled with temples to many pagan gods and there was one, it was one of the centers of the cult worship of the emperor. There was also a large Jewish population that actively opposed Christianity. The result was Roman persecution, combined with Jewish harassment, producing an environment of acute suffering for Christians. The most interesting place to visit in modern day Izmir is the church of Saint Polycarp. It was built by the Anglicans in 1625 to honor the man who served as Bishop of the Smyrna church from about 105 AD to 155. His name was Polycarp, he was the disciple of the apostle John, he was burned at the stake when he was 86 years old and when he was asked to denounce Jesus while tied to the stake, he responded, "Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and he's done me no wrong, how can I speak evil of my king who saved me?" Polycarp's martyrdom was a manifestation of the severe persecution the church at Smyrna was suffering when Jesus wrote his letter to them. Let's go to that letter now and Dennis, would you read that for us?

Dennis Pollock: Okay, well, we're reading from the second chapter of Revelation in verse eight it says, "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things says the First and the Last, who is dead and came to life. I know your works, tribulation and poverty, but you are rich. And I know the blasphemy of those who say that they're Jews and are not, but are synagogue of Satan. Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed the Devil is about to throw some of you into prison that you may be tested and you'll have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear, what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."

Dr. Reagan: Thank you Dennis, how would you characterize this letter in general?

Dennis Pollock: Well, it's got some positive and negatives, one of the most positive things is that there is no criticism by Jesus of the church, there's only one other church in that category. Nowhere does He tell them to repent, which He does to five of the churches.

Dr. Reagan: I know they must have sighed with relief.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, Woo! The negative side is He says I know some things, one of the things he knows is they've got tribulation, they've got a lot of persecution going on, and poverty. And I think Walvoord pointed out that the word poverty means abject poverty. These were not just slightly poor people, they were in desperate straights of just, in terms of material goods. And then not only is their situation bad, but it's apparently going to get worse, because he says you're gonna be persecuted for ten days. And of course there's a little difference of opinion whether those were ten literal days or not, but in the midst of it all, He says, "I know it," He says, "be faithful and I'll give you the crown of life." So all in all it's very positive, but in spite of the fact they have problems, Jesus does not promise immediate deliverance.

Dr. Reagan: Okay. What about verse 10, I mean verse 9, where it says that He is concerned about the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not. Now, Don, What- who are Jews and are not? What is that talking about?

Don McGee: Well, it could be that they were much like their ancient forefathers who when they got to Canaan because effected by paganism. And though they had Abraham's blood going through their bodies, they had no faith that Abraham had. They were Jews by nature but were not really Jews by religion and conviction.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, what else? Anything else you want to add to that? I know this is kind of a mysterious thing, and people have to guess and speculate at what it is, but do you have anything to add to that?

Dennis Pollock: Well, history tells us there were a large number of Jews that were very hostile toward Christianity in the Smyrna region. And it may be that Jesus was simply saying you know, they are literal Jews, but they are not true Jews because they are opposing what God is doing.

Dr. Reagan: Right. One verse that came to my mind is over in Galatians chapter 6 in verse 12, where it says, "Those who desire to make a good showing in the flesh try to compel you to be circumcised, simply that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ." In other words, they get circumcised, and they say, "Hey, well, you know, I'm really a Jew." Even though they are a Christian, and it could be that, I don't know for sure.

Don McGee: One is not only outwardly a Jew, but must be one inwardly, you see.

Dr. Reagan: Yes. So, it's a rather mysterious statement here but evidently there was some real problem going on there with the Jewish people and the church. Whether they were within the church or outside the church, we know that there was some harassment outside the church. Now, Jesus promises that if they remain faithful under persecution they will receive the crown of life and they shall not be hurt by the second death. What is the crown of life? What is the second death?

Don McGee: The crown of life is not a diadem, or a regal crown for a sovereign, the word there simply means a victor's crown, they're two different words there, as most of us understand. One word for victor's crown, and quite another word for a sovereign's

crown. We are not going to be kings, but we are going to be victors and the crown that we receive will be that of one like an athlete who competes and wins in a race. The second death, I believe, has to do with the Lake of Fire. In Revelation 20:14 we see that, and it presupposes the first death which I believe to be the personal sin that separates us from God according to Ephesians 2:1, so we have a death that results in our separation from God here, as a result of our sin, which is a form of death, separation. And then we have the eternal separation in the Lake of Fire.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, Dennis, do you have any comments about the crown of life or the second death?

Dennis Pollock: Well, we covered that in another program to some degree, about the second death.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, but they may not have been watching in that program, so let's do it for this program, ok?

Dennis Pollock: Okay, well Don did a good job too. So just to add to that, the second death was actually used by Jewish Rabbis, and Christ picked up apparently a phrase that was common and used it here and it indicates as in Revelation 20 describes, the Lake of Fire, this casting people into the Lake of Fire. And you know, a lot of times people are mixed up about Hell and we often think, I know one guy talked about some buddies of his that were not Christians and they died and he said, "Yeah, they're crackling and popping in Hell right now." Well, that's colorful language you know, it's kind of interesting to think about, but the truth is, there's nobody crackling and popping in Hell right now because the White Throne Judgment has not occurred, nobody's in the Lake of Fire right now. If you could go and visit there you would find it empty because there will first be a judgment and then the sinners will be cast into the Lake of Fire, which the Bible declares is the second death.

Don McGee: Beast and false prophet will be the first two.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, well, you know, in talking about this, one thing that comes to mind, it seems to me what Jesus is saying here, you know, you've got two alternatives, you can

either receive the crown of life, or you can receive the second death. It's going to be one or the other.

Dennis Pollock: Life or death.

Dennis Pollock: God deals with sin in one of two ways, grace or wrath, and every person watching this program right now and all of us in this studio are under either the grace of God or we're under the wrath of God. God must deal with sin, He deals with sin in those two ways, grace or wrath. And there's not, the idea that many people have of God is the cosmic teddy bear who's big and soft and warm and furry and when you stand before Him He's gonna wink at you and say, "Well, I know you never accepted my Son, and I know that you were a boozier and a woman chaser, and all that, but you were a whole lot better you know than the fellow that lived down the street from you and..." God doesn't grade on the curve he grades on the cross.

Don McGee: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: It's gonna be grace or it's gonna be wrath, one of the two. So He's talking about either the crown of life or the second death. That's not the first time we come across the crown of life. Over in James 1, in verse 12, it says, "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial for once he has been approved he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love him. There's gonna be degrees of reward as we stand before the Lord Jesus Christ. But it seems to me like the crown of life is probably simply the crown for those who endured testing, the crown that came through, successful in their time of testing. But there's gonna be a crown of life that's gonna be a special reward, for those who have never received Jesus, it's gonna be the second death. It's going to be eternal separation from God. So it's one or the other.

Dennis Pollock: And you know that brings us to the heart of the Gospel, which is receiving the grace of God or living under the wrath of God. And the reason that's significant is that, so many churches are departing from that and they're presenting Jesus as just kind of a good buddy to help make your life a little nicer. But the Gospel is not about Jesus becoming your good buddy, although He'll do that for sure, I mean He's

a great friend. But the heart of the Gospel is, grace or wrath, righteousness or condemnation, and through the cross we can receive righteousness through Christ.

Dr. Reagan: But that's not a popular message, it is not a message you hear in many churches today because it's not a popular message. It's a message that makes people squirm in their seats. It's not a seeker friendly message, right?

Dennis Pollock: Well, this whole section that we're reading, really, Jesus was not very seeker sensitive here in these couple verses. He's talking about repenting and He's talking about all kinds of things he hates.

Dr. Reagan: I was talking one time about the wrath of God and a guy just jumped all over me, "What do you mean the wrath of God? That's Old Testament! New Testament is all grace it's all love it's all fuzzy, it's all warm." I said, "Hey, have you read the new testament? Let me read you a statement here that Jesus makes, he makes to the church at Thyatira, He says, "If you don't get your act together," he says, "I'm gonna cast you upon a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with this woman in this church who's causing problems, will go into great tribulation. I will kill their children with pestilence and all the churches will know that I am the one who searches the minds."

Don McGee: So many forget about the justice aspect of God, every body wants to talk about His love and grace and mercy, all this huggy-touchy-kissy-feely stuff, and there's a place for that stuff, but the soul that sins will die. Sin must be punished, now either it's gonna be Jesus who takes the punishment or you. You've got a choice.

Dr. Reagan: That's right. When all you do is present the kind of Jesus you're talking about, you really are blaspheming the blood.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, well, you know, I saw a tract a guy handed me one time and I thought, this is neat this guy is going out passing out tracts. I looked at the tract, the whole thing was "Jesus wants to be your friend, invite into your life and He'll be your friend." It said nothing about the cross, the cross was not mentioned, nothing about sin, nothing about imputed righteousness. It was just you need a friend, Jesus will be your friend. I thought, that's not the gospel!

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, there you go. Well folks, I'd like to conclude our consideration of the letter to Smyrna with an observation about Polycarp. Polycarp was a student of the apostle John before he became the bishop of the church in Ephesus. One of his students in turn was a man by the name of Irenaeus who became the Bishop of the church in Leon, France. In the year 180 AD Irenaeus wrote that the book of Revelation was written by the apostle John, "Toward the end of Domitian's reign." Now that's a very important statement. Why? Why is that important?

Don McGee: Because the persecution of the Christians was worldwide. John was on Patmos because of it.

Dr. Reagan: And because it directly counters the modern day fad of Preterism, which says the book of Revelation was written before 70 AD. That whole system of thought depends upon the book of Revelation written before 70 AD. And here is a man, who was taught by one of the disciples of the apostle John himself and says "Hey, I know when this book was written. It was written in 95 AD during the reign of Domitian." I don't know how you could get anything clearer than that.

Don McGee: You cannot emphasize that too much.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah. In a moment folks we're gonna consider the letter to the church at Pergamum, but first, let's pause for a message about some Revelation study resources that I think will be helpful to you.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Welcome back to Christ in Prophecy. This week we are discussing two of the seven letters that Jesus dictated to the apostle John on the island of Patmos in 95 AD. And I'm being assisted by two colleagues here, Dennis Pollock of Spirit of Grace Ministries, and Don McGee of Crown and Sickle Ministries.

Dennis Pollock: Now wait a minute Dave – you forgot to say we were experts. I like it when you call us experts.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, experts.

Dennis Pollock: Just teasing, actually I don't like it.

Dr. Reagan: Like experts? I don't know. You can contact these ministries at the website locations you see on the screen right now. Please take a moment to find these websites and send the message through them to request that you be put on the mailing list for these ministries. In fact, I want to emphasize that. You look into the camera and give them your website address.

Dennis Pollock: Okay, well it's real simple, it's the name of our ministry, Spirit of Grace, and then you add .org, spiritofgrace.org. Okay, and Don, yours.

Don McGee: www.crownandsickle.com.

Dr. Reagan: And is that sickle spelled with an le or an e-

Don McGee: S-I-C-K-L-E. Not crown and sickly, crown and sickle.com.

Dr. Reagan: Well, we're going to turn our attention next to the letter Jesus wrote to the church at Pergamum. Now folks Pergamum is located about 60 miles north of Ephesus. The ruins of Pergamum are located near the modern town of Bergama which has a population of about 70,000 people. The sight of Pergamum, like Ephesus, contains some very spectacular ancient ruins. Equally spectacular is the sight of the city, on top of a steep hill, towering a thousand feet above the surrounding countryside, creating a natural fortress. The city's incredible theatre is perched on the side of the steep hill and its size indicates a city of about 150,000 people in the First Century AD. Pergamum was a governmental city, the capital of the province. It was also a culturally sophisticated city with a library of over 200,000 volumes, second only to the library in Alexandria, Egypt. The city was also a center of emperor worship. One ancient historian remarked that it was a city addicted to idolatry. It was considered to be the birthplace of Zeus, who in turn

was considered to be the father of all Greek gods. This is probably the reason Jesus refers to it in His letter to the church there as the seat of Satan. In the valley below the city, there was a world-famous medical center known as the Asklepion, the Asklepion, I'll get that right. It was the first health spa, and the first to provide treatments for both physical and mental illness. Asklepion was the workplace of Hippocrates, the father of medicine. He was the man who taught that many illnesses were rooted in spiritual problems. Don how about reading this letter to us the letter to Pergamum.

Don McGee: “The angel of the church in Pergamum wrote: The one who has the sharp two-edged sword says this, I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast my name and did not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you where Satan dwells. But, I have a few things against you because you have there some who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. Thus, you also have some who in the same way, hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Repeat, therefore, or else I’m coming to you quickly and I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches, to him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden Manna, and I will give him a white stone and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.”

Dr. Reagan: Okay, now this is a rather lengthy letter here that He’s writing to Pergamum. You know, this is exciting to me, it’s like reading somebody else’s mail, it’s like getting an e-mail message from God, it’s really exciting to me to read these letters and to see how much they apply to us today. What is your overall impression of this particular letter Don, what would you like to share with us?

Don McGee: Well, again, the first thing that he says is that “I know.” And I believe that’s very, very important, it’s important to the people who were reading this knowing that God, the great God of Heaven, knew what was going on in their personal lives, and also in their congregation and that same can be applied to us. I find in very interesting that he addresses Satan’s throne here.

Dr. Reagan: Oh yeah.

Don McGee: And then of course he goes on and says I have some things against you also.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, Dennis, you want to make any responses to the letter in general before we get to some particulars?

Dennis Pollock: Well, you know, just picking up on what Don said about I know, one of the things that you see through all these letters, and they're all so similar, I mean, they're the same form, although He has different things to say. But one of the things He says to every church is I know your works, I know what you're doing. And you know, all of us understand that we're saved by grace, we understand that we're not saved by works. But it doesn't mean that works are not significant in the eyes of God, and in the eyes of Christ, and He's looking to these churches saying, "I know what you're doing." Sometimes that means it's a good thing, sometimes it means He's not very pleased but He's definitely is concerned about what churches and what Christians are doing.

Dr. Reagan: In our first program in this series when I gave my introductory overview, I made the point that the church was under tremendous persecution at this time all over the Roman Empire. People were being required to come and drop a piece of incense in a fire and say, "Caesar was Lord" and only Christians wouldn't do that. And so Christians were being terribly, terribly persecuted, fed to lions, crucified right and left, it must have been a time when the church was really on the ropes, and people probably began to wonder, you know, does the Lord know what's going on here? I mean, did Jesus really mean it when he said, "Upon this rock I'll build my church and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Think how this must have impacted the church. "Hey, I'm here, I know what's going on. I'm walking among you, I can even give you detailed information about your congregation, some you probably don't want in writing, but I know, I'm not distance, I'm not aloof, I'm not, you know, millions of miles...I'm not sitting on some throne just looking around, I am here walking among you, I know!" This has got to be a source of encouragement even under persecution.

Dennis Pollock: When you are suffering the most is when you need to know more clearly that at any other time in your life that God is intimately aware of what's going on.

Dr. Reagan: Well, He mentions here something very interesting. He says one of the problems with this church is the teaching of Balaam. Now what in the world is that all, who's Balaam first of all, and what's it all about?

Don McGee: Balaam was the one who tried to influence the Israelites to leave the worship of God and to be involved in idolatry and Dennis could probably say a few things about that in just a moment. But this is something that we have, even today, the church is being influenced by the things around us. We're not impervious to those things around us and only by the power of the Holy Spirit do we overcome those things, but it has to do with idolatry and its seduction.

Dr. Reagan: You know, Balaam was an Old Testament Prophet who was hired to prophesy against the children of Israel and every time he opened his mouth he spoke a blessing. He couldn't do it. He just couldn't do it, he kept speaking blessing after blessing. But then he finally, as I remember it, encouraged them to get the children of Israel involved in sexual immorality and that this would destroy them. What do you know about Balaam and what this is talking about here?

Dennis Pollock: Well, the story of Balaam is fascinating, we could take a couple of programs and just talk about that.

Dr. Reagan: Well, I imagine you could preach a sermon, especially about that donkey.

Dennis Pollock: Yeah, the donkey. But, Balaam was offered a lot of money, and a lot of blessings, prestige, whatever, by the King of Moab, who's name was Balak. He said, if you will come and put a curse on these guys, you'll be set for life. And he tried. I mean, give him credit, he tried. He would open his mouth hoping that you know, come on curse, and it just wouldn't happen. And finally he's about to lose everything, I mean, he had the chance to make all this money and just be rich, in our terms, a millionaire, whatever, and he's about to lose it and he thinks, "Ah, you know what, hey Balak, here's what, I can't curse these guys directly, but what I can tell you is this, I can give you a plan that will lead to their downfall. What you do is you get your best looking gals out there, not these old hags, but the good looking ones with the great figures, let them

seduce these young Israelite males, get them involved in idolatry, and they'll fall as result of their own sin."

Don McGee: Everyone's gonna be turning in their Bibles right now to catch this story.

Dr. Reagan: I was about to say that I've read that story a hundred times and it never was as interesting and when he told it right now.

Don McGee: Everyone's gonna be looking at Balaam now Dennis.

Dr. Reagan: I think this is sort of the modern version.

Dennis Pollock: Well, maybe it's a little bit paraphrased but it's something pretty close to that. And the point Jesus is making is you've got people like that now that are encouraging sexual immorality, and sexual immorality is something God has taken a very strong stand against. He says, "You do that, you don't go to Heaven." If you practice that, now, you can be forgiven for an initial act, but at any rate, Jesus says, you've got people in the church encouraging this, and He said, "That is something I just hate."

Dr. Reagan: Okay, now in verse 15 He mentions another problem in this church, it's one we've run across before, in the letter to Ephesus which we discussed in a previous program, He makes the same criticism. He says, you have some who are involved in the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Now, Don, refresh our memories, what is that all about?

Don McGee: Any time you have a group of people some in that group will usually try to gain authority over it, and the same is true for the religious community, and even in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Nicolaitans, as far as we can tell, were those people who tried to control the members of the congregations in a tyrannical way. They were the clergy and everybody else was the laity, and the laity had to be in subjection to the clergy no matter what.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, and you know, we're talking about a radical change here from Old Testament times to the New Testament. Old Testament times it seemed all of religion

was focused in priests and what priests did, and suddenly the New Testament says we're all priests, we all are.

Don McGee: There are no distinctions there is no clergy and laity in the New Testament.

Dr. Reagan: We don't have to go through a priest to pray to God.

Don McGee: That's right.

Dr. Reagan: We are all priests who are born again members of the Lord's body, but there were some who could not accept that and instead they wanted to have a priesthood within the church.

Don McGee: Yeah.

Dr. Reagan: Anything to add to that? Okay, then let's consider the next verse in verse 17 He talks about some promises to overcomers. These wonderful promises. In one of our previous programs we pointed out that in these 7 letters there are 13 glorious promises that are made to overcomers. And in this particular one, He talks about, you'll be given some of the hidden manna and you'll be given a white stone with a name written on it. What about that, any comments about that for the maybe people viewing for the first time.

Don McGee: John 6, go to John 6.

Dr. Reagan: Okay.

Don McGee: Jesus is the hidden manna in John 6.

Dr. Reagan: He is He is. Be given some of the hidden manna, wow. That could even mean fellowship, intimacy with the Lord Jesus Christ. We're gonna be right there with Him, we're gonna see the face of God, we're gonna have intimacy with Jesus in His

glorified body. I can hardly wait. It's beyond my comprehension, but, it's a promise, right?

Don McGee: Right.

Dr. Reagan: Okay. Alright, what is the message of this letter for you and me and our viewers today? What are we to learn from this?

Don McGee: Overcome. That's it, overcome. That's the goal, overcoming.

Dr. Reagan: And Jesus is the overcomer.

Don McGee: He is the one.

Dr. Reagan: In His strength and power we can overcome, but only in his strength and power.

Don McGee: We have nothing in ourselves to cause us to be overcomers, but by faith in Christ we are guaranteed to be overcomers.

Dr. Reagan: Dennis, why don't you look directly into that camera in front of you and you talk about what is an overcomer and how can one become an overcomer.

Dennis Pollock: The truth is, there is something to overcome in this life. You know, there are famous people that sometimes get death threats, someone will send them a note and say I'm gonna kill you. There's death threat against you. It comes from the Devil, from demons, from this world's culture, even from your own flesh that is trying to drag you down to destruction and separate you from God forever. And you will have to overcome this incredible pressure, this pull, before you die, or you'll be lost forever. Now, the truth is, you don't have it in you to overcome these tremendous currents that are attempting to drag you down, neither do I, none of us do. But there is one who overcame, His name is Jesus Christ, and He says, "If you will put your faith in me, I will not only forgive your sin, I will give you a brand new nature, and you will overcome this world." The Bible says, "This is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith, who is he who

overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” By a simple act of faith in Christ, you can be forgiven, born again, and can overcome all these currents of evil that are trying to drag you down.

Dr. Reagan: Thank you Dennis. Well folks, that’s our time for this week. Next week, the Lord willing, we’ll take a look at the letters to the churches at Thyatira and Sardis. Until then, 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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