

Christ in Prophecy

Special 21: Apokalypsis Video

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Opening

Dr. David Reagan: A fantastic new video program has been produced by the Inspiration TV Network that provides a fascinating, exciting, highly informative and accurate overview of end time Bible prophecy. For a review of it, stay tuned.

Part 1

Dr. David Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Blessed Hope, and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. I want to share with you today about an outstanding new video program that has been produced by the Inspiration TV Network. It is called "Apokalypsis." The subtitle is "The Final Warning."

I was invited to participate in this program by serving as an expert commentator on end time Bible prophecy, and I declined the invitation. I did so because I was fed up with doing video interviews that were then edited to make me look foolish and were used as part of a video program attacking Bible prophecy. That had happened to me several times over the years, particularly with video crews from England. But the director of this video, a wonderful Christian man by the name of Ruben Landa, would not take no for an answer. He was persistent and he was adamant about the fact that the video was going to affirm Bible prophecy and not attack it. So, I finally gave in and agreed to be interviewed.

And folks, all I can say now, is that I am so glad I changed my mind, because Mr. Landa has produced the finest video I have ever seen about end time Bible prophecy. In addition to me, he recruited some other outstanding Bible prophecy teachers to participate in the program, people like: Ed Hindson from Liberty University, Ron Rhodes, a prolific Bible prophecy writer from Frisco, Texas, Don Perkins, from According to Prophecy Ministries in San Diego, California, Theresa Garcia, a Bible prophecy teacher based in Columbia, Illinois, and Gary Frazier of Discovery Ministries in the Dallas, Texas area.

But, folks, this is not a dry and boring video of interviews with scholars. Not at all! It is an exciting visual presentation of the events leading up to the Tribulation, and then it takes you through the seven years of the Tribulation, year by year. To cover all that, the video runs a total of almost four hours in length. To give you an idea of the high quality of the video, let's take a look at the opening.

Portion of Apokalypsis DVD

Narrator: Hanging in the emptiness of space, solemn, beautifully and wonderfully made is the planet earth. Home to mankind, and center stage for the most elaborate, awesome, and important story ever lived; the history of mankind. Through its triumphs.

NASA Narrator: That is one small step for man.

Narrator: And failures.

German Troops: Hail!

Narrator: Time has brought the collective human race to this moment, the modern day. Information flies throughout the planet at the speed of light. Science and knowledge have increased to unparalleled, and unprecedented heights bringing out the best in our God given creative and imaginative potential. And yet, we are merely scratching the surface. This amazing progress is made of the inhabitants of the world, an overly confident and arrogant race. Brewing underneath the haughtiness of mankind, like a sleeping giant is the approaching fulfillment of gruesome and fearsome prophecies predicted over millennia in the ancient writings of the Bible. We're telling a time of calamities like reported history has never known. A period of death and dying. Conflict and war. Pestilence and famine. And a supernatural reckoning. A time when the literal wrath of God will be poured out over all creation when the collective sinful debts of humanity will be reconciled. A time of a great tribulation.

Part 2

Dr. David Reagan: Well, as you can see, this is a first class presentation. The video is divided into two parts. The first half focuses on what Daniel, Ezekiel and Jesus have to say about the end times leading up to the Tribulation. Events like the Psalm 83 War and the War of Gog & Magog are covered in detail.

Also, several possible scenarios are presented to explain the absence of the United States in end time prophecy, including such things an economic collapse and an electro-magnetic pulse attack. The first half concludes with the presentation of a Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Let's go now to that section.

Portion of Apokalypsis DVD

Don Perkins: The Rapture is a wonderful event that's been prophesied in Scripture, it is the catching up of the Saints. Jesus is coming to remove the Church from the earth. The Scripture says that the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up with them, we'll be changed from mortal to immortality. As fast as you can blink your eye from mortal to immortality we'll be changed. The Rapture is going to give us a glorified body. The Rapture will remove the stain of sin from us. What I love so much about what Scripture says, "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." We will be with Him forever.

Narrator: Though critics of the term Rapture say that there is no such word in the Bible. Scholars tell us the origin of the term and why the idea of the sudden disappearing is in fact a biblical concept.

Dr. Gary Frazier: This is the great promise, we call it the blessed hope, because this is the Christ who went away who said I'm going to come back and claim My Bride. The problem is the word rapture never appears in the Bible. Well let's be reminded that we are reading for the most part today, at least in America the Bible in English.

Dr. Ed Hindson: Concepts are taught in the Bible whether the word appears or not. For example the Trinity, that word is not in the Bible. We worship on Sunday, that word is not in the Bible. The concept of the triune God; equal deity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is clearly taught in the Bible. The concept of the Rapture in the Greek New Testament in which it was written in the first place, it is there is the Greek word "harpazo" which means snatched away, caught away. So, literally the phrase "caught up" as it is translated in most English Bibles is a reference

to the Rapture. There has to be a time according to 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 when the dead in Christ are raised, and the living are caught up.

Don Perkins: Paul called it a mystery. We don't know when it's going to happen. We know it's going to happen though.

Narrator: So, while the body of Believers is whisked away to be with Jesus in the clouds, the world below is thrown into total disarray and panic, such as the world has never known. Without a doubt after an event like the Rapture the world would be left in absolute chaos. The global grief of losing loved ones to the unknown will be overwhelming, and unlike anything the world has ever seen. The world will be left to wonder if this kind of event will happen again, and if so when? And even worse will they ever see their loved ones again? With the disappearance of a large percentage of the global workforce economies around the world will experience Depression Era drops, as understaffed companies struggle to meet their production and financial projections. The unprecedented slowdown of demand for products and services will plunge the nations of the world into economic collapse. The environmental effects will also be catastrophic as several hot spots on earth will surely suffer accidents. Nuclear reactors will leak insurmountable amounts of radiation contaminating streams, rivers and the atmosphere. Much in the way the Fukushima and Chernobyl did, but even worse.

Dr. David Reagan: The world will be looking for some hope because there is going to be absolute chaos. I mean airplanes will crash. Cars will crash. All kinds of things are going to collapse. There will be absolute anarchy, and there will have to be military law everywhere.

Narrator: The years that follow will be the darkest time that humanity has ever known. As the wrath of God is poured out over a rebellious, and sinful world. Inevitably those left behind will ask, "Why did they disappear?"

News Reporter: Joining me now is professor of World Religions, Christopher Nielson. Professor the word Rapture keeps being thrown around, and since most of those people that have disappeared were evangelicals--

Narrator: The ground work for mainstream deceptive explanations of what actually happened at the time of the Rapture has been in the works for quite some time.

Christopher Nielson: There have been so many explanations that have been presented in obviously the last 24 hours has been unprecedented in human history. And so, we have to look at these different explanations whether they be alien abductions, or a collusion of dimensions coming from the scientific community. But my particular background is as a religious scholar so I want to look at it from that perspective. And people who have been followers of the New Age Movement for example have been saying for decades now that we are entering a new phase of evolution as human beings, and that this evolution would be spiritual rather than physical.

Narrator: The quickest answers and explanations will come from minds that have been molded by decades of Hollywood's blockbuster science fiction that has introduced creative concepts like the transporter beam, alien abductions, and even portals to other dimensions into the world's collective psyche.

Dr. David Reagan: Back in the early 70's I was mesmerized by the New Age Movement leaders who began to step forward and say, "The Masters of the Universe have spoken to us, and they have told us that a time is coming when they're going to take out of this world all who

live by faith, so that those who live by reason can continue in their evolutionary development." And I tell you the moment the Rapture occurs the leaders of the New Age Movement will step forward and say, "We told you this back in the 1970's the Masters of the Universe have taken them out. Those who live by reason will now move on in their evolutionary development."

Narrator: And what about Hollywood and its obsession with extraterrestrial intelligence? Is there a larger deception brewing? A pre indoctrination embedded into the psyche of the science fiction subculture. Fans who may find it reasonable and even comforting to someday believe that Christians were removed by something like the transporter beam of aliens.

Dr. David Reagan: No doubt whatsoever that some will say, "No, it is all alien activity. That the aliens have pulled these people off the earth." Yes, that will be one of the explanation, no doubt about it."

Part 3

Dr. David Reagan: The second half of the video covers the seven years of the Tribulation, and it presents that period of time in great detail. Here's how that section opens with a focus on the rise of the Antichrist.

Portion of Apokalypsis DVD

Narrator: In the vision of Saint John in Patmos, when the first seal was opened he saw a white horse and rider that came forth conquering. Worth noting though he was given a crown. This conqueror was permitted to have a kingdom on earth for a time. The Bible calls the rider of the white horse of Revelation the Lawless One, the Son of Perdition, the Man of Sin. His more common and recognizable name The Beast, the Antichrist. The white horse itself is likely an allegorical part of John's vision. But scholars agree it represents a future political leader unlike any that they world has seen. A man with impeccable political, diplomatic, economic, and military savvy. He will be a man of arrogance, defiant of God. Yet, he will have a cultic effect on billions worldwide.

Dr. David Reagan: Well, I think that the white horse and the rider is the Antichrist and he goes forth to conquer. The thing we've got to keep in mind is that the Antichrist is going to rise to power in Europe but he's going to rise to power peacefully in Europe. He's going to come to power as a result of his charismatic personality, his dynamic personality, his great wisdom, after all he is going to be empowered by Satan. So, he is going to have supernatural knowledge and he's going to be able to rise to power, take over the European Union, and dominate them.

Narrator: The majority of prophecy scholars agree that the final week of Daniel's prophecy will begin the moment the breaking of the first seal brings about the revelation of the Antichrist. This period of seven years is what scholars call the Tribulation; a time of judgment over a rebellious world that has repeatedly chosen to reject God. The moment the Antichrist is revealed, and as he lays down the groundwork for world domination, he will make a peace accord with the nation of Israel. The rule of the Antichrist will last for seven years according to the aforementioned prophecy in the book of Daniel. And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week.

Dr. Gary Frazier: What is the start of the Tribulation period? It is the signing of a covenant of peace with the nation of Israel that is clearly explained in Daniel chapter 9, verse 27. And in that passage we see that there will be a peace agreement signed that will allow the Jews. But who is the signatories? Who are the participants? But first of all it is the nation of Israel because they are finally going to get to rebuild their temple.

Theresa Garcia: Most people think the covenant is a peace treaty. I would agree with that. If the War of Ezekiel 38 & 39 occurs soon, which it probably will, then somebody is going to march in with an idea on how to get peace, and it is going to be agreed to.

Dr. Gary Frazier: He is actually a human being indwelled by Satan. And the Antichrist comes on in the scene as a result of the chaos of the Rapture, as a result of the carnage of this Ezekiel 38-39 War, and he's the man with a plan. He is a dynamic, charismatic personality.

Theresa Garcia: He is going to become "Time Magazines" Man of the Year, win the Noble Prize. He is the Antichrist.

Dr. Gary Frazier: I know many people have tried to figure out who the Antichrist is going to be, and I always jokingly say that if you ever figure out who the Antichrist is then you've been left behind. Because the Bible is clear that he cannot come upon the scene until the Restrainer, which is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is taken out of the way according to 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. And so having said that the Church is going to be gone. The truth is we cannot know who he's going to be. But we can say because of the other indicators which we previously discussed Israel being back in the land, the coalition of Muslim nations coming against Israel, etcetera, etcetera, that he is alive right now at this point in time. But we don't know who he is, and we cannot know. Now he is going to be the one who will ultimately seemingly appear as a lamb and yet he is a lion. He virtually will come with soft spoken language, a dynamic charismatic. Everybody is going to follow him because they think he is so wonderful and so forth, but he turns. And he turns and he begins to pour out his wrath, that is the wrath of Satan, against not only the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, but also against those people who come to saving faith in Christ during that Tribulation time, after that covenant is signed.

Part 4

Dr. David Reagan: The first series of judgments in the book of Revelation are called the Seal Judgments. They represent the conventional war of the Antichrist as he goes forth to conquer the world, and they result in the death of one-fourth of Mankind. It appears that this war morphs into a nuclear war called the Trumpet Judgments which result in the death of one-third of those still left alive.

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Dr. Ron Rhodes: The Trumpet Judgments are even worse than the Seal Judgments. Now, the Trumpet Judgments begin by one-third of the earth being burned. Just think about that, one-third of the earth is burned, one-third of the trees and all the grass is burned up. Now God certainly has the power to do that, but it could also be nuclear. It is entirely possible that some of the nuclear weapons that exist today may account for the fact that one-third of the earth will be burned up, one-third of the trees and all the grass on planet earth. When you think about the past we've witnessed what a single nuclear weapon can do to a single city, but imagine one-third of the earth, it is catastrophic when you think about it.

Dr. David Reagan: In those times, the end times when He is going to come back men will faint from fear and from the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. To me that's the splitting of the atom. I think he is that is a

foretelling of nuclear war to come, and I think we are seeing that here when one-third of the earth is burned up.

Part 5

Dr. David Reagan: In the middle of the Tribulation, the Antichrist goes to the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem, probably to dedicate it. But when he enters the Temple, he suddenly declares himself to be god, to the horror of the Jewish people.

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Narrator: The forces of the Antichrist militarize the temple. Animal sacrifices cease immediately. The priests and the Sanhedrin are likely imprisoned or executed. And then the biggest desecration in biblical history will begin. A statue of the Antichrist is erected in the Temple of Jehovah.

Dr. Tommy Ice: Second Thessalonians 2 says, "Sets up his image in the Temple of God, claiming to be God." This is why he, you know, he can't do it is a mosque there in Saudi Arabia, he wants to claim to be the God of the Bible, you see. And he sets his image up in the Temple. Well, he couldn't do that before with the two witness, you see.

Narrator: The false prophet with his demonic powers animates the statue making it appear as if it has come to life by giving it the appearance of a being who breathes, and the Antichrist is credited with this demonically miraculous hokes. The eyes of the world watch live on network television channels and social media outlets as in unison. An incredulous and idolatrous world slowly begins to view the Antichrist as a deity. The decree goes out that anyone who does not bow and worship the beast is to be killed. This is the abomination of desolation. The Antichrist declares himself God over the earth inside the Temple of Jehovah.

Part 6

Dr. David Reagan: When the Jews reject the Antichrist's claim to be God, he responds furiously, determined to annihilate them from the face of the earth. This produces a mass exodus of the Jews from Israel into the modern day state of Jordan.

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Don Perkins: Jesus said when His Jewish brothers see the desecration of the altars He said, "Flee."

Dr. Ron Rhodes: And so, Jewish people escape out of Jerusalem into the wilderness.

Don Perkins: And as they flee there God will have a place of protection for the Jews that can make it there during the Tribulation.

Dr. Ron Rhodes: God promises to protect the Jewish people in the wilderness for 3 ½ years. Now, I suspect they are going to go to a place perhaps like Petra, which is a secure location out in the wilderness. And it is about 70 or 80 miles from Jerusalem, south of Jerusalem.

Narrator: This is modern day Jordan. Many scholars believe that at the beginning of the Antichrist's persecution of the Jews this is where the remnant will hide, in the city of Petra, a city carved into the mountains by the ancient Nabataean Kingdom. The Nabataeans are a mysterious and enigmatic people with a vast known commercial empire around the 4th Century

BC. Archaeology tells us that a few short years before the birth of Jesus the Nabataeans built Petra in a hurry and for no known reason. An even bigger mystery is why they choose this particular location.

Dr. Ron Rhodes: Petra is a wilderness community that is surrounded by mountains and rocks, so it is a good place to stay secure.

Don Perkins: And I think it is key that Jesus said mountain because in Daniel's prophecy, Daniel 11, he is talking about three cities that would not come under Antichrist's influence; Edom, Ammon and Moab those three regions.

Narrator: The city is literally hidden in a gigantic cleft in a rock. Its only access to this city which in modern day exists as magnificent ruins is a small 5 meter wide crack that runs 1,200 meters in length. On either side 100 foot tall cliffs flank the entrance.

Dr. Ron Rhodes: And the way the book of Revelation puts it is that the earth is going to swallow up Israel. In other words in a friendly way the earth is going to bring Israel to this place of safety.

Narrator: One thing is for certain, Petra is defendable and remote. The Jewish remnant can be safe there from any land based assault. And while modern technology would make it feasible to attack them from the air biblical scholars believe that God will keep them supernaturally safe from any aggression of the Antichrist.

Part 7

Dr. David Reagan: The Tribulation is brought to a close by the return of Jesus, at which point, the surviving Jews on earth receive Him as their Messiah.

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Narrator: At that very moment in time the climax of the history of Israel, and of the entire history of creation only second to the resurrection of Jesus unfolds. The skies over the nation of Israel are split open. And in the most glorious sight that human eyes have ever seen on earth an army led by the Supreme Commander of the Universe, Jesus Christ, once and for all finishes off all the enemies of God.

Dr. David Reagan: It says in the book of Isaiah that when the Lord returns He is not going to come first to the Mount of Olives, He's going to go to a place in Jordan where the Jewish people are. He is going to pick up the Jewish remnant and bring them with Him together with the Church and go to the Mount of Olives.

Dr. Ed Hindson: Jesus comes back at that moment with His Bride, the Church at His side.

Dr. David Reagan: And they are going to be posed for battle. But then the Lord will come and there will be no battle of Armageddon. The idea of a Battle of Armageddon is a myth, there is no battle. The Lord simply arrives on the Mount of Olives, He speaks a supernatural word, this is the One who spoke and the whole universe came into existence. And it says that they will die instantly. It is like a neutron bomb goes off. It says that their eyes melt in their sockets, their tongues melt in their mouths, their skin drops from the body and it is instantaneous victory.

Don Perkins: We are coming back with Christ comprising the Armies of Heaven to go into what is called the 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom.

Narrator: Millennia of rebellion from His enemy, Satan, Jesus will subdue him and bind him to be permanently dealt with one day. Right here the lion's share of God's end time plan is fulfilled. Israel's heart is turned to Jesus.

Dr. David Reagan: The book of Zechariah says that two-thirds of the Jewish people are going to die during this seven year period. But the point of it is not that God hates the Jewish people, He wants to bring the Jewish people to repentance. God is going to have to bring them to the end of themselves, just like He brought me to the end of myself and many other Christians to the end of themselves before they would turn to Him. And so, by the time they get to the end of the Tribulation they will have been so persecuted and so brought to the end of themselves that the moment that Jesus appears in the heavens they will look upon Him whom they pierced. They will weep and wail and mourn as one weeps over the loss of an only son. And they will receive Him as their Lord and Savior.

Part 8

Dr. David Reagan: The video concludes with a strong evangelistic appeal that is presented by Gary Frazier.

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Dr. Gary Frazier: No person, and let me be clear about this, no person Jew, Muslim, anything else is able to have a saving relationship with God unless they come through the person and work of Jesus Christ. We don't make up the rules, we just obey what the Word of God says. Now, having said that many times people are offended by that. They say, "Wait a minute, you are saying because I'm a Jew and because I don't believe that Jesus is the Messiah then I am not going to go to Heaven?" Again, I didn't say that. He said that. Your argument is with Him. He's the one who makes the rules. And that's why it is important to understand that one day we will each meet Him and we will give an account for our lives. And so, whatever religion you choose here's the wonderful news, God gave us a free will we get to choose. I get to choose. You get to choose. But make no mistake about it every person chooses. And there are only two chooses, it is either Christ or the world.

Studio

Dr. David Reagan: My friends, over the years I have found that many people fear the book of Revelation because they say it's full of really bad news. But that bad news is only for those who have stubbornly resisted God's gift of grace in Jesus, the Messiah. For those who have put their faith in Jesus, there is only good news, the news that we win in the end!

My friends, Jesus is returning very soon, and the crucial question for you is: Are you ready? Will Jesus return as your Blessed Hope or your Holy Terror? It will be one of the two, and the choice is yours. The Bible says that the only reason Jesus has not returned is because God wants more people to be saved. God does not wish that any should perish, but He leaves the choice up to you.

If you have never received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, I urge you to do so today, this very moment. Just cry out to God, repent of your sins and receive Jesus as your Savior.

Well, folks, that's our program for this week. I hope it has been a blessing to you. 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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