# Christ in Prophecy

# Special 7: "Antichrist Book"

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## **Opening**

**Dr. Reagan:** Will the Antichrist rise out of Europe and be of Roman descent, or will he be a Muslim? Could he be a Jew? And will he be killed and raised from the dead? Also, could he possibly be alive today? For answers to these questions and others concerning the Antichrist, stay tuned.

#### Part 1

**Dr. Reagan:** Greetings in the name of Jesus our Blessed hope and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. I'm delighted to have my colleague Nathan Jones, with me, and you know what I am going to turn the program over to him. It's all yours Nathan.

**Nathan Jones:** Oh, wow a whole program. Well thank you Dave. Folks, Dr. Reagan's latest book is this one it is the "Man of Lawlessness" and it subtitled, "The Antichrist in the Tribulation." Now I'm going to put Dr. Reagan on the hot seat since I have been given the opportunity. And interview him about this book, and ask him his opinion on some very controversial questions. Now I want to first say Dave thank you for this book. I read it in two sittings.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, okay.

**Nathan Jones:** It was just easy to understand, easy to read and I loved it. And I want to know why did you decide to write a book on the Antichrist.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well that's a good question because I tell you Nathan writing a book about the Antichrist was the last thing I thought I would ever do in my life. I just didn't expect to do that. And I guess the reason I did it was because I saw so many things coming out recently that were about the Antichrist that were so confusing and so unbiblical in nature; particularly people trying to name the Antichrist over and over and things of that nature. And so I thought well maybe we just need to get a book out there that covers the fundamentals of what the Bible says about the

Antichrist; rather than a bunch of wild speculations. And so that is one of the reasons that I decided to do this. Another is of course the fact that the Antichrist is a very important person in Bible prophecy in general. This is a fella who is going to take over the world. The first person ever to rule the entire world is going to be the Antichrist. He is going to fulfill the dream that Hitler had and other tyrants of that nature. The Bible says he is going to rule every tongue, tribe and nation. And it says that during the 7 years that he is reigning he is going to be responsible for killing 1/2 of the population of the world and 2/3 of all the Jews. So it's an important topic in Bible prophecy.

**Nathan Jones:** I love where your heart is in the preface you say, "Your focus of attention should be on Jesus Christ and not the Antichrist." And that is so true. We have so many people obsessed with the Antichrist and you didn't want to feed that fire, right?

**Dr. Reagan:** That's right, that's right.

**Nathan Jones:** And over and over you say our focus should be on Jesus Christ and not the Antichrist. Now I noticed as I read through here that no where did you name the Antichrist. Did you want to do that? Is there a reason to do that?

Dr. Reagan: Oh, no, no, no.

Nathan Jones: No, ok.

**Dr. Reagan:** I guess two of my greatest pet peeves in the whole field of Bible prophecy is (1) people who try to set dates for the return of the Lord. I don't think we can know the date. We can know the season of the Lord's return but not the date. And secondly would be those who try to name the Antichrist.

Nathan Jones: Yes.

**Dr. Reagan:** I think the Bible makes it very clear Nathan that no one is going to know the Antichrist until he reveals himself. And I don't think that we are going to be around then. I think we are going to be taken out of here before then. But the people who try to name the Antichrist get into all kinds of wild speculations. And in fact I have a whole chapter in here that is just about naming the Antichrist.

**Nathan Jones:** Oh, that was fun.

**Dr. Reagan:** And I think it is the funniest chapter.

Nathan Jones: Tell us the craziest one that you believe, the craziest one.

*Dr. Reagan:* Well I think it is hilarious. I started off with a very funny example of what people get into. My former colleague was Dennis Pollock whom many of viewers are very familiar with. He was with the ministry for 11 years back during the 90's. And during that time we had a daily radio program. And so he came to me one time and said, "You know I am fed up with all these people trying to guess who the Antichrist is." And he said, "I'd just like to do a radio program about that." I said, "Well that's fine Dennis, do it." So he gets on the radio and he starts off in a satirical way by saying, "I can prove to you who the Antichrist is." He said, "I can prove to you beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Antichrist is none other than the purple dinosaur; Barney the purple dinosaur; who was very popular among kids at that time.

Nathan Jones: I love you....yeah.

*Dr. Reagan:* And so I give all the calculations in here that show beyond a shadow of a doubt that Barney's name adds up to 666 so he must be the Antichrist. But what is funny is in the middle of all that some guy tunes in; he didn't hear the opening of the program. He tunes in while Dennis is and he thinks that Dennis is serious. So he writes us this enraged letter saying how irresponsible we are that we would be naming Barney the purple dinosaur as the Antichrist. But what I do in this chapter is I move from something silly like that to some really serious ones. One of the major candidates is Nero and I go into detail as to why I don't think there is any possibility that Nero.

Nathan Jones: He's dead.

*Dr. Reagan:* Well but many people believe the Bible indicates that the Antichrist is going to be resurrected from the dead; which I don't believe.

**Nathan Jones:** Okay.

**Dr. Reagan:** Then there is one a new book that just came out by a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary of all things naming the Antichrist as Augustus Caesar. And then one of the silliest I ran across is, "The Antichrist and Cup of Tea." That's the name of the book.

**Nathan Jones:** Cohen's book right?

**Dr. Reagan:** In which the fellow names Prince Charles as the Antichrist. Now that really floored me. I meet this fellow in Colorado. He came up to me and said, "Have you read my

book?" And I said, "Yes." He said, "What did you think?" I said, "Well brother let me tell you something. If Prince Charles is the Antichrist than all I can say is Satan is in big trouble." And he said, "Why do you say that?" I said, "He is such a patsy. I mean he is such a..." He said, "Oh that is all an act."

Nathan Jones: Okay.

**Dr. Reagan:** He said, "He is acting like he is weak. But boy when the time comes it's going to be like Clark Kent stepping into the phone booth and coming out as Superman." So I discussed his arguments you know and why I don't think they hold any water also. So my conclusion is that we should not be involved in trying to guess who the Antichrist is. In fact I end with a quote from a Church Father Irenaeus written in the year 189 AD in which he said "Don't spend your time trying to guess who the Antichrist is it's a waste of time."

**Nathan Jones:** Right, the Church won't be here for it.

*Dr. Reagan:* Well I hope not. I'm not looking for the Antichrist; I'm looking for Jesus Christ.

Nathan Jones: Amen.

### Part 2

**Nathan Jones:** Welcome back to Christ in Prophecy and my interview of Dr. David Reagan concerning his new book about the Antichrist. Now Dave do you believe that the Antichrist is alive today?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well that's a really good question and many years ago when people would ask me that I would say, "Well not necessarily." But then I've got a whole different view on it now that I express in this book. And that is I believe the Antichrist has always been alive in a certain sense, in a certain sense.

**Nathan Jones:** Yeah, how so?

**Dr. Reagan:** And that is Satan knows Bible prophecy and he knows that a day is coming when he is going to empower and I believe even possess the Antichrist. And so I think, the problem is he knows Bible prophecy but he doesn't know when God is going to trigger it. He doesn't know when God is going to trigger all these end times events. So I think that throughout history he has always had a candidate; always somebody that he is ready to anoint. So in that sense I

think the Antichrist has always been alive and is alive today. I think he has a candidate. I don't think the person knows it. I don't think we know who it is. But he has a candidate. And when God makes His move Satan will make his move. And it says that he is going to empower this guy. I think he is going to posses him just like he possessed Judas. So yes I would say he is alive today.

**Nathan Jones:** Okay, so say during World War II Hitler could have eventually been the Antichrist if given the right circumstances.

Dr. Reagan: That's right, that's right.

Nathan Jones: Or Mao.

Dr. Reagan: Absolutely.

**Nathan Jones:** So today do you think the guy knows he is the Antichrist?

*Dr. Reagan:* No, I don't think so. No.

**Nathan Jones:** It will happen when the events take place.

**Dr. Reagan:** That's right. That's right.

**Nathan Jones:** Oh, that's great. Now one of the neat things and not because I was in it; but you had a prophecy forum where you asked 22 different Bible prophecy experts about different questions. And I will let the audience know this was my first time being interviewed by Dr. Reagan on TV and I was pretty nervous but. I loved the questions; I loved the different points of view. Could you tell us a little about it?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well yes that is really the most unique aspect of this book. And I am hoping to write some future books that might have the same characteristic. Section 2 of this book is entitled, "A Prophecy Forum." And of course what you know is that about 2 years ago we went to the Pre-Trib Conference that is held in Dallas every year.

Nathan Jones: Tim LaHaye's.

**Dr. Reagan:** Of people who believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture and there are hundreds of people there. And we always get a room. And we sat these prophecy experts down and we interview them. We interviewed about 12 at that time and we asked them 5 questions about the

Antichrist and put together a series of television programs, which people always love those programs.

**Nathan Jones:** Oh, they are the most popular shows on YouTube.

**Dr. Reagan:** You know they get so many different views from people. You have to understand although Pre-millennialist agree on the general picture; the picture that the Church is going to be taken out before the Tribulation. And there is going to be seven years of horrible wrath of God on this earth, and then Jesus Christ will return. They disagree about a lot of the details and people are not always aware of that. And so I was trying to show that particularly with this Antichrist thing. I asked each of these fellows' five questions.

**Nathan Jones:** Who are some of the people you asked?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well here is the point. Not only did we include the 12 that we did in the interviews on television, but I also sent out invitations to 10 others. And so we have a total of 22 Bible prophecy experts. We have their pictures and their names in here; including Nathan Jones of Lamb and Lion Ministries.

**Nathan Jones:** Nathan Jones, the least known of the entire group.

*Dr. Reagan:* You know people like Mark Hitchcock who is, Mark Hitchcock who is one of the most prolific writers today on Bible prophecy.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah.

**Dr. Reagan:** David Hocking, Dave Hunt. People like Tim LaHaye, and Chuck Missler, it goes on and on.

**Nathan Jones:** You included a woman too.

Dr. Reagan: That's right, Caryl Matrisciana.

**Nathan Jones:** Good to see her there.

**Dr. Reagan:** In fact I wanted Jan Markell but she wasn't able. She was ill at the time. So we get 22 Bible prophecy experts and we start asking them these questions about the Antichrist. And they had a lot of different viewpoints; a lot of different answers. For example on the very first one, "Will the Antichrist be a Jew?" And then what I do is I write an essay there that summarizes all the different points that these people make. And then I put a chart at the end

that indicates what they believe. So for example we had 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 who said he could possibly be a Jew. We had two who said he will be a Jew. And all the rest said no possibility. So you see there is difference of an opinion. And we did this on a number of these questions. We had five in all that we asked them and each one I give a summary and then we give specific answers of what they did. And I think this is just an absolutely fascinating part of the book. And I think probably the answer that surprised me the most was the one that we received from Tim LaHaye. Of course he answered all five questions.

**Nathan Jones:** Yes, you changed his view on something didn't you?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well not necessarily me. But he wrote back and he said it had to do with the question of whether or not the Antichrist would be killed and resurrected from the dead. And he wrote back and he said, "You know in the Left Behind series I took the position, he and his fellow writer, that the Antichrist would be murdered and would be resurrected from the dead. And this would cause the whole world to turn to him." He told me in his response, "That he had never written anything that received so much criticism from fellow Bible prophecy experts."

**Nathan Jones:** Interesting.

**Dr. Reagan:** "Not from the general public, but from the fellows." He said, "It caused me to go back to the Scriptures and to really study them on this particular topic." And he said, "As a result of studying it, like I've never studied it before." He said, "I came to the conclusion that I was wrong in the Left Behind series and that the Antichrist really is not going to be killed and resurrected from the dead. But it's going to be a great deception. That he will appear to have been killed and resurrected but it is going to be a deception."

**Nathan Jones:** That's because Satan does not have the power to resurrect anybody right?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well that's true and some of the fellows do believe that he will be killed and resurrected. But Tim LaHaye said, "No, that he had changed his mind." And I would say that most of them; the vast majority of them on that question believe it is going to be a deception of some kind or another. And really the person who wrote the most eloquently about this was Phillip Goodman. You know Phillip Goodman. He has a ministry in Tulsa, Oklahoma a Bible prophecy ministry. He wrote eloquently about this.

**Nathan Jones:** He always does.

**Dr. Reagan:** About the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ; that the resurrection is what certifies Jesus as the Son of God as our Messiah as our Savior. And he said, "No one is ever going to experience a resurrection like Jesus Christ." Even the resurrections that we read about in the Bible are never called resurrections, they are called the person came back from the dead. They never really use the word because the Hebrew concept of resurrection is truly the idea that you come back in a glorified body. And the people who died in the Bible and were resurrected were really resuscitated because they did die again. Jesus is the only one who ever died and came back from the dead. Still alive, amen.

**Nathan Jones:** And that's not going to happen to the Antichrist. That's going to be one of the many deceptions that the Antichrist and his False Prophet will pull on the world. But again the point I was trying to make in this whole section is that even though those of us who take a plain sense literal approach to the interpretation of Bible prophecy we come out with a general overview that we can agree on. But we disagree about many, many points. Will the Antichrist headquarters be in New York? Will it be in Rome? Will it be in Babylon? Things of that nature, many things that we disagree on and all of them have good biblical arguments.

**Dr. Reagan:** Yes. That's to me what I liked. Is that even though 22 people had their different opinions and some of them I didn't agree with I got to learn what the other opinions are. So by the time I was done.

Nathan Jones: And they based them on the Bible.

**Dr. Reagan:** Yeah, they are all biblical. So I could sit there and I could know not just 1 or 2 views but I could get 5 or 6 arguments for the same subject right there. And I might agree I might not. But again like you said they are not primary doctrine that we need to have a disagreement on.

**Nathan Jones:** That's right. And the Bible just always is not real clear about some of these minute points of Bible prophecy that some people get their noses all bent out of shape over.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

**Nathan Jones:** You know.

**Dr. Reagan:** Especially concerning the Antichrist, right?

**Nathan Jones:** Well you got that right. So that's what I tried to do. And I think as a result of that, that this particular section of the book is going to be something that people will find very, very interesting.

Dr. Reagan: I certainly did.

**Nathan Jones:** Particularly because it contains viewpoints by Nathan Jones.

**Dr. Reagan:** Oh, that will be the big draw right there. Nathan Jones, buy the book for that. No. Great book I really loved it, I really did. And to me that was the most special part of the entire book was getting to read all the different people's views.

**Nathan Jones:** Thank you.

### Part 3

**Nathan Jones:** Welcome back folks to Christ in Prophecy and my interview of Dr. David Reagan concerning his new book, "The Man of Lawlessness." Now Dave section two we were talking about before the break has 22 Bible prophecy experts answering five questions. Now we already answered: Is the Antichrist alive today? And you said, "Could be. There has always been a man in the wings who could be the Antichrist." But if it is alright with you let's cover the other four questions.

Dr. Reagan: Ok.

**Nathan Jones:** And I would like to start with, will the Antichrist be a Jew? People are always wondering what is his origins. Will he be a Jew?

*Dr. Reagan:* Well there is a good biblical reason why for many years, in fact throughout most of history people have argued that the Antichrist will be a Jew. And that is based on John 5:43 where Jesus said, "I have come in My Father's name and you do not receive me. But if another shall come in his own name you will receive him." I believe he is speaking there of the Antichrist. The Church scholars throughout history have believed that. And so they thought well if he is saying that someone else who comes will be received by the Jewish people then he would have to be a Jew in order to be received by the Jewish people. So that's the basis for the argument that people believe that maybe he will be a Jew. What do you think?

**Nathan Jones:** What do I think? Well I will answer the same way I answered in the book here. And that is if you go to Revelation 13 and you read about the Antichrist and the false prophet. And it talks about the Antichrist coming out of the sea.

Dr. Reagan: Yes.

**Nathan Jones:** Which in the Bible everything in relation to Israel the sea was a foreign nation, a foreign country, a Gentile nation.

Dr. Reagan: Gentiles.

**Nathan Jones:** So if the Antichrist is described as coming out of the sea that means that his origins, his ethnicity is not Jewish. That he would be coming out of most likely Rome. If you go to Daniel 9:26-27 the people who destroyed the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD which was the Romans. He would then be a Roman. So he would probably not be a Jew I really doubt that he would be a Jew. But some people did argue that he could be a Jew, right? Wasn't there one in particular?

*Dr. Reagan:* Well they did. But the overwhelming answer to that was that he certainly was not going to be a Jew. And that was the opinion of these particular Bible prophecy experts.

**Nathan Jones:** The majority right choose that.

*Dr. Reagan:* Yeah, an overwhelming majority that he was not going to be a Jew. Now I think you summed up the arguments beautifully there because again the Bible uses the sea as a symbol of the Gentiles. And it says that the Antichrist is going to come out of the sea that's a symbol of him coming out of the Gentile nations. But the other one that I think is the most important one was the other one you named from Daniel; where it says that the Antichrist will come from the people who destroyed the Temple. And that of course was the Romans and they were Gentiles. So I don't think there is any possibility he is going to be a Jew. I think throughout Church history he has always been identified as a Jew not only because of these biblical reasons but also because of the vehement anti-Semitism.

**Nathan Jones:** Anti-Semitism yeah.

**Dr. Reagan:** And the Church trying to make the most terrible character in all of history a Jew.

**Nathan Jones:** So ethnicity wise then we are pretty much in agreement he is a gentile then?

Dr. Reagan: Right.

**Nathan Jones:** What about his religious background? This is a lot of contention will he be a Muslim? There is a lot of contention I get a lot of e-mails about people wanting....

**Dr. Reagan:** That is interesting.

**Nathan Jones:** There are a lot of angry people about that topic.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well this is something I don't think ever occurred to anybody until recently. You know people tend to interpret Bible prophecy out of the newspapers, so whatever is popular in the newspaper well that is it. Well today the Muslims are on the rise. The Muslims are very aggressive around the world so we have people now saying, "Well I think the Antichrist is really going to be a Muslim." We have a fellow by the name of Joel Richardson who has written a book about this is and he is the primary advocate of this viewpoint that he will be a Muslim. And you know the first time I heard about that my immediate reaction was that's just crazy because the Bible says point blank the Antichrist will walk into the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. Take his seat on the throne there and declare himself to be god. What Muslim would ever...

Nathan Jones: No, never.

*Dr. Reagan:* ... declare himself to be God. I mean anybody who would do that would be immediately be killed by the Muslims I mean they would not have anything to do with it. But their theory is no the Muslims are going to increase in power and the Antichrist will really be a Muslim leader. He will be the Mahdi you know in Muslim theology they believe there is going to be this Mahdi who will come who will be their messiah. And he says, "No that is going to be the Antichrist. And that he will unite all the Muslims of the world behind him and they will be the most powerful force. And they will be the ones who will come against the Jews and all that in the end times." There are a lot of problems with that. Not only the problem of a Muslim ever declaring himself to be god. But you know as well as I do there are two wars that are indicated the Psalm 83 war and the war of Ezekiel 38 & 39. In my opinion that is going to pretty well wipe out the Muslims in the Middle East. The majority of Muslims are in other parts of the world. But in the Middle East there's not going to be much left to lead there. Wouldn't you agree?

**Nathan Jones:** I don't see how Islam could be a major player in the Tribulation. Once Israel subdues its neighbors in Psalm 83 and then once God supernaturally defeats Iran, and Turkey, and Russian, and Libya, and all these major players in the Middle East how could Islam

possible stand? How could a Muslim have faith in Allah anymore when the entire infrastructure of Islam is destroyed? And then the Antichrist when he comes in to fill up the vacuum will more than likely annihilate the rest of the Muslims in India, and Bangladesh and other places.

**Dr. Reagan:** Right, in fact the indication of the Scriptures is that the Psalm 83 War and the Ezekiel 38 and 39 War will most likely going to take place before the Tribulation begins or early in the Tribulation.

**Nathan Jones:** Which would end it.

**Dr. Reagan:** And there's just not going to be any Muslim power left in the Middle East when that is done with. There are a lot of problems with it. But one problem is that the person that talks the most about the Mahdi is the leader of Iran today and that is a Shiite nation. The Shiites are at most 20% of the Muslims; really probably closer to 10%. Ninety percent of the Muslims in the world are Sunnis. And I cannot believe that some Shiite Mahdi is going to because they argue that when he appears the first thing he is going to do is to declare that the Shiite version is the correct version.

Nathan Jones: Of course.

**Dr. Reagan:** And then all of the Sunnis are suddenly going to say, "Oh, great." And unite behind this guy?

Nathan Jones: Yeah.

*Dr. Reagan:* Furthermore that violates the covenant that God gave to Ishmael. In that covenant God said, "You will always be a people who will not be able to get along with anyone including yourselves." The Sunnis and the Shiites are never going to they hate each other with a passion. They are never going to unite behind some Mahdi or whatever. It's just the whole theory goes against everything we have here. And of course their number one argument now has become, "Well Daniel 9 says that the Antichrist is going to rise out of the people who destroyed the Temple." And they argue that most of the Roman soldiers were people from the Middle East.

Nathan Jones: Mercenaries, and all yeah.

*Dr. Reagan:* So they said you know those are people from the Middle East. So they are going to rise out of the Middle East. Listen my argument out there is I don't care what they were; I

don't care if they were Australian aborigines. It was the Romans who decided to destroy Jerusalem. It was the Romans who gave the order to destroy Jerusalem; it was Roman Generals with Roman troops. I don't know how the Bible could be any clearer. It's not going to be the Muslims.

**Nathan Jones:** Very good I agree, totally 100%. Now you touched a little bit about another question you asked the panel and that was: Will the Antichrist be killed and resurrected? Do you want to add anything more to that?

**Dr. Reagan:** Well only to say that again those that believe that the Antichrist will be killed and resurrected from the dead have good biblical basis. I mean this is not something that they just pulled out of the wild blue sky.

**Nathan Jones:** I mean think if he died and he got resurrected what an influence that would be on the people of the Tribulation.

Dr. Reagan: Oh well sure.

Nathan Jones: They would say, "He must be a god."

*Dr. Reagan:* Well the biblical basis is in Romans 13 where he talks about seeing that beast, I mean Revelation 13 where he see the beast rising up out of the sea. And he speaks about the fact that he has 10 horns, and 7 heads, and he has 10 diadems. And it goes on to say that one of those heads appears as if it had been slain as if there was a fatal wound and had been resurrected, had been brought back from the dead. Well first of all those heads represent I believe kingdoms, the kingdoms of the world. The great empires of the world and the succession of those empires, and the fact that one of those died, every one of them died. But one of them the Roman Empire Daniel said would come back in the end times. So I think this is a reference to the Roman Empire and the Antichrist coming out of the Roman Empire, a resurrected Roman Empire. Not really a reference to him.

**Nathan Jones:** Could it be the European Union?

**Dr. Reagan:** We are told over in Zechariah he will suffer a wound. And it says here the wound will appear as though it is fatal but it doesn't say it is. So I don't think there is, although there is a basis there for arguing it, I don't think it's really teaching that. I think that it's going to be a deception. I don't think it's going to be a fatal wound.

**Nathan Jones:** Exactly. What about the Antichrist headquarters. I mean we have people write in saying it is Washington D.C. Folks believe it is New York City. Some say Rome like you just said. Others say actual Babylon in Iraq will become the Babylon because the Bible references the Antichrist headquarters in Babylon right?

**Dr. Reagan:** Again it is a great example of how those for example argue that it is going to be Ancient Babylon rebuilt. I would say that's probably the majority viewpoint today among Pre-Millennialists. Only in recent years has that become their majority viewpoint. And that's primarily again because of what has happened in the Middle East. And the belief that Iraq is going to use its oil to rebuild Babylon and so forth because Babylon is not rebuilt. All they have done is rebuild some ancient ruins as a tourist attraction.

**Nathan Jones:** Yeah, it's a tourist attraction.

*Dr. Reagan:* But it's not a city you know that people live in. So there is a biblical basis in that it talks about that Babylon is going to be destroyed in the end times and that is going to be the headquarters of the Antichrist. So I would say yes there is a good biblical basis. But my belief is going to be Rome. And I do not believe that it is going to be Babylon for a couple of reasons. For one thing in the book of Revelation when it starts talking about Babylon in the end times it says it is mystery Babylon. To me that is a clear tip off it is speaking symbolically. John was under the control of the Romans when he wrote that. He could not write in there that it was going to be Rome.

**Nathan Jones:** No, no. Insurrection that would be.

*Dr. Reagan:* I mean he would probably be murdered, I mean killed immediately because he was already a prisoner. So he had to use a symbol, mystery Babylon, and it is a symbol of Rome. We know this because the Scripture say so. Peter for example writing from Rome said, "I send you greetings from the Church in Babylon." Well there wasn't a church in Babylon, he was in Rome. But he was saying Rome. We know that in the First Century it was used as a code word for Rome. So I think it is talking about that. I do not think it is talking about a revived Babylon because for one thing Isaiah says that once Babylon is destroyed by the Medes and the Persians it's never going to be rebuilt again.

**Nathan Jones:** Exactly. Now the Antichrist topic can be really depressing and some people focus on it. But what I love about all your books is you end with hope. Tell us a little bit about the hope at the end of the book.

**Dr. Reagan:** Well we have very little time left so let me just say very quickly that I do. I have three chapters at the end that are all about hope. They are about the hope that the Church has in the Lord Jesus Christ in the Rapture and to talk about the Rapture and its meaning. And I talk about the timing of the Rapture and why I believe it is going to happen before the Tribulation.

Nathan Jones: Amen.

Dr. Reagan: So it does end with a lot of hope.

**Nathan Jones:** Well folks that's our program for this week. Thank you for being with us and I hope the program was a blessing to you. Until next week the Lord willing this is Nathan Jones and Dr. Reagan, thank you for letting me say that, saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our redemption is drawing near."

## **End of Program**