

## Advancing the Gospel Through Social Media

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By [Nathan Jones](#)

Hello! You have tuned in to another addition of Prophecy Update. The host of Prophecy Update Bill Salus will be discussing some cutting edge technologies used to evangelize with Nathan Jones of Lamb Lion Ministries. Bill and Nathan will also touch on prophecies that mention the increase of knowledge in the last days and that connection with today's electronically savvy generation. Let's listen in on Bill and Nathan's two part discussion on this topic.

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**Bill Salus:** Welcome to another addition of the Prophecy Update radio program whereby we intend to authenticate the sovereignty of God through Bible prophecy by telling you what Bible prophecy has to say about these last days. I am you host Bill Salus and I am delighted to have with us on the program today Nathan Jones of Lamb and Lion Ministries. Nathan how are you?

**Nathan Jones:** I'm doing very well thanks for having me on.

**Bill Salus:** Are you keeping yourself real busy over there with Dr. Reagan at Lamb and Lion.

**Nathan Jones:** He makes sure we are plenty busy yes.

**Bill Salus:** One of the interesting things that you do over there Nathan and I want to tell the listeners about this and also as you answer it let them know how they can reach you; is that you are on full staff answering questions all day long about all different types of Christian and prophetic topics. Is that not correct? And how can our listeners reach you if they have questions.

**Nathan Jones:** Sure, sure. Besides being Web Minister I am also the Associate Evangelist on staff, of course Dr. Reagan being the Senior Evangelist. And I handle all the questions that come in through either by e-mail, or we of course have many people posting on our blog at lamblion.com, our Face book page at lamblion.com/facebook, or you can just go to our website at lamblion.com, hit contact and you can send a question related to Bible prophecy and I will make sure it gets answered.

**Bill Salus:** Very good Nathan, outstanding Nathan. And you sent me an e-mail, you send out like e-mail newsletters don't you through Lamb and Lion Ministries to people who subscribe to your ministry; is that correct?

**Nathan Jones:** Oh, certainly yeah you can just go to our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com) on every page there is a button that says, "Sign up for our Newsletter." And every other week on

Wednesdays we send out an e-newsletter that is full of prophetic information and resources and updates.

**Bill Salus:** And I like it because it keeps me in contact with what you've got there, what you are offering there through Lamb and Lion. You've got the TV Program Christ in Prophecy there that David Reagan and you he hosts and your co-host I believe it is. One of the newsletters, the newsletters are very reader friendly which is what I like you guys have done a skillful job where it's not an exhaustive study where you've got to set aside a half hour to read your newsletter.

**Nathan Jones:** Yeah nobody would read that.

**Bill Salus:** Yeah, it is clean and concise. Which brings me to the point I was fascinated by your most recent one where you started showing these I will call them little snippets there, I think you are calling them Bible Prophecy Insights, and they are really fascinating to me. They are only like one minute long and they are covering some very important topics in one minute. I don't know how you do it. What gave you the idea to do this and tell me a little bit more about the goal of these, and maybe some of the areas you are covering. I know there are three of them at the time of this interview that exist right now. And I have seen all of them and I want to talk about them. But go ahead and tell me a little bit about these snippets.

**Nathan Jones:** Certainly, Bill I was reading Pew Research and they say that 50% of Generation X that would be people like me 30-45 years old are on-line. I mean we are on-line all the time; we are on YouTube, Facebook, all those social networks. But 75% of the Millennial Generation ages 18-29 I mean they spend most of their day on the social networks and watching on-line videos. But 25% tragically of that generation claims to be without any religion whatsoever. It makes the Millennial Generation the least religious generation in American history. So we saw that there is a spiritual need, there is an emptiness when Christ isn't there and there is also a highly in demand technological medium which is the Internet. So if you put those together how do we reach the Millennial Generation? How do we reach my generation, Generation X. After all you can go to any of these Bible prophecy conferences and conventions it is mostly folks in the older generation. So how do we reach a new generation with the great news and the saving message of Jesus Christ, and that He is coming so. So we can reach them by creating highly impacting videos that go out to these social networks that they can share to give them a little insight into Bible prophecy. That is why it is called Bible Prophecy Insights. And so that is what we did we made a series we started with three so far. They are called Bible Prophecy Insight videos and they are high-tech, high-animation, computer graphics, but also they have a Bible teaching message. And what the purpose is, I kind of think of them as fancy fishing lures you know you have the real pretty, fancy, shiny fishing lure you send out there and it attracts the fish. We are fishers of men so we send these fishing lures out these Bible Prophecy Insight videos and they attract people to them and we bring them back to our website where they can learn more about Bible prophecy and hopefully more about Jesus Christ and get saved. That's kind of the purpose why we are doing that.

**Bill Salus:** Talk about high-tech I remember watching these three that you are referring to that are already existing and one of them you were talking about the Rapture. And you walk

through some dimension and the next thing I know you are walking in a heavenly environment and I am thinking, "Oh my goodness he has been raptured and I haven't what happened?" But your ability to use these technologies is incredible and of course that is what they are used to seeing that Millennial Generation you are talking about.

**Nathan Jones:** Exactly if it's not real good quality they will skip over it instantly and unfortunately the Christian community and we are getting better at it but is known for poor quality videos, poor quality media. And that's just a shame. We are seeing groups like City on the Hill, and folks who makes these movies like *Courageous* all are really working hard to make good high-quality videos that reach people for Christ, and get people's attention. So we know when we started this that they had to be high quality, they had to look real good, and they had to be bit sized because our younger generation and myself included don't give the time to sit down and reading full scale articles like we used to. They read and absorb information very quickly. So these had to be very quick and we decided to make these one minute. And what really made this work is the Lord brought across our path a former Disney computer animator. And worked at Disney doing a lot of computer animation and he really wanted to serve the Lord so he left Disney and he started his own firm, his own video development company called Seven Fold Films. And he has a real heart for the Lord and he's really set us up well. And so really what we do on our side to make these is that we work through a script I make it up. Our media team will go in our own video studio and they will film me in front of a green screen. And my drama classes come to mind I have to do the pantomime look and pretend where things are. And we digitize that and we send that on to Seven Fold Films. And they computer animate all that stuff around us. So everything about the Insight Videos other than me is computer animated. Even then my feet and my hair for technical reasons are also computer animated. And so Seven Fold Films they put that all together and once we get to the final approval then we convert them over to a format that goes out to YouTube and Vimeo and all these other places that make it easy for people to share and forward and put on Facebook and all.

**Bill Salus:** Well that tells me that what I saw was as amazing and fantastic as it was and one of the things about these little snippets and I don't know how you do it in a minute. Is that they are so inviting toward people dialing into your ministry there and encouraging people about Jesus. I mean you are giving a plethora of information in 60 seconds and it's enhanced by this technology the way you do it, it is very gripping it is like I want to hear every word that you are saying. And what I want to do, of course they can see these if they go to [lambandlion.com](http://lambandlion.com) correct, [lamblion.com](http://lamblion.com).

**Nathan Jones:** Yes, [L-A-M-B-L-I-O-N.com](http://L-A-M-B-L-I-O-N.com). They can be found right off our homepage. You can look up Bible Prophecy Insights on YouTube, GodTube, Daily Motion, and Vimeo. And also have put them out in the Newsletter and people like them which again sends it to their Facebook page and all. The real key to these Bill is that they have to go what is called viral; they've got to be shared. They've got to be sent out and through networks they end up going places where we can never go through our traditional means of media, and that is the key to making it go viral. So the more people who pass them out the more people will say, "Hey check

look at this, check this out." Is the more it will get into the hands of people who have never considered Bible prophecy much less even Jesus Christ.

**Bill Salus:** Well would you say then now that we are talking about this and we are going to be talk about some prophecy now. In Daniel 12:4 we are told that in the end times many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase. And I know that can have a multiple meaning in that prophetic discernment will be increasing as we start to see signs of the time stage set. But do you think it has a technological inference as well?

**Nathan Jones:** Oh, there is no doubt. There's no doubt. I mean look at the technological changes in just the last few years. When I first started getting into computers in the late 90's I started off as a Web Developer and Designer. Technology and computers would change every three years. Within 5 years the technological advancements was double every year and a half. Now in this day in 2012 and on we are looking at almost every six months a technological revolution. It continues to grow faster, and stronger and better to the point where you can reach the entire world. Matter of fact Billy Graham's last crusade was broadcast through the Internet and radio literally to every country on the planet. He had more people with the potential to listen to that crusade then anytime in human history. And obviously technology and the inspiration comes from God, it comes from the Holy Spirit. And I really believe in this time and this age the Lord is giving the Church the means and the needs to be able to go out and reach people for Christ using these new technologies. Starting with radio, then going to television, now the internet to reach people we've never been able to reach before. And I can see it when I look at our statistics on our website, on our blog and various videos that we have people literally all over the planet coming in and checking out our Gospel message, the Gospel message we've put on our website. And that is exciting times! Bill you with your website and all, and your books, it's a time to get the message out and it means that the time is short. Daniel is writing that and was given that information because the angel knew that God sent that message that the time was short near the end times when Jesus is going to come. So He is giving us the best tools possible to reach as many people as possible and as quickly as possible before the Lord returns.

**Bill Salus:** Well I am very thankful that Lamb and Lion is maximizing usage of those technologies to spread the Gospel and advance the Kingdom.

**Nathan Jones:** Well we praise the Lord for them. Without our Prophecy Partners coming along side by side with us we can never do this.

**Bill Salus:** Well that is fantastic and we want to encourage that too. If someone is interested in partnering with Lamb and Lion I noticed on your website there is an ability to become a Prophecy Partner correct?

**Nathan Jones:** Yes just click the Prophecy Partner button and we will be more than happy to tell you how you can serve the Lord through Lamb and Lion Ministries to get the good news out.

**Bill Salus:** Fantastic. OK, you know Nathan I saw these three Bible Prophecy Insights and the first one was dealing with the prophecies regarding Christ first coming. The second one seemed to be dealing with the signs of His return. And the third one was dealing with the Rapture.

**Nathan Jones:** Yeah we wanted to start out by hitting the main three topics that this ministry discusses. First we have to lay the foundation by telling people you know why listen to Bible prophecy? I mean can it be valid, is it accurate? It is the foundation you build the teaching off of. So we started with the first one called the "Accuracy of Bible Prophecy." The second one is Signs of Jesus Return, not just the Bible but we can look all around us to see all the different signs and things that are happening all around the world, all these events that point to the Lord's soon return. So the second one we titled, "Signs of Jesus Return." Then the most important one at least for Lamb and Lion Ministries is that we want to teach people about the Rapture, the soon return of Jesus Christ to take His Church out of this world and bring them to Heaven. So the third one is called, "The Rapture."

**Bill Salus:** And one thing I want to say about that Nathan. Some of our listeners are familiar with this but for those that aren't Nathan has produced a spectacular short video about the Rapture. And what is it about 10 minutes 15 minutes of viewing? What do you have on that?

**Nathan Jones:** Yeah it is about 15 minutes.

**Bill Salus:** And it is available also on lamblion to watch it as well, is that correct?

**Nathan Jones:** Again we wanted to put it on our homepage again just like these Bible Prophecy Insights we put them all over YouTube and as many video networks that we could. It is called, "Jesus Came, What's Next?" We also have it listed as did many people disappear? And it is our left behind message. You know our ministry exists to evangelize the lost now, but we can also evangelize the lost thanks to all this technology to leave messages behind. To teach the people who haven't accepted Jesus yet after the Rapture about Jesus and what happened, and that is what that video was. It's been out now for about two years and it is called, "Jesus Came, What's Next?" And we encourage everybody who wants to leave a left behind message to loved one, family and friends who haven't accepted Jesus as Savior yet to get those, they can get them electronically, they can get them on DVD. Just get them out there and that way after something happens if you spent your life witnessing to your brother or sister and they have never accepted the Lord as their Savior. After the Rapture they are going to have questions. They can go, "Hey wait my brother or sister they gave me that video what was that about?" Pull that out and that will give them the message about what happened.

**Bill Salus:** Well I remember hearing Dr. Reagan say about that Rapture video that he couldn't get through the whole video without crying. And I must confess the same I am guilty of the same thing. I was very emotional watching that video. And I would suggest to the listeners that they need to watch that video because it vivifies the importance of the Rapture, and the days in which we live. Folks we are living in a time when the Rapture could happen at any twinkling of an eye moment.

**Nathan Jones:** You know it is amazing how the Lord has used that video Bill is that we had a gentlemen call up, now he was just hard to understand he was mumbling and just livid. But he told us that he was a fourth generation warlock, he was the head of his own coven. And after a coven meeting he and his coven members went out to go watch a movie in one of their homes, a Harry Potter movie. And he said they ended up watching this movie, "Jesus Came, What's Next?" He said he had no idea how it got there. He didn't know who put it in his DVD player but he was calling the ministry demanding to know who put that in his DVD player. Now obviously I was like, "I'm sorry sir, I have no idea." But he said, "I have felt so much love through that video. I have never known love in my life. I was born into the cult and I have been my whole life in a cult." And it had to be a number of calls back and forth with him, but our Finance Minister finally led him to the Lord. And since then you read about the calves being released from the stalls. He was like that, he jumped out and he is telling everybody about the Lord. Of course he had to flee for his life; his coven was out to get him after that. But it was a total transformation. Even to talking to him he was like a different person. The voices you know the demons that he said were in his head were gone. And he is sharing the Gospel. So Lord is using that Left Behind message even to people today. And we were just really excited obviously anything we produce is nothing unless the Lord blesses it and uses it.

**Bill Salus:** Well and it's a seed that you have been called upon to plant that the Lord is not nurturing and there is just one excellent example right there of how the Lord works with these things on such an amazing level. That's just one story you have heard about. What about the ones you haven't heard about that certainly taken place. So it is amazing and we certainly invite the listeners to watch that. I do want to talk more about the Rapture. But before I do one of the things we should mention to the listener is that Jesus is the real deal. And that Peter Stoner calculation you have on that first Bible Prophecy Insight is very telling, very important. You are dealing with the mathematical calculations of the prophecies that were foretold about Jesus' first coming that were fulfilled to the tee by Jesus Christ, identifying Him as the true Messiah of the Bible. Let's talk about that a little bit. What are a couple of those prophecies and what is that outstanding calculation, it was something to the 17<sup>th</sup> power? I'm lost what is that?

**Nathan Jones:** Well Peter Stoner was a mathematician from the 1950's actually I have his book right here it is called, *Science Speaks*, by Peter Stoner; very, very knowledgeable guy about math and of course the Bible. And he looked at the Bible; he looked at 300 general prophecies concerning the first coming of Jesus Christ. And there are 108 specific prophecies about Jesus. So he is like what is the possibility that all those prophecies could be filled in the life of one man? So he said let's just look at 8, instead of us doing 108 let's just take 8. And he took these eight: 1) The Messiah will be born in the town of Bethlehem that is Micah 5:2; 2) A messenger will prepare the way for the Messiah, that is Malachi 3:1; 3) The Messiah will enter Jerusalem as a King riding on a donkey, Zechariah 9:9; 4) The Messiah will be betrayed by a friend and suffer wounds in His hands, which is Zechariah 13:6. Which I for one think that is a two for one deal there but he counts it as one. 5) The Messiah will be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, Zechariah 11:12; 6) The betrayal money will be used to purchase a potter's field, Zechariah 11:13; 7) The Messiah will remain silent while He is afflicted, Isaiah 53:7; and 8) The Messiah will die by having His hands and feet pierced, Psalm 22:16. So he did all the

calculations he figured the probability of there being maybe 88 billion people alive from Jesus time until now and he calculated the probability of Jesus, one man, fulfilling all those prophecies just eight, not 108, just eight is 1 in 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup> power. Which is 1 in 100 quadrillion. Which is statistically impossible, and yet Jesus fulfilled not just those eight but all 108. That was the point that Peter Stoner was trying to make, that mathematically Jesus proves 100% that the Bible is true and accurate especially when it concerns His prophetic Word.

**Bill Salus:** Well did you say 1 in 1 quadrillion.

**Nathan Jones:** One in 100 quadrillion or 1 in 10 to the 17<sup>th</sup> power.

**Bill Salus:** That sounds more that our American deficit at this point in time.

**Nathan Jones:** More than our world economy.

**Bill Salus:** Well it is a little bit out of my mathematical grasp but the...I think the way to use an analogy that I think would appear to the layman to make them understand it a little better it is about those quarters in Texas.

**Nathan Jones:** He was great about that because you know those numbers just blow my mind too. But you can go to page 107 of his book *Science Speaks*, and he uses the example of if you take that calculation it would be equal to filling the entire state of Texas two feet deep in quarters that is what that number would be. You fill the entire state of Texas and it is a big, big state. So you fill it two feet in quarters, you churn them up. Then you send a blindfolded man in and he wanders around Texas. The probability that he picks up the very first coin that you have marked and threw into that pile; the very first marked coin that is the probability of Jesus fulfilling all eight of those prophecies. And so again the chances of one person finding one coin in the middle of Texas when it is two feet deep are just staggering and that is the illustration that I thought he used so well. And that is the illustration that we used in the first Bible Prophecy Insight. And that is why it is raining down quarters around us and filling the room with two feet of quarters. That is just a room, that's not even Texas. So picture a room and you have to find one coin amongst two feet deep of quarters that is impossible. But picture an entire state astronomically impossible and yet Jesus fulfilled all that proving that He is the Messiah.

**Bill Salus:** Outstanding, that is unbelievable. And okay then let's shift to the second video snippet that you have that is dealing with the signs of His return. He is coming back folks. He's going to make a second coming. And He is going to establish a Messianic Kingdom and He will reign there for 1,000 years we are told in Revelation 20:4. What are some of the signs of His Second Coming? Are we experiencing some of them sitting right now?

**Nathan Jones:** Some of them? Oh, my goodness you can't look out the window or read the news or anything without running across signs. There are so many Dr. Reagan even categorizes them in a number of his articles and folks can go to our article section and pick signs we have a number of articles there. But the Bible Jesus said in Luke 21:11 talked about all the great earthquakes, and plagues and famines, and terrible signs from the heavens that would precede

His coming. And certainly the number and the frequency of natural disasters happening across the planet are just astronomical and increasing. We have always had natural disasters but them increasing in frequency and intensity that is the signs of nature.

You can look at the signs of society that we would return to the days of Noah where everyone would just be as evil as that time and you know what happened in the days of Noah. God wiped out the entire planet because they were just so evil. And we are getting that way as a world society we are just our sin is just so ripe.

That brings up the spiritual signs, a time where the church will not endure sound doctrine. We have so many, in fact in Matthew 24 Jesus talked about of the biggest signs He talked about and most frequent signs is the amount of false teachers and false people claiming to be Jesus that would be coming near the end times. And we are seeing that today. And that is particularly in the news now with all the talk about Mormonism because of the presidential race. There are a lot of cults and lots of signs of that out there.

We have world politics it says in Matthew 24 Jesus says you hear of wars and rumors of wars and nations will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And we have had more world wars in the last century. Two world wars and all those other wars more people have died in the last century than ever in history because of war. The Bible said that would happen before Jesus returned.

You mentioned earlier Bill technology. It just came across my desk today you were talking about technology in the end times we also talked about natural disasters. Well there has been severe flooding in Thailand. Did you know that Thailand makes 65% of the hard drive and hard drive components that are manufactured in the world? That when we buy a hard drive many of the pieces come from Thailand. Well Thailand has had so much flooding that there is a huge deficit or huge lack of hard drive equipment out there which has really affected the technological world right now. People are scrambling for hard drives. The prices of them are going up. There are two of the things that kind of clash you know technology and weather they don't do well together.

And the biggest one I would say which many Christians call the super sign is that Israel has become a nation once again and that happened in 1948. Particularly that Jerusalem would be a heavy stone for all the people. The whole world would focus on Jerusalem as Zechariah 12:1-3 tells us and it is happening today. The whole world is focused on Jerusalem.

So those are the six main categories of signs. There are many other signs as well but those if you want to categorize them are the six main ones.

**Bill Salus:** Well and it is important that you bring out that broader overview and perspective of the signs covering all the way from nature to society, to spiritual signs, and the political signs and the super sign of course the elephant in the room Israel. Because you know in the world in America specifically we get so wrapped up on our problems and our economic woes and will we have a recovery? Will things ever get back to normalcy? Will we get good leadership in the

upcoming elections? All these sort of things. It seems like you turn on any news channel now and it is dominated by politics and the Republican debates and so on and so forth. It is good to remember that there are more than political signs here folks. All these things Nathan is talking about are going on indicating that the return of Jesus Christ is very near. And when you talk about Israel I think that would be the super sign. And Israel was restored as a nation in 1948, 63 almost 64 years ago now. And it is facing some of the most threatening times in its history since becoming a nation in 1948 as the result of the Iranian push to get a nuclear weapon as a result of the Arab Spring the uncertainties, the regime changes that are going on there like in Egypt and Syria to their northeaster boarder there. What are you seeing with regard to Israel and the types of signs that are going on over there? Are you thinking something is about to... will 2012 be a year of reckoning in the Middle East? What are you thinking Nathan?

**Nathan Jones:** Well if I might digress Tim LaHaye called our ministry this week and he had something funny to say. "He said the Rapture will not happen in 2012." And we are all like, "Really why is that?" "It is because of those darn Mayans and their calendar. They predicted 2012 so the Rapture can't happen in 2012." And he laughed he was joking. But you know mankind continues like Harold Camping and all these other guys that set the date of when the world will end. Not even when Jesus will come, but when the world will end. And the Lord has made it very clear that He will come when people least expect it. He kind of compares Himself to a thief. You know the thief does not announce when he is coming, he sneaks in so nobody is ready for him. And the Lord says when He returns for His Church He will be sneaking in. Behind all these world politics and these world pressures you must remember Ephesians 6:12, for it says, "Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, it is against the rulers, it's against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world. And against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." And that is what is going on behind the scenes. What we are experiencing through all these sings like natural disasters and wars and spiritual oppression and apostasy is that there is a war between God and Satan going on. And Satan's forces it appears at this time are winning but the Lord will allow that until His return so He can eventually destroy all of them. And in the center of that battle is Israel and particularly Jerusalem because God has made promises to Israel that at the end of this seven year Tribulation that will be coming upon the world a remnant of Israel will turn to the Lord, turn to Jesus as their Messiah and accept Him as Savior. And the Lord has promised that during the 1,000 years that the Millennial where Jesus will reign on earth, that they will be a special priesthood of people throughout the planet. Satan does not want that to happen. So his plan at this time is to eradicate the Jewish people. And we are seeing right now Anti-Semitism rise. We are seeing all the nations of the world including our own the United States turning against Israel with the hopes of one day annihilating it for a satanic reason, to get rid of it to try to thwart God's plan. Well Bill you and I know that no one can thwart God's plan. So eventually Satan will lose. But right now we are that peak where it looks like he is really starting to win.

**Bill Salus:** And it appears as though some wars could come forward that have been spoken about in the Bible. And we see a lot of the wars that people talk about now and I now David Reagan does a study on this called the End Times Wars of the Bible, I think it is called. We have actually done that on the radio program. And before I go onto my next question I did also want

to mention that when you talk about 2012 and the Mayan calendar. You guys did a Christ in Prophecy TV show, Dr. Reagan and you with Mark Hitchcock, Dr. Mark Hitchcock. I had an opportunity to watch that. And listeners you can watch these programs through Lamb and Lion in their video archives'. And that was an outstanding program. Now of course Dr. Hitchcock wrote a book on 2012 and his understanding from the Biblical perspective of the errors of 2012 being the end of the world and things like that. You guys had an excellent discussion on that and I would invite the listeners to see that. And so they can witness that. Now with respect to these wars a lot of people are concerned with Ezekiel 38 and 39 the Russian-Iranian-Turkey-Libya group of nine populations listed by Ezekiel that are going to invade Israel. And there is Joel Rosenberg and Pastor Chuck Smith or Calvary Chapel are very concerned that could happen very soon and rightfully so. Because we looking at Iran marching ahead to get a nuclear weapon. Russia and Iran have never been closer as far as nations in their relationships with each other. Turkey is upset with Israel. So we are watching there. And there is the Arab and Israel war probably in Psalm 83 that we are watching for. The destruction of Damascus in Isaiah 17, says Damascus will cease to be a city it will become a ruinous heap. Nathan do you believe that the world could wake up one morning and we could see these things start to happen soon and sequentially?

**Nathan Jones:** Oh most definitely bill. I believe the players for many of these Middle Eastern wars that Bible prophecy predicts is coming right along. In the just the last two years we've seen Turkey which was supposed to been almost secular in their views switch to become more fundamentalist Islamic; get rid of their ties to Israel and make ties with Iran and Syria. Which the Bible says that Turkey is one of the nations that comprise Turkey in Ezekiel 38 and 39 would form a coalition. We are seeing Russia pulling the puppet strings behind Iran and stopping all our embargos that we as Western nations are trying to impose on Iran to try to stop them from getting a nuclear weapon. That Russian and China keep on thwarting us on that. Because Russia has a vested interest in the Middle East. They are sending warships down to Syria basically challenging us to say, "Hey you stay out of this let Syria handle its own problems." Because we sell arms to Syria we are well known for that. So that Russia and Iran and Turkey are all united, that the 'Stans are just filled with Al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations. And then which is one of the big questions is, "Well what do we do about when you read Ezekiel 38 & 39 what is the deal with Egypt and Libya which seem to be at peace with Israel?" Well you know the Arab Spring ended that and now Egypt is totally in the grasp of Sharia and it is very tumultuous right now. There is a lot of talk coming out of the Egyptian government or what taters that remain of it is that they are going to get rid of their peace treaty with Israel. We saw Kaddafi fall; the more sharia loving brotherhood that wants to take over Libya as well. So all these nations that God predicted through Ezekiel are starting to form this coalition. Now of course when we read Ezekiel 38 and 39 all the adjoining nations to Israel are not listed. So we assume that there must be another prophecy that happens before Ezekiel 38 and 39 and Bill I think you have taught that very well and brought that up to the limelight is Psalm 83 that Israel at some point will have to subdue their hostile Arab neighbors. I mean terrorist run Gaza; terrorist Hezbollah runs Lebanon. We are seeing Assad fall in Syria and in Egypt and all these nations that surround Israel. Israel is going to have to deal with because

they are always a trigger-pull away from all out war. But before that and it might be part of this but it might be before that like you said Isaiah 17 where it talks about Damascus being destroyed in one day by Israel, utter annihilation over night. It is the oldest city in the world 1.67 million people living there and it goes all the way back to Noah's son Shem's time. I mean it is that old. But the Bible says it will cease to be a city and be a heap of ruins. I think we are seeing that come closer because a lot of the arms trade, a lot of the things that could be disastrous to Israel seems to go through Damascus. And if Israel feels that its back is against the wall it would attack Damascus to make its enemies go away. A matter of fact if I have a moment former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert had reiterated that point back in August of 2008. He said that they would not hold back in the face of the renewed attacks if Northern Israel was attacked that they would use the ultimate weapon against them to keep the hostilities at bay. Because Israel knows that every city in their country could be attacked by missiles now missiles can reach Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and all that; so all this stuff is coming together. Now you would ask would the Church be there for that? I don't think the Church will be there for Ezekiel 38 and 39, there is a fundamental shift from the Church to Israel and God is made known to the world through that battle and to me that seems an after Rapture, a post-Rapture event. Psalm 83, Isaiah 17 we might very well be here to watch that.

**Bill Salus:** Well and I concur with you on everything you said with respects to even the thoughts of will the Church be here to experience Ezekiel 38 and 39. First of all everyone of those events prophetic events you just talked about Isaiah 17, Psalm 83, Ezekiel 38 they will adversely affect the world at large. At a time when economies are on the verge of collapsing the last thing we need is to see these types of game changing events happen in the Middle East from a secular perspective. Of course as a Christian we realize the urgency of the hour to get the message out that God is in control. He foretold these events and they point to the fact of Jesus' soon return. But these are game changing events and I for one think there are arguments that voice well for their being a pre-Tribulational Rapture, a pre-Tribulational Isaiah 17, a pre-Tribulation Psalm 83 and a pre-Tribulation Ezekiel 38. The Tribulation of course being that seven year period Daniel's seventieth week where the judgments of God are executed; the wrath of God is poured out on sinful humanity those who rejected Christ. We are talking about events that are in the news right now. You know when you talk about the signs of Christ Return and you did the broad overview with the signs of nature, and society and things like that and concluded with the super sign of Israel. Now the topic has shifted to some very specific things that we are watching in the news right now that are undeniable. That should encourage people to realize that we could very well be on at the very end of the timeline in respects to these things. So what with that said, you talk about that you don't think the Church will be here for Ezekiel 38 and 39. And the only way the Church wouldn't be here for that would be if they were raptured out prior. And so I want to spend a little bit of time and this is actually one of your third Bible Prophecy Insights the third one you did on the Rapture. And you know folks Jesus is going to come in the twinkling of an eye and He is going to whisk us away, catch us up into the clouds to be in heaven for ever with Him. The dead in Christ will rise first are those who died believing in Jesus that have as the Bible says, "have fallen asleep presently." And then there will be a generation that will be alive and remain that will be caught up to be in the clouds with

Jesus forever. We will be reunited. And that is the way of escape. But you know Nathan let's talk about the Rapture and that Bible Prophecy snippet that you've done. Because you know if I wasn't a believer and someone came on the air and said, "Jesus is the Savior and by the way He is going to come at any moment and take all the Christians out of here. Poof them up in the clouds that sounds like an episode out of the *Twilight Zone*. And yet you know Jesus rose from the grave and ascended to Heaven showing that He has the ability to do that. And it says in Romans 10 that we know we are saved if we confess with our lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead. So there is a power there that took away the sting of death. Nathan talk about the Rapture because I know it is one of the most passionate parts of your evangelism and your ministry and to the point where you were motivated to do an excellent video. So take some time to talk about the believability of the Rapture, the nearness of the Rapture and what that event is about.

**Nathan Jones:** Certainly. Well like you said Bill a lot of Christians just don't believe in the Rapture. Its sound too weird, it is supernatural. Sure you can read the Bible and read Jesus did this miracle, and that miracle. But an actual miracle happening in our lives, well that can't possibly happen. So people kind of blow the Rapture off or they will even say, "Well gee you can't even find the word Rapture in the Bible. Where do you get Rapture?" Well all you have to do to find the Rapture is go to 1 Thessalonians 4:17, and that reads, "After that we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever." Now again the word Rapture is not in there but the word caught up is. Now if you go back to the Greek that 1 Thessalonians was written in you have caught up means harpazo. And harpazo when the Bible was translated into Latin was rapio, so the English version of rapio was rapture. So instead of saying caught up, which 1 Thessalonians 4:17 says, or the great snatching away, or the great beam me up or something. It is easier just to say the Rapture and that is where you find the Rapture. And it is a very well attested subject in the Bible. You can find it in John 14:1-4, Luke 21:36, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, like I said 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17. And I even think that there are hints of it in the Old Testament like Isaiah 26:19-21, and Malachi 3:17. There passages in the Bible especially by the Lord that we say we need to ready, that He is coming. If we knew when Jesus was coming which the people at the end of the 7 year Tribulation will know when He is going to come because it is exactly 7 years, 30 day months based on that. Over and over in the Scriptures the Lord says be ready, Matthew 24:44, be on the alert Matthew 24:42, be dressed in readiness Luke 12:35, and keep your lights a light. It is all that idea that we have to anticipate that Jesus could come at any moment. So we are not talking about the Second Coming when Jesus will return to earth and defeats His enemies. But that the Church will be taken out of this earth to meet the Lord up in the clouds and to not have to endure the Tribulation. And there are a lot of verses that talk about that; Ephesians 5:6, "Let no one deceive you any words because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient." The Church is obedient so God's wrath will not come on the Church. Romans 5:9, "You have been justified by the Lord, how much shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him." There are lots of other verses particularly Revelation 3:10, "That you have kept my command to endure patiently. I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who

live on the earth." So the Church is promised by the Lord to be removed from this world before His Tribulation, before He pours out those 21 judgments' on the planet. And as a Church this is our hope. Titus 2:13 says, "Look for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Or 1 Peter 1:13, "Fix our hope completely on the grace to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ." When he appears our hope will be fulfilled and that is the Rapture of the Church.

**Bill Salus:** Yes, and what it says as it concludes in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 you were quoting that and it talks about the Rapture. It says in verse 18, "Therefore comfort one another with these words." And in the midst of what we are talking about the signs that are happening in the world. We are talking about the natural disasters and the stuff that could go on in the Middle East. The threatening events that are coming upon the world, the world's economy is collapsing. What more comforting than telling one another that Jesus is going to come at any moment for those who believe in Christ that are born again, that have put their faith in Him to escape the wrath that is to come. What more comforting could there be?

**Nathan Jones:** Amen.

**Bill Salus:** So let's conclude the program Nathan by talking about what is the pre-requisite to being Raptured, it is having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That is what this is all about, that is what we are pointing to is all about is having people to understand that Jesus is coming soon to whisk us away to be with Him together in the clouds. And then the wrath is going to follow. And that is going to be a terrible time which your video points out so well. That we have loved ones, we have friends, we have associates and neighbors that don't know Jesus right now that are going to be left behind and experience the wrath. And that's the burning concern that we've got for these believers. So talk about having a personal relationship with Jesus and getting to know Him while we live on this earth, and of course the Rapture is the ultimate reward, the ultimate reward for our faith. But how critical is it right now to consider Christ in one's life.

**Nathan Jones:** The signs of the times point to the very soon return of the Lord. We don't know the day or the hour but He gave us signs to look out for and those signs would increase in frequency and intensity the closer He got. And Bill we are seeing a radical increase in frequency and intensity of these signs. We are seeing a radical ramp up of world politics surrounding Israel and anti-Semitism against the Jews. Israel is ready to go into the Tribulation so the Lord can winnow them and bring a remnant out that believes in Him as Savior. And the Church isn't there for that so therefore the Rapture is even sooner than that, it could be at any minute. Any minute! So why our ministry exists is you can kind of think of it as recently a cruise ship went down off the coast of Italy, and you picture a worker a cruise boat person is desperately trying to grab as many people as they can and get them on the lifeboat to safety. And that what I think Bible prophecy ministries exist to do. We are here to try to grab as many people as possible to bring them to the Lord. To have them give their lives to Jesus, accept Him as the Son of God and Savior and repent of their sins. Get them on that lifeboat and get them out of here before the ship sinks. And the world is about to sink. The Bible tells us it is about to

sink. So we have to give our lives to Jesus Christ. And then we will then be called the Church, you are part of the Church the believing body of Christ. And He will takes us out of this earth and put us up with Him in heaven. And meanwhile then the wrath of God will fall on the rest of the earth. And there is a silver lining to it because the Bible says in Revelation that there will be multitudes more than you can count that will come to know Jesus as their Savior but they will have to endure the Tribulation. And I don't know why anyone would want to put off accepting Jesus as Savior and have to wait to endure the 21 horrible judgments that are going to come during the Tribulation.

**Bill Salus:** Yeah it's not a time to play wait and see. At that time it will be a highly unpopular choice and it will probably come at the cost of a martyr's price. It will be unpopular because the world will be swayed according to the workings of Satan with all signs and powers and lying wonders in 2 Thessalonians 2 with unrighteous deception to believe in the lie, whatever that is. And that will be what is popular at that time. Not accepting Christ. Fortunately like you point out in Revelation 6 and in Revelation 7 and elsewhere we find that many people will make that choice to accept Jesus Christ. But again unfortunately it will be costly decision but they will certainly be blessed for that. Well Nathan if someone wants to accept Christ as their Savior. Do you have an ability to teach them how to do that and show them how to do that on your website there at lamblion.com?

**Nathan Jones:** We've made sure we have put the Gospel message pretty much on everything we have written and almost video we have put on. And it is just a simple message really. You don't have to go through a long complicated thing. If someone wants to give their life to the Lord and be saved they just have to pray, no magic prayer. Just dear Jesus please forgive me of my sins, and be my Savior. And Jesus promises that He will turn them into a new creation. He will give them His Holy Spirit and we will walk in a relationship with Jesus for the rest of our lives throughout eternity. That's the Good News. That's what Gospel means Good News. And that is the Good News that Jesus has given us a way to be forgiven and to stand before the Father one day in perfect relationship with Him. And all we have to do, Jesus did all the work on the cross, all we have to do is accept that gift of salvation. Jesus died on the cross in our place by asking forgiveness of our sins and accepting Jesus as the Son of God and Savior. That's it.

**Bill Salus:** And it is the message of love. Compare that to what the Muslim believes is their ticket to Allah land, to Heaven and they have to go do jihad and blow themselves up in the name of Allah. Or whatever that would be the manifestation of their jihad.

**Nathan Jones:** That is why we are told in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down His life for His friend." And that is what Jesus did for us. He laid down His life, the perfect person, sinless person, the godhead for us in our place. And all we have to do is accept that and when God sees us He sees Jesus and He see us as pure before Him. And that is what bridges the gap between God and us. Not work. Not jihad. There is nothing you can do to get yourself to Heaven. Nothing! Jesus did all the work; we just have to accept that gift.

**Bill Salus:** Yes and it says in Ephesians 2 that I am going to read it here in verse 8, "For by grace you have been saved through faith and not of yourselves." And this is the key point here

Nathan, "...it is the gift of God. Not of works least anyone should boast." That's the key isn't it? It is a gift they have to receive it; they have to open it up. They have to receive the gift as their salvation that is the key point.

**Nathan Jones:** It's like being out in the middle of the ocean and you are swimming for your life. You have no boat or anything and you see a boat on the horizon. You wave and wave and you call that boat over and the captain of that boat throws a life preserver out to you. You're saved only if you grab a hold of that life preserver. And a lot of people do that, they push the life preserver away and say, "Do you have a square one?" or, "Do you have a blue one?" You know they want it on their own terms. But that is the only life preserver that that ship threw out and if you don't grab it you are going to drown. And that is what salvation is it saved us from our sin. It saves us from that punishment in Hell. And we have to grab the life preserver Jesus Christ it is the only way to save us from dying.

**Bill Salus:** We don't have to make the life preserver, we have to grab it.

**Nathan Jones:** Exactly brother, perfect, yes.

**Bill Salus:** Well Nathan again it's been such an honor to have you on the program. I am so excited about what Lamb and Lion is doing with those Bible Prophecy Insights. I want to invite the listeners to go to your site to watch the Rapture video, to watch the Bible Prophecy Insights, to watch Christ in Prophecy TV. To consider your partnership program offer there. And how can they do that? How can they reach you Nathan as we close here today?

**Nathan Jones:** Everything goes through [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). You can remember our name because Jesus first came as a suffering lamb, and He is coming back as a conquering lion. So lamblion.com

**Bill Salus:** Outstanding what a treat to have you on our program Nathan, keep up the good ministry work.

**Nathan Jones:** Praise the Lord Bill, thanks for having me.