

Bible Prophecy - God's Order of Events

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Brian Thomas: Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And thank you for tuning in to the God First Program. My name is Brian C. Thomas. And I am very honored and delighted to have today a special guest Nathan Jones of Lamb and Lion Ministries. And it is such a privilege to have him. We always get great responses and feedback from our audience when we have Nathan as a guest. So Nathan thank you for coming on today to speak with us.

Nathan Jones: Well the honor is all mine. It is a great blessing to be speaking with you about one of our favorite subjects Brian Bible prophecy.

Brian Thomas: That's right. Definitely my passion, and your passion as well and we just enjoy getting the message out concerning the soon return of Jesus Christ. Nathan is the Web Minister for Lamb and Lion Ministries. And I encourage you to please visit their website at lamblion.com to find out more information about Nathan. There you will also find tons of information on their website from their ministry Director Dr. Dave Reagan, Nathan Jones and many of their great guests. And I highly recommend that you visit their site. Nathan is here to speak on the topic, "Bible Prophecy: God's Order of Events." And I invited you on this topic Nathan because growing up there were a lot of things that I heard concerning what is going to happen in the future with the return of Christ and eternity that I accepted as the truth. But as I began to realize that hey this is not exactly what the Bible is saying. For example I had the impression that when we die we go off to live in heaven and that is where we spend eternity, floating on clouds as disembodied spirits. But that is not exactly true and there are a lot of myths out there concerning things of the future that get passed along that are not exactly accurate. So you are here to explain the proper order and clear up the cloudy areas for us as to what truly will happen on God's order of events. So can you begin by speaking on the Church age? We will sort of step back a little bit in time then come to the present and then to the future. So how does the Church age fit into Bible prophecy?

Nathan Jones: Okay. Well funny enough the Church age really didn't fit into Bible prophecy. Many times it was called a mystery; it was not understood by the Old Testament prophets. And what they expected when the Messiah came that would be it His Kingdom would begin and that would be it. They didn't know that there was going to be an age called the Church age. Which began at the day of Pentecost when the Church technically or you could say officially formed when the Lord gave the Apostles and the Disciples gifts of the Holy Spirit. And they went out and started sharing the Gospel and you can read that in Acts how the Church started growing and flourishing. So the Church age, actually the time period that we live in now and it is time where the Church can grow and flourish and the Gospel can get out. You know in the Old Testament the Jews were the example of holy living. You had to go the Temple in

Jerusalem to worship God. And you had to follow the laws. And so people looked at the Jews and they looked at Israel, and would say, "Ok, we want to join them and become like them." And so it all funneled into Israel. But the Church age is the opposite they Church age funnels evangelism through its believers out into the world. And so instead of everyone coming to Jerusalem everybody goes out into the world. And the Church age that we live in has a great commission, Matthew 28:19-20 reads, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." Here this is Jesus talking; this is the Great Commission where He is sending the Church out into the world to get the Gospel across the entire world. And here Jesus says, "To the very end of the age." And what He is talking about is the Church age Brian.

Brian Thomas: Ok great. So as you touched on the Church age began at the time when Jesus Christ left the earth, or shortly thereafter correct?

Nathan Jones: Correct. There is some debate whether it was during Jesus' ministry or Jesus' ascension or the Day of Pentecost. I believe it to be the Day of Pentecost because immediately the apostles go out the start witnessing. And that is when you start seeing the word church; you start seeing that 3,000 more were added to the church. 5,000 were added to the church. So that to me I believe the Day of Pentecost is officially when the Church age began.

Brian Thomas: So that is when the Church Age began. And we are looking at about 2,000 years now that the Church age has been in existence. So what bring the Church age to a close? Or is there a close to the Church age?

Nathan Jones: Yes the Church age does have an ending. And that is the Rapture of the Church. And you can read that in 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." And that is a passage along with a number of other passages that talk about the return of Jesus for the Church. And what happens is that Jesus comes in the clouds. There is a loud trumpet, and archangel calls and all the believers who are alive in Christ will hear that. The dead in Christ, those who have already died during the Church age will be resurrected. Those of us who are saved and alive will be raised just after them. And we will be taken up with Jesus in the clouds to be with the Lord forever. We will get our new glorified bodies. And the rest of the people who have disbelieved Jesus and rejected His salvation will be left behind.

Brian Thomas: So Church age comes to a close when Jesus Christ returns for the Rapture of the Church. Than what happens? Do we go off to Heaven to live for eternity?

Nathan Jones: Well technically speaking yes. We do go on for eternity. But there is kind of a parallel time that is going to be happening during that time. There will be a seven year Tribulation that will befall the earth. It is seven years of intense wrath upon the world for its continued disobedience to God. And the purpose of that is God wants people to come and accept Him as Savior. So what He does is He really He has 21 intense judgments that come upon the world; and it kind of forces people to choose God or not. So He will use that time period to pour out His wrath upon the evil of the world and He is also going to use it to regather Israel back in the land and kind of force them to acknowledge that Jesus is their

Messiah. And (3) He wants the Messiah to return and fight for an unbelieving remnant. So that covers quiet a lot which we will discuss coming up for the Tribulation. But that is not for the Church. The Church will not be here for the Tribulation. We are promised by God over and over again that we will be spared the wrath of God. Colossians 3:4 says, "When Christ who is your life appears then you will also appear with Him in glory." 1 Thessalonians 1:10 says, "Wait for the Son from Heaven whom He raised from the dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath." And probably the best verse for assuring Christians they will not have to live through that seven year Tribulation is Revelation 3:10, "Since you have kept my commands 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 these are the unbelievers who are stuck here for seven years, maybe a little more. And we will get into that. But for those of us who are raptured up to Heaven there are three things that will happen to us while we are up in Heaven. (1) is the Judgment Seat of Christ; this is also called the Judgment of the Just. And the Judgment of the Just is for believers to receive their rewards while they are in Heaven. Now we are already saved, we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord, the only way to get saved. So when we get up there that judgment isn't for our salvation; that judgment is to receive the rewards that we have received in Heaven. You can find that in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Revelation 19:6-9. So (1) the Church while we are in Heaven will receive our judgment for the good things we've done and we will be judged based on our motives, and the quality of our work, and the quantity of our work; and how we actually used those gifts that God gave us to serve Him while we were on the earth. The second thing we will do after we receive those rewards, and they are spiritual rewards. You know the Bible talks about crowns and robes, and new names, and new bodies and it's pretty wonderful. So I'm looking forward to that. But more importantly I guess is that Jesus will hold what is called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb; it is like a giant party. The Church is called the Bride of Christ and God will have fellowship with man again, one on one, that deep personal relationship. And so you get this idea from some people that Jesus is dull and God is stuffy, but you know every time you saw Jesus on earth He was always having a party. He loved to celebrate good things. And He is going to celebrate that His Church after 2,000 plus years will be with Him in Heaven at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. And the third thing that we will be doing while we are up there is preparing to return with Christ back to earth. When we return with Christ at His second Coming, and we will get into that a little later when we get to the end of the Tribulation. But those are the three things that believers can look forward to when we get to Heaven.

Brian Thomas: Great. Now back to the Judgment Seat of Christ for a moment. I hear quiet often where people will say that we will have to stand before God someday and answer to every single thing that we have ever done. All of our sins and wicked thoughts are going to be broadcast for all to see as if on a huge billboard on Heaven and everyone is going to see it as we stand there embarrassed and ashamed before God. Will that really be the case?

Nathan Jones: Well the whole idea of a big billboard of big TV to me sounds like quiet an exaggeration. You know we are all destined to die once and then face judgment, the Bible tells us that. But again this is a celebration. This is a gift giving of the Lord. And you know how many people show up at a birthday party and then the parent reads a laundry list of all the kids' failings before he gives them their birthday present?

Brian Thomas: Right.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, it doesn't work that way. Yes, I think there will be regrets. The Bible kinds of shows the example of chaff, you know you get rid of the chaff out of the grain that is the weeds and stuff that dried with the grain. That is the stuff that we just failed to do, or we wasted our time. We pursued money, we pursued clothes, we pursued cars, we watched TV too much. We just didn't the things we were supposed to do while on earth. The gifts that God gave us we didn't use properly. And yeah, those will affect our gifts. Some verses talk about who our rewards, if we seek attention here while on earth for the things that we do well that is the reward. People say good job they forget about it and that's it. But our eternal rewards are things that we did for Christ out of our heart and love for Him that lasts forever. And I love this, Revelation 19:7-9 says, "Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory. For the wedding of the Lamb has come and His bride has made themselves ready; fine linen bright and clean was given her to wear. Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints. Then the angel said to me, 'Write blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the lamb,'" and he added, 'these are the true words of God.'" So Brian I am excited it's going to be a great time where the Lord is going to give us spiritual rewards. And you know it's not all about us because you look at the 24 elders that are described by John in Revelation that circle the Throne of God, and what do they do with those gifts, those crowns, all the stuff the Lord has given the? They take it off and they put it at the feet of God and they use them as acts of worship. So Brian our rewards in Heaven are eternal reminders of our worship of the Lord. And we will use those to worship the Lord forever. So isn't it neat you know if you help a homeless person, or share the Gospel with somebody; or anything to do to help the kingdom of the Lord here the spiritual kingdom on earth, it's got eternal value that will be used to worship the Lord forever. And that is an exciting time. So no I don't think it is going to be a battery where we are up there and we are just crying the whole time, "Oh it's awful." I think the Lord is going to use it as a time of celebration and worship. And He's got seven years to do it. So I think it will just be awesome, totally awesome.

Brian Thomas: And I am looking forward to it. So the Rapture of the Church occurs. We go to Heaven we are at the Judgment Seat; we get our rewards. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb occurs and then you say we are preparing to return to earth. But as these things are taking place in Heaven something else is occurring down on earth that you touched on earlier. So can you speak to that for a moment and explain that purpose of what is taking place on earth.

Nathan Jones: Certainly. Well the first thing while we are celebrating, we are rejoicing, we are partying you could say with the Lord up in Heaven for seven year. But also during those seven years those left behind on the earth have to suffer the wrath of God. Now the wrath of God, Jeremiah 37 says it is the time of Jacob's trouble it's a time when God takes His focus back off of the Church because the Church isn't there anymore. He removes the restrainer, the Church influence the Holy Spirit through the Church that holds the evil back in the world and he makes the world so bad that it forces primarily Israel, because God's focus us back on His promises to Israel. That focuses pushes Israel to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Now it's an awful time, absolutely awful. There are 21 judgments that will happen. And before that, if I might just add this, we are not sure about this one particular battle it is called the Ezekiel 38 and 39 describes as the Gog Magog Battle. It's this battle where Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya, and a number of other countries join as a coalition and try to annihilate Israel. And God steps back into human history so everyone can see, he annihilates those armies, it says He sets fire to their countries. The forces it says in Joel says they retreat back to the outer north most parts possibly Siberia, and God is made known to the

world again. And I believe this prophecy in Ezekiel 38 & 39 called the Gog Magog Battle happens probably either just after the Rapture and before the Tribulation or just as the Tribulation begins. But either way this terrible attack that is going to come on Israel will be very close to or near to the beginning of the Tribulation.

Now the Tribulation is that seven year time period you can read about it in Revelation and in Daniel where God pours His wrath out upon the world to get them to turn back to Him. You know sometimes you have to have terrible disasters. You think about Hurricane Katrina that came through a few years back and it just utterly annihilated New Orleans. But many people's faith in God was restored because of the natural disaster. So the Lord uses disasters to bring repentance, to bring people back to Him. And that is the primary reason for the Tribulation. The Tribulation starts when the Antichrist makes a peace treaty with Israel, and you can read that in Daniel 9:26-27, and that will begin exactly the seven year count down to how long the Tribulation will last.

The Bible divides the judgments into sets of seven. Seven seal judgments, seven trumpet judgments, and seven bowl judgments. For a total of 21 judgments that pretty much annihilates most of the earth's population. A world ruler will come on the scene; he has an answer for all the world's crises. There will be terrible famines, a one world religion, there will be oppression by someone called a false prophet he is the number one man who works for the Antichrist. And they will also see Satan and his demons, in the middle of the Tribulation try to take over Heaven once again and God cast them out, and so they are on earth and they know their time is short so Satan posses the Antichrist. And basically the Antichrist spends most of his time oppressing the Jews, and oppressing those who come to know Jesus as their Savior. And so that culminates all the way to the end of the Tribulation which is the next prophetic thing which is the Battle of Armageddon.

Brian Thomas: And the Battle of Armageddon is a term that we hear so often, not just from Christians but even in the secular world they use that phrase very often when things happen such as natural disasters and especially wars. You hear often people say this looks like Armageddon. So please talk if you will about the Battle Armageddon; where it is located, and who are the key players in this event?

Nathan Jones: Well the Battle Armageddon isn't a bunch of drillers who get on a space shuttle and fly up to an asteroid and blow it up. We heard that with Bruce Willis movies and everyone seems obsessed with Armageddon, they think that any battle is Armageddon. But Armageddon is the battle to end all battles. Revelation 19 you can read about that in verses 11-21. And it speaks of this final battle at the end of the Tribulation which we call Armageddon. Actually people think it is one battle but it's a battle that covers a few different locations. Now the Antichrist has conquered the world. But the armies from the east, more than likely China, and maybe Japan and some of the other eastern nations like India, who had joined with the Antichrist, they want to rebel against him. So they cross over the Euphrates which is dried up, and they enter into northern Israel in this valley of Jezreel. I've been there twice and it is a massive valley. Napoleon had once said that all the armies of the world could be fielded on that plan, and it really could it is gigantic. And so in the Valley of Jezreel the Antichrist armies will start fighting the eastern king armies, China and whatnot, and they will start annihilating each other. Well in the middle of that is when Jesus return onto the scene in what is called the Second Coming, and we will get into that in a moment. But during that time Jesus will come and with just a word He is going to destroy, I mean all

He has to do is speak God is that powerful. When they say He holds the world together, He really does! He holds the world together. And Jesus just says a word and those two armies fall apart, they just die. It says that there is so much blood that it is up the horses bridle. You know we are talking about four, five, six feet of blood filling that valley. And again that is a massive valley so we are talking about a lot of the remains of humanity getting together to fight. Well Jesus then He leaves that area and moves towards Jerusalem and He engages the Antichrist armies who are besieging Jerusalem. Israel has already been trampled by the Gentiles, trampled by the Antichrist at the middle of the Tribulation. And he is still trampling Jerusalem and trying to totally besiege it and defeat it because Satan knows if he can kill the Jews he has thwarted God's plan. So he really thinks he is getting close to doing that. But again when Jesus arrives He defeats them. And when He defeats them he sentences the Antichrist and the false prophet to the Lake of Fire. And Satan he casts into a deep pit as a holding area for a thousand years. And that is the Battle of Armageddon. There is a lot of infighting and so many people will die during that time. But the true victor is Jesus when He comes and that is the next coinciding prophetic event which the Second Coming of Christ.

Brian Thomas: With this Battle of Armageddon I have heard many people say that the Scripture seems to hint that nuclear warfare will be very prominent. As it is coming to a close and it looks as if mankind is going to totally destroy itself through nuclear warfare and many other means. So do you see that in the Battle of Armageddon and during the Tribulation at all this nuclear warfare?

Nathan Jones: It's a weird mix. You can read a lot of effects of nuclear warfare, like the skin melts off their bodies. Remember the first Indiana Jones movie, I was a kid and I just had nightmares for weeks watching that Nazi melt when he opened the Ark of the Covenant. And that is kind of how it is described. When Jesus comes there is a melting, and I don't know if that is Jesus himself doing that, or they are nuking each other, or what? We do know earlier during the Tribulation when the Antichrist starts his campaign after he makes the treaty with Israel, he starts galloping around the world conquering it. And a third of the world is destroyed just in the first year or two of the Tribulation. And then there is more destruction and pretty much half the world that is 3.5 billion people will be dead within the first 3 ½ years. And a lot of the effects that you read in the judgments afterwards, in the bowl judgments especially it sounds like the effects of nuclear radiation. The atmosphere isn't there anymore on the earth to quiet protect it from the solar radiation so people are scorched. People are covered in boils just like with radiation gives boils on the skin, and it melts you, and your teeth starts rotting out. So there is definitely the nuclear arsenal I believe the Bible describes pretty well especially when it talks about Damascus being destroyed in one day by Israel, is nuclear in nature. But we also read that a lot of them are riding horses. They are shooting bow and arrows, and it is almost like by the end of the Tribulation the infrastructure of the world will be so destroyed that people will resort to having to go back to horses again. Or they are out of bullets so they are going to have to fashion bows and arrows. So there is a weird mix of ultimate technology and old fashioned warfare at Armageddon.

Brian Thomas: Excellent points. So as the Battle of Armageddon is escalating and it looks like the earth will be completely destroyed. As you mentioned Jesus comes back to earth and brings it all to a close. This is known as the Second Coming. Those of us who are raptured in the Rapture of the Church we return with Him correct?

Nathan Jones: Oh, amen. There are 500 verses in the Old Testament, and 1 in every 25 in the New Testament talk about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. There is nothing more prophesied in the Bible, even more than the first coming which was only 300 prophecies. 500 prophecies talk about Jesus' Second Coming. It is an event that the Bible wants us to know about. And so we can read about the Tribulation and know that it culminates in Jesus' victory, where He comes again. And you want to read a lot of great verses about the Second Coming it is Zechariah 14:1-21, Matthew 24, and Mark 13, and Luke 21, and especially Revelation 19. They are all about eh Second coming of Jesus. And that is where you can read especially in Revelation 19 that Jesus returns with His angelic forces, and with us who are saved who have been raptured already. And we come back with Jesus. And you know what we don't engage the enemy. This is our chance and we don't, Jesus does all the work and He defeats them all by Himself. Well praise the Lord He can do that. But yeah that is going to be the ultimate victory of Jesus, over the Antichrist and over His enemies. And we will be there to witness it.

Brian Thomas: Amen. That is going to be a great day! And I often imagine it happening with the people dwelling on earth during the Tribulation one day looking up and there comes Jesus cracking the sky and we will all be riding with Him on white horses. That is going to be just a magnificent scene.

Nathan Jones: And what's neat is that if one of the reasons and one of the primary reasons for the Tribulation is for Israel to be so forced into a position of compromise that they finally admit that the Messiah is Jesus Christ the Savior. And it talks about how when Jesus returns those in Israel will mourn and weep when they realize that for 2,000 years they could have had the Savior. They could have had Jesus Christ, but they had denied Him all that time. And so when Jesus comes to Jerusalem a third of the remainder of the Jews will turn to Jesus as Savior and accept their Messiah when He returns. And that is just an awesome thing to rejoice in the Lord too because the Jews right now many of them have blinders on, they just can't see that Jesus is the Messiah despite the evidence. And there are many Messianic Jews out there but overall most Jews do not understand and will not accept that Jesus is the Messiah. But when Jesus returns they will see Him as the Messiah that they have been looking for. And they will weep it says, and they will just be in anguish that oh we had missed it all this time. We had to go through all this to realize that Jesus is our Savior. And they will accept Him and welcome Him with open arms when He comes back.

Brian Thomas: Amen. And you make such an excellent point because right now you are right there are a very small percentage of the Jewish people who are Messianic. But as you said at that time they will accept Christ and realize that He is the Messiah. And that is when sort of the whole plan comes together where the Church and the nation of Israel, the Jews will sort of all be merged together as one big happy family in Christ.

Nathan Jones: Right upon Jesus' Second Coming; you know He defeats the Antichrist, the false prophet. He sends Satan and the demons; I assume the demons to Hell and Satan to a deep pit. And that's when we get another prophecy where the Lord gathers all the believing, what He calls the elect from the four corners of the world together for another judgment. And this is the next prophetic event called the Sheep-Goat Judgment.

Brian Thomas: Yes please speak about that now.

Nathan Jones: You can read about the Sheep-Goat Judgment and the parable of the weeds in Matthew 13:36-43. Matthew 25 is the main text for the Sheep-Goat Judgment. And so we've had the Judgment of the Just which was in Heaven which is for believers to receive their rewards. And this is the second out of three judgments the Sheep-Goat Judgment. And that is for all the people on the earth at the end of the Tribulation. Now we know the Tribulation is seven years long. Revelation 11:3 says it is two periods of 1,260 days. But Daniel 12:11 says 1,290 days and then it says 1,335 so we've got like 30 days here and 45 days there for a total of 75 days. So people are wondering what is that 75 days after the Tribulation, but before Jesus sets up His kingdom. What's that for? And many theologians believe that that is the 75 days that will be used to judge the people of the world in what is called the Sheep-Goat Judgment. Now the Sheep-Goat Judgment will be on the earth. Joel elaborates and says it is going to be held in the Valley of Jehoshaphat so that could be the Kidron Valley near Jerusalem. We're not sure the whole typography of Israel will be pretty changed and decimated during that time. But we know in Israel there will be the holding where all these people will be gathered. And the purpose is to send all those who took the mark of the Antichrist, who took that loyal to mark and rejected Jesus as their Savior they will be judged and the Bible says they are considered the goats. They are the ones who are destined to be placed in Hades and await final judgment. The rest of them, who survived the Tribulation, let me say if anyone survived those 21 judgments there are very few people left on the planet by then. I can't tell you how many I don't know. But there will just be a remnant left of believing Jews and believing Gentiles. And they will be considered the sheep. And they will be able to live on into Christ's Kingdom and they will remain in their human bodies, their earthly bodies you could say. So that is the Sheep-Goat Judgment.

Brian Thomas: Alright. I want to speak for a moment on another thing that is a myth. I heard this often growing up and I hear it often today. That when Jesus Christ comes back He is going to destroy the earth, burn it up and we will go off to Heaven with Him and the earth will cease to exist. Now based on what you were telling us that is not the case.

Nathan Jones: No, no, no. Gods got a plan. He is not done with the Jews. I mean He didn't do all of that just to get some Jews saved and then go up to Heaven and that be that. He made certain promises to the Jewish people as a nation. They are specially set apart. I mean a lot of people; even Christians don't like that idea. But the Lord made promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that they would have the land from the Euphrates River to the Nile River; that they would have someone on the Throne of David forever; that they would be a special priestly group of people. Jesus has set apart 1,000 years and we call it the Millennial Kingdom, milla meaning thousand; a Millennial, thousand year kingdom of Jesus to rule and reign on the earth from Jerusalem. And the Jewish people, those who are saved, the Jews who are saved and live on into that thousand years will be considered a special priestly group. Now you and I Brian we will be there in our glorified bodies helping those living in their earthly bodies. And it says that we will reign during that time too. We will be administrators, and officials, and teacher, to help those people during those 1,000 years. The Bible says the curse will be partly lifted so that the wolf will lie down with the lamb. And the lion will eat straw like an ox. I guess they won't be carnivorous anymore. Kids can play with poisonous snakes. It's a time where all that decimation of the Tribulation will be erased by Jesus. He will rebuild the planet, very quickly and it will be a garden like it was. Now the curse won't totally be removed because people in their earthly bodies will still want to sin. They are still going

to want to do things because that temptation is there. But it won't be Satan and the demons tempting them anymore. Each person will be responsible for their own falling into sin. So there will be sin during the Millennial Kingdom but Jesus will rule and reign. People can go up to Jesus and talk with Jesus. And we will get there and it will be the most peaceful time on the planet during Jesus' Millennial reign.

Brian Thomas: Amen, that's going to be a wonderful time. And there is going to be a difference in character for a lack of a better word in Jesus Christ, in looking at His First Coming versus His Second Coming. At His First Coming He came as a suffering lamb. He didn't receive glorification from the world; He was humiliated, ridiculed, mocked, you name it. But when He comes back the Bible says He will be as a concurring lion and that ties in directly to the name of your ministry Lamb and Lion.

Nathan Jones: You caught onto that, that's good. People get it mixed up. I know I first did when I heard it. I kept on calling it Lion Lamb. And Dr. Reagan jokes that over the years people have had some crazy names for our ministry like Lame and Blind, and Lemon and Lime. People can remember our ministry just like you said; Jesus first came as a suffering lamb to sacrifice Himself on our behalf. But when He returns He will return as the concurring Lion. He will be the King of Judah, King of the world. And so yes, our ministry is named after that; Lamb and Lion Ministries, and our website lamblion.com. Explaining that helps people to remember our url.

Brian Thomas: Right. Now during the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ this will be a theocracy. He will reign supreme as the leader of the entire world. He is going to have His government. So that means that any leader of any nation such as a President or Prime Minister they will all have to answer to Jesus Christ concerning the rules and laws that He will make. Correct?

Nathan Jones: Oh, correct. There is even an example given of Syria and Egypt. And during that time period there will be a feast each year and everyone will come into Jerusalem and celebrate that feast. And the nations that start rebelling and refuse to go God will hold the water back and give them a drought until they repent of that. What is neat is that you read about Syria today where there President al-Assad is slaughtering his own people. There is rebellion. We know that Israel is going to have to deal with Syria prophetically; Damascus will be destroyed, the older city in the world will be destroyed. We read about Egypt where they knock down their President Mubarak. They are getting rid of their peace treaty with Israel and the Muslim Brotherhood is taking over. I mean these two nations hate Israel with a burning passion. There is satanic fuel that drives them to hate Israel. And yet when we read in the Millennial Kingdom first populated by only people who believe in Christ these nations are reformed and they are reformed with believing people. So Egypt is a Christian nation once more. Syria is a Christian nation once more. The whole world begins as a Christian nation. Now over time children are born these people and they too will have to make a decision for Christ or not. And over that 1,000 years it also said the life span of people will be considered very long. If a child dies at 100 they are considered just a babe almost. So we know that they life spans before the flood will return again during the Millennial Kingdom. And those children even in their life spans will choose God or not. And that is where we get to the next prophetic event that happens where God releases Satan from the pit.

Brian Thomas: So when Jesus Christ comes back He sets up His Millennial Kingdom it will last 1,000 years. At the beginning of His Kingdom Satan is locked up in the bottomless pit by an angel and will be

unable to influence the people on earth. As you stated children will be born during the 1,000 years reign who will have to make a decision concerning Christ. And many unfortunately will reject Him. The earth's population will be great due to longer life spans among many other things so there will be a lot who will refuse to accept Christ. And at the end of the millennial reign Satan will be released from the pit, come to earth to influence the inhabitants of the earth. And then what will happen?

Nathan Jones: Well like you said there will be a huge population on the planet. There will be people still living in their fleshly bodies. They will still want to sin. But they don't have the rallying point to rally around and totally declare their independence from God. It is amazing they live in a paradise. They have Jesus there loving them. It's the best the earth has been since the Garden of Eden. And yet people will still want to refuse to accept Jesus as Savior. They will still want to rebel against them. They will still want to do their own sinful things that hurt their bodies, and hurt other people. And at a rallying point God releases Satan from the pit. And it says immediately that Satan goes out among the planet. He gathers the nations, the peoples that want to rebel against God and He leads a revolt into Jerusalem against Jesus. And just like Armageddon with just a few words Jesus totally defeats those armies. They probably don't even have weapons because it says during the Millennial Kingdom that people have beaten their swords into plowshares and pruning hooks. In other words there won't be any weapons of war during that time. So I don't know what Satan plans on attacking with, maybe big sticks with nails in them or something, I don't know. He is going to attack and Jesus puts them down and you can read about that in Revelation 20. They want to rebel against God. It is amazing that humanity can be so depraved that even in the utopia like it will be they will join Satan and try to fight and think they can overcome the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. And that reference is also called the second Gog and Magog battle. It is a lot of similarities to the first one. But this one is a worldwide scope not just a few nations against Israel.

Brian Thomas: Yeah, thank you so much for pointing that out, because so many are surprised to hear that there will be two Gog Magog wars in the future. One prior to the Millennial Kingdom and one at the close of the Millennial Kingdom. So it is at this time that Satan will be dealt with once and for all for all eternity. So what will be the ultimate fate of Satan and all of his followers at this final Gog Magog Battle?

Nathan Jones: Well you can read that in Revelation 20 starting with verse 7 it says, "When a thousand years were over Satan will be released from his prison. He will go out and deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog and to gather them for battle. Their number are like the sand on the seashore. Gee Brian it is really sad so many people. But they march across the breadth of the earth and surround the camp of God's people, the city He loves. The fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the Devil who deceived them was thrown into the Lake of burning sulfur where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. And they will be tormented day and night forever, and ever. So Satan and his demons will be sent down there into Hell finally. Praise the Lord. Forever and ever Satan will be in Hell with the false prophet and the Antichrist, who were thrown down there after the Tribulation period. And this is where you get Revelation 20:11 it starts talking about the Judgment of the Dead. Now I told you there were three judgments; the Judgments of the Just, the Sheep-Goat Judgment, and then we've got what is called the Great White Throne Judgment. And that is the judgment not for believers, but for those who rejected the Lord, those who rebelled against God, both alive and dead.

And they are resurrected from the holding place in Hades and they are judged based on their works, just like the Christians were. But you know what they are missing? They are missing the ultimate work that saves them, the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. They had refused that all their lives so that work isn't there. And even if they were good people in life they didn't do enough to get to Heaven because it is impossible to do enough good works to get to Heaven. The Bible says our works are like filthy rags. Without Jesus' work on the cross they will be found wanting. Jesus will open the Lamb's Book of Life which is the book of life which is the book of life that has all the people who've accepted Him by faith over the centuries. And along with Satan who has already been thrown, He will throw all those who rejected Him into Hell. This is also called the Second Death, or the Lake of Fire. And it's Jesus' final victory over sin and death, that's it- no more sin, no more death. Those who wanted God to leave them alone well they will get that, but they will still have the punishment of their sins upon them and they have to pay that punishment because God is a just God. He's a loving God but He is also a just God. And they have to pay that punishment and they'll go to Hell.

Brian Thomas: So for the atheist who say that when we die we go off into nothingness there will be a rude awakening for them when they find that not only will their spirit continue on but their physical bodies will be resurrected for judgment and punishment.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah. If they go around saying there is nothing after this life- how would they know?

Brian Thomas: Right.

Nathan Jones: None of them have ever died and come back and even if they could they couldn't come back because they had believed they would be annihilated. It's ridiculous. It's a wish, it's a hope. You know it is interesting through the ministry I answer the questions that come in and we had this one atheist write. And atheist always come in with all these evidences they say for why God can't exist. And they try to just dumbfound you with all these evidences. And I was listening to this guy rant about this and that and you know he finally paused, he broke down, and it was the most refreshing e-mail conversation I ever had with an atheist he says, "You know what I really do believe there is a God. But you know what I don't like that there are two choices. I don't like that it is either Heaven with Him forever or Hell where I am destroyed. Why can't God," and he used lots of explicative's, "just leave me alone. Why can't I just be left alone by God?" And then the veil came over his face again to speak he started with all his arguments why God doesn't exist even though he just told me he did. And he was back in that stupor again. But atheist I think in their heart at least the ones I have talked to, you can tell they don't spend their whole life trying to disprove something unless you really believe it exists.

Brian Thomas: Right.

Nathan Jones: So they really do believe there is a God. And you are right it will be a terribly rude awakening when they stand before God rejecting them all their lives. And God will say, "You got what you want. You wanted me to be out of your life. I will totally be out of your life." But unfortunately the Bible tells us that God is our life, He is what holds us together. He is what binds us. And without Him we are alone, and desolate, and rejected and that is the choice they make. And it is sad, it is awfully sad because they will spend eternity in Hell where there is fire, and there is loneliness, and this feeling of falling, there is darkness, there is not fellowship with God. And you are trapped with your memories

forever. It's an awful, awful place and it should be a great motivator to get believers in Christ out there sharing the Gospel with those who are lost.

Brian Thomas: Amen to that. So once the Great White Throne Judgment happens; this is when God will address sin completely for all eternity. And then the Bible says a new heaven and new earth will come into place. So can you speak on that for a moment?

Nathan Jones: Revelation 21 has a wonderful description of our eternal home in heaven. You know Brian we were created to have fellowship with the Lord forever. That is our purpose and existence to fellowship with the Lord forever. And it's not to do it in this current sinful condition, and not being able to see God face to face. We will see God face to face once more. Revelation 21 tells us, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea." So we are told that we will be with the Lord forever in a new heaven. And that new heaven is what's called the New Jerusalem. It is a super city that God is building it is about 1500 miles wide, and long, and high. Maybe it is pyramid shape, maybe it is cube shaped I don't know. If it was on the earth it would stretch from the Atlantic Ocean to Colorado, and from one boarder in Canada down to Mexico and another. I mean it is a super city. And you need a revived earth; a redeemed creation. I mean the creation is under a curse, but the curse will totally be lifted. God will reform the earth, and heaven will be on earth. The New Jerusalem will be on the new earth and that will be the capital city where we will live.

And man it is awesome. It says that God dwells in there. We get to see God finally face to face. Our glorified bodies have the capability of seeing God. You know our earthly bodies can't hack seeing God. The flesh is weak, our eyes would melt out, I mean He is just that powerful and that strong. But in our gloried bodies we can see them. It says that He is the light of that city. So if there is a sun, moon and stars they will have light but they will be weaker than the light from God. It says that the city is built out of all the precious metals and jewels. The gold is clear, it talks about 12 foundations being made of different stones, but the streets are made of gold. There are giant pearls for the gates. And that is all materialistic stuff, that is all wonderful but the heart of Heaven is God and that we will be with God. And it talks about the Throne room of God and we have access to the Throne room, and how a river of life flows from that throne. And we will get to see the Tree of Life, you know that we read about in Genesis is there, and it produces crops once again for 12 months, and it provides food for the nations. And there we will live in fellowship with God. There is no sorrow, and no tears there is no suffering and it is perfect joy. And the New Jerusalem is the city, the capital city of the universe. And the Bible doesn't tell us but I think because we have forever to be with God that I think all that creation He made out there, all those planets, and galaxies, and stars which are being discovered more and more everyday is God's domain. And who knows maybe He will let us go out there and explore them. Maybe when He says that we will be governors and mayors over cities, maybe that is whole planets for solar systems. I mean I can boggle the mind.

Brian Thomas: Right.

Nathan Jones: I mean we have eternity to explore God's wonders; to get to know God, to work and learn. We can have like 10 PhD's in the first 100 years. I mean the learning never ends. The fellowship

with the Lord never ends. The fellowship with all those loved ones we have lost. And that is what the Bible says. And that is God's victory over sin. So what you see here with all the Bible prophecies that started with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It was a perfect world, they had fellowship with God, they walked and talked with Him, and then sin broke it. And God has used all these thousands of years to get us back to that fellowship with God forever. Sin will be forgotten, Isaiah 65:17 is another verse, "Behold I will create a new heaven and earth and the former things will not be remembered nor will them come to mind." Everything that was sinful and evil in the world will be forgotten. And we will spend forever in fellowship with the Lord again. And that is the overall plan of God for the world is to bring us back into fellowship with Him forever.

Brian Thomas: It is going to be wonderful time. I so much look forward to it; it's going to be great!

Nathan Jones: Like you said in the beginning of the program. Growing up there is this false idea that some people get is that we die, and we are a bunch of ghost floating around bored to death on clouds playing harps. I mean man awful. And who can get excited about that? I think Satan uses that, Satan uses that false idea of Heaven to get people sidetracked and think I better enjoy life on earth because Heaven sure sounds dull. But Heaven is awesome if people just read about it. Just open up Revelation 21 & 22 and you can read about how amazing our eternal life is going to be with God. And that is something to get excited about and to share with other people and to get as many people as possible to lead them to the Lord so they can share in it too one day.

Brian Thomas: Amen. Well Nathan thank you so much for coming on to speak on this topic. I always enjoy your expertise as do the listeners as well. It really helps us as Christians as we learn and see what is really going to happen. I think it gets us more motivated to go out and proclaim the Gospel. And it strengthens our testimony. So thank you so much and do you have any final words for our audience concerning this topic and how they can find your ministry.

Nathan Jones: Sure if you are listening you have heard God's plan for the ages is. You know what God's purpose in your life is to have fellowship with Him. And while you are on earth to do good works with Him. So give your life to the Lord, accept Jesus Christ in faith. He died for your sins because He loves you and He wants you to be saved. He wants to share eternity with you. "Dear Lord, please forgive me of my sins and be my Savior." Just pray and out of your heart express your repentance for what you have done wrong and ask Jesus to be your Savior. After that go show the world that you have accepted Jesus as your Savior by being baptized in the water. And join a church so you can have fellowship and you can learn about the Lord in Bible study and prayer, and worship. And if you need resources to know more about Bible prophecy please visit our website www.lamblion.com. As Brian said Jesus came first as a suffering lamb, He is coming back as a conquering Lion. We have a lot of articles and television shows Christ in Prophecy with Dr. David Reagan. And you can read those articles and you can watch those programs and learn more about Jesus. We also have a big conference coming up in June, the very last weekend of June and the subject is "Israel in Bible Prophecy," and you will learn a lot. We have some great speakers. And Brian you will be there too I hear. I am looking forward to that. So people can get to meet you and I look forward to meeting you and share the Lord's wonderful promises He has for us there.

Brian Thomas: I am looking forward to it as well. Absolutely. Well again Nathan thank you for a wonderful message. And to our listeners the time is near. If you have not yet accepted Christ please do so while you have the time. And for those of us who are already Christians please take this message and go out to proclaim the coming of our great Messiah and all the wonderful things we have to look forward to. So until next time keep looking up because Christ is coming soon and many blessings to all.