

Are All the End Times Signs Converging?

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[Note: In this installment of [Prophecy Update Radio](#), host Bill Salus interviews Dr. David Reagan. Dr. Reagan discloses how mankind is living on borrowed time. The fact that all the end times Bible prophecies are presently stage setting evidences that the return of Christ in the Rapture could happen at any

moment.]

Bill Salus: I am delighted to have as our guest today someone who has been on the program before Dr. David Reagan. David, thanks for being on the show again with us.

Dr. Reagan: Well, thank you, Bill for having me it is always a joy to be on this program with you.

Bill Salus: It's the same when I am on your TV show it is such an honor to be on your show. For the listeners most of them of course are familiar with you but Dr. David Reagan is the founder of Lamb & Lion Ministries that is at lamblion.com. He is also the TV host of *Christ in Prophecy*. I've had the opportunity of being on that show several times it is a wonderful TV show where he gets experts from around the country to talk about biblical prophecy. And this is going to be the theme of what we talk about today, a book he has written he has written many books but one of them is called, *Living on Borrowed Time*, available at his website lamblion.com. I really think this is important because what he has done in this book is talk about how all the end time signs seem to be converging. And he put together a panel of about 22 Bible prophecy experts and he asks them questions that were very significant, we are going to go through some of those questions and see what the experts are saying about are we truly living in the end times. You know David yesterday I was at a big church I was out in the courtyard signing some books and I had a young man about 25 years old come up to me and he was sitting at a table with his mom who had her Bible open and she was trying to impress upon him that he's possibly that final generation and that they are living in the last days and all that. And he was really struggling with that. So they called me over to sit with him and talk with him a little bit and of course I gave him my reasons and some of them I gave to you when you interviewed me for this book. But I referred him to your book, *Living on Borrowed Time*, because in that book you've got all these important answers about all these different signs that are converging. So tell me a little bit about this book and then I want to go through some of the questions that you asked these Bible prophecy experts.

Dr. Reagan: Sure, well I began the book by talking about scriptural principles that apply to the return of Jesus, you know just fundamental principles. Like the fact that Jesus has promised to return. That there are some people who deny that He will ever come back and I talk about

that viewpoint which is called Amillennialism and why it is unbiblical. I talk about the fact that we cannot know the date of His return but that we can know the season of His return because we have been given signs to watch for and that those signs are around right now happening right now. And in the second part of the book I go into a prophetic forum where I interview these 22 different Bible prophecy experts including you and ask them about 11 different questions. The third section of the book I have a number of chapters in detail of what I consider to be the key signs of the end times, like the re-establishment of Israel, the revival of the Roman Empire, the proliferation of cults, the convulsion of nature, the growth of apostasy, the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and things of that nature. And then finally in the last section I talk about the challenge to the church because the church is asleep today and the church is not preaching the soon coming of Jesus, and therefore Christians are apathetic about His return. But the section I think people find most fascinating is the section you talked about where I ask 11 questions of these 22 different Bible prophecy experts.

Bill Salus: Yes, and I want to go through some of those questions I think I have them popped up from my old notes when you sent them to me, if not you'll direct me. You've written other books similar to this where you have had forums and had TV shows so I want to make sure I have the right questions in front of me. But I do want to say this one of the things that I think is very important about your message and your ministry is that you are so glued into the fact that Jesus is coming very soon, especially in the Rapture it is an imminent event and that should put Christians on the edge of their seat to be called to holiness and evangelism. Talk about that for just a moment and then we will get into some of these questions.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, that is the passion of my heart. I was a professor of International Law and Politics for 20 years and I began studying Bible prophecy in detail and it really gripped me that it was very clear that we are living in the season of the Lord's return because of the signs of the times. And I gave up that career and stepped out in faith in 1980 to start preaching this message and that is the fundamental message of this ministry is that we are living on borrowed time. We are living in the season of the Lord's return and that is a two-edge sword that cuts two ways, for the believer the message is commit your life to holiness and commit your life to evangelism. And for the unbeliever it means flee into the loving arms of Jesus before it is too late because He is coming back to pour out the wrath of God upon this world, and people need to get right with Him right away. And so I have this sense of urgency. I believe we are living in the most exciting period of world history second only to the First Coming of Jesus Christ.

Bill Salus: When you mentioned that in your response I think one of the first questions if I'm not mistaken that you did ask of the panel is: Do you believe we are living in the season of the Lord's return?

Dr. Reagan: That is the first question and every person on the panel, all 22 said, "Absolutely we are living in the season of the Lord's return." But I was surprised by something in their responses, because I expected nearly all of them to say because the question was two parts, Do you believe we are living in the season of the Lord's return and if so why? And I expected them to say that we were and they did. But what surprised me was when they got to the why

part. I expected probably 98% of them to say, because of the re-establishment of Israel in 1948. And certainly all them consider that important but that is not the majority reason that was given for believing that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. The overwhelming majority focused on one word, a word that you already mentioned several times and that is convergence. In other words they said the main reason why we believe we are living in the season of the Lord's return is not because of any one particular sign but because we have so many signs converging that are coming together for the first time. That all of the signs of the end times are coming together. There have been times when people would say well we have this sign and that sign and so Jesus must be coming soon. But there were many other signs that weren't around. But today we can look around us and we can see so many, all of these signs that Jesus mentioned we can see them converging at one time, coming together and we can say, "Wow there isn't anything missing today from the world scene in terms of the signs we were told to look for."

Bill Salus: Ok, and I want to talk about some of those converging signs as we get closer to the end of the show. Again we are talking with Dr. David Reagan and we are discussing his recent book called, *Living on Borrowed Time: The Imminent Return of Jesus*. You can get that at lamblion.com in his store. Among those signs of the end times the second question you asked was: What do you consider to be the single most important sign of the times and why?

Dr. Reagan: Yes, I decided to zero in on it thinking that probably it would be the same answer they gave to question one but it wasn't at all because question one was yes, we believe we are in the season but it is all because of the convergence of all of these signs. When I got to number two and I said: What do you consider to be the single most important sign of the times? Well overwhelmingly people pointed to the re-establishment of Israel in 1948. Now they mentioned other things like the decay of society and upheaval in the Middle East and things of that nature but the one they really focused on was the re-establishment of Israel. Bill you know what that is true because end time Bible prophecy focuses on Israel and the Middle East and 500 years ago the Puritans who began to study Bible prophecy in detail and who began to believe that it means what it says and that you should take its plain sense meaning they began to say in the end times the Bible says that the Jewish people will be regathered from the four corners of the earth and the nation of Israel will be re-established. And those of us who take Bible prophecy to mean what it says have always believed that. It is wonderful to go back in the 19th Century and read books that were written then by people who believed Bible prophecy in the early 20th Century and they said over and over, "The Jews are going to be regathered and the land of Israel is going to be re-established." And people laughed at that and mocked that and jeered at them. And some of them continued to mock even up to the very day May 14, 1948 when the nation was re-established, they said, "Well it won't last a week because it is surrounded by 250 million Muslims who are going to come in there and destroy the place." And they have tried over and over and over but Israel is still existing.

Bill Salus: And as a matter of fact David has a magazine that he puts out called, *The Lamplighter*, and I encourage you if you don't get it you can download it on-line or he also sends out a publication monthly that you can subscribe for and his January/February edition of

2014 is dealing with this very subject. It is proof of God's existence through Israel and Bible prophecy. Matter of fact it is Israel and Bible prophecy proof of God's existence. I want to take a moment on that because I really enjoyed the article David.

Dr. Reagan: Thank you.

Bill Salus: There is evidences the rebirth of the nation fulfilled many prophecies but there a lot of other things that you point the reclamation of the land, and all these other things in this article. Take just a moment to talk about some of the highlights of how we can prove God's existence.

Dr. Reagan: Well, all my life I've been told that there is no way you can prove the existence of God you just simply have to come to a point where you just take a leap of faith and you believe that God exists. For various reasons it may be because of the complexity of the nature of Creation of whatever. Just about a year ago I read a remarkable book by Carl Gallups who is a pastor in Florida, best-selling book called, *The Magic Man in the Sky*. And he has been debating atheist for some time and that's what they call God, the magic man in the sky. And he points out in this book that God is neither a magician nor is He a man, nor does He reside in the sky. And the thing that gripped me about the book was about mid-way through he said, "I can prove to you beyond a shadow of a doubt that God exists." And the way he did it was by using Bible prophecy concerning the Jews. And it suddenly occurred to me he is absolutely correct. I mean you can take the Bible and read what it says, prophecies written 2,500 years ago, even longer than that about the end times and they are very specific prophecies, they are not vague, they're not general, they're not babble like the prophecies of Nostradamus. But they are very specific detailed prophecies that say in the end times the Jewish people will be scattered all over the world. That they will then be regathered. That the nation will be reestablished. That they will re-occupy the city the Jerusalem which occurred on June 7, 1967. That the land will be reclaimed, in the 2,000 years they were out of the land the land became a desolation that nobody wanted. All the trees were cut down, it became a barren wasteland of malaria infested swamps. And yet the Bible says very specifically in Ezekiel that when the Jews come back into the land the land will become like the Garden of Eden once again. And that is exactly what has happened. It talks about the revival of the language which has occurred. It talks about them becoming a super power in terms of military power, that they will devour all the nations' roundabout who try to attack them. It tells us that all the Arab nations will try to attack them and take that land back. So it is just specific prophecy, after prophecy, after prophecy that are being specifically fulfilled in detail today in our time. And the only way that you can explain that is that the Bible must have supernatural knowledge and that supernatural knowledge must of come from the Creator of the Universe.

Bill Salus: David let me ask you this you take a lot of tours to Israel. I went for my first time recently and I was just fascinated, matter of fact I got to spend some time with a host guide you used in the past named Shia and you're going again. How many times have you been to Israel, and you are going again and do you have any openings left on your tour.

Dr. Reagan: No, I don't. I'm getting ready to take my 45th tour to Israel in the middle of March and it is going to be my last one that I am going to take to Israel because my wife has been ill for some time and I can't be away from her very long. So I am taking my associate as you know Nathan Jones who is a very outstanding teacher of Bible prophecy and I am training him in how to take groups in the future. So in the future I'm going to confine my trips to Israel to short 5 days trips for video shooting, but I can't take off for 2 full weeks to take a group over, so this will be my last tour that I will lead until my wife gets well. And then we will have Nathan leading tours and other members of our staff and we will probably have about 3 tours a year.

Bill Salus: Let's go back now to these other important questions here you didn't want to stop with the first most important sign so you went on to ask: What do you think is the second most important sign?

Dr. Reagan: Yes, and there were some very interesting answers to that question: What do you consider to be the second most important sign of the end times? And I knew there would be a lot of scattering of answers on that and that is exactly what happened. Six of the experts said that they thought that it was spiritual corruption in the church. Boy that certainly is a major sign because the Bible speaks over and over on the fact that in the end times there is going to be tremendous apostasy in the church. Not only the development of cults but in the church itself there is going to be all kinds of spiritual darkness and apostasy and brother we are seeing that all around us today right up to our ears in it. You know 20 years ago if I had told you that I believe churches would be ordaining homosexuals and performing homosexual marriages you would have thought I was as crazy as a loon. And yet that's happened, it's happened in a very short period of time. We've got major "evangelical" leaders today who are denying that Jesus is the only way to God, that there are many different roads to God. There is gross apostasy in the church today and the term evangelical has ceased to have any meaning. And then four of our people decided that they thought the second most important development was the revival of the Old Roman Empire through the resurrection in the form of the European Union today and that certainly is a very important one that people have talked about for several 100 years that is going to happen and it has happened before our very eyes. And third place was the Ezekiel alignment of Muslim nations that are talked about, Muslim nations that are going to align up with Russia, or the nations that are going to align up with Russia all which are Muslim today. And that is happening, we are seeing Iran for example forming alliances with Russia that never existed before. And also tied there was modern technology, things like the internet and satellites that are helping us to understand prophecies we never understood before. For example the Bible says in Revelation 11 that there will be two great witnesses of God in Jerusalem who will prophesy for 3 ½ years and call the world to repentance and they will be killed and the whole world will look upon their bodies for 3 ½ days. Well nobody understood that prophecy until the mid-1960's because how could the whole world look upon two bodies lying in the streets of Jerusalem? Well today there is satellite television all you have to do is point a TV camera at them, zap it up to a satellite and the whole world can watch them. And then two of our respondents one who has gone on to be with the Lord, Jack Kinsella picked out the Jewish reoccupation of the city of Jerusalem on June 7, 1967 as the second most important.

And then there were others who picked other things. That was very interesting to read all of the different second most important signs that people selected.

Bill Salus: When you mentioned among the second most important one of the second in place there was the revival of the Roman Empire. That's an important sign to be watching for and as matter of fact I think another book David's written is called, *The Man of Lawlessness: The Antichrist in the Tribulation*. Another very good book and in that book you also dispel the trend towards some of these people thinking that the Antichrist will be a Muslim. And I think one of the detractors to the sign of the revival of the Old Roman Empire is this new paradigm shift, not embraced by a lot of traditional teachers who yourself and me as well that it is a detractor from that importance of the revival of the Roman Empire.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, I mean here is a major prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes and they are yawning over it and saying, oh it doesn't have anything to do with end times, it is all going to be over in the Muslim world.

Bill Salus: Now I found this one question very important and it says, How do you interpret Matthew 24:32-35 and I am going to read it, "Now learn this parable from the fig tree when its branches have already become tender and puts forth leaves you know that summer is near. So you also when you see all of these things it is near at the door. So surely I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth shall pass away but My words will by no means pass away."

Dr. Reagan: Well, that's very interesting we had a scattering of responses there. Twenty people responded to this question, there were two who did not, but the 20 who responded 10 took the position that, yes, it does refer to Israel. That the fig tree is the symbol of Israel and it is speaking of putting forth leaves Jesus was prophesying that the state of Israel would be re-established in the end times, so that was the majority view. Then there were others who said, no, they didn't think that it had anything to do with Israel and they had good biblical arguments about why they believe that. I think that it was interesting that Tim LaHaye took the position that he did not believe that it referred to Israel that it simply referred to all of the signs coming together in the end times. Bill, what was your position on that?

Bill Salus: I do believe that Israel is the super sign of the end times and that was demonstrated and that is what Christ was saying in Matthew 24. He actually specifically had been given a whole list of end times signs in response to the questions of the apostles and then He said, "Now learn this," so in other words He singled that out as the super sign. So to me I was among the 10 who would say that yes it refers to Israel.

Dr. Reagan: Well I think it is very interesting Bill in the latest issue of our magazine the January/February issue I announce there that Tim LaHaye has changed his position, just in the last few months he suddenly decided that he was wrong about that. He suddenly decided that he really did believe that the fig tree does apply to Israel. So that's a major change for him. He often will speak up and say, "You know on the basis of studying this I've decided it doesn't

mean that, it means something else.” He’s always in a very fertile mind and isn’t stuck in his ways.

Bill Salus: Yeah, and I think that’s important which actually kind of leads to another question you asked, but also I did read that in your magazine about Tim LaHaye’s change on that. And he did talk about the Old Testament quotes in Hosea and Jeremiah where you do see Israel pictured as a fig tree as a symbol of the nation.

Dr. Reagan: Well that is very important because they are pictured that way. To me the whole context of the thing also emphasizes that because a day or two before that Jesus was walking over the Mount of Olives and He suddenly put a curse on a fig tree and it dwindled before His very eyes. And that is what I call symbolic prophecy. The fig tree represents Israel and what He was showing there is because Israel had rejected Him as Messiah, God was going to pour out His wrath upon the nation. The nation would be set aside for a while but then a couple of days later He says, “You remember that fig tree? Watch it one day it will bloom again and when that happens all these things are going to occur.”

Bill Salus: And that is what we as we look at the course of Israel’s history and its present existence we see that being fulfilled. We are talking with David Reagan about his book, *Living on Borrowed Time*. You asked many more questions, I know you had at least 10 that you had asked me in that panel. And the one that I wanted to go to and probably conclude the show with is question number four. And I want to segue into it by talking about what you mentioned about Tim LaHaye has changed his disposition on the interpretation of Matthew 24. You know we can’t be dogmatic we look at Bible prophecy through a glass dimly as how I like to say it.

Dr. Reagan: That’s true.

Bill Salus: You know the closer we get a prophetic event the clearer it becomes to us as we through that glass. But we are still trying to share notes among each other here that is why I appreciate that fact you got the thoughts from multiple Bible prophecy teachers. One of your questions that might segue into this is how do you interpret Daniel 4, where he says, “Daniel shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase.” In other words Daniel was trying to interpret, Daniel who could interpret dreams and was such a good prophet and understood prophecy so well he was beside himself trying to interpret the end times prophecies relative to his people. And he was told to seal up the vision, the book until the time of the end because that’s when it would appear to be discerned. Your question was: How do you interpret Daniel 12:4? Now what was responses on that one?

Dr. Reagan: Well we had a variety of responses to it and that’s what makes this so interesting to read, but I would say the majority viewpoint definitely was the view that this refers to the fact that in the end times travel and education would be vastly increased, knowledge and education both. And others said, no, that they thought that this simply referred to the fact that the book of Daniel would be better understood and that people would be searching to and fro and didn’t have anything to do with travel or education. But I think the majority viewpoint was

that it did have to do with travel and education. And I tend to take that view because I think that the Bible indicates there and also in the statements of Jesus that in the end times we are going to see everything on what I call the exponential curve. In other words there is going to be more hurricanes, and more intense, more earthquakes, more intense, more knowledge, a great population, everything is going to be on the exponential curve. And I have a whole presentation about that is contained in this book about how every aspect of life in the 20th century was on the exponential curve, I call it the accelerator principle including world evangelism, and that we are just seeing an explosion in every area of life and I think this is pointing to that in Daniel 12:4.

Bill Salus: Yes, I would agree with all three of those, I think it is dealing with travel, and education, and information and also discernment of Daniels' prophecies the very things he was told to seal it up because it wasn't going to make sense to him as it would make sense to the generation that would need that information.

Dr. Reagan: Basically what the Lord told him there was quit wringing your hands over it and being worried about it, you just write it down. When the time comes for it to be understood, it will be understood and that is one of the reasons I believe we are living in the season of the Lord's return, we are understanding prophecies we have never understood before.

Bill Salus: Absolutely, thank you again David for being on the program.

Dr. Reagan: Thank you for having me Bill, it is always a pleasure.

Bill Salus: So you can get hold of David at lamblion.com. His book, *Living on Borrowed Time*, I highly recommend it. If you want to be clear that you are living in the last days this is the book to put into your library because he gets the cream of the crop on the thoughts on the last days and we just covered four of the questions today but he's got much more in there, and that is just one section of his book. So, David thanks again for being on the program and we'll look forward to having you back on.