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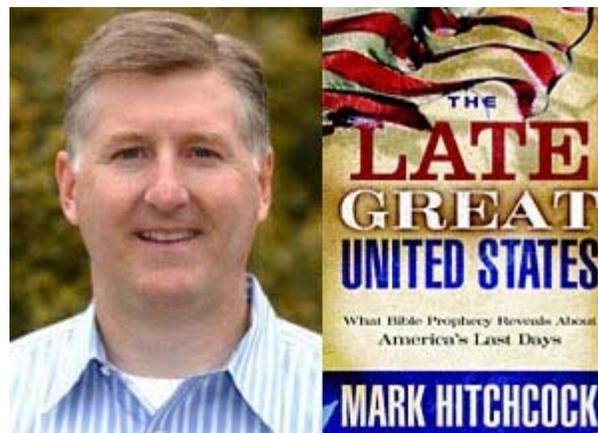


By [Nathan Jones](#)

Instead of a leading nation, will the United States of America in the end times become a following nation?

Dr. David Reagan and I recently had the pleasure of interviewing [Dr. Mark Hitchcock](#) on the show [Christ in Prophecy](#). Mark is a leading Bible prophecy expert, prolific author who has penned over 20 books on the end times, senior pastor of Faith Bible Church located in Oklahoma, and adjunct faculty member of the Dallas Theological Seminary. He is also a much in demand speaker at Bible prophecy conferences all over the nation.

Dr. Hitchcock was invited to answer questions based on his book *The Late Great United States*. The subtitle of Mark's fascinating book — What Bible Prophecy Reveals About America's Last Days — states the purpose. The book digs deep into the Bible, mining for any textual nugget that might reveal some value as to the United States' future as an end time player.



Dr. Mark Hitchcock, author of *The Late Great United States*

The United States as a Following Nation

Dr. Hitchcock: I don't think America is mentioned in Bible prophecy. I don't see American anywhere, but then that raises a really large question of why? Of course, a lot of people would say, "Well, we are not mentioned in the Bible just like a lot of countries are not mentioned." Canada isn't mentioned. Brazil isn't mentioned.

Dr. Reagan: Yes, but they are not dominating the world.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right.

Nathan Jones: They're not AMERICA!

Dr. Hitchcock: I have never been to a conference and been asked, "Where is Canada in prophecy, or where is Brazil?" But, it makes sense that people would ask about the U.S. because we currently are the most dominant political, economic, and military nation that has ever existed.

Dr. Reagan: And, it is even more pressing when you consider the fact that the signs of the times indicate we are right on the threshold of the Tribulation.

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right. We are the great protector of Israel as well. Plus, God did mention nations that were far away from Israel. He mentions Rosh which we know is Russia. He mentions the kings of the East, some probably from China. So, God did mention places far away. If He had wanted to mention the U.S. He could have. The fact that we are not there leads me to believe that something will happen to our country that will cause us to go from being a leading nation to being a following nation.

Dr. Reagan: What do you think that is?

Dr. Hitchcock: There are a number of different reasons we can look out today. Since the Bible doesn't tell us, we then have to engage in some speculation, but I think it is speculation that is justified.

We can look at our world today and see that oil is our Achilles' heel. Back when the Arab Oil Embargo happened in 1973 and 1974, we were importing 35% of our oil and we said we've

got to get off this oil addiction. Well, now we're importing 70%! Those nations have us literally over a barrel with oil, and that is a serious thing.

Another possibility is that we have the whole economic crisis, and our nation has adopted policies that are clearly going to bankrupt us. California is a good example of huge economies going bankrupt. Officially, California is already bankrupt.

The national debt clock has been spinning — 10 billion, 10 trillion, 11 trillion. Really, the amount of money becomes almost meaningless after reaching such debt. We are not selling as much as we're buying. China is mainly underwriting and financing all of this debt. We are the greatest debtor nation in all of history.

Another possibility is radical Islam. Could there be a nuclear 9/11? I hate to even say that. God forbid that would happen because we love this country and we don't want something like that to take place, but it could.

Dr. Reagan: All a terrorist would have to do is float a merchant ship into New York Harbor with a suicide crew, set off a nuclear weapon, and this nation would be in utter chaos. We would have military law overnight.

Dr. Hitchcock: Think of what that would do to our nation financially, but more importantly psychologically. There are people in this world who wake up every morning, spend all day, and then go to bed at night thinking about how they can bring down the United States which they call the "Great Satan." Today a radical Islamic attack is a very real possibility, something that horrifies us to think of it, but it certainly could take place.

Those are some of the kinds of things that we can look out there and speculate on. We are certainly looking at a collapse from within. Just look at the moral fiber of our country and the weakening of it and the way this country has moved past biblical values.

Dr. Reagan: It is what happened to the Roman Empire. It is what happened to the Russian Empire.

Nathan Jones: History's proven that any nation that adopts homosexuality as a way of life, that is the last chapter in their history.

Dr. Hitchcock: Alexander Tytler years ago explained the different phases that nations go through from birth to death. Did you know that the length of time for the existence of any

of the world's greatest powers has been about 200 years? That means the United States is on borrowed time as a country.

There is a biblical event that I think points to what could happen to America — the Rapture. The Rapture is that future event when Christ is going to descend from Heaven and all believers on the Earth are going to disappear the Bible says in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Every believer on the face of the earth is going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

That is an event the Bible gives that to me provides a very good reason as to what could cause this country to falter. When the Rapture takes place there will be believers raptured from all over the world, but America by any estimation has the largest percentage of true believers who know Jesus Christ as their Savior. There are more believers in the U.S. than all of Western Europe and England put together, where it could be below 1% in those nations.

I will never forget years ago when I was traveling from over near Ephesus to Ismer, Turkey. While riding up around the edge of the city I looked down on a city of 3 million people and learned there are only about 2,000 or 3,000 believers living there. I realized that when the Rapture happens they will never know the difference in population. This American on the bus who disappeared, well they could care less.

Now, in the United States, truly born-again believers in Christ may be about 8% to 10% according to the best statistics I have ever read on the people in this country. With believers gone the salt and light is gone. Now, you talk about a drop on the Dow Jones the next day!

Dr. Reagan: You are talking about the Rapture as an event separate and apart from the Second Coming?

Dr. Hitchcock: That's right, I would say that the Lord's coming is going to happen in two phases. There are not two Second Comings. The Lord is going to come back to the Earth at His Second Coming, but at least seven years earlier the Rapture will occur and we are going to be caught up and meet Him in the air.

Dr. Reagan: When Jesus appears in the heavens at the Rapture He is not going to come right back down to the Earth. When He appears all believers both living and dead are taken up. You know, when that happens there will be absolute, total chaos in this country.

Dr. Hitchcock: There would be, and all over the world, but especially here in this country.

Dr. Reagan: We've got born again Christians in key positions all over this country — military, education, business — you name it. The only way this nation could continue to exist would be to have military marshall law overnight. Think of all the churches that would suddenly be raided, with people stealing the sound boxes and stealing the computers and everything they could get their hands on.

Nathan Jones: We think that the immorality is bad now, but can you imagine with the removal of the Church how removed the restraining influence on the government will be? Can you imagine the immorality that would suddenly be legalized?

Dr. Hitchcock: Yes, immorality would run rampant once all the believers are taken out, and so too any support for Israel, which is the one thing I believe even with our nation as bad off as we are in, is staying God's hand against our country. Overall, we still have always been a country that's supported Israel. Now, that is beginning to wane seriously in our country and it's something we need to be very concerned about, but I think over our history we've received good marks on our report card for how we have treated the Jewish people. God has blessed our nation greatly because of that.

Once all the Christians disappear, the moral rot will deepen in our country, the support for Israel will be taken away, and that I think would deepen what evil takes place here.

I also think Europe will rise when the U.S. wanes. Europe right now is the strongest economy in the world. Did you know the European Union is going to lose less then 1% of their population to the Rapture, while we will lose 8-10% of our population? America will become at that time I believe a following nation rather than a leading nation in the world.