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Observations by the Editor

A Transition Year

Transitions are not easy, but they are an inevitable part of life.

This past year has been a time of major transition for this ministry. We ended 22 years of radio broadcasting as we converted our daily radio program, "Christ in Prophecy," into a weekly television program.

For me, giving up radio was like giving up an old friend. During those 22 years I had recorded a total of almost 6,000 programs.

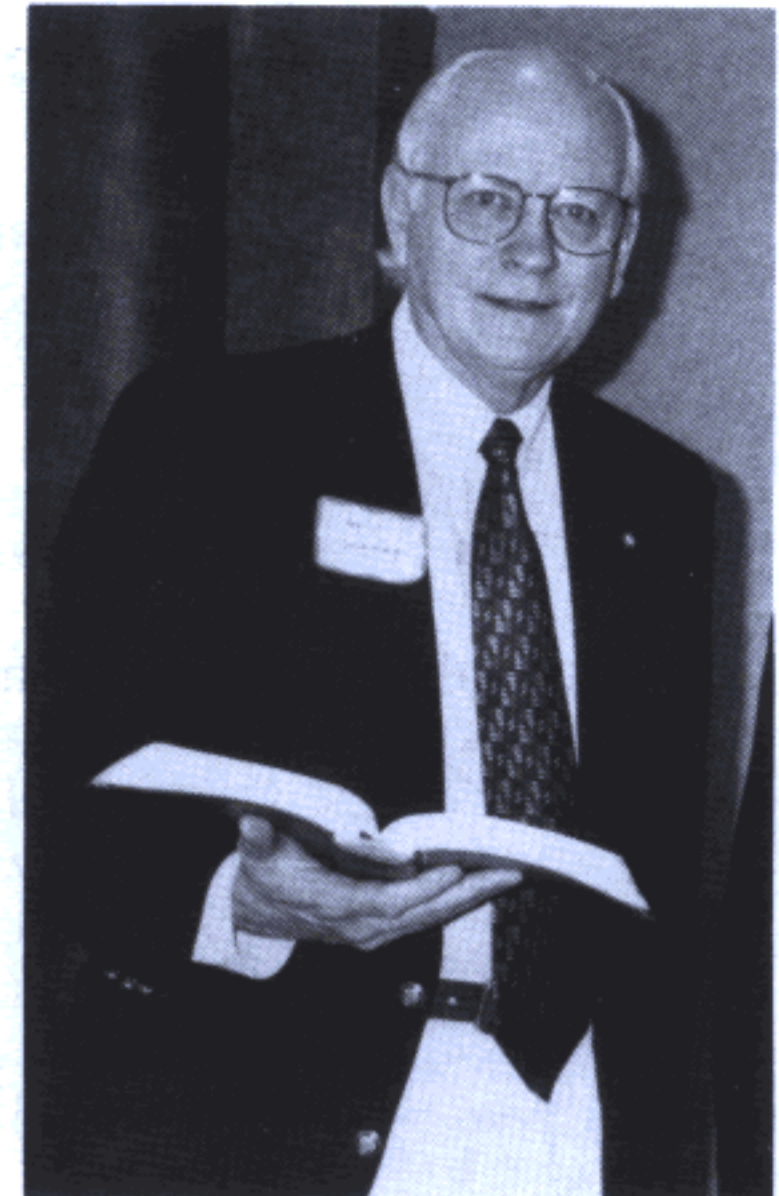
Many of you were very upset by our decision, and I can understand that. Those who seemed most upset were those of you who loved the radio program and are not able to receive our television program. Hopefully, this problem will be alleviated as DayStar grows in its outreach and as we place our program on other networks.

All I can say for certain is that the decision to move from radio to television was made cautiously and prayerfully over a period of about five years. Although the transition has been painful for all of us, I am comforted by the knowledge that we are right in the center of God's will.

Radio Alternatives

For those of you who were radio listeners, I urge you to access our website regularly at www.lamblion.com so that you can keep up with what is going on in the ministry. I also hope that while you are browsing the website, you will listen to the "Prophecy Update" audio programs that we are now posting on the site each month.

Hopefully, in the near future, we will be able to afford to post our television programs on our website. This is costly because video consumes a lot of megabytes of storage space. In the meantime, keep in mind that you can watch our program live over the Internet by going to the DayStar website at www.daystar.com and clicking on the button that says "Watch Live!" The program is broadcast each



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Wednesday at 6:00pm, Central time, and is re-broadcast each Monday morning at 12:30am. The latter time is 10:30pm Sunday evening on the West Coast, following Charles Stanley.

A Second Transition

Another transition that we are still facing is the complete conversion of our ministry's software operating system. This is another changeover that we have been planning for years. We have already taken some of the key steps, but the full transition will not be completed until the end of January.

The software system we have been using is designed for churches. It is a fine system, but it just did not meet our needs. The new system is specifically designed for media ministries like ours.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have so generously helped us cover the tremendous costs associated with both of these transitions. Please keep us in your prayers. ✚

THE JEWS IN PROPHECY

Dr. David R. Reagan

Few Biblical studies are as exciting as an examination of the Jews in prophecy, for the Jews are one of the key focal points of Bible prophecy.

The Scriptures reveal the Jews as “the apple of God’s eye” (Zechariah 2:8). Their land is described as “holy” (Zechariah 2:12). Their city of Jerusalem is termed the “center of the nations” (Ezekiel 5:5). They are pictured as the wayward wife of God (see Ezekiel 16 and the book of Hosea). And the Bible makes it clear that they will be the object of both God’s wrath (Jeremiah 30:7) and His grace (Zechariah 13:1) in the end times.

The panorama of prophecy that relates to the Jews is breathtaking. It applies to the past, the present, and the future. It demonstrates God’s love and grace as nothing else does except the Cross itself. Paul was so overwhelmed by God’s patient determination to bring a remnant of the Jews to salvation that he cried out in ecstasy: “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!” (Romans 11:33).

Fulfilled Prophecies

Let’s consider first the prophecies that have already been fulfilled.

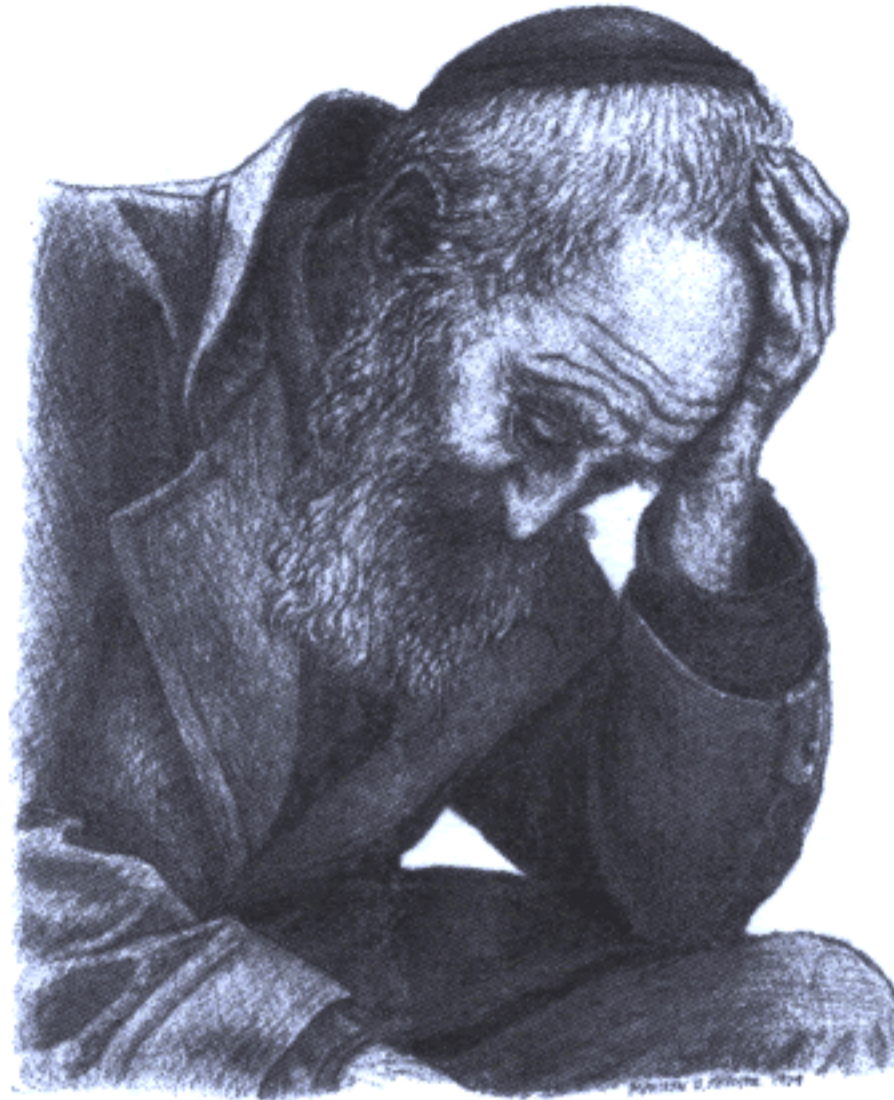
1) Dispersion — The Jews were warned repeatedly that they would experience a world wide dispersion if they were not faithful to their covenant with God. Consider the words of Moses: “The Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other. . .” (Deuteronomy 28:64 — see also Leviticus 26:33).

2) Persecution — The Lord also warned that they would be persecuted wherever they went. Again, the words of Moses are very graphic in this regard: “And among those nations you shall find no rest, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but the Lord will give you a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and despair of soul” (Deuteronomy 28:65).

3) Desolation — God promised that after their dispersion, “their land would become desolate and their cities would become waste” (Leviticus 26:33). Moses put it more graphically when he said, “the foreigner who comes from a distant land . . . will say, ‘All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it’” (Deuteronomy 29:22-23).

4) Preservation — But God in His marvelous grace pro-

mised He would preserve the Jews as a separate people during their world wide wanderings (see Isaiah 66:22, Jeremiah 30:11, and Jeremiah 31:35-37). Isaiah puts it in a colorful way. He says the Lord could no more forget Israel than a mother could forget her nursing child (Isaiah 49:15). He then adds that God cannot forget Israel because He has them engraved on the palms of His hands! (Isaiah 49:16).



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God has fulfilled all four of these prophecies during the past two thousand years. In 70 AD the Romans destroyed the city of Jerusalem and took the Jewish nation into captivity, desolating the land and scattering the Jewish people across the face of the earth. As prophesied, everywhere they went they were persecuted, with their persecution culminating in the Nazi Holocaust of World War II.

But God also preserved them, and the fulfillment of this prophecy has been one of the most remarkable miracles of history. No other people have ever been so dispersed and yet been able to retain their identity as a nation.

Current Prophecies

We are privileged to live in an age when God is fulfilling many promises to the Jews. What a testimony this is to the fact that God is alive and well, that God is on His throne and in control, and that God is faithful to His promises.

1) Regathering — The Old Testament prophets promise repeatedly that the day will come when God will regather the Jews to Israel (Isaiah 11:10-12 and Ezekiel 36:22-28). This remarkable regathering of the Jews from the four corners of the earth is occurring in our life time. The First World War prepared the land for the people, as Palestine was transferred from a nation that hated the Jews (the Turks) to a nation that was sympathetic to their return (Britain). The Holocaust of World War II prepared the people for the land by motivating them to return.

2) Nationhood — The prophets stated that when the people were regathered, the nation of Israel would be re-established. This occurred on May 14, 1948 (see Isaiah 66:7-8 and Zechariah 12:3-6). This is the cornerstone prophetic event of our age. It is an event that prophetic scholars have pointed to for 400 years amid much scoffing and ridicule by those who did not believe that Israel would ever exist again.

3) Reclamation — God promised that with the re-establishment of the nation, the land would bloom again (Isaiah 35:1-7 and Joel 2:21-26). As Ezekiel put it, people would

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one day exclaim: "This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden!" (Ezekiel 36:35). And that is exactly what people exclaim today when they visit Israel, for it is once again a land of milk and honey.

4) Language — The prophet Zephaniah stated that a time would come when the Hebrew language would be revived (Zephaniah 3:9). It has been. Today the Israelis speak Biblical Hebrew. It is the only example in history of the resurrection of a dead language. The man God used to revive the language was Eliezer Ben Yehuda.

5) Jerusalem — Jesus said that one of the surest signs of His imminent return would be the re-occupation of Jerusalem by the Jews: "They [the Jews] will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). The Jewish re-occupation of the city of Jerusalem occurred during the Six Day War in June 1967.

6) Military Strength — Zechariah prophesied that when the Jews were re-established in the land, their military strength would be overwhelming — like "a flaming torch among sheaves" — and that they would "devour" all the enemies around them (Zechariah 12:6). Need anything be said about the fulfillment of this prophecy? Today, Israel is one of the world's smallest nations, but it is ranked by most military experts as the fourth most powerful nation, behind the United States, Russia, and China.

7) Focal Point — Israel is always pictured as the focal point of world politics in the end times (Zechariah 12:3 and 14:1-9). This has been true since the Arab oil boycott in 1973. The West suddenly realized its dependence on Arab

oil and began to line up behind the Arab obsession to annihilate Israel. More specifically, the Bible says that a dispute over the control of Jerusalem will bring all the nations of the world against Israel (Zechariah 12:2-3). That is happening now as Jerusalem is being claimed in part or in whole by the Arabs, the United Nations, and the Vatican.

Future Prophecies

The prophecies concerning the future of Israel are both gruesome and glorious.

1) Tribulation — God will put the Jewish people through an unparalleled period of tribulation (Deuteronomy 4:30), during which two-thirds of Jews will perish (Zechariah 13:8-9). The purpose will be to soften the hearts of a remnant so that they will accept Jesus as their Messiah.

2) Salvation — A remnant of the Jews who live to the end of the Tribulation will "look upon Him whom they have pierced" and will accept Jesus as Lord and Savior (Zechariah 12:10, Romans 9:27, and Romans 11:25-29).

3) Regathering — A worldwide regathering of the Jewish people will take place at this point, a regathering in belief (Deuteronomy 30:1-9). Every believing Jew will be brought back to the land of Israel and established in that land in peace (Ezekiel 36:22-30).

4) Primacy — God will then established the regathered Jews as the prime nation of the world during the Millennial reign of Jesus (Deuteronomy 28:1,13; 2 Samuel 7:9; Isaiah 60-62, and Micah 4:1-7). So great will be the blessings that will flow through the Jewish people, that when a Jew walks by, ten Gentiles will grasp his clothing and say, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you" (Zechariah 8:23).

Protestations

Many in the Church today would strongly protest the idea that the modern state of Israel has any prophetic significance and that God has great blessings in store for the Jewish people. That's because the Church at large has taught for almost 1,600 years (ever since the Third Century) that God washed His hands of the Jewish people in 70 AD and has no purpose left for them.

A corollary of this teaching is the pernicious doctrine that God raised up a "new Israel" to take the place of apostate Israel — namely, the Church. This concept has come to be called "Replacement Theology." According to this viewpoint, the Church has inherited all the blessings which God originally promised to Israel. Modern day Israel is viewed as an accident of history, with no prophetic significance.

This teaching runs directly contrary to what the Bible says, in both the Old and New Testaments. Consider, for example, the writings of Paul. In Romans 3:1 he asks, "What advantage has the Jew?" The Church says none. Paul says, "Great in every respect. First of all they were entrusted with the oracles of God" (Romans 3:2). Paul then presents another question: "Has the unbelief of the Jews nullified the faithfulness of God?" (Romans 3:3). Again, the Church screams, "Yes!" But Paul says, "May it never be!" (Romans 3:4).

In Romans 11:1 Paul asks another crucial question: "Has God rejected His people [the Jews]?" Again, the Church answers, "Yes!" But once again, Paul cries out, "May it never be!" He then states point blank that "God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew" (Romans 11:2).

The whole theme of Romans 9-11 is that God loves the Jewish people and still has a purpose for them. That purpose is to bring a great remnant of the Jews to salvation through faith in Jesus as their Messiah (Romans 9:27 and 11:25-26). Is it any wonder that Church leaders have hated Romans 9-11 and have historically written off these three chapters as an "insignificant parenthesis"?

God loves the Jewish people, and He is determined to pursue them until a great remnant turns to Him in faith and accepts His Son as their messiah. This glorious day of redemption is clearly prophesied not only in Romans 9-11 but also in Zechariah 12:10 — "And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication; so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a first-born." Zechariah then adds that on the day when this occurs (at the end of the Tribulation), a fountain of salvation will be opened in Jerusalem for the Jewish people, and they will be cleansed of sin and impurity (Zechariah 13:1).

Jesus Himself spoke of this day when He pronounced His lament over the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37-39). He stated that He would not return to this earth until the Jewish people were willing to say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:39).

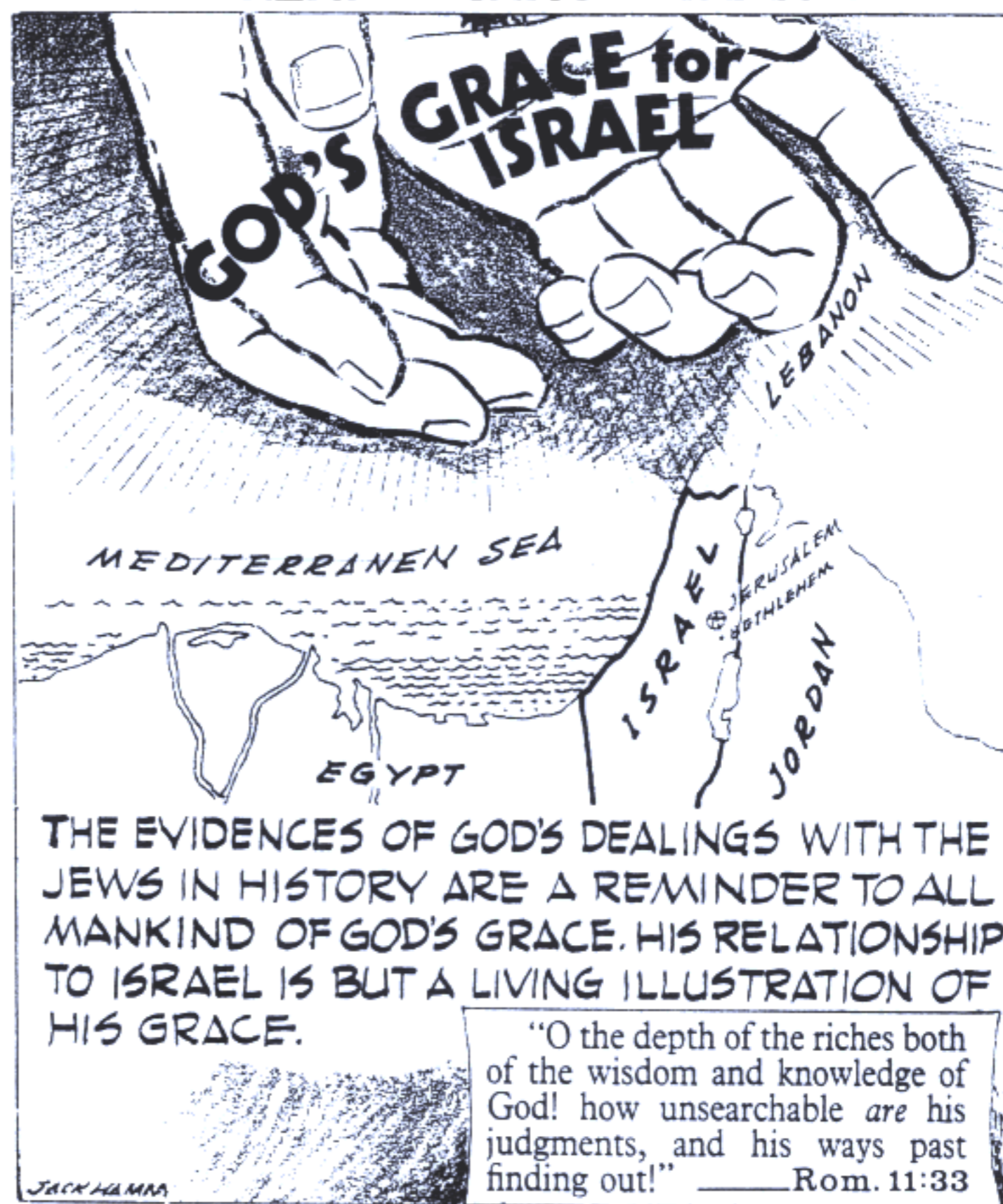
Another Denial

Another common protest that is often voiced about the fulfillment of prophecy in modern day Israel is summed up in the claim that the numerous regathering prophecies in the Old Testament were fulfilled when the Jews returned from Babylon, about 500 years before the time of Jesus.

The fundamental problem with this argument is that the prophecies themselves make it clear that they have nothing to do with the return of the Jews from Babylon. Consider, for example, Isaiah 11:10-12. This classic regathering passage says that it is talking about a "second" regathering (Isaiah 11:11). The first was from Babylon. The second is occurring now. The passage further states that the Jews will be regathered from "Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea" (Isaiah 11:11). That is not a regathering from Babylon! Furthermore, the term, "islands of the sea," is a Hebrew colloquialism for the whole world. That point is made even clearer later in the passage when it says that the Jews will be assembled from "the four corners of the earth" (Isaiah 11:12). Finally, the passage states that both the dispersed of Israel (the ten northern tribes) and the dispersed of Judah (the two southern tribes) will be included in this second regathering. Only the people of Judah were involved in the return from Babylon.

Zechariah also speaks of a worldwide regathering of the

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Jewish people: "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and I will bring them back, and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be My people and I will be their God in truth and righteousness'" (Zechariah 8:7-8). Keep in mind that this passage was written after the return of the Jews from Babylon.

Twisting Scripture

It's amazing to me how stubborn some Christians can be in their refusal to face the truth of what God's Word teaches about the Jews. I once was involved in a public discussion with a seminary professor who took the position that all Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled with the First Coming of Jesus. I asked him to tell me when Zechariah 14:1-15 was fulfilled.

This is a passage that says that the Messiah will return to earth when Jerusalem is about to fall to enemy forces. It further states that when His foot touches ground, the Mount of Olives will split; that He will speak a supernatural word which will destroy the armies surrounding Jerusalem; and that on that day He will become "king over all the earth" (Zechariah 14:9).

The professor's amazing answer was, "I don't have any idea when this prophecy was fulfilled. All I know is that it was fulfilled somewhere, somehow!" Another Christian leader once told me, "I don't know what this passage means, but I can guarantee you one thing: it doesn't mean what it says!" Well, I submit to you that it does mean what it says, and it is yet to be fulfilled.

God is faithful to His promises. He has made some

great promises to the Jewish people, and He intends to fulfill all of them when a great remnant of the Jews finally come to the end of themselves and turn to Him and His Son.

God's Chosen

Does that mean that the Jewish people are still the Chosen People of God? Yes, it does. They were chosen to be a vehicle of God's blessing to the world (Genesis 12:3), and they have been just that. Through them, God gave the world the Scriptures and the Messiah.

They were also chosen to be witnesses of God (Isaiah 43:10-12). Their history demonstrates what it means to have a relationship with God. They are God's great object lesson, showing that when you are faithful to Him, He blesses; when you are unfaithful, He disciplines; and when you repent, He forgives and forgets and starts blessing again. The Jewish people are currently under discipline. But a day of repentance is coming when God will respond with forgiveness.

And that points to a third way in which they are chosen. They were chosen to be a demonstration of God's unfathomable grace. What god created by the mind of Man would have tolerated for so long a people so stubborn and stiff-necked? The answer is only the true God who is a God of grace — who never washes His hands of anyone.

God's Infinite Love

God set the Jews aside and put them under discipline because of their disobedience, but He did not cut them off from His grace.

Israel is portrayed in the Hebrew Scriptures as God's wife (Hosea 2:14-16). God is determined to bring His wayward wife home. "For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince . . . Afterward, the sons of Israel will return and seek the Lord their God. . . and they shall come trembling to the Lord and to His goodness in the last days" (Hosea 3:4-5). Let's praise God for His amazing grace! ☆

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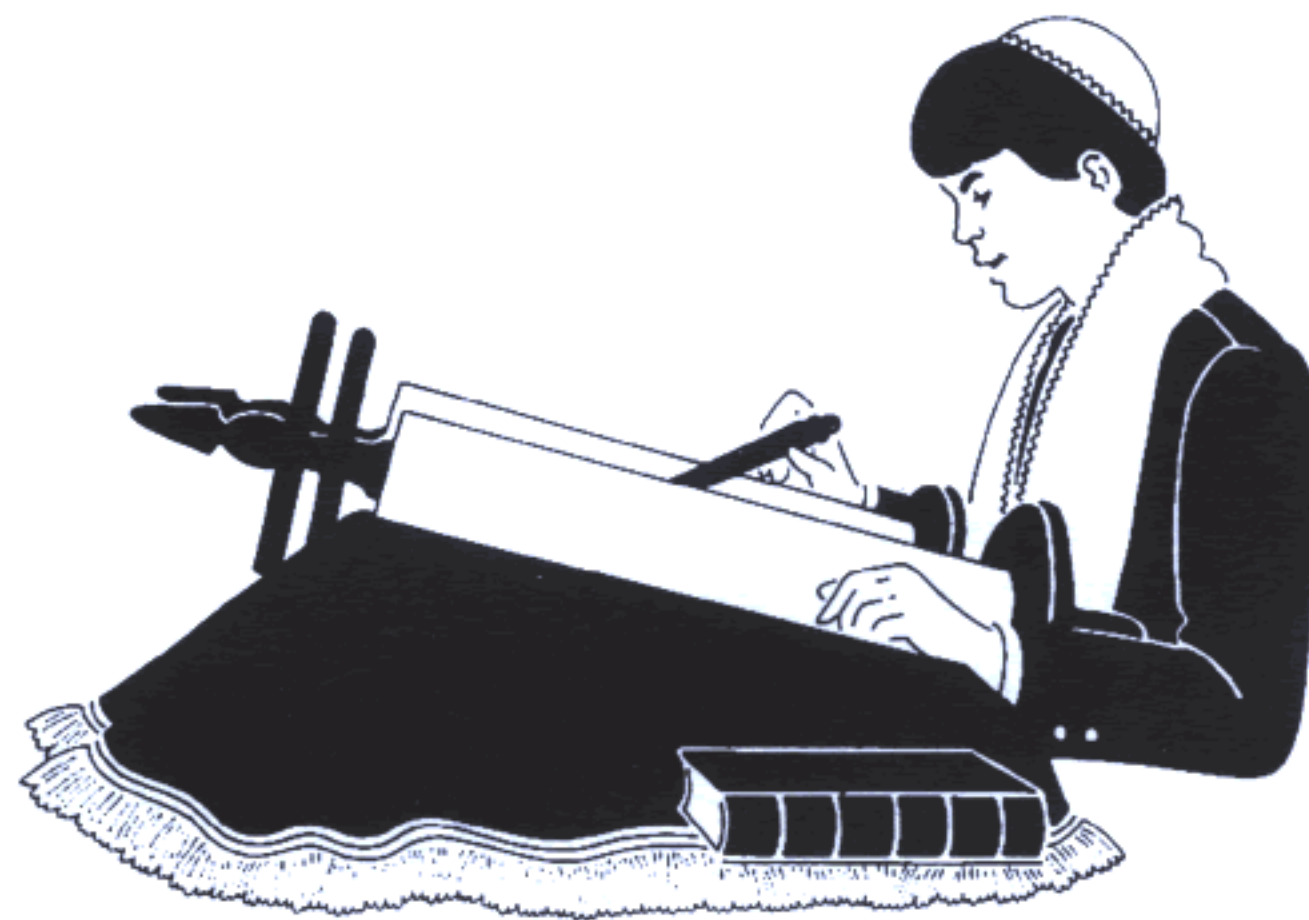
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DO THE JEWS NEED JESUS?

Or, is Jesus the Gentile Savior?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Theological liberals have long taken the position that Jews do not need Jesus. Their argument is that the Jewish people have a separate way of salvation — by grace through faith in God the Father as manifested in their obedience to Torah (the Law of Moses). This viewpoint is known as “Dual Covenant Theology.” In other words, God has one covenant for the Jews (the Old Testament) and another for the Gentiles (the New Testament). This view reduces Jesus from a universal Savior to a Savior for the Gentiles only.

The Test of Scripture

Needless to say, this viewpoint is thoroughly un-Biblical. Jesus Himself said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6). Was Jesus deluded by visions of grandeur or was He God in the flesh proclaiming a fundamental truth?

Peter proclaimed the same truth to none other than the Sanhedrin Council (the highest council of Jewish religious leaders) when he said, “There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). He had already identified that name as “Jesus Christ the Nazarene” (Acts 4:10).

Paul states in Romans that the Gospel itself was given by God first for the Jews (Romans 1:16). And in Romans 9:1-3 Paul mourns the fate of those Jews who have rejected Jesus as their Messiah. Speaking with great pathos, he writes: “I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.”

Spreading Apostasy

The Scriptures speak clearly to the fact that all people, including the Jews, need a Savior and that Jesus of Nazareth is that Savior — the one and only (1 John 5:1-5).

Yet, this gross apostasy that denies the Jews’ need for Jesus is beginning to spread within the Evangelical community. It can be found primarily among those scholars and preachers who have devoted themselves to a rediscovery of the Jewish roots of the church.

As they have researched the theologically rich spiritual writings of Judaism and have traveled in Israel and developed close Jewish friendships, they have allowed their hearts to overrule scripture. They simply cannot bring themselves to believe that such sincere people as the orthodox Jews have no hope apart from Jesus.

A tragic example of a Christian minister led astray by this misguided sentimentalism is Vendyl Jones of Arling-



ton, Texas. Vendyl started out as a Southern Baptist preacher. As he led expeditions to Israel in search of the ashes of the red heifer, he began to buy into the dual covenant theology. He made this radical shift public when he published his heretical book, *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?*

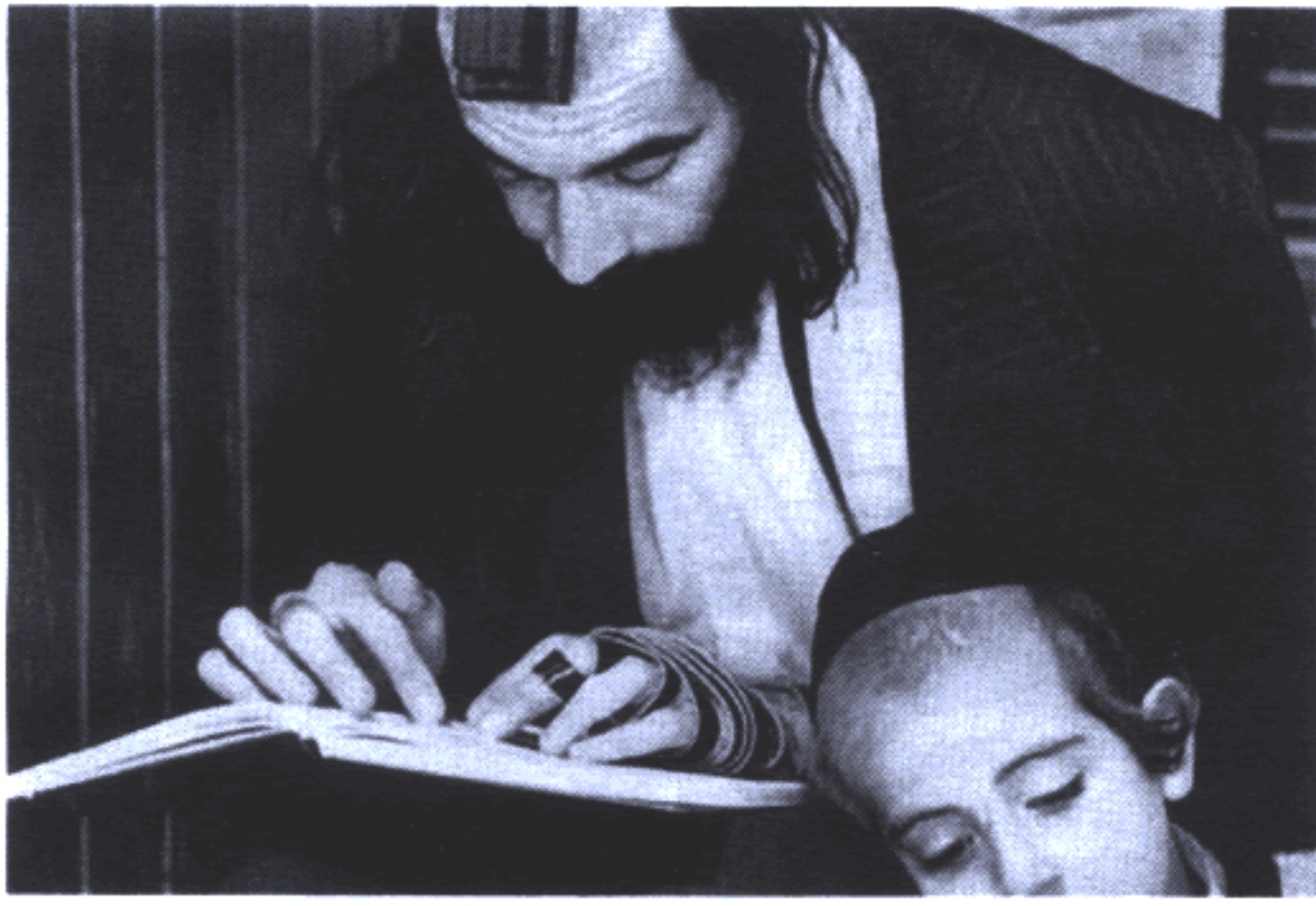
Since that time, Jones has completely abandoned the Christian faith. He now denies the deity of Jesus, and he has developed a new cult called the Noahides. This cult, made up mainly of former Southern Baptists, maintains that Gentiles must justify themselves before God by following the seven laws of Noah.

Messiah or Not?

One common theme that runs through the writings of these Evangelical proponents of dual covenant theology is that Jesus never claimed to be the Jewish Messiah. This claim is, of course, absurd.

During Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well, she responded to His amazing revelations about her life by observing that the promised Messiah would be able to make similar revelations. Jesus replied, “I who speak to you am He” (John 4:25-26).

The Pharisees and Sadducees (the religious leaders of the Jews) had no problem recognizing Jesus’ Messianic claim. On one occasion Jesus told them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am” (John 8:58). Later, Jesus said, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). Both times the Jewish leaders reacted with outrage, accusing Jesus of blasphemy because, as they put it, “You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God” (John



10:33).

After Jesus was arrested, He was brought before the Sanhedrin. The High Priest asked Him, "Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus replied, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven" (Mark 14:61-62). The High Priest was so enraged by this response that he tore his clothes, condemned Jesus of blasphemy, and declared Him to be deserving of the death penalty.

The Jewish Need

People are not saved by sincerity. If they were, then all Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses would be saved. The only hope any person has is through faith in Jesus.

Jews desperately need Jesus. It is a perverted love that says, "I love the Jewish people too much to share Jesus with them because I don't want to offend them." Dual covenant theology is one of the most convoluted forms of anti-Semitism because it is willing, in the name of love, to allow millions of Jews to go to hell.

Tens of thousands of Jews have turned to Jesus in recent years, and Messianic congregations are springing up all across America. Their fulfillment as Jews has come through the evangelistic efforts of ministries like Jews for Jesus, Friends of Israel, Ariel Ministries, and many others.

The key to success here has been Jews witnessing to Jews and emphasizing in the process that Jews do not have to renounce their Jewish heritage in order to accept Yeshua as their Savior. By contrast, ever since the Fourth Century the church has given Jews the impression that they must forsake their Jewishness and become Gentiles in order to be accepted as Christians.

But despite the success that has been experienced in recent years in Jewish evangelism, the Bible teaches that the great remnant of the Jews who will one day accept Jesus will do so only after they have experienced a period of unparalleled tribulation, referred to in Jeremiah 30:7 as "the time of Jacob's trouble." In short, the Jewish people will have to be pounded with the wrath of Man, Satan and God before they are brought to the point where they will be willing "to look upon Him whom they have pierced" and repent (Zech. 12:10).

This concept of a future period of overwhelming tribulation during which two-thirds of the Jewish people will perish (Zechariah 13:8) is also anathema to those who are enamored with dual covenant theology. They reject the concept completely even though it is emphasized repeatedly in the Hebrew scriptures (Deuteronomy 4:30, Isaiah 2:10-19, Daniel 12:1, Joel 3:12-14, Zephaniah 1-3, Zechariah 13:7 - 14:9, and Malachi 3:1-4).

Once again, they allow their sentimentality to overrule scripture. They simply cannot believe that God will allow His Chosen People to experience such a holocaust. But there can be no salvation apart from repentance, and the Bible says it will take a period of incredible tribulation to bring the Jewish people to the end of themselves — to the point where they will be willing to bend their knees and confess Yeshua as their Messiah.

Jewish Evangelism

One final point. Most Messianic Jews have such an overwhelming desire to share Jesus with their people, that they often express open contempt for Jewish oriented ministries that are not evangelistic.

This is most unfortunate. We must keep in mind that God does not raise up every Evangelical ministry to be evangelistic.

Take Lamb & Lion Ministries for example. This ministry is primarily a discipling ministry whose message is mainly aimed at professing Christians, using God's prophetic Word to call Christians to holiness. James Dobson's ministry, Focus on the Family, is Evangelical—but not evangelistic. God raised it up to teach and defend family values. In like manner, Don Wildmon's ministry, the American Family Association, has been established by God to stand for righteousness against pornography and against violence and immorality in movies and television.

One of the Jewish-oriented ministries that has been attacked by many Messianic Jews is Bridges for Peace. The claim is often made that Bridges has "sold out the Gospel" in its love for Israel. This criticism is unjustified.

Bridges is a thoroughly Evangelical ministry, but God has not called it to be evangelistic. Instead, God has raised it up to be a source of love to the Jewish people, to be a comfort to Zion in the name of Yeshua. Bridges is doing exactly what God has called it to do, and God is blessing the ministry abundantly.

I am a supporter of both Bridges for Peace and Jews for Jesus. Both have their appropriate place, and neither should be critical of the other.✪

WHAT THE JEWS GOT RIGHT

Dennis Pollock

All things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me. (Luke 24:44)

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus “came to His own, and His own did not receive Him” (John 1:11). He wasn’t quite what the Jews were expecting. He had no interest in defeating Rome. He had no qualms about ignoring Pharisaical rules not based on Scripture. And He had an alarming habit of calling Israel’s religious leaders “hypocrites.” While all Israel looked eagerly for their Messiah, the consensus among the nation’s scholars was that this Galilean peasant surely wasn’t the One. They were never more wrong.

But, it is important to recognize that the Jews did not strike out altogether in their study of Messianic prophecies. As they studied the prophets and tried to draw prophetic conclusions from their writings, they actually did get some things right. From our New Testament perspective, we can recognize three major prophetic truths that the Jewish sages correctly discerned.

1 A Messiah is Coming. By the time Jesus had come along the vast majority of the Jews were eagerly waiting for their Messiah. We read in Luke: “. . . the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ . . .” (Luke 3:15).

When John arose in Israel as a powerful preacher of righteousness, the people immediately began to wonder if he might be the Christ. Clearly “Messiah fever” began to spread all over the land. John’s powerful, anointed ministry was enough to make the multitudes begin to think he might be the Anointed One. But John was quick to dispel such notions. He declared that he was merely the forerunner of the Messiah.

The people’s expectation of a Messiah was based on the conclusions their rabbis had drawn from lengthy study and debate of the Scriptures. They had accurately discerned that God would send them an “Anointed One” who would redeem Israel. They weren’t sure of the nature of that redemption. Just what the Messiah would accomplish was strongly debated. But most Jewish scholars were agreed that the Messiah was coming!

They had read and believed prophecies like this one in Isaiah 9:6 — “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” They had read this passage and others like it, and they had decided the words meant just what they said. They had drawn a reasonable conclusion: Messiah was coming!

Even the despised Samaritans had gotten hold of this



teaching. When Jesus conversed with the Samaritan woman at the well, she told Jesus: “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us” (John 4:25).

This Samaritan lady may have been no theologian, but she was absolutely certain of two things: the Messiah was coming, and He would tell them all they needed to know. She was right on!

2 The Messiah would be from the tribe of Judah, a descendant of David. It is significant that Matthew begins his gospel with the words: “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1). Matthew, who fills his writings with references to the Old Testament prophecies, wastes no time in establishing that this Jesus he writes about had the proper Messianic credentials.

It was common knowledge in all Israel that the Messiah would be a “son of David,” from the tribe of Judah and descended from the royal Davidic line. This immediately eliminated the vast majority of Israelites. There were twelve different tribes from which the Jews had descended. An Ephraimite wouldn’t do, a Benjamite was unacceptable. Any person who would claim to be the Messiah would have to be from the tribe of Judah, and have David as an ancestor.

We see this in a number of places in the Scriptures. On one occasion, two blind men cried out to Jesus, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” (Matthew 9:27). They called



Him "Son of David" to express their confidence that He was indeed God's promised Messiah.

Matthew records another illuminating event about a man who was demon possessed, blind, and mute. When Jesus healed him, the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" (Matthew 12:22-23).

The Jews may have been pretty ignorant of many aspects of the Messiah's nature and ministry, but they got this one thing right. They knew his family tree! They knew He had to be a descendant of David.

Where did the Jews get such a notion? The same Scriptures which had told them that Messiah was coming had also declared His background. They had read the promise God had made to David: "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom" (2 Samuel 7:12).

The Jewish students of the prophets had taken God at His word, and had drawn the only possible conclusion: when the Messiah arrives, He will come from a family who can trace their lineage back to King David. He will not be from Dan or Gad, or Reuben, or any of the other tribes. He will be from Judah, through the line of David.

3 The Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. The Jews knew there would be a Messiah, they knew He would descend from David, and they knew a third thing. They knew the very city in which He would be born.

When the wise men came to Herod to inquire about the newly born King of the Jews, Herod sent for Israel's finest Bible prophecy scholars. He assembled all the Hal Lindsey's and the Tim LaHaye's of his day. His question was simple: "Where will the Messiah be born?"

Israel's finest biblical minds did not have to ponder long on this. Herod had lobbed them a theological softball. Everyone knew that Micah had prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. Matthew records:

And when he [Herod] had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Beth-

lehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" (Matt. 2:4-6)

These scholars hadn't learned this truth through any kind of mystical revelation, or complex biblical formula. They simply read the verse, took it at face value, and believed that it would be fulfilled just as it read.

So What?

The fact that the Jews of Jesus' day did get some things right in their prophetic studies is vitally important. Vast numbers of Christians today are under the delusion that Bible prophecy is so secretive, mysterious, and highly symbolic that you really can't expect to ever know much about it. They use this to justify their "pan-millennialism" (things will pan out in the end) and never give any serious attention to the study of the prophetic aspects of God's Word, especially concerning the Second Coming of Jesus.

In the 19th Century, there was a political party in the United States with the unlikely name of the "Know-Nothings." They obviously had little knowledge of public relations; "Know-Nothings" is not exactly a name that inspires confidence. Nevertheless, Christians in great numbers today might well be called the know-nothings. Their position on Bible prophecy is "We don't know nuttin about nuttin, and we're proud of it!" They often attempt to justify their ignorance with the idea that if those who talked so much about the Lord's return were really spiritual, they would concentrate on prayer and evangelism, and be done with this "pie in the sky" theology.

As Jesus ascended into the heavens, the amazed disciples looked up into the air long after He had disappeared from sight. It took a visit from angels to stop their gaze. The angels told them boldly: "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

They were not suggesting a possibility. This was no fairy tale. It was a simple statement of fact. Jesus Christ would return, just as He left — visibly and bodily. This is our starting point for understanding the prophetic aspects of Jesus' return. He is coming back! There is no room for



quibbling or disputing; our world has not seen the last of Jesus of Nazareth!

Believing Prophecy

Bible prophecy is more literal than most folks give it credit. As long as you see all prophecy as highly symbolic, then its meaning is up for grabs. It can mean whatever you choose to assign it to mean, until somebody else comes along and assigns it a different meaning.

Consider Zechariah's prophecy about the Messiah in His first appearance: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).

Those who love to spiritualize Scripture would have had a field day with this verse, had they lived before Jesus appeared. They would have argued that this Scripture obviously didn't mean what it said. The glorious King of Israel would surely not come riding a literal donkey! This must be a metaphor. Perhaps it just signified that the Messiah would be a humble person. Or maybe it meant the common people would be His biggest fans. Or perhaps it was a clue that He would be a Democrat! But of course, when Jesus showed up at Jerusalem in that dramatic passion week, He came riding a literal donkey — not a symbolic donkey, not a spirit donkey, but a real flesh and blood, smelly, braying, long eared donkey!

When you study the prophecies of the Old Testament pertaining to Jesus' First Coming, you find that they were fulfilled *to the letter!* Jesus was literally born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14); He literally rode into Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9); and He was literally betrayed by a friend for 30 pieces of silver (Psalm 41:9 and Zechariah 11:12). He was literally buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9), and He was literally resurrected from the dead (Psalm 16:10). The literal fulfillment of these prophecies is so evident that no student of the Bible could possibly deny it.

Spiritualizing Prophecy

But when it comes to the Second Coming prophecies, some Christians seem to think God has taken an entirely new tact. Before He spoke clearly and plainly; now He speaks in riddles and mysteries that no one can possibly understand.

This is patent nonsense. The same God who was eager to have His people informed and excited about His Son's First Coming is just as eager to have His children today informed and excited about His Second Coming. We find that the primary key to understanding prophecy is extraordinarily simple, so simple that many have missed it for centuries. The key is that we are to take God at His word, and consider that His promises of Jesus' return mean exactly what they say.

Let us consider one of the classic Second Coming prophecies from the book of Zechariah. In this amazing little book, we read that:

1) The Lord will fight against the nations that attack

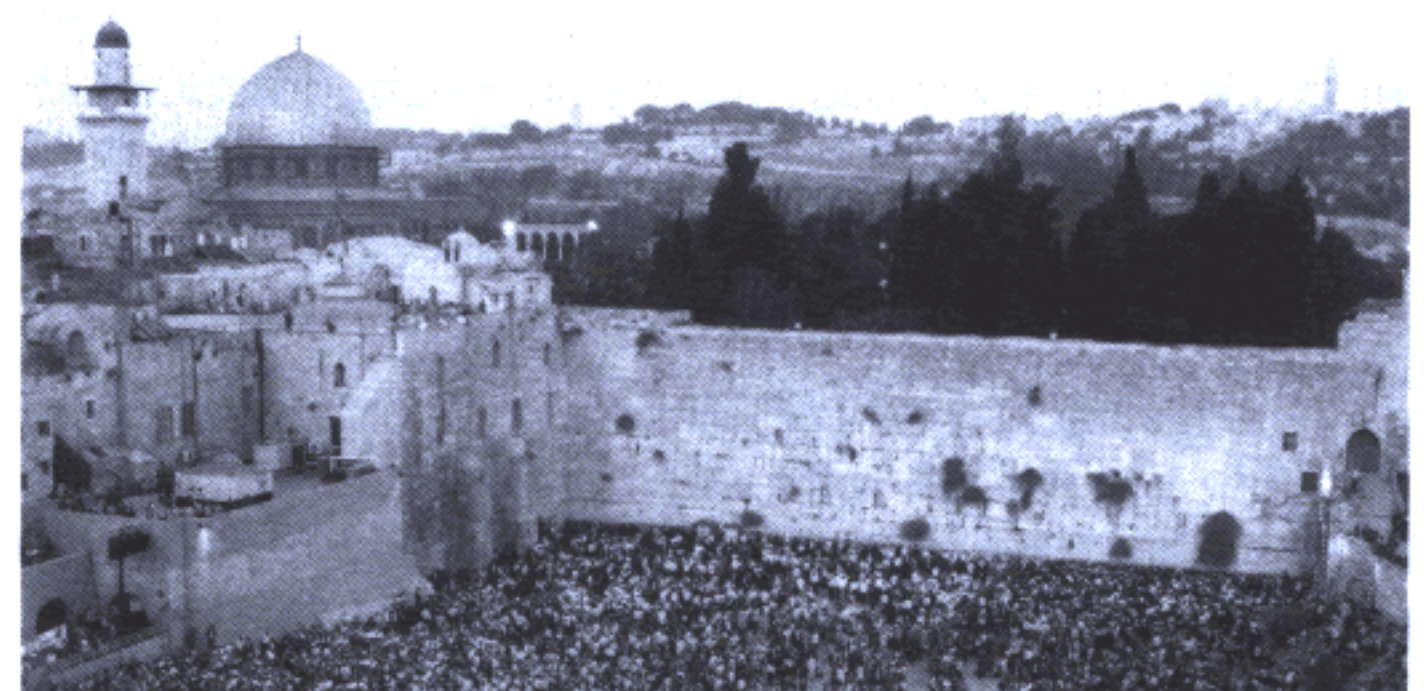
Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:3).

- 2) His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4).
- 3) The Mount of Olives will split in half (Zechariah 14:4).
- 4) Living waters will flow from Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:8).
- 5) The Lord will become King over all the earth (Zechariah 14:9).
- 6) The nations will go up from year to year to worship the Lord at the Feast of Tabernacles (Zechariah 14:16).

Many believe that these prophecies are deep, so deep that no one can possibly understand them. Perhaps they have to do with individual salvation, and the Mount of Olives splitting in half has to do with a sinners' heart breaking when he is convicted by God over his sins. (Some have actually suggested this!) Well, maybe when we get to Heaven and are given all the meanings behind the meanings we will discover that there were indeed some hidden truths behind the plain words of Scripture. But for the present time, we can only go by the plain sense of what is written. I therefore believe that Zechariah 14 means what it says.

While I don't get points for creativity here, I am on much safer ground in that I have not tried to make the Word of God mean something that it doesn't say or imply. Those who would have used such an interpretive approach with the First Coming would have easily been in the best position to see Jesus as Israel's Messiah. I am convinced that those who approach His Second Coming this way will likewise be in the best position to accurately predict the specific details of the Last Days and the nature of our Lord's appearing.

When it comes to Bible prophecy, there are many things you can know. You can put away your doubts and your pan-millennialism when you discard the foolish notion that the Bible never means what it says. Start taking God at His word, put in the time and effort to study, and convictions will begin to form. If the Jews of the Old Testament, without the indwelling Holy Spirit, could accurately discern three significant prophecies of Jesus' First Coming, how much more ought we, who have been given the Spirit of Truth, be able to rightly perceive the prophetic promises of our Lord's Second Coming. ☆



Why Make a Pilgrimage to ISRAEL?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Having made over 30 trips to Israel, I thought I would share with you some thoughts about why I think it is important for Christians to make such a pilgrimage.

The first reason relates to the fact that Israel is the only land in all the world that is referred to in the Scriptures as "Holy Land" (Zechariah 2:12). One of the key meanings of the word, holy, is to be "set apart."

A Special Land

Israel meets that qualification. It has been set apart by what has happened there in the past and what is going to occur there in the future. It is where God became flesh in Jesus of Nazareth, and it is where Jesus spilled His precious blood for the sins of Mankind. It is where Jesus will soon return (Zechariah 14:1-9) and where He will reign over all the world (Isaiah 2:2-4).

The land of Israel is the center of the cosmos because it is where the battle between God and Satan is focused. It is the center of the nations (Ezekiel 5:5 and 38:12) because the fate of the world hangs on the fate of this land. All the nations of the world are supernaturally obsessed with it, and the Bible says that in the end times, all the nations will come against it over the issue of who will control the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2-3). That prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes.

When you stand on the Mount of Olives and look across the Kidron Valley at the ancient city of Jerusalem, you can sense in your spirit that you are at the center of history. You can spiritually discern that you are standing on the most sacred real estate on planet earth. It is an awesome and humbling experience that will draw you closer to the Lord and motivate you to develop and maintain an eternal perspective. That, of course, is all very subjective, and the intensity of the experience can vary from person to person.

Animating the Bible

More objectively, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land will bring the Bible alive to you in a very special and meaningful way. Never again will Jaffa, Capernaum, Jericho and Jerusalem be mere words on a page. Rather, they will be vivid geographical locations that live in your heart because you have actually walked their streets. The mere mention of these places will cause a mental image to spring into your mind, and you will have a sense of the town's size and its location in relation to other sites.

Appreciating Jesus

The historical reality of Jesus will become more meaningful to you as you walk where He walked and see and sense what He experienced. You will marvel that a man who had no money or political power and who preached for only three years in a tiny country without the aid of radio or

television could change the history of the world and impact the lives of countless millions. You will get a feel for His humanity while appreciating even more profoundly His divinity.

Evaluating Yourself

Finally, a pilgrimage will also force you to take a hard look at yourself and your relationship with God. You will find yourself searching your soul and renewing your commitment to Jesus. You will sense a call to stop playing church and to get serious about your relationship with Christ.

For those who are unable to make the journey for whatever reason, this ministry has produced a 75 minute video entitled "A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land." It follows a pilgrimage group through the land during a ten day tour of all the major sites related to the First and Second Comings of the Lord. The video is hosted by myself and Gary Fisher of Lion of Judah Ministries in Franklin, Tennessee. ✧

Pilgrimage in 2003

Dr. Reagan plans to host a pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year. The pilgrimage group will depart the States on Saturday, May 31st and will return on Wednesday, June 11th. The group will spend two nights in the Tel Aviv area, two nights at the Sea of Galilee, and five nights in Jerusalem. For more detailed information, call the ministry at 1-800/705-8316.



Dr. Reagan baptizes pilgrims in the Jordan River as a witness of their faith in Jesus as Messiah.

A Remarkable Video about the JEWS IN PROPHECY

Dr. David R. Reagan

A remarkable airlift of Ethiopian Jews occurred in May of 1991. In one weekend almost 15,000 black Jews from Ethiopia were flown from Abbis Ababa to Tel Aviv. Many of these were considered to be a remnant of the "lost" tribe of Dan.

This incredible event provoked an Orthodox Jew named Simcha Jacobovici to start thinking about the so-called "lost tribes" of Israel. I say "so-called" because the Jewish tribes have never been lost to God. The concept of "lost tribes" derives from the fact that the Jewish genealogical records were lost when the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed in 70 AD. Adding to the problem was the dispersion of the Jews all over the world, first by the Assyrians in 721 BC and then by the Romans in 135 AD.

As Mr. Jacobovici read about the Ethiopian airlift in 1991, he began to wonder about the location of the other "lost" tribes of Israel. His curiosity led him to launch a search for the tribes that would ultimately lead him half way around the world, from Israel to China. The result of that expedition is a fascinating video program that runs 100 minutes in length. Titled, "Quest for the Lost Tribes," it was first shown on the A&E Channel in April of 2000. It was released on video in February of 2001.

Mr. Jacobovici is Canada's foremost documentary film maker. Since 1986 he has produced 16 feature length documentaries and reaped more than 60 awards, including Emmys in 1996 and 1997 for outstanding investigative journalism. His Emmy award winning film in 1996, entitled "The Plague Monkeys," was about the Ebola virus outbreak in Zaire. His film in 1997 was called "The Selling of Innocents." It exposed the child sex trade in India.

In the "Quest for the Lost Tribes" video, Mr. Jacobovici wanders across central Asia searching for remnants of the "lost" tribes of Israel, and remarkably, he discovers them in a variety of places.

In Uzbekistan he finds descendants of the tribes of Issachar and Napthali. They follow Jewish kosher laws and practice other Jewish traditions, but they refer to themselves as Israelites, not Jews. As he investigates their history, he discovers that they actually ruled central Asia for 200 years during the 5th and 6th Centuries.

He continues to follow the silk route across central Asia to China where he finds Jewish remnants all along the way. In India, along the Burmese border, he discovers fragments of the tribe of Manasseh. They sing songs about the Exodus and still paint their doorposts annually with blood. In the Bombay area he finds descendants of the tribe of Zebulun. They follow Jewish kosher laws and revere the



Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir welcomes Ethiopian Jews to Israel in May 1991.

prophet Elijah.

In the Khyber Pass area between India and Pakistan he discovers the tribe of Ephraim living as Muslims but following the Law of Moses! They still practice animal sacrifice and refer to themselves as "people of Moses." Family names, in addition to Ephraim, include Gad, Reuben, Levi, and Shimon.

The one tribe that Mr. Jacobovici was not able to find was Asher, but his search for it led him to an island off the coast of Tunisia named Djerba where he found a community of Cohens, one of the priestly families of the First Temple.

Mr. Jacobovici quotes Bible prophecy throughout his presentation, emphasizing that in the end times the Jews will return to Israel. He says that is occurring among all the "lost" tribes he has found. Amazingly, he discovered that all of the scattered groups had in recent years felt a compulsion to return to Israel. As Mr. Jacobovici puts it, "They seem to be responding to a biblical post-hypnotic suggestion." The truth, of course, is that they are responding to the tugging of the Holy Spirit on their hearts.

Mr. Jacobovici concludes his remarkable presentation by stating:

The lost tribes of Israel are no longer lost. The lost tribes of Israel have never been lost. What was lost was our consciousness of them. What was lost was our sensitivity to parts of the world that are not Western. We were lost to them. They have never been lost to themselves.

You can purchase a copy of this video from A&E at their website: www.AandE.com. Or, you can call 1-888/423-1212. The cost is \$19.95. ☆

Update on Television

Dr. David R. Reagan

The response to our new television program has been outstanding. We are hearing from people all across America.

In mid-November the DayStar Network informed us that they were so pleased with our program that they had decided to give us an additional broadcast each week free of charge! The additional broadcast time is 12:30am on Monday morning (Central time). That would be 10:30pm Sunday evening on the West coast. Our regular time is at 6:00pm on Wednesday (Central time).

We continue to experiment with a variety of formats, including in-depth teaching, interviews, and preaching. In mid-November we taped an interview program with Jack Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries. Jack lived homeless on the streets for 20 years before being converted to the Lord by his wife, Sally. Since that time they have been in full time ministry.

Our financial needs for the television ministry remain great. We need to raise an additional \$100,000 for production and broadcast costs. Additionally, we need funds for the following equipment items: teleprompter system (\$7,000), digital switcher (\$15,000), DVD recording and reproduction (\$7,000), and hydraulic pedestal camera supports (\$8,000).

We also need to raise \$15,000 to cover the cost of sending a video crew to Israel for ten days to shoot footage for future programs. ✚



Dave is shown above with Jack and Sally Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries. Jack recently videotaped several songs and did an interview with Dave about his life.

DayStar Television Network Coverage

Times: Wednesday at 6:00pm and a replay on Monday at 12:30am (Central time).

Stations:

Little Rock	AR	KKAP	36
Phoenix	AZ	KDTP	39
Tucson	AZ	KPCE	29
Modesto	CA	KACA	61
Stockton	CA	K52CK	
Sacramento	CA	KRJR	47
San Francisco	CA	KDTS	22
Denver	CO	KRMT	41
Tampa	FL	WSVT	18
Atlanta	GA	WDTA	53
Gainesville	GA	W28CD	
Macon	GA	WDMA	32
Honolulu	HI	KWBN	44
Boston	MA	WYDN	48
Las Vegas	NV	KTVY	63
Buffalo	NY	WDTB	39

Apex	NC	WACN	34
Raleigh	NC	WWIW	66
Oklahoma City	OK	KOCM	46
Philadelphia	PA	WELL	8
Knoxville	TN	WDTT	38
Memphis	TN	WJRJ	59
Nashville	TN	WIIW	14
Dallas	TX	KMPX	29
Houston	TX	KLTJ	22
San Antonio	TX	KQVE	46
Seattle	WA	KWDK	56

Satellites:

DirecTV	National	Ch. 369
Dish Network	National	See below
Sky Angel	National	Ch. 9713
Webcast	World	daystar.com

Dish Network: Boston 8763, Dallas 8413, Houston 8383, Seattle 8622, Phoenix 8333, and Denver 8207.

Note: Station numbers will be different on cable. So, if you are on cable, consult your TV guide for the proper channel number.

Family Vision Network

Our program is also available over the Family Vision Network in Southern Louisiana. It is broadcast on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and on Monday mornings at 8:30am over three stations:

- KAJN-TV (Ch. 40) in Lafayette
- KAGN-TV (Ch. 65) in Crowley
- KFAM-TV (Ch. 58) in Lake Charles

Internet

To access the program live over the Internet, go to www.daystar.com and click on "Watch LIVE!"

Meet our Staff Members



Dennis Pollock

Birth place and date: St. Louis, Missouri, 1953.

Wife's name and years married: Sharon, 27 years.

Names and ages of children: Joy (22), Joshua (20), Joel (18), Bethany (16), and Jordan (14).

Education: BA in Education. PhD in Hard Knocks!

Lamb & Lion position and duties: Associate evangelist. Conduct meetings, co-host television program, and write for magazine.

Number of years on staff: 9.

Number of years a Christian: 29.

Church membership: Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas.

Spiritual gifts: Teaching, through both speaking and writing.

Favorite scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:13 and John 15:5.

Favorite Bible character: King David.

Favorite Christian book: *The Life and Times of George Whitefield* by Arnold A. Dallimore.

Favorite Christian hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul."

Favorite contemporary Christian song: "Thank You" by Ray Boltz.

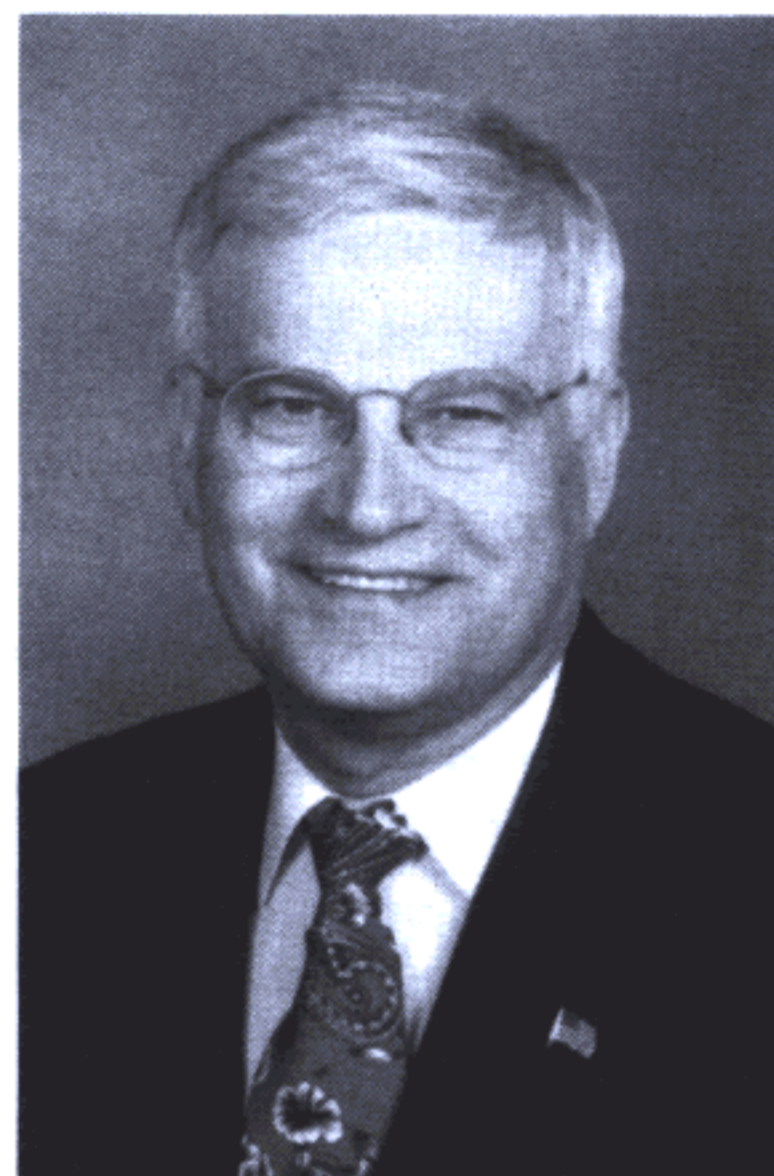
Favorite Bible version: The New King James.

All-time favorite movie: "A Walk to Remember."

All-time favorite novel: "Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Favorite pastimes: Golf, buying and selling on Ebay, and watching Andy Griffith reruns.

Meet our Trustees



Bill Park

Birth place and date: Guthrie, Oklahoma, 1938.

Wife's name and years married: Vinita, 40 years.

Names and ages of children: Sherri (38), Steve (36), and Bert (32).

Number of Grandchildren: 10.

Education: BCE from Midwest Christian College and MRE from Emmanuel School of Religion. Additional graduate work at Indiana Central University and Trinity Theological Seminary.

Occupation: Pastor.

Numbers of years a Christian: 50.

Years of service on the Lamb & Lion Board: 17.

Church membership: Town & Country Christian Church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Spiritual gifts: Shepherding, encouraging, discernment, and administration.

Favorite Bible books: Daniel and Philippians.

Favorite Bible character: Daniel.

Favorite Christian book: *Trusting God* by Dave Reagan.

Favorite Christian hymn: "Blessed Assurance."

Favorite contemporary Christian song: "He is Lord."

Favorite Christian singer: Bert Park.

Favorite Bible version: The New International.

All-time favorite movie: "A Christmas Story."

Favorite pastimes: Playing rook or rummy and woodworking.

Islam as Philosophy

Bryan Hupperts

"From the mountains of Afghanistan to the valleys of Bosnia to the plains of Africa to the forests of Asia and around the world, we are on the ground working with our Muslim partners to expand the circle of peace, the circle of prosperity, the circle of freedom." — Colin Powell

I'm sure my FBI file will grow a few pages today but I gotta take this one on. Attention: Colin Powell.

Nazism was as much a spiritual movement as it was a political philosophy, yet no one has a problem labeling these goose-stepping, brown-shirted goons as 'bad guys.' And what did the Nazis believe? In world domination, in the eradication of a specific group of people, specifically the Jews, that it was either Submission to their way of thinking, or death!

Submission. Oh yeah, that's what the world Islam means. Anyway, we quote the horrible historical statistic that the Nazis murdered 6 million Jews, while forgetting that they also murdered 4 million Gentiles (mostly Christians). While cloaked under a false spiritual guise misusing the name 'Christian,' they were in fact a spiritual and political philosophy devoted to world domination.

Quit thinking in terms of tolerance for a moment. Thank God our national leaders during World War II weren't concerned with being tolerant or we would all be speaking German, Russian, or Japanese! Forget Islam as one of the world's 'great religions', and think of it as a political and spiritual philosophy. Now, if Islam really means 'peace,' explain this:

Muslims are bent on destroying Israel and her allies (meaning they want to exterminate the Jews). So were the Nazis. Muslims also believe that their beliefs need to be exported to the whole world and all people brought under their domination. The Nazis didn't invade Poland and France for the water! Muslims also believe it is perfectly acceptable to kill non-believers, or to lie to further the cause of 'jihad' (holy war). Further, they applaud when their own children are sacrificed 'in the flames' of suicide bombings. Come to think of it, so did the Nazis.

Anyone notice the similarities?

When pastors in the 1940s spoke of going to war against the Nazis, the world knew these were the bad guys. They had to be stopped or the whole world would have fallen under the influence and control of the Axis powers. We fought a World War to stop the spread of their belief system and control.

Now, our Secretary of State Colin Powell is extolling the imagined virtues of our enemy and is bashing anyone who speaks out against the encroachment of the warmongering,

genocidal philosophy of Islam!

And if this wasn't enough, he went on to say; "We must not listen to the siren song of the bigots, extremists who cloak themselves in false spirituality in an attempt to divide and to weaken us."

Siren song of . . . you mean Christian leaders who have denounced Islam for being anti-Christ, violent, and destructive? Leaders like Jerry Falwell, Franklin Graham, and Pat Robertson? Powell is saying that believers in Jesus Christ are cloaked in a "false spirituality." One has to wonder in dread of the future what he would regard as a true spirituality. The Nazis were spiritual, too.

Mr. Powell, **Islam is the Nazi movement of our day.** It is an evil philosophy bent on world domination. The Nazis held to a high moral code, too, unless you didn't happen to be a follower of Adolph Hitler. Then you were fair game for extermination. While Muslims are not offering gas showers — yet — they are busy bombing anything that moves. How long will it be until school buses full of innocent children in America, Australia, and Europe will be targeted by these "peace-loving" invaders from the desert?

Islam is evil. Islam is darkness. Islam is a bitter dreg that the world will regret swallowing. Allah is a wicked principality that exalts itself against the knowledge of the true God. Islam has declared a World War against all who oppose its tenants. Let me give you an intelligence briefing: That's what the shooting is all about.

Mr. Powell, hear the word of the Lord. Isaiah 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

And to think that if you had run for President, I was seriously considering voting for you. If you are giving counsel to the President of the United States, then God help us all. And for the record, when Mohammad was an old man, he did marry a 7-year-old girl. In any court in a civilized land, he would have been arrested for being a child molester! ✝

Editor's Note: Bryan Hupperts edits an Internet newsletter that contains both devotional material and commentary on current issues from a Christian perspective. His website is located at www.sheeptrax.com. Bryan grew up in the Catholic Church and got involved in Eastern religions before finding the Lord on his 18th birthday. His wife, Cyndi, was raised in Malaysia in a strict Buddhist home. She accepted the Lord when she was a teenager. The Hupperts have two children.



Bryan Hupperts and wife, Cyndi.

New Year's Greetings from the Lamb & Lion Staff



Lamb & Lion Staff Members, left to right. Front row: Cathie Grubb, Rachel Houck, Leo Houck, and Kay Bien. Second row: Dennis Pollock, Don Gordoni, George Collich, Larry Watts, Gary Byers, and Dave Reagan.

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Program Requirements

The financial base of Lamb & Lion Ministries is provided by its Prophecy Partners. These are the people who pledge to provide \$15 a month or more for one year.

We currently have 1,400 Prophecy Partners. We need to increase that number to over 1,500 for 2003 if we are to continue expanding our media outreach with the message of the soon return of Jesus.

We ask our Prophecy Partners to aim at giving \$1 a day for a year — or \$30 per month. Many do this, and some give even more. The minimum contribution is \$15 per month.

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There are many benefits and blessings associated with being a Prophecy Partner. First and foremost is the knowledge that your sacrificial support is going to a ministry whose purpose is to point people to Jesus Christ and to proclaim His soon return.

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The tape or publication usually covers some special study topic or current events topic related to Bible prophecy. From time to time a special gift, like the ministry's annual Jewish calendar, is sent to our Prophecy Partners in recognition of their support.

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Your donations will be used to help pay for our media outreach all across this nation. They will also be used to help cover the cost of the thousands of free tapes and publications which we distribute yearly to people who cannot afford to pay for them.

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An Outstanding New Book about the European Union

Alan Franklin, a newspaper editor in London, England, has written a very insightful and informative book about the European Union. It is entitled *EU: The Final World Empire*.

Alan writes from a Christian perspective, and as a professional journalist, he has access to people and resources that are inaccessible to the average person. He tells in detail the astonishing story of how the nations of Europe have peacefully surrendered their sovereignty to a newly emerging world power, The European Union. He clearly reveals the spiritual dimensions of this new super state, and in the process, he demonstrates how it is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

The book is illustrated with many photos. It runs 224 pages in length. It sells for \$12.95. You can order a copy from Hearthstone Publishing by calling their toll free number at 1-888-891-3300.

Dr. Reagan has prepared a PowerPoint presentation about the European Union that contains 72 slides. It is shipped on a CD and comes with a 19 page script that has pictures of the slides inserted in their proper places. Its sells for \$15 and can be ordered by calling 1-800/705-8316. ✚



Have you checked out the Lamb & Lion Website?

Our website (www.lamblion.com) is a window to the whole world, and we try hard to maintain it as a valuable resource for the study of Bible prophecy.

In addition to hundreds of articles relating to every aspect of Bible prophecy, there are many other aids and resources on the site. There is a fast operating search engine that will search the site for any word or phrase — like Antichrist or Tribulation or Rapture.

There are fascinating interactive tests you can take regarding prophecy in general and the book of Revelation in particular.

All the ministry's radio programs since 1999 are stored on the site and can be listened to online. And the ministry's new monthly summary of events relevant to Bible prophecy, called "Prophecy Update," is also available.

Copies of the *Lamplighter* magazine for the past year can be accessed. They are reproduced in full.

On the "Related Sites" page you will find links to 35 Bible prophecy ministries, 21 Messianic ministries, 53 Israel resource sites, 12 Christian apologetic ministries, and 12 sites that provide great Bible study tools.

A recent addition to the site is a place where you can make a donation to the ministry via an electronic check. Another new addition is an online shopping cart system.

Previously, you could place orders only by calling our toll free number during regular business hours. Now you can place an order online any day at any time. Check it out by going to the home page and clicking on "Shop."

Another intriguing new feature is an instant translator program that will translate any of our articles into one of eight languages!

Spend some time browsing through our site, and send us your suggestions for improving it. ✚





New Prophecy Ministry — Don McGee of Amite, Louisiana, has formed a new Bible prophecy ministry called "Crown and Sickle." The name is taken from Revelation 14:14. Don is a former

Louisiana highway patrolman who has been pastoring a church for the last few years. He recently decided to resign his pastorate, step out in faith, and form this new ministry. Don is an excellent preacher and teacher. We highly recommend his new ministry. He needs both prayer and financial support. He is currently accepting preaching engagements for 2003. You can reach him at 985-748-9539.

Death — Victor Broaddus, Dave Reagan's spiritual mentor in the field of Bible prophecy, was called home to be with the Lord this past October. Dave first met Victor in the Philippines in 1966 when Dave went there to teach at the University of the Philippines. Victor introduced Dave to Bible prophecy and served as an adviser and encourager from that time on. Victor is survived by his wife Mae.

Conferences — Dave and Dennis recently participated in the first annual Louisiana state Bible prophecy conference which was held at the beautiful Tall Timbers Baptist Encampment in central Louisiana, just south of Alexandria. The conference was arranged by Al Gist, evangelist for Maranatha Ministries in De Ridder, Louisiana. The conference drew a large crowd, including 28 pastors. The conference will be held again this year on November 21-23. Mark it on your calendar and plan to attend!

In December, Dave and Dennis attended the meeting of the Pre-Trib Study Group which was held in Dallas. This is an annual meeting of Bible prophecy preachers, teachers and scholars who believe in a premillennial, pre-tribulational return of Jesus. During the first two days of the conference, Dr. Reagan videotaped 21 interviews, including a 30 minute interview with Tim LaHaye. These interviews will be used to produce a whole series of television programs about various aspects of Bible prophecy.



Victor Broaddus and Dave Reagan.



"This room looks like the fulfillment of end time prophecy!"

Speaking Engagements — In **February** Dave will speak at Calvary Christian Church in Winchester, KY (7-9) and Dennis will speak at Gulf Coast Foursquare Church in Hitchcock, TX (9-12). In **March** Dennis will be speaking at Community Church in Ft. Scott, KS (2-5) and at the Christian Church in Mercedes, TX (23-30). Dave and Dennis both will participate in a prophecy conference in Destin, FL (8-11). The actual site of this conference is yet to be determined. In **April** Dave will be one of the featured speakers at the annual prophecy conference hosted by Thy Kingdom Come Ministries in Tulsa, OK (2-4). Later in the month, Dave will be at First Christian Church in Marysville, CA (12-13) and at Benbrook United Methodist Church in Benbrook, TX (27). Dennis is scheduled to speak at Park Street Christian Church in Eldorado Springs, MO (25-27). In **May** Dave will be speaking at Franklin Ave. Church of the Living God in Winchester, KY and at Christ's Community Church of the Nazarene in New Albany, IN (17-18).

Major Conference — March 21-23. KAJN Radio and the Family Vision Network in southern Louisiana are hosting a prophecy conference sponsored by this ministry. It will be held at Bethel Baptist Church in Jennings.

Israel Pilgrimage — Dave plans to lead a pilgrimage group to the Holy Land in early June. For a detailed brochure, call 1-800-705-8316.

Foreign Publications — Dave's book, *The Master Plan*, has recently been published in Pakistan in the Urdu language. The publisher, a Muslim, was converted to Jesus when he read the book! Dave's recent article about the Middle East crisis in biblical perspective has been published in booklet form in India, as has Dennis's article about the Harry Potter books and movies. ✚

A Hard Hitting Book about Christian Living in the End Times.

This is Dr. Reagan's most unique book since it does not focus primarily on Bible prophecy. As the title indicates, the book tells how a person can live a victorious Christian life in the end times while walking the tightrope between worldly pressures and the imminency of the Lord's return.

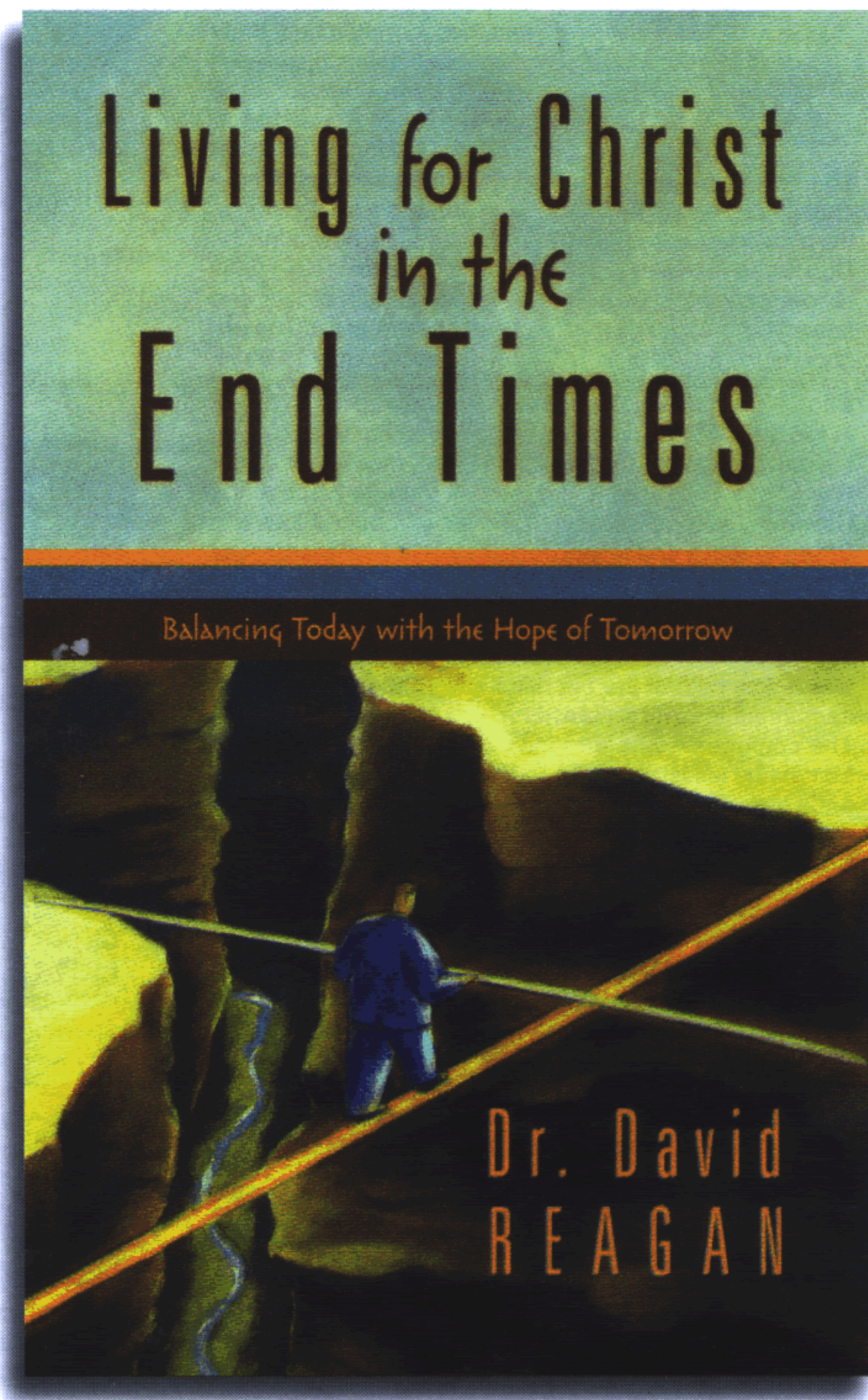
The book is divided into three parts. The first part, entitled "The Descent into Paganism," presents the challenge of societal decay and the increasing apostasy in the Church. The second section, entitled "The Christian Response to a Pagan World," contains ten chapters about practical Christian living. The concluding part of the book, entitled "The Victory over Paganism," tells how the return of Jesus will result in an enduring triumph over paganism.

The book contains in-depth, but easy to understand discussions of what it means to stand on the Word of God, believe in the power of God, rely on the Holy Spirit, practice tough faith, order your priorities, keep an eternal perspective, stand for righteousness, persist in prayer, surrender in worship, and cling to hope.

Dr. Reagan utilizes an anecdotal style that appeals to the general reader.

The book sells for \$12 in book stores. We are offering it for the same price, including the cost of shipping.

To order the book, call **1-800-705-8316**. Place your call between 8am and 5pm, Central time, Monday through Friday. ✚



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