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Looking Ahead

At the beginning of this year, we received the largest donation in the history of this ministry — a very generous gift of \$150,000.

We immediately tithed the gift to other ministries, leaving us with a total of \$135,000. We then signed a contract with the Inspiration Network which came to a total of \$130,000.

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So, on January 1st of this year we started broadcasting on two networks — DayStar and Inspiration — which have access to over 40 million homes in the United States and countless others all over the world through satellites. Our broadcast costs total \$7,000 per week, and that does not include production costs.

Since it was a special donation that made it possible for us to expand our outreach to the Inspiration Network, we need to increase our income by \$150,000 this year in order to continue on that network. That's a big increase, and the only way I know to get it accomplished is to increase the participation in our Prophecy Partner Program.

Our Prophecy Partner Program

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Dr. David Reagan at Korazin in the Galilee of Israel.

HDTV

Technology continues to march, and that means that within a few years we will start having to produce our programs for broadcast in high-definition format.

Many ministries were severely challenged financially when the transition took place in the 90's between analog and digital television. Fortunately, we got involved in TV after that transition, but now we are faced with having to replace our current digital equipment with high definition equipment, and that is going to cost approximately \$100,000.

We have established a fund designated for HDTV equipment and software. Our hope is that we can raise the necessary funds through special, designated donations over the next few years.

The government continues to waver about the deadline for broadcasting in HDTV. It looks now like it will be around 2009 — giving us four years.

Next Issue

The next issue of our magazine will focus on "The Earth in Prophecy." The theme of the one after that will be "The Meaning of Heaven." Our first issue next year is tentatively scheduled to deal with the topic, "The Reality of Hell." ✚

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The Certainty of Judgment



“The Last Judgment” as portrayed in *The Cloisters Apocalypse*, an early 14th Century illustrated manuscript. The saved, on the left are reviewing their judgments and rewards. The lost, on the right, are being cast into the Lake of Fire.

An Overview of What the Bible Teaches About Resurrection and Judgment

Dr. David R. Reagan

My boyhood church always taught that there would be one resurrection and one judgment. Everyone who had ever lived would be resurrected at one time, and all of us — the just and the unjust — would be judged at the same time. The sheep would be separated from the goats at the Great White Throne Judgment pictured in Revelation 20:11-15.

But this concept is all wrong. The Bible reveals that there will be more than one resurrection and more than one judgment.

Multiple Resurrections

Concerning resurrection, Jesus clearly taught that there would be more than one resurrection. In John 5:29 He refers to a “resurrection of life” and a “resurrection of judgment.” The apostle Paul confirmed this concept in his defense before Felix when he stated that he believed the teaching of the prophets “that there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and

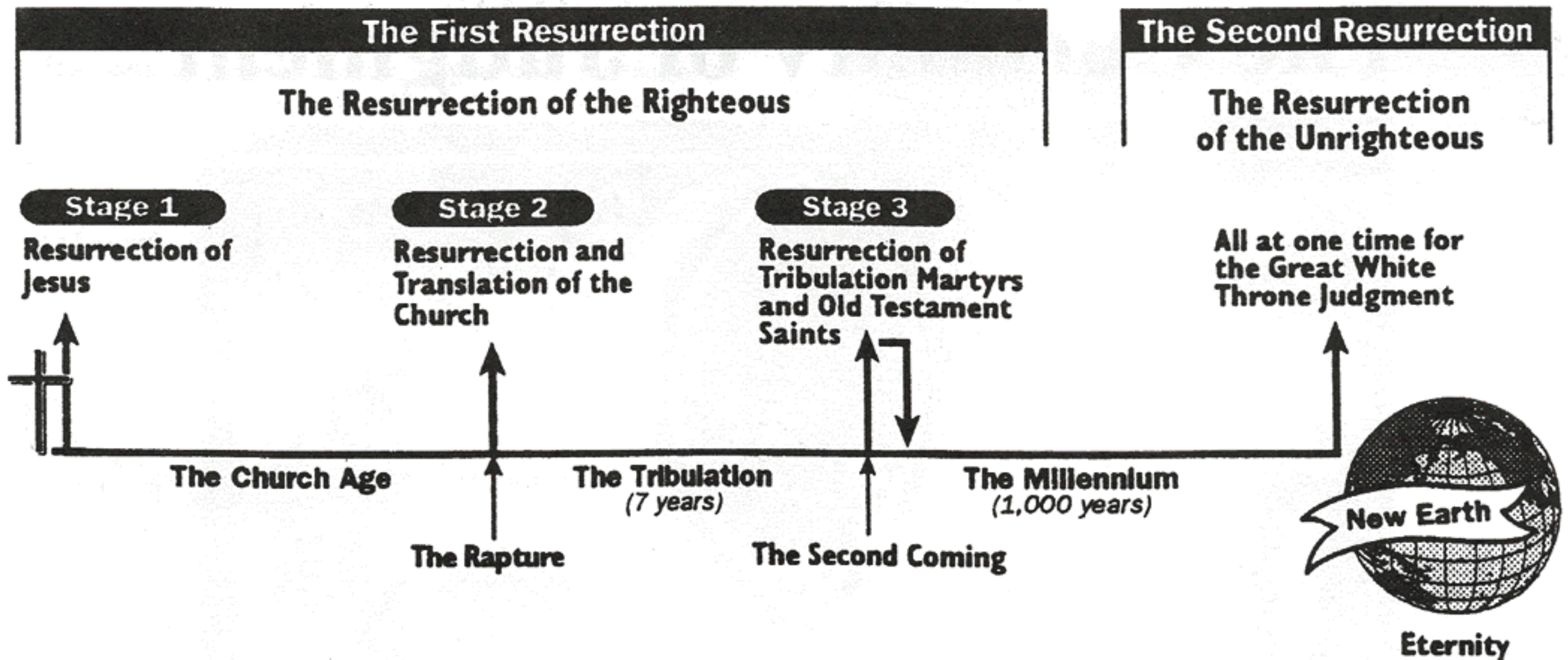
the wicked” (Acts 24:15).

Of course, it could be argued that the two resurrections referred to in these scriptures will occur at the same time. Thus, because they will happen simultaneously, there is, in effect, only one resurrection. However, the Scriptures establish the fact that the resurrections will be separate and that the resurrection of the righteous will occur in stages.

In other words, the Bible does not teach one resurrection or even two resurrections in *number*. Rather, it teaches that there will be two resurrections in *type* which will be conducted in stages, resulting in several resurrections — at least four, to be specific.

The Resurrection of the Just

That the resurrection of the righteous will occur in stages is clearly taught in 1 Corinthians 15:20-24. In fact, the first stage of the resurrection of the righteous has already happened, for verse 20 says that “Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits



of those who are asleep.”

Verses 22 and 23 go on to explain that all who have died in Christ shall be made alive, “but each in his own order: Christ, the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming.”

The imagery of the harvest that is used in these verses is a key to understanding the first resurrection — the resurrection of the righteous.

The Harvest Imagery

In Bible times the harvest was conducted in three stages. It began with the gathering of the first fruits which were offered as a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God.

It proceeded with the general harvest. But not all was taken in this harvest. Some of the crop was left in the field to be gathered by the poor and the needy. This was called the gleanings (Leviticus 19:9-10).

Using this imagery, the Bible presents the resurrection of Jesus as the “first fruits” of the resurrection of the righteous. The gathering of the Church Age saints, living and dead, at the appearing of the Lord (the Rapture) is thus the general harvest stage of the resurrection of the righteous (John 14:1-3 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

But there is a third and final stage to this resurrection of the righteous. It is the gleanings, and it occurs at the end of the Tribulation when the Lord’s Second Coming takes place. At that time two final groups of the righteous will be resurrected: the Tribulation martyrs (Revelation 20:4), and the Old Testament saints (Daniel 12:2).

The Resurrection of Old Testament Saints

Some people are startled by the thought that the Old Testament saints will not be resurrected until the end of the Tribulation. But keep in mind that the Rapture is a promise to the Church, and the Church only. Also, the book of Daniel makes it clear that the Old Testament saints will be resurrected at the end of the “time of distress” (Daniel 12:1-2).

A Summary of the Resurrection of the Just

The first resurrection, the resurrection of the righteous, occurs in three stages, beginning with Christ, continuing with the Church at the Rapture, and culminating with the Tribulation martyrs and the Old Testament saints at the return of Jesus.

The Resurrection of the Unjust

The second type of resurrection, “the resurrection of the wicked” (Acts 24:15), will take place all at one time at the end of the millennial reign of Jesus. This is at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment, the judgment of the damned (Revelation 20:11-15).

Every person who ever failed to relate to God in faith will be resurrected at this time, regardless of when he or she may have lived and died — whether before or after the Cross. This resurrection will also include the unjust who died during the Tribulation and the Millennium.

There will be no need for an additional resurrection of the righteous at the end of the Millennium, because all those born during that time who accept Jesus as their Savior will live to the end of the Lord’s reign (Isaiah 65:19-20). “As the lifetime of a tree, so shall be the days of My people,” . . . says the Lord” (Isaiah 65:22). In other words, life spans during the Millennium will be returned to what they were at the beginning of time, before the flood.

The Certainty of Judgment

Resurrection will be followed by judgment. Solomon wrote, “Fear God and keep His commandments . . . For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

The apostle Paul emphasized the certainty of judgment. In Romans 2:16 he wrote, “God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.” And in Romans 14:10, 12 he stated, “We shall all stand before the judgment seat of God . . . So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.” The writer to the Hebrews summed it up succinctly: “It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

The Completed Judgment

But not all people are going to be judged at the same time. Just as there are going to be several resurrections, there are also going to be several judgments.

One judgment has already taken place. It is the judgment of believers for their sins.

This comes as a surprise to most Christians. Some find it hard to believe. I'll never forget when I realized it from my study of Scripture. I became filled with so much joy that I felt like jumping pews all day!

Let me put it to you in another way. If you are truly born again, then you will never stand before the Lord and be judged of your sins. That's because the judgment for your sins took place at the Cross.

You see, all your sins, and mine, were placed upon Jesus as He hung upon the Cross, and the wrath we deserve was poured out upon Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). He became our substitute. He took our judgment for sin (Romans 8:3 and Galatians 3:13).

If you have appropriated the blood of Jesus to your life by accepting Him as your Lord and Savior, then your sins have been forgiven. They have also been forgotten in the sense that God will never remember them against you again (Isaiah 43:25 and Hebrews 8:12).

Think of it — forgiven and forgotten! That is grace!

The Judgment of the Just

If the Redeemed will never be judged of their sins, then what will they be judged of, and when will the judgment take place?

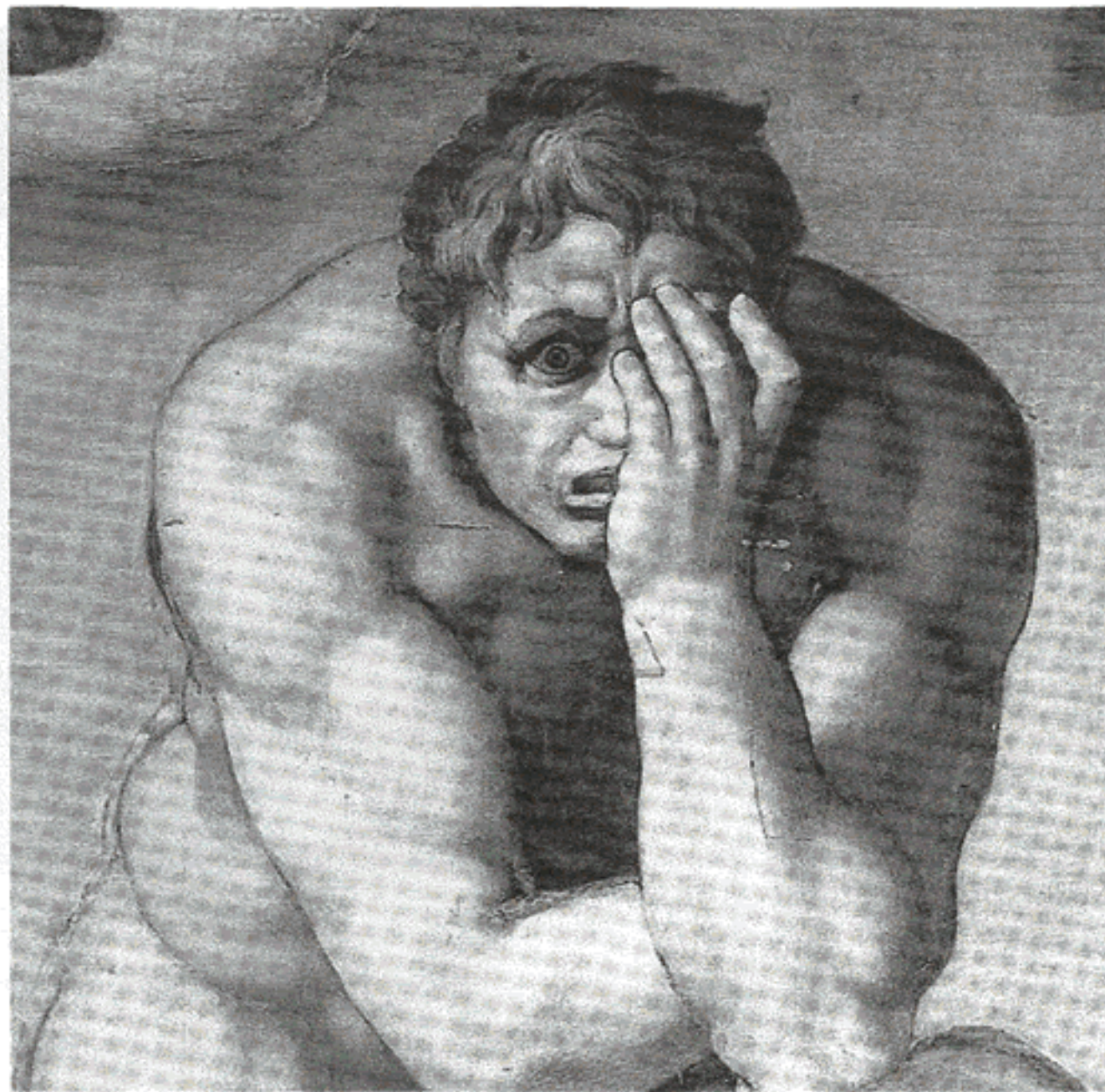
The Bible teaches that the Redeemed will be judged of their works, not to determine their eternal destiny, but to determine their degrees of reward.

Christians do not work to be saved; they work because they are saved. In fact, the Bible says they are saved to do good works (Ephesians 2:10 and Titus 2:14). Such good works, if properly done, will be done in the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 4:11) and for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

The Significance of Spiritual Gifts

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12 that every person who is born again receives at least one supernatural spiritual gift from the Holy Spirit. A person may receive more than one gift. And, if you are a good steward of the gifts you receive, then you may receive additional gifts as you develop spiritually (Luke 19:26).

God expects us to use our spiritual gifts to advance His kingdom. This is what the judgment of works will be all about. Each of us who are redeemed will stand before the Lord Jesus and give an accounting of how we used our gifts to advance the



A detailed image from Michelangelo's "Judgment of the Damned" painted on the ceiling of the Sistine chapel in Rome.

kingdom of God on earth.

We will be judged as to the *quantity* of our works (Luke 19:11-27 and Romans 2:6-7). We will be judged as to the *quality* of our works (1 Corinthians 3:10-14). Finally, we will be judged as to the *motivation* of our works (1 Corinthians 4:5).

I can imagine some famous evangelist being brought before the Lord for judgment.

"How did you use your spiritual gifts to advance my kingdom?" asks the Lord.

"I used my gifts as a teacher and evangelist to preach the gospel to millions," replies the preacher.

"Yes," says the Lord, "you certainly did that. But, I know your heart, and thus I know your motiva-

tion. You preached not because you loved Me but because you wanted to become famous. You wanted to have your picture published on the cover of *Time* magazine. You accomplished that in February of 1953. Here's your picture. That's all the reward I have for you!"

And then I can imagine the Lord calling up a little old lady that no one has ever heard of.

"Dear, on the day you accepted Me as your Lord and Savior, I gave you one gift — the gift of mercy. And every time someone was ill, you were the first to offer comfort and encouragement. You were the one who organized the prayer chain. Every time someone went to the hospital, you were the first to visit them. Every time someone died, you were the one who organized the meals. And you did all of these things simply because you loved Me."

The Lord will give her a crown full of so many jewels that she will have a neck ache for eternity!

Seriously, there will be degrees of rewards. They will be manifested in the crowns we receive (2 Timothy 4:7-8), the robes we wear (Revelation 19:8), and the degrees of ruling authority which we exercise with the Lord (Luke 19:11-27).

The Timing of the Judgments

When and where will the judgment of the Redeemed take place? The Bible indicates the judgment of believers who have lived and died during the Church Age will occur in Heaven before the judgment seat of Jesus, immediately following the Rapture of the Church (2 Corinthians 5:10 and Revelation 19:6-9).

Those who are saved and martyred during the Tribulation will be judged at the end of that period when they are resurrected at the Second Coming of Christ (Revelation 20:4). The Tribulation saints who live to the end of that terrible period are another group that will be judged at the Second Coming of Jesus in "the

sheep and goat judgment” portrayed in Matthew 25:31-46. The Old Testament saints will also be judged at the time of the Second Coming (Ezekiel 20:34-38).

All the unrighteous who have ever lived will be resurrected and judged at the end of the millennial reign of Jesus.

The Judgment of the Unjust

The terrible judgment of the unrighteous is pictured in Revelation 20:11-15. It is called the “Great White Throne” judgment.

We are told that the wicked also will be judged of their works. But their judgment will be radically different from the judgment of the Redeemed. Whereas the Redeemed are judged of their works to determine their degrees of reward, the lost are judged of their works to determine their eternal destiny.

And since no one can be justified before God by their works (Isaiah 64:6 and Ephesians 2:8-10), all will be condemned to Hell. That’s why I call this judgment “the judgment of the damned.”

The unjust are also judged for another reason. There are going to be degrees of punishment (Luke 12:35-48 and 20:45-47).

There is a popular myth in Christendom that says, “All sin is equal in the eyes of God.” That is not true. The only way in which all sin is equal is that *any* sin, whether a white lie or murder, condemns us before God and necessitates a Savior.

But all sin is not equal in the eyes of God. For example, Proverbs 6:16-19 lists seven sins that the Lord particularly hates, including “hands that shed innocent blood.” And the Bible makes it very clear that idolatry is a sin that is especially heinous in the eyes of God (Exodus 20:3-5).



Because God considers some sins worse than others, there will be degrees of punishment (Revelation 22:12), and these degrees will be specified at the Great White Throne judgment.

A Call to Repentance

Where do you stand with respect to the inevitable judgment which you will face before the Lord?

If you are a Christian, do you know what spiritual gifts you have been given? Are you using them to advance the Lord’s



“The Last Judgment,” a woodcut by Eric Gill (1917).

kingdom? Is your motivation a love of the Lord?

If you have never confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior, do you really want to participate in the judgment of the damned? Do you realize that the Bible says, “Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord”? That means Hitler and every vile person like him who has ever lived will one day make the confession of Jesus’ lordship. You will too.

I urge you to make that confession *now* so that you can participate in the resurrection and judgment of the righteous. As you consider your decision, weigh carefully the following words from the book of Hebrews:

Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him — Hebrews 9:28

Notice carefully that this verse promises that for those who are ready for Him, Jesus will come “without reference to sin.” That is a wonderful promise. ✚

*This essay is taken from Dr. Reagan’s newest book, **God’s Plan for the Ages: The Blueprint of Bible Prophecy**. It is one of 42 chapters in the book. The book runs 415 pages and covers all aspects of Bible prophecy. It sells for \$15. To order a copy, call 1-800-705-8316. Call Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm Central time.*

The Legacy of Pope John Paul II

An Evaluation

Dr. David R. Reagan

Consider Pope John Paul II to have been the most dangerous pope in the history of the Roman Catholic Church.

The reason is simple. He had a great talent for public relations, and he used that gift very effectively to put a beautiful face on a thoroughly unbiblical religion that has deceived and enslaved the souls of millions of people all over the world.

But “John Paul was such a righteous and moral man,” people argue. I agree that he was, but the only righteousness that saves is that of Jesus which is imputed to us when we place our hope and trust in Him as Lord and Savior of our lives.

Saint or Sinner?

As I watched the world rhapsodize over the life of Pope John Paul II, I kept thinking of the dire warning issued by one of his namesakes, the Apostle Paul (Galatians 3:8-9):

- 8) But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.
- 9) As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed.

Paul’s words couldn’t be any clearer. He even repeats his point for emphasis. The message is that anyone who presents a gospel different from that revealed in the Scriptures — whether man or angel — will be accursed.

For 26 years Pope John Paul II violated this warning of the Apostle Paul. During his papacy he led millions into spiritual darkness by teaching that a person can earn salvation through good works. Such a teaching is a demonic lie and is a blasphemy of the blood of Jesus.

Pope John Paul II preached many other unbiblical doctrines, but salvation through good works was his basic error. It is a formula foreign to God’s Word. No one can be saved through good works, not even a good man like John Paul. Here’s how the Apostle Paul put it in Ephesians 2:8-9 —

- 8) For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God,
- 9) not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

John Paul did many good things in his life and during his reign as pope. He transformed the papacy itself as radically as Franklin Roosevelt transformed the American presidency. Before John Paul, the office of pope was considered to be an Italian fiefdom. He internationalized the office, taking the papacy to the four corners of the earth, visiting a total of 129 different countries. He was undoubtedly a dynamic leader with great vision.



Time magazine, October 15, 1979.

He was also a righteous man whose long reign was never tainted by personal immorality or corruption — unlike many of his predecessors. He tenaciously fought for biblical principles of morality. Despite intense pressure from the liberal Catholic Church in the United States to give in to pagan societal norms, John Paul stood firm in his opposition to evils such as abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, and same-sex marriage.

To his credit, he always evidenced a strong passion for peace and an equally strong compassion for the poor and downtrodden. And he was a staunch anti-Communist who gave strong moral support to anti-Communist movements throughout Eastern Europe.

But all his goodness and righteousness pale in comparison to the damnable false doctrines that he taught. A colleague of mine, Barry Cameron, pastor of Crossroads Christian Church in Grand Prairie, Texas, summed it up in the following two sentences which he sent to me on the day John Paul died:

During his entire papacy he preached “another gospel;” propagated “another method” to pray; promoted “another path” to Heaven; perpetuated “another mode of baptism;” persuaded “another generation” to follow the man-made teachings of the Church rather than the Bible; promoted “another person” above Jesus (Mary); and protected the on-going scam of elevating “another man” to an unbiblical position of authority. Should anyone be surprised that he is going to “another place”?

The False Gospel of Catholicism

- The Catholic Church teaches salvation by good works. The Bible says that salvation is by grace through faith and not by works “that no one should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- The Catholic Church teaches that even if you earn your salvation, you must still go to a place called purgatory when you die so that you can be purged of your sins through suffering. The Bible mentions no such place. Furthermore, the very concept of purgatory is a blasphemy of Jesus. The Bible says that the blood of Jesus is sufficient to purge us of all sins (1 John 1:7).
- The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus must be crucified afresh repeatedly in the Mass. The Bible says that Jesus’ sacrifice on the Cross was sufficient to provide redemption (Hebrews 9:25-26). That is why His last words on the Cross were “It is finished” (John 19:30).
- The Catholic Church says that Mary is a co-redeemer with Jesus, thus elevating her to the status of a god. The Bible makes it clear that Mary was a human being like the rest of us who was born with a sin nature and who needed a Savior. Thus, when she discovered that she was pregnant with the Christ child, she sang, “My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God My Savior” (Luke 1:46-47).
- The Catholic Church allows the pope to reward the memory of people with sainthood and teaches that we can direct our prayers to such people. The Bible says that all spiritual rewards will be given by Jesus at His judgment throne (John 5:22 and 2 Corinthians 5:10). And the Bible says that all prayers are to be directed to God through Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:17).

The apostate doctrines outlined above are only a few of the more important ones that characterize the perverted Christianity of the Roman Catholic Church.

The word, gospel, means “good news.” It is not good news to be taught that you have to merit your salvation through the performance of good works. The Bible says that all our good works are like filthy rags to God as far as our salvation is concerned (Isaiah 64:6). The concept of earning one’s salvation is characteristic of every religion in the world except true Christianity. That’s because the concept is a lie of Satan. He desires that we put our faith in ourselves instead of God.

True Christianity

In fact, true Christianity is not really a religion. It is, instead, a relationship. That’s why Jesus said, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3). Notice that Jesus does not say that salvation is to be found in church membership or church rites or good works. Rather, it is to be found in a personal relationship with Him.

That personal relationship begins when you are “born again” by putting your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. It’s amazing how many professing Christians will deny being born again because they identify that term with conservative, Evangelical Christianity. Yet, Jesus Himself said that no one can enter heaven without being born again (John 3:5).

When interviewed, Catholics will usually say they hope to be saved because they are church members or because they attend Mass regularly. One of their most common arguments is that they think they have a pretty good chance to go to heaven because they are living a life that is much better than some friend or family member they can compare themselves to. What they do not seem to understand is that God does not grade on the curve, rather, He grades on the Cross.



Pope John Paul II is shown above kissing a copy of the Koran at the Vatican in May of 1999 during a visit by Iraqi Muslim leaders.

Doctrinal Heresy

Pope John Paul II appointed more “saints” than all of his predecessors over the past 500 years combined — a total of almost 500. Keep in mind that these are people whom Catholics are encouraged to pray to. When the pope died, a Vatican spokesman elevated him to instant sainthood when he said, “Until now, I have been praying for the pope; now I am praying to him.” Incredible!

John Paul did everything possible during his papacy to elevate Mary to divine status as co-redeemer with Jesus. He promoted this doctrine with the desire to elevate it to the level of dogma through an “infallible proclamation.” However, he was dissuaded from doing so because his advisers feared it would undermine their ecumenical efforts to seduce Protestants into cooperation with the Catholic Church.

Nonetheless, John Paul’s official motto, posted in Latin on his bedroom wall, was “All for Mary.” His casket bore an emblem of the Cross with a large M for Mary in the lower right hand corner.

A Strange Irony

Despite his personal high standard of morality, Pope John Paul II continued to tolerate wide-spread immorality among his church’s clergy. He also tolerated the administrative corruption of shuttling sex-offender priests from city to city and from country to country to shield them from criminal prosecution. Meanwhile, the church steadfastly refused to change its un-biblical doctrine requiring the celibacy of the priesthood.

Here’s how a Catholic editorial writer named Rod Dreher summed it up in the *Dallas Morning News*:

It is a sad but incontestable fact . . . that as governor of the church, John Paul was largely a failure. Far from being the harsh disciplinarian of media

caricature, he was reluctant to confront bad bishops — most of them his appointees — and deal effectively with the liturgical, catechetical and pastoral rot throughout the church.

Perverted Ecumenism

One of the most alarming things John Paul did during his papacy was to reach out to all the religions of the world in an attempt to bring them under the influence of the Catholic Church. In doing this, I believe he began to pave the way for the establishment of the one-world religion of the Antichrist.

A good example of what I'm talking about took place in October of 1986 when John Paul invited all the religious leaders of the world to come to Assisi, Italy, to join him in praying to their gods for world peace. Did he really believe their gods were real? Or, did he believe that their gods were the same as his? One of those who came was the Dali Lama, who is considered by his followers to be a god. Did he pray to himself?



Pope John Paul II welcomes an African voodoo priest to his conference of world spiritual leaders held at Assisi, Italy.

This bizarre gathering of spiritual leaders was attended by Confucians, Shintoists, Buddhists, Hindus, Wiccans, African witch doctors, and American Indian chiefs, among many others representing all sorts of pagan beliefs. The pope welcomed all of them most enthusiastically. What a contrast with the prophet Elijah who called down fire from heaven on the prophets of the false god Baal!

John Paul was the first pope to ever visit a Muslim mosque. He was the first pope to make a public spectacle of kissing the Koran. It's hard to believe that any "Christian leader" would give his blessing to a book penned by a demon-possessed man — a book that denies the deity of Jesus! John Paul even went so far as to proclaim that the god of Islam is the same as the God of Christianity, when the truth is that they are as different as light is from darkness.

The Sum Of It All

I could go on and on about the unbiblical doctrines and practices that characterized the reign of John Paul, but again, the bottom line was his concept of salvation. He taught "another gospel," and the Bible says he will be accursed for it.

Mike Gendron, a former Catholic who now heads up a ministry to Catholics called Proclaiming the Gospel, wrote the following summation of Pope John Paul II:

The Catholic Version of the Ten Commandments

Did you know that the Ten Commandments of the Catholic Church are different from those given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai?

In the Catholic list of commandments, the second commandment is left out. It is the one that states: "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth" (Exodus 20:4). To keep the list at ten, the last commandment, the one against covetousness, is split into two parts: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house" and "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife . . ."

Why has the Catholic Church rewritten the Ten Commandments? I assume it is because they openly violate the one they have dropped by filling their churches with all kinds of idolatrous images to which their members direct their prayers.

This is just one of many examples that could be given of the Catholic Church playing games with God's Word despite the warning in Revelation 22:18-19 that if anyone adds or takes away from God's Word, "God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city . . ."

This pope never claimed to be God, but he took pleasure in being addressed with titles reserved for God alone. He usurped the titles "Holy Father" from God the Father, "The Head of the Church" from the Lord Jesus Christ, and "The Vicar of Christ" from the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus promised to send in His place. John Paul often sat in pompous arrogance on his royal throne as his loyal subjects knelt before him. Never did he refuse worship as Peter did when men fell at his feet. Peter, knowing that only God deserved such reverence, immediately ordered: "Stand up; I too am just a man" (Acts 10:26).

The "Holy Father" was a sinner just like the rest of us. He could not earn his way to Heaven. He has now met the true Holy Father, and I would not want to be in his shoes. ✚

Resources:

- 1) Proclaiming the Gospel website: www.pro-gospel.org.
- 2) The Catechism of the Catholic Church can be found on the Internet at www.scborromeo.org/ccs.htm.

Methodists Waffle on Homosexuality

A lesbian minister in the United Methodist Church who lives with her partner was found guilty in December of 2004 of violating a church ban on actively gay clergy. A 13-member jury made up of Methodist clergy convicted Irene Elizabeth Stroud of violating the Methodist law that bars "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals" from ministry. Nine votes were necessary for conviction, and the jury voted 12-1 to find her guilty. It then voted 7-6 to defrock her. However, her home congregation in Philadelphia promptly announced that she could continue performing most of her duties.



Beth Stroud

She was convicted by a vote of 12 to 1, but the vote to defrock her was only 7 to 6? And her congregation welcomes her home as a conquering hero? How can such vacillation be justified when the Scriptures so clearly condemn homosexual behavior? Consider 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 —

Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkard, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

To make matters worse, in April of this year, a United Methodist court reinstated Ms. Stroud! The appeals panel voted 8-1 to set aside the December decision. The panel said the ban was "null and void" because the church's procedures were not followed precisely. This decision will now be reviewed by the church's highest court, called the Judicial Council.

There are many very faithful, Bible believing Methodist congregations left in this country. They need to speak up on this issue with a loud and clear voice, calling on their national leaders to honor God's Word.

Christian-Bashing



Linda Ronstadt was recently quoted in the news as saying:

"It's a real conflict for me when I go to a concert and find out somebody in the audience is a Republican or a fundamental Christian. It can cloud my enjoyment. I'd rather not know."

TIMES and Seasons

Same-Sex Marriage

Super pop star Elton John, 58, has announced that he is going to marry his 42-year-old Canadian partner, David Furnish.



Elton John & David Furnish

Laws authorizing and recognizing same-sex civil partnerships will come into effect in Britain on December 5th. *The Mirror* reported that the wedding could be held in Windsor, where Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall were recently married.

Church Irrelevance

A glance through the church classified ads in almost any newspaper in America will quickly reveal why so many churches seem irrelevant to the general public. They range from the super-liberal churches that advertise anything except solid preaching from the Word of God to super-legalistic churches that make it clear they are not interested in associating with anyone except the holiest of the holy.

Here are four church ads that appeared recently in the Durango, Colorado newspaper:

THE DURANGO HERALD

Since 1881

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: Sunday's "presentation" will be entitled "The Pros and Cons of Local and State Issues on the November Ballot." The ad was titled, "Room for Different Views: Yours."

The Humanist Society: Sunday's lesson will be "Believing It Is Better To Grow Up Than To Be Born Again."

Unity in Spirit: "We are a vital, spiritual community welcoming people from all paths. Join us for spiritual communion and the celebration of our connection and blessings." (Huh?)

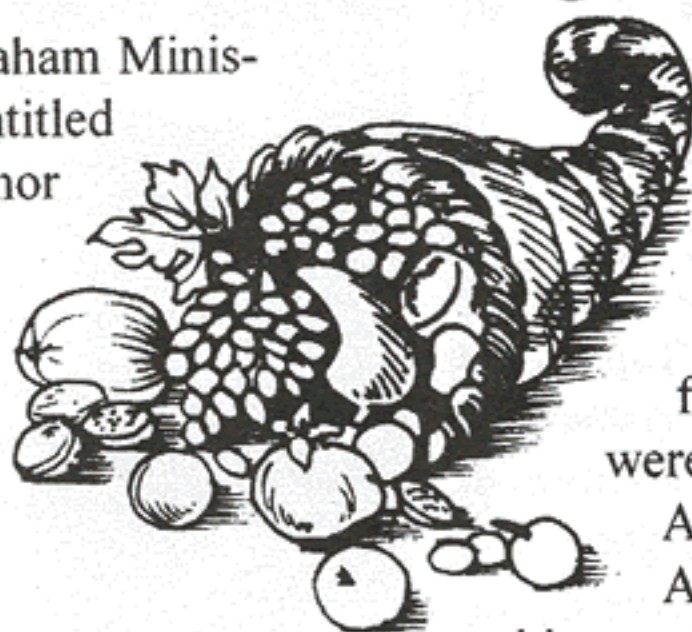
The Sword of Truth Church: "King James version only. No compromising of God's Holy Word. No contemporary services or rock music."

Perhaps one of the most innovative ads was run by a Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas. The headline of the ad read: "This Sunday Morning Our Sanctuary Will Be Hotter Than Hell!" The text of the ad went on to explain:

"This week's worship service will be positively smoking. But it won't be hell fire and brimstone in the air. Instead, prepare yourself for some wickedly divine, white-hot jazz. . . And, oh yeah, don't forget. Dress cool." ✚

Decision magazine, published by the Billy Graham Ministries, recently featured an article by Alistair Begg entitled "Finding a Good Church." In the article, the author made the following point:

... preachers who distort God's Word are all too common today. Sometimes this springs from a sincere desire to soften hard hearts. But hearts aren't changed by compromise.



Alistair Begg

A preacher may be tempted to water down the truth about sin and the need for repentance, or the difficult parts about the Incarnation and Atonement, and replace them with misguided promises of personal prosperity or a focus on political issues. Or a preacher may adopt an anecdotal technique, departing from Scripture in favor of amusing stories.

A good church is a Bible-centered church that has a commitment to sound doctrine.

Alstair Begg is the senior pastor at Parkside Church near Cleveland, Ohio, and can be heard on "Truth for Life," a daily Bible-teaching radio broadcast.

"When you get to the point where God is all you've got, you will discover that He is all you need."

Jack Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries.

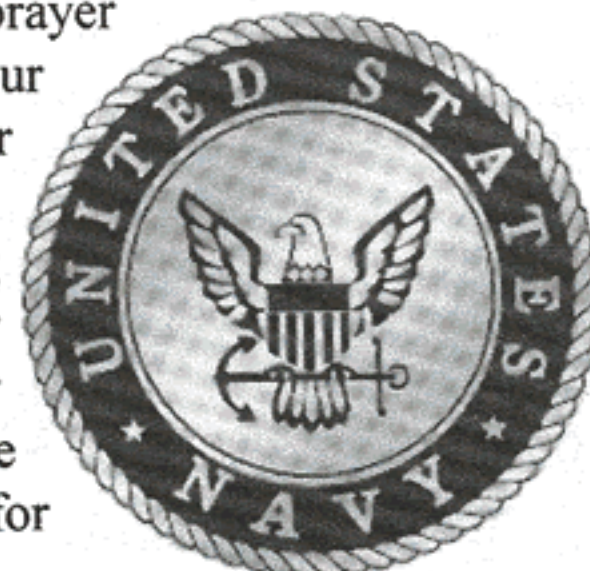


"A friend of mine has a 5-year-old daughter who is on her way to becoming a theologian. One day she asked her father, 'Do angels sleep?' After pondering the theological dimensions of her question, he answered, 'Yes, I think they might.' His daughter moved in with a follow-up question: 'Well, then, how do they get their pajamas on over their wings?'" — Haddon Robinson

America's reliance on the God of the Bible is evidenced in the official hymns of each of the branches of our Armed Forces.

In the case of the Navy hymn, Reverend William Whiting, a clergyman who had survived a furious storm at sea in 1861, wrote the words, which were eventually set to the beloved music. In 1879 Rear Admiral Charles Jackson Train, the choirmaster at Annapolis, began the tradition of closing every worship service with the hymn. It has since become a universal favorite of those with a naval background. It was sung at the funeral of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945.

The words to the hymn are a prayer that is appropriate for this time in our nation's history, as it has been ever since the words were written. They attest to the saving and protecting power of Almighty God. They offer an ideal way to pray for all of our service personnel through these continuing days of endangerment for all our troops.



The Navy Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Did you notice how the hymn affirms the truth of the triune nature of God and also how it affirms that Jesus is the Messiah? It's enough to cause the ACLU to have a conniption fit! ✚

Why Kids Love Bible Prophecy And Why Adults Fail to Teach It

Don Gordoni

I've spent the last eighteen months serving as a part-time children's pastor and have discovered that Bible Prophecy is one of the most exciting topics to share with kids. Anyone who has ever spent any time trying to capture the elusive attention of a squirming child takes notice when the little eyes brighten and the room falls silent — because, believe me, it is a rare event. But this is what usually happens whenever I show children how Bible stories relate to the Big Picture of God's prophetic game plan.

Why do kids get excited about Bible prophecy? Why do they show more interest than adults often do? Does the typical adult involved in Children's ministry know how interested and hungry kids are to learn about Bible prophecy? Well, let's consider these questions and start by looking at some reasons why kids love God's Prophetic Word.

How Children Think

Children soak up the vivid imagery of Bible prophecy, especially of the end times. Kids know how to use their imagination to picture how things were and how they will be. They get excited and ask great questions. They identify with Bible characters and express appropriate emotion. (I can imagine pastors reading that last statement and thinking "If only adults would do that when I preach!").

Kids think concretely and take the Bible at face value. Adults often try to make things more difficult when they look for hidden symbolism in passages that can be easily understood when read with the presupposition that God inspired His Word to be understood by the masses, not just Bible scholars.

Curiosity about Bible Prophecy took seed in Dr. David Reagan's life when he was twelve years old and he read Zechariah Chapter 14 for the first time. The passage is a very clear and easy to understand account of the Second Coming of Jesus. The passage says that Jesus will come back to the Mount of Olives and then proceed to reign over all the world for a thousand years. Dave tells how he had heard preachers proclaim: "There is not one verse in the Bible that even implies that Jesus will ever set his feet on this earth again." So, he asked his pastor how this could be true in light of Zechariah 14. Dave's pastor read and reread Zechariah 14 and finally exclaimed "I'm not sure what this means, but I'll tell you one thing, it doesn't mean what it says!"

Kids often are better at recognizing when convoluted theological explanations don't make sense. If you recall the fable, "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Hans Christian Anderson, it was a little child who "uncovered" the tailor's scam by pointing out the emperor was naked as a jay bird!

Kids enjoy thinking and day dreaming about eternal things — like dining with Jesus at the great Wedding Feast of the Lamb in Heaven and then returning on horseback with Him when He comes back to the earth as King of kings. They also are thrilled with the idea of being a part of the worship service at the foot of



God's throne that is described in Revelation chapter 4. My wife and I often lead the kid's worship time at our church, and it is wonderful to see the smiles and looks of awe that kids develop as they envision rejoicing with all the believers in the presence of God in Heaven.

Kids are natural hoppers, and when you give them a promise, they don't forget it — they remind you of it as often as possible until their hopes are fulfilled. I love the song "Finger Tips and Noses" by Newsong. Here are the lyrics:

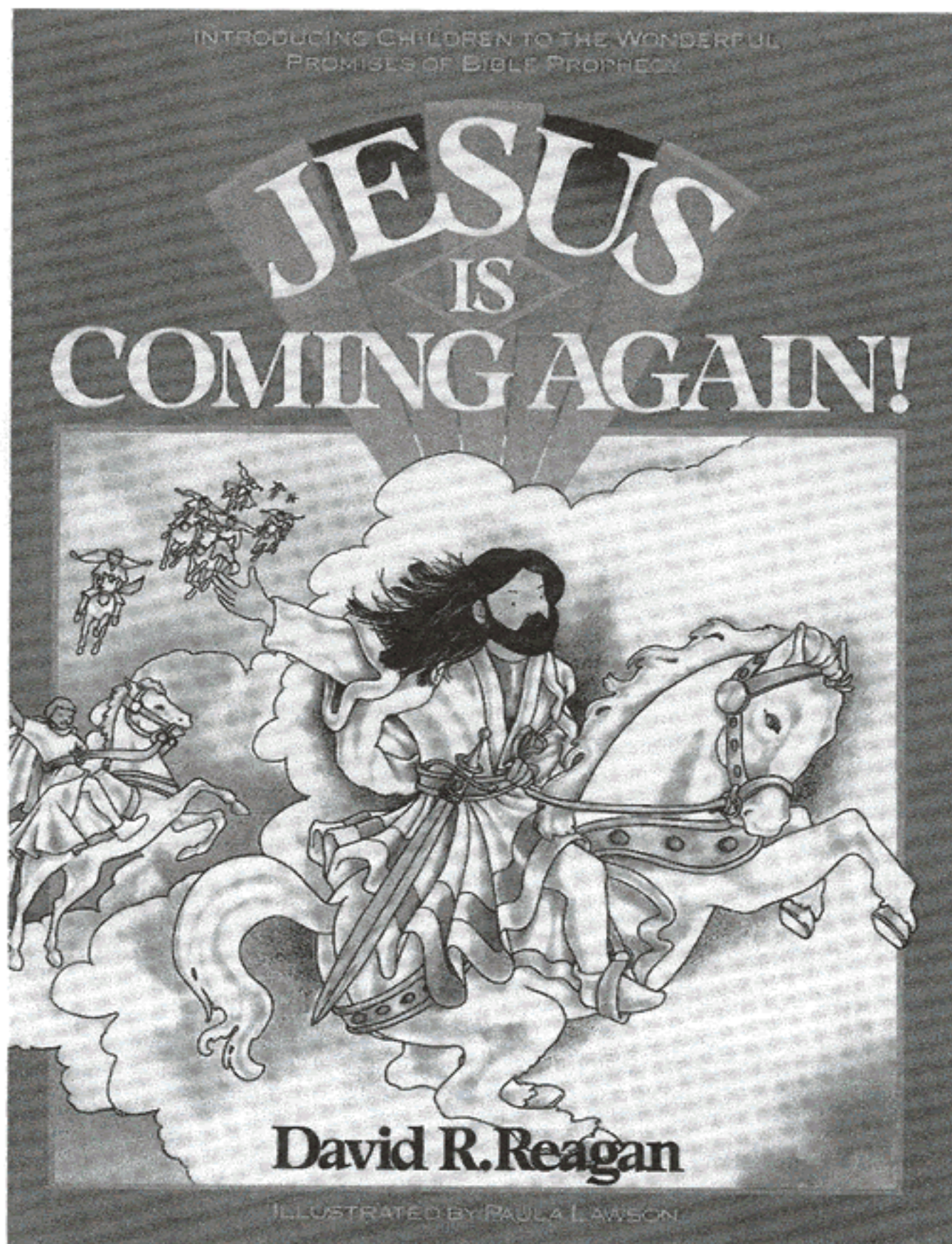
Up in the hills somewhere in Kentucky
In a little old school way back in the nothing
Where special kids born with special needs
Are sent to learn life's ABCs
Their teacher, Mrs. Jones, tells them all about Jesus
How in the twinkling of an eye He's coming back to get us
About streets of gold and pearly gates
How they want to go, they just can't wait
And she can't keep them in their seats
They're all at the windows straining to see

And it's
Fingertips and noses pressed to the windowpanes
Longing eyes, expectant hearts for Him to come again
All they know is that they love Him so
And if He said He'd come, He's coming
And they can't keep their windows clean
For fingertips and noses

She tried to explain to the kids about His coming
She tried to calm them down, but they just wouldn't listen
They just giggled and they clapped their hands
They're so excited that He's coming for them
And the first thing you know they're out of their seats
Back at the windows straining to see

Where will Jesus find us when He comes again?
Will we be like little children waiting just for Him?

With our
Fingertips and noses pressed to the windowpanes
Longing eyes, expectant hearts for Him to come again
All we know is that we love Him so



Dr. Reagan's Bible prophecy book for children is printed in full color on large (8x10") paper. It is designed for pre-school and elementary children. The book is 28 pages long and contains teaching tips for parents. It focuses on the positive promises of God in the end times. It sells for \$7. To order, call 1-800-705-8316 between 8am and 5pm (Central time), Monday through Friday.

And if He said He'd come, He's coming
And we can't keep our windows clean
For our fingertips and noses

The Challenge We Face

The Holy Spirit is drawing this generation of children to a clear understanding of the end times because Jesus is coming soon. Our kids today will need the hope of the imminent Rapture of the Church more than previous generations because of the challenges they will encounter. My wife and I are raising eight kids and I often sit and watch them at play and wonder what their life will hold. If Jesus tarries very long their life experience will most certainly be very, very different from mine. In fact, our society's spiritual condition is worsening so rapidly that our oldest son, who is sixteen, has already been spared much of the inevitable debauchery that our youngest son, who is only three weeks old, could be exposed to in his formative years.

Just contemplate a few of the challenges that they will face. One will certainly be gross immorality of all types that will be considered acceptable, and if they protest it, they will be labeled "intolerant bigots" and "hate mongers." They most likely will not enjoy the freedoms of a strong USA determined to protect a constitution built on godly principles and directed and protected by God-fearing leaders. Our moral and economic failures have created a house of cards that is certain to come crashing down,

possibly subjecting our kids to foreign rule and to anti-Christian constitutions like the one just proposed for the European Union. Children who know Christ and face the prospect of a hostile world are not to be pitied because God's provision will be amply sufficient, however, they need to be well prepared by you and me.

Why Bible Prophecy Is Ignored

Sadly, most kids don't have a teacher like Mrs. Jones and the teaching of Bible Prophecy to kids is neglected. I asked my media associate, Larry Watts, who started teaching kids Bible truths over twenty-nine years ago, and has four children of his own, to help me understand why kids are not taught the importance of Bible Prophecy. Here's what we concluded:

- Parents and teachers haven't really studied Bible prophecy. You can't teach what you don't know, and if you don't believe it yourself, you can't teach with the passion that the subject deserves.
- Children's Bible curriculum often focuses on brief self-contained passages or topics without considering the "big picture." The authors don't seem to understand that even very small children can begin to grasp that God is in charge, has a plan, knows the future, and will reward them for their faithfulness and judge those who do not believe in Him.
- Bible prophecy is considered controversial and peripheral. Teachers think that Bible prophecy is too difficult for children to understand, but this is only true if Bible prophecy is reduced to contrived symbolism.
- Bible Prophecy is thought of as being a negative topic that will bore, or scare kids, or even worse: turn them into fanatics!
- Bible prophecy, especially the end times, is considered too violent and graphic for children. Granted, there are some passages that must be handled sensitively, but all that is found in Scripture can and should be presented in an age appropriate manner. Bible prophecy is filled with wonderful promises for believers. This is what should be stressed to children.
- Most parents and teachers fail to recognize the practical value of understanding Bible prophecy. As I stated earlier, I believe that this generation of children needs hope more than ever. How does a child know that they can count on God? Show them God's promises, show them that God has always done what He said he would, and watch as their hope grows.

Our children are dependent upon us for so many things. We can choose to feed them wholesome foods or junk food, create an appetite for TV or great literature, but however we choose to feed their body, mind, or spirit, they generally trust us to care for their needs. As parents, teachers, grandparents, and neighbors, we must ask ourselves, "Am I introducing these kids to all that God intends for them, including the truth about Bible prophecy?" Are we preparing children for short-term success or eternal rewards? ✚

Rebirth of the Sanhedrin

Dr. David R. Reagan

On October 13, 2004, the Sanhedrin Council of the Jewish Nation was reconstituted for the first time in 1,600 years. The ceremony took place in the Israeli town of Tiberias, located on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. This was the site of the council's last meeting in the year 425 AD.

This incredible development, largely ignored by the press, appears to be one more step toward the construction of a Jewish temple in Jerusalem.

The Biblical Basis

The concept of a Jewish tribunal originated with Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses. He advised his son-in-law to choose a group of elderly men to help him judge the people (Exodus 18:17-26). The Sanhedrin was officially founded when God ordered Moses to choose 70 men from among the elders of Israel and bring them before the Tabernacle (the precursor of the Temple) where they would receive the anointing of the Spirit to judge the children of Israel (Numbers 11:16-17). This tribunal came to be known as the Sanhedrin, derived from the Greek word, *sunedrion*, which literally means, "sitting together."

The Sanhedrin consisted of 71 members (Moses plus the 70 judges). It served as both the supreme court and legislative body in all matters of Torah law. After the death of Moses, he was succeeded by the leading sage on the council who was given the title, *Rosh HaYeshiva*, meaning "Head of the Sitting." Later, he was simply referred to as "the President" (*Nisi*).

Every member of the Sanhedrin had to be distinguished in Torah knowledge and had to be characterized by wisdom, humility, fear of God, indifference to monetary gain, love of truth, and love of fellow man. Exodus 18:21 exhorts: "You shall select out of all the people, able men who fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain, and you shall place these over [the people]." Likewise, Deuteronomy 1:13 commands that "wise and discerning and experienced men" be selected.

Growth and Development

The Sanhedrin started growing greatly in its power and influence during the Babylonian captivity. By the time of Jesus, when the Jews were back in their homeland, the council was serving effectively as the nation's supreme court of justice. In approximately 7 AD the Romans abolished the power of the Sanhedrin to carry out the death penalty, fulfilling a prophecy in Genesis 49:10 that stated the Messiah would not come until "the scepter departs from Judah." Thus, when the



The Sanhedrin sat in a semi-circle so that all its members would be able to see each other and have an equal view of all witnesses testifying.



Jesus on trial before the Sanhedrin. A painting by William Hole.

Sanhedrin decided that Jesus deserved the death penalty, they had to send Him to the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, in order to get the verdict carried out (Matthew 27:1-2).

When Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD, the Jews who survived were scattered. The Jewish Torah sages reconvened at Tiberias where the Sanhedrin Council continued to meet until 425 AD.

The Process for Re-establishment



Maimonides

In the Middle Ages, the greatest of all Torah sages, Maimonides (also known as "Rambam") wrote a summary of all the steps that would be necessary to reconstitute the Sanhedrin. Those involved in reviving the Sanhedrin today have been following the prescription of Maimonides. One of the leaders of the initiative is Rabbi Yeshai Ba'avad. According to the *Israel National News*, he said that the 71 rabbis "from across the spectrum received a special ordination, in accordance with Maimonides' rulings." He further added, "The goal is to have one rabbinic body in

Jerusalem that will convene monthly and issue rulings on central issues. This is the need of the generation and of the hour."

Another of the council's 71 members, Rabbi Meir Halevi, affirmed over *Israel National Radio* that the group is following the process precisely as outlined by Maimonides in the *Mishna Torah*.

The Current Movers and Shakers

The two key movers behind the re-establishment of the Sanhedrin are Rabbi Ovadiah Josef and Rabbi Josef Elyashiv. The former is a chief rabbi of the Shephardic Jews (Mediterranean descent) and the latter a chief rabbi of the Ashkenazi Jews (European descent). Rabbi Josef Elyashiv is considered to be a spiritual

heir of Moses, and thus he was the one who performed the special ordination of the 70 rabbis selected to serve on the new Sanhedrin. He is also the prime candidate to serve as high priest should the temple be rebuilt and animal sacrifices be re-instituted.



Rabbi Josef Elyashiv

The founding rabbis consider the new Sanhedrin to be “a work-in-progress.” Rabbi Halevi told the press: “The first members [of the Sanhedrin] requested that their names not be published so as to allow it to grow without public criticism of individuals. We want to give it time to develop and strengthen.” He added that each of the current members had agreed to be a conditional member until more knowledgeable rabbis decide to enter the ranks and take their place.

First Action

Significantly, one of the first actions taken by the new Sanhedrin was an attempt to ascend the Temple Mount in Jerusalem where they hoped to pray and investigate clues pertaining to the location of the Second Temple, the one destroyed by the Romans.



Members of the newly constituted Sanhedrin try to ascend the Temple Mount in December 2004.

The attempt was made on December 6, 2004, after they had received approval from the Israeli police. They participated in ritual baths that morning to prepare themselves to walk on holy ground, but when they arrived at the entrance to the Temple Mount, they were told that they could enter only in groups of ten. So, the effort was postponed.

Preparing an Agenda

At their next meeting in January 2005, they discussed technical and procedural issues for their agenda. One member, Rabbi

Chaim Richman of Jerusalem, stated that many “cardinal issues” were being placed on the council’s agenda, including moral issues like abortion and *agunot* (estranged women whose husbands refuse to give them a divorce). Other issues to be considered in the future included the following:

- Determining the council’s decision-making procedures.
- Renewing the annual Passover sacrifice.
- Determining the precise length of the biblical cubit.
- Determining the precise location of the Temple.
- Ruling on the legality of the proposed disengagement from Gaza and Samaria.
- Considering the status of “lost” Jewish tribes.
- Unifying Shephardic and Ashkenazi religious practices.
- Restoring the Davidic monarchy.

The Initial Focus

At its February meeting, the Sanhedrin heard expert testimony regarding the location of the Temple. The two main opinions discussed were that the Temple stood either on the spot currently occupied by the Dome of the Rock (a Muslim shrine) or just to the north of that spot, in alignment with the Eastern Gate. No archeological excavations have ever been carried out on the Temple Mount, so the exact location of the Temple is a matter of debate. Complicating the matter is the fact that the Muslims have been systematically destroying all historical evidence they find of a Jewish Temple.

The Sanhedrin decided to assign the task to a subcommittee that will examine the various opinions and then report back to the full council.

The First Declaration

In March, the Sanhedrin issued its first major declaration in which it condemned the Israeli government’s announced intention to withdraw from Gaza and most of Samaria. The declaration read as follows:

The disengagement plan, involving the uprooting of Jewish communities in Gaza and Samaria and the abandonment of these areas to a foreign entity, is in direct contradiction to the Torah of Israel, and is null and void. Future governments of Israel will have to reconquer the areas in question.

The Prophetic Significance

With regard to the prophetic significance of these events, I see the revival of the Sanhedrin as one more step toward the rebuilding of a Jewish Temple. The Bible clearly states that another Temple will be built before the Lord’s Second Coming occurs. The Old Testament prophet Daniel referred to it in Daniel 9:27. Jesus made mention of it in Matthew 24:15. The apostle Paul wrote about it in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. And the apostle John mentioned it in Revelation 11:1.

Over the past 20 years a variety of Orthodox Jewish groups have simultaneously emerged in Israel that are focused on the rebuilding of the Temple. One devotes its efforts to the architec-

tural plans, another to the training of priests, a third to the development of incenses, and yet another to the breeding of a perfect red heifer.

One of the most publicized groups has been The Temple Institute headed up by Rabbi Israel Ariel. This group has focused on manufacturing the priestly clothes and implements, like the showbread table, incense pots, and the golden menorah. All of these efforts have required years of on-going research and fundraising. You can view all these items — including the breastplate of the high priest — online at www.templeinstitute.org.



Israel Ariel, the head of The Temple Institute in Jerusalem, measures the height of the solid gold menorah that has been constructed for the Third Temple.

Another high profile group is The Temple Mount Faithful, founded and directed by Gershon Salomon. This group has cut two cornerstones for the Third Temple which they have repeatedly tried to take up to the Temple Mount. This past year they put the stones on a truck and drove them around the walls of the Old City. They also presented to the public a scale model of what the new temple will look like.



The two marble cornerstones for the Third Temple, each weighing six and a half tons. They were cut according to biblical law by not using any metal.

The Need for a Catalyst

The mystery is what event will bring all these efforts together to launch the building of a Third Temple. Right now there is no

interest at all among the general public in Israel concerning the construction of a Temple. In fact, the overwhelming majority of Israelis are strongly opposed to any effort to rebuild the Temple because they know it would spark a war with the Muslim world.

You have to understand that the average Israeli is religiously non-observant. Many are agnostics or atheists who are very secular and who hold the Orthodox Jews in contempt. Their only interest in a Temple is to keep the Orthodox (who constitute about 13% of the population) from pursuing their dream of a Temple. Something dramatic will have to occur to change this attitude. What will it be?

My best guess at the moment is that it will be the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant. I think such a discovery would ignite a renewed interest in the Hebrew Scriptures. I also believe it could motivate a surge of Jewish nationalism and pride.



We are living in exciting times when we can witness the fulfillment of Bible prophecy first hand. And what is more exciting is the realization that the fulfillment of those prophecies point to the soon return of our Messiah.

Maranatha! ✚

Resources:

- 1) Arutz Sheva: www.israelnationalnews.com.
- 2) The Temple Mount Institute: www.templeinstitute.org.
- 3) The Temple Mount Faithful: www.templemountfaithful.org.
- 4) World Net Daily: www.wnd.com.
- 5) The Free Republic Network: www.freerepublic.com.
- 6) Only in Israel: www.aish.com.
- 7) Tradition in Action: www.traditioninaction.org.

Go to any of these sites and type the word, Sanhedrin, into the site's search engine.

Television Update

The ministry's weekly television program, "Christ in Prophecy," is now available nationwide on two networks.

The **DayStar Network** can be accessed by satellite over SkyAngel (channel 9713) and DirecTV (channel 369). The DayStar broadcast can also be seen live over the DayStar website at ww2.daystar.com. DayStar programming is also carried over several international satellite systems. You can get a listing of these at the DayStar website. Additionally, DayStar owns 39 broadcast stations scattered across the United States. A listing of these stations can be found at the DayStar website. The Dish satellite system carries DayStar programming in the areas where these stations operate.

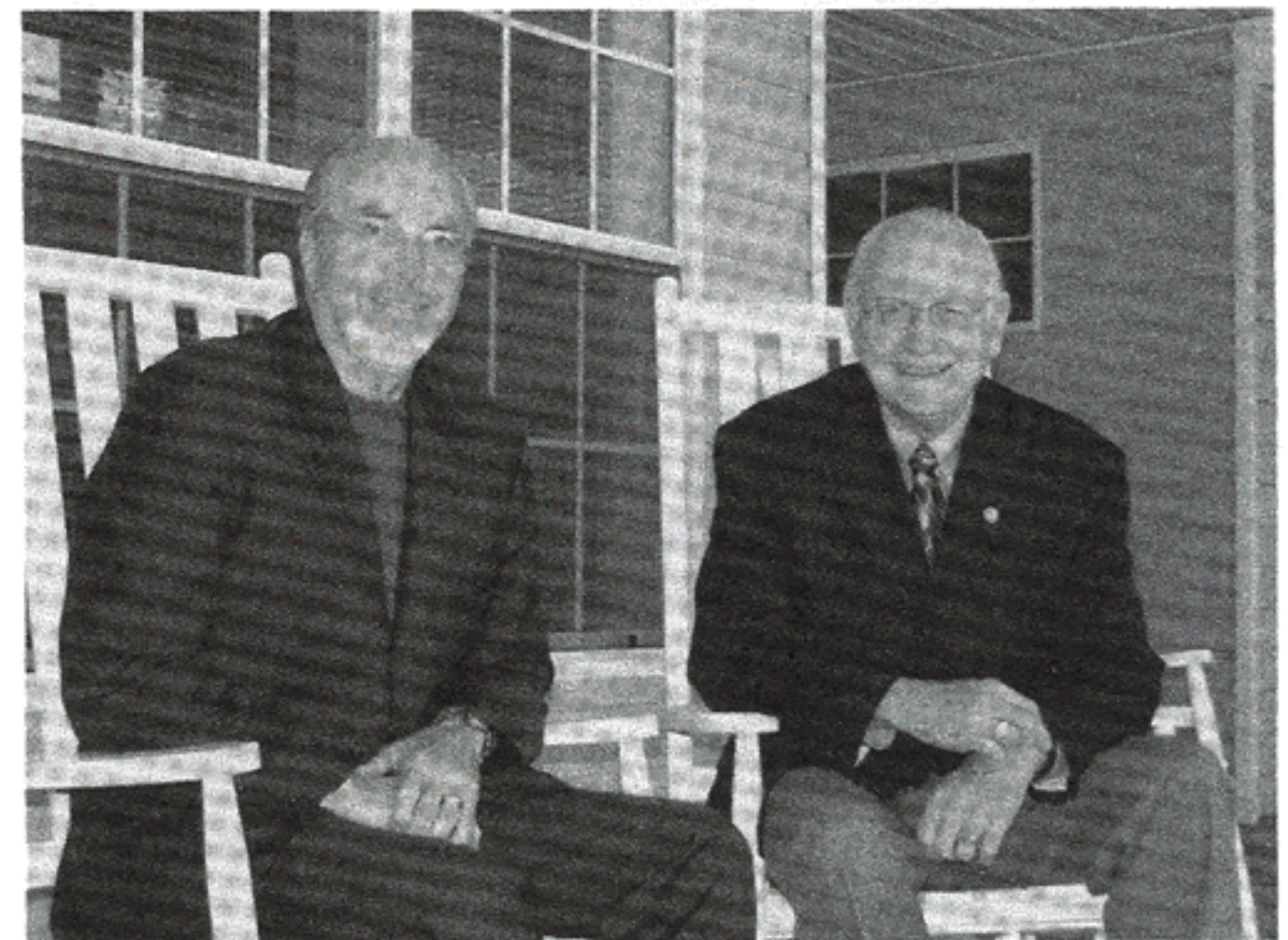
The **Inspiration Network** can be accessed by cable nationwide. Check your local cable listings to see if your cable system carries the network. If it does not, then give them a call and ask them to add it to their offerings. The programming of the Inspiration Network is also available over SkyAngel.



Dr. Reagan with White House Correspondent Bill Koenig.

Mr. Koenig provides a daily news service with a Christian perspective. It is called World Watch Daily and is available on the Internet at www.watch.org.

Dr. Reagan also conducted a series of three interviews recently with Dr. Thomas Sharp, founder and director of The Creation Truth Foundation, located in Noble, Oklahoma. The programs are scheduled to start airing in late October.



Dr. Thomas Sharp with Dr. Reagan.

The interviews cover a great variety of topics. Starting with a general discussion of evolutionary theory and its weaknesses, they proceed to consider the fate of dinosaurs and the interesting relationship between creationism and Bible prophecy. The last program in the series focuses on the biblical problems that are manifest in the effort that Hugh Ross has made to correlate the Bible with evolutionary assumptions.

Any Suggestions?

Dr. Reagan would appreciate hearing from you regarding suggestions for future television programs. Are there topics you would like to see covered? Are there individuals you would like to see interviewed? Email your suggestions to the ministry at lamblion@lamblion.com. And please put our television program on your prayer list. Thank you! ✚

DayStar Network				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm
	Sun. 10:30pm	Sun. 11:30pm	Mon. 12:30am	Mon. 1:30am

Inspiration Network				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm

Programming

July — A new interview with Alan Franklin providing an update on the proposed EU constitution.

Three interviews with Dr. Ron Carlson concerning cults in general, the Mormons, and the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Aug. — Another interview with Dr. Carlson on the Masons.

Two interviews with Kelly Shackelford on Christian legal issues and moral issues in America.

The last week of August we plan to broadcast the first of two interviews which we recently videotaped with Mr. Bill Koenig who is a White House correspondent. Mr. Koenig tells his amazing story of how God called him from selling real estate in Dallas to become a Christian newsman in Washington, D.C. He provides a lot of insight about the White House Press Corps and the Christian faith of President Bush.

A Plea for Assistance!

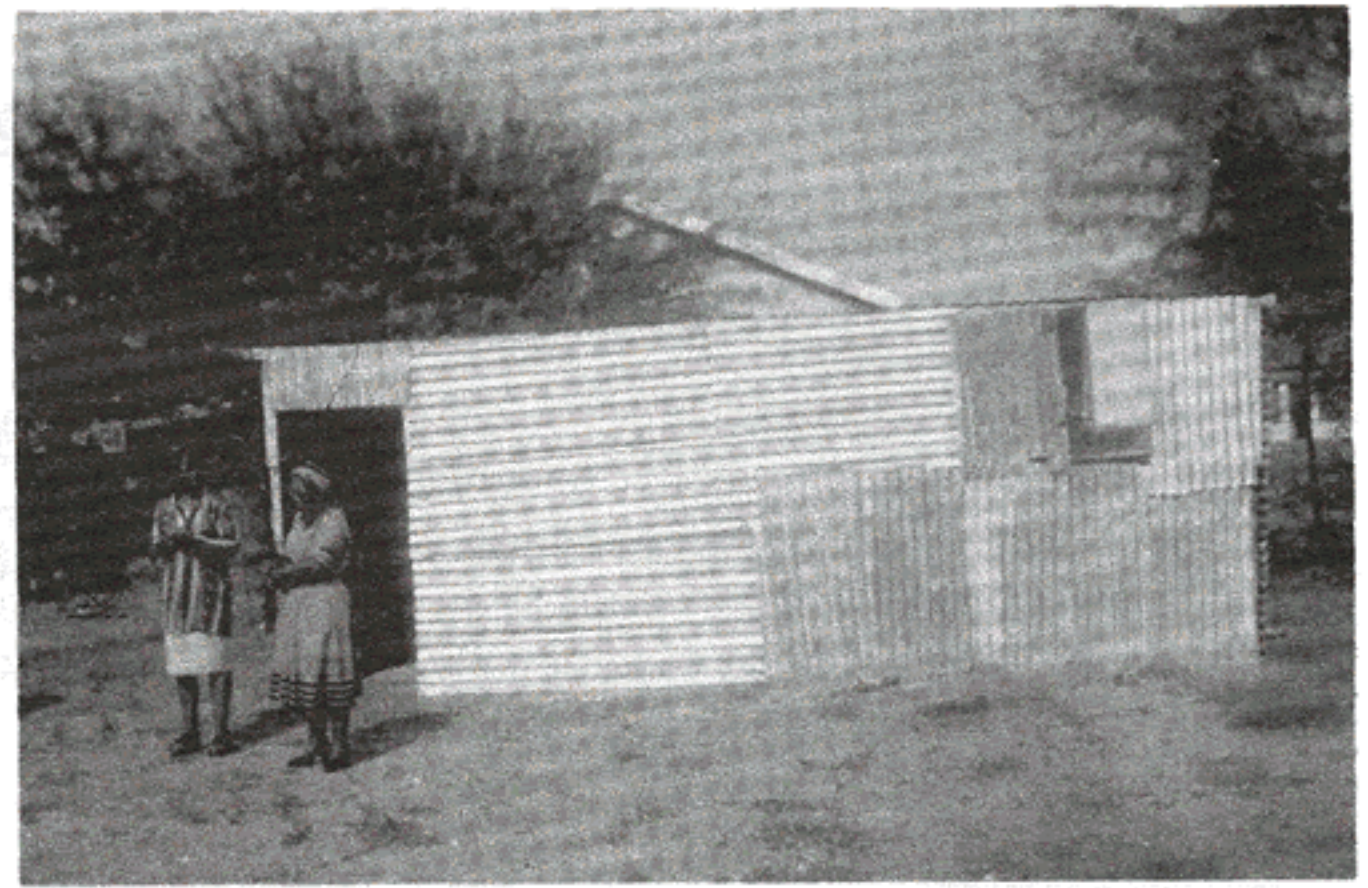
A few years ago we asked you to help us build a home for an evangelist in the Philippines, Pastor Remegio Blanco. At the time he and his wife were living in a tiny bamboo hut that flooded every year during the rainy season. You responded with overwhelming generosity, providing \$10,000 which we used to build a beautiful cinder block home for these dedicated servants of the Lord.



The Louw Family

We now come with a renewed plea for you to join with us in helping another wonderful man of God. His name is Abraham Louw. He and Dr. Reagan have been corresponding since the mid-80's. He is a native preacher in the nation of South Africa. He has faithfully proclaimed the gospel in his hometown of Kimberley for over 25 years, holding outdoor meetings and home Bible studies.

Throughout most of those years he has repeatedly petitioned the government to provide him with a grant of land on which to build a church. Last year, his prayers were finally answered. He was awarded a grant of land for a church building.



The current church building in Kimberley, South Africa.

Thus far all he has been able to do is put a fence around the land and erect a small, primitive corrugated iron building. He works with some of the poorest families in South Africa, and their financial resources are severely limited.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for his church family to use in constructing a church building on their land. This is not much by our standards, but it would be sufficient for them to build a nice facility. Please help us reach this goal. Donations should be designated for "South African Church." Thank you, and God bless you! ✚

A Voice from the Past

In April Dr. Reagan received an amazing email message from an evangelist in England named Sammy Joseph. He wrote:

I was so thrilled to see your television program today on the Inspiration Network here in the United Kingdom.

Let me jostle your memory by reminding you that 18 years ago you sent a beautiful leather-bound Amplified Bible to a 17 year-old in Nigeria who was at the time preparing for the ministry. The Bible was accompanied with a hand written note from you in which you prayed for God's anointing on my life.

Well, I was that young man!

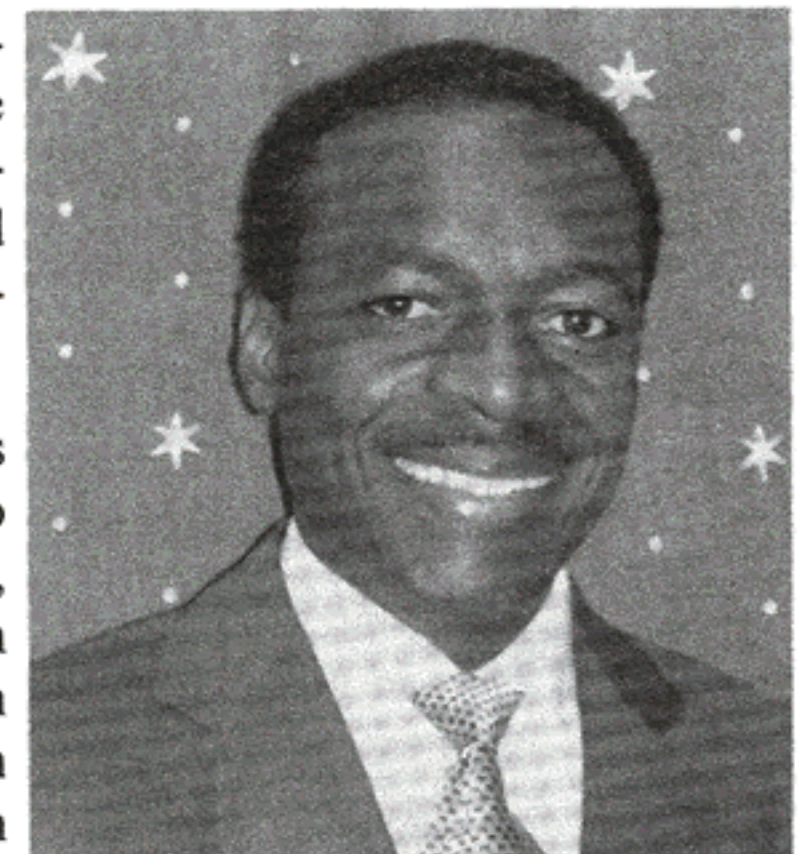
By the grace of God that Bible has since been "sowed" to another person who at the time was also preparing to enter the ministry. He is now a pastor.

Today I am a pastor and evangelist. We have a growing church back in Africa, and I am involved in missionary church planting in England.

Pastor Joseph proceeded to relate that he has authored two best selling books and has a third that will soon be published.

Over the years this ministry has responded to many requests for Bibles, tapes, and books which have been received from young people in foreign countries, many of them in various parts of Africa. It is very expensive to send these materials free of charge, but the Lord has always covered the costs, and this email message from Pastor Joseph demonstrates how important this outreach has been.

To continue this type of outreach, we need more Prophecy Partners. These are the people who serve as the financial foundation of our ministry. To become a Prophecy Partner, all you have to do is make a commitment to give \$20 a month or more for one year. You will receive a special monthly update and gift from Dr. Reagan. To join, call 1-800-705-8316. ✚



Sammy Joseph



Ministry News

Financial Needs — Our key financial needs at the moment are as follows:

- \$5,000 to cover the costs of Dr. Reagan's missions trip to China in September.
- \$50,000 to cover television production and broadcast costs

during the summer months.

- More Prophecy Partners who are willing to make a commitment of \$20 a month or more for one year.

Foreign Books — Dr. Reagan's books continue to be translated and published in a variety of languages. His book about Revelation, called *Wrath and Glory*, was recently published in Pakistan in the Urdu language. And a group in Guatemala recently published a new version of his children's book with illustrations provided by a local artist. The cover of the Urdu edition of *Wrath and Glory* is shown at the right. The Chinese translation of *Wrath and Glory* should be ready soon.



Schedule — In early **July** Dr. Reagan will take a scouting party of five people to Turkey to visit the Isle of Patmos and the Seven Churches of Revelation. This will be in preparation for taking a video crew in the spring of 2006 to shoot a series of TV programs about these churches. On July 24 Dr. Reagan is scheduled to speak at the Benbrook United Methodist Church, located in the Ft. Worth, Texas area. In **August**, Dr. Reagan will begin the month at The Church at Stones Crossing in Greenwood, Indiana (6-7). The next weekend he will be one of several speakers at a prophecy conference in Lafayette, Louisiana sponsored by Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries (12-13). This conference will be held at Emanuel Baptist Church in Lafayette. Dr. Reagan will conclude the month in Denver, Colorado speaking at the Stealing of the Mind Conference to be held at Denver Community Church (27). In **September** Dr. Reagan will speak at Elm Street Christian Church in Olney, Illinois (10-11). He will then go to China to teach Bible prophecy at a seminary for one week (15-24).



POST RAPTURE MILK CARTONS

Submitted by
Becky McClellan
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Communications



TV Program — "Many thanks for your wonderful programme which I watch on DayStar. I particularly liked the one on Davidic praise worship. Once I was afraid to read the Old Testament, but by watching programmes like yours, I am able now to understand and enjoy the Old Testament books. Your programmes are so factual and so easy to follow." — Veronica Phillips in Botswana, South Africa.

Video Program — "Hello! I originally found you through the Rapture Ready website. I had ordered one of your books which was excellent. Now I want to comment on your DVD production, *Revelation Revealed*. It is outstanding. I can (and will) loan this out and/or show it to both believers and non-believers with great confidence. I believe it is easy to follow and is biblically sound. Keep up the good work." — Dave Hubley in Buxton, Maine.

Website — "I'm the pastor of a small church. I watch your TV program on DayStar. I've been three days on your website, and your writings have cleared up some questions that I've had for a long time. Thank you for all your work in the Kingdom." — Tim Young of Saint Albans, West Virginia. (The Lamb & Lion website can be found at www.lamblion.com.)

Book — "I enjoy the Lamplighter so much, and often I read the articles to people in my church. I think I found your ministry browsing the Internet. Now I am using your book, *Wrath and Glory*, to teach the book of Revelation. It is the most reader friendly book I've come in contact with." — Verlie Leeper of Winnfield, Louisiana.

TV Program — "Your TV ministry has blessed me so much. I have been a Christian since 1943, filled with the Spirit, and aware that the Lord's coming was near — but time had blurred the message. It was like a bombshell when I heard you preach about the signs of His soon return." — Lyle R. Oliver of Seattle Washington.

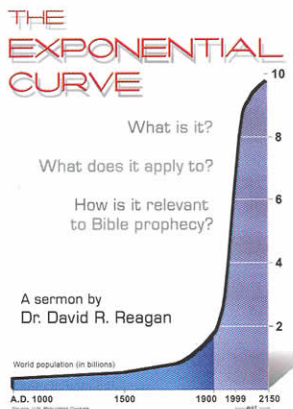
TV Program — "A BIG THANK YOU for putting closed captions on your TV program, 'Christ in Prophecy.' It is my prayer that many deafies will watch this program and come to know Christ. Only about two per cent of us deafies are born-again Christians. Please keep captioning your TV program until the Rapture!" — Ralph Visscher of Elgin, Illinois.

Resource Materials — "I lead the high school youth group at Harvest Christian Church in Auburn, California. I am using your book, *America the Beautiful*, articles from your website, and four of your videos as teaching tools. It has been a great experience, and by far the most eye-opening series of lessons that our youth group has done to date. The kids remain very excited week to week, eagerly coming back for more information." — Paul Martinis of Auburn, California.

Video Program — "Greetings in the name of our Lord from the Fiji Islands! I am using your DVD called *Revelation Revealed* as my introduction to the book of Revelation here at South Pacific Bible College in Fiji." — Spain Trask, President of South Pacific Bible College in Fiji.

Maranatha!

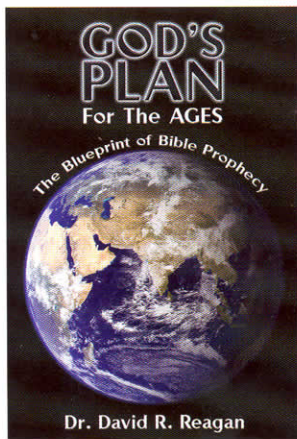
Three New Study Resources Concerning Bible Prophecy



This video contains one of Dr. Reagan's most innovative and popular teachings. He starts out by showing how passages in both the Old and New Testaments predict that all aspects of life will accelerate in the end times, right before the return of the Messiah.

Dr. Reagan then presents a fascinating array of evidence, proving that the 20th Century was the time when these prophecies were fulfilled. He points to the exponential growth of transportation, communication, population, knowledge, and power. He also shows how there was an exponential decline in society and growth in worldwide evangelism.

The program is full of many graphic illustrations. The running time is 55 minutes. DVD only. The cost is \$12.

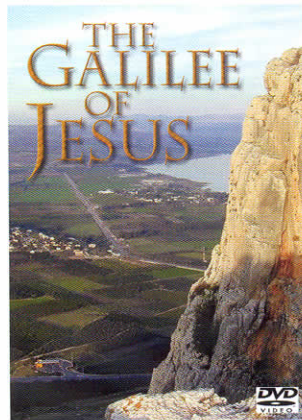


At long last! The revision of Dr. Reagan's book, *The Master Plan*, has been published. The new title is *God's Plan for the Ages: The Blueprint of Bible Prophecy*.

Dr. Reagan has been working on this revision of his classic overview of Bible prophecy for the past five years. He has re-written every chapter in the original book (published in 1993) and has added 20 new chapters.

The book covers every aspect of Bible prophecy. It is written in a down-to-earth, easy-to-understand style, and it contains many helpful charts and diagrams.

The new edition runs 416 pages in length. It sells for \$15.



This is the ministry's newest video. It consists of four television programs edited together, all of which were videotaped in Israel in the fall of 2004. The program features teaching by Dave Reagan and Dennis Pollock. It was written and directed by Dr. Reagan.

The first program introduces the viewer to the towns and biblical sites that surround the Sea of Galilee. The second program focuses on Nazareth, the village where Jesus grew up. The third program features the miracles of Jesus that were performed in the Galilee. The last program tries to solve the mystery of where the Transfiguration took place.

This is a fascinating video program that will help bring the Bible alive for you. The running time is 95 minutes. DVD only. The cost is \$15.

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