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# Observations by the Editor

## A Fallen Warrior

As this issue was going to the press, the announcement was made that Dr. Jerry Falwell had died suddenly of a heart attack.

In 1956, at age 22, Falwell became the founding pastor of the Thomas Road Baptist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia. Thirty-five adults were recorded as being in attendance at the church's first meeting in the elementary school that Falwell had attended, and the offering was \$135.

From these humble beginnings, the Thomas Road Baptist Church has grown to a membership in excess of 24,000. In July of 2006 the church celebrated its 50th anniversary and moved into new facilities that include a 6,000 seat auditorium with an additional 1 million square feet of educational space.

In 1971 Falwell founded Lynchburg Bible College — now Liberty University. It opened with 154 students and four full-time faculty members. Today Liberty University is a fully accredited evangelical Christian liberal arts university, offering an assortment of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in over seventy programs, including Accounting, Pre-Med, Computer Science, Education, Law, Nursing, Psychology, and Religion. Today the school has over 12,000 students and almost 300 faculty members.



**Jerry Falwell**

Falwell began his preaching career as a Fundamentalist and argued that the Church should not get involved in politics. But as American society began to disintegrate in the 1960's, Falwell became alarmed and decided that Christian pastors should not just sit silently on the sidelines.

In 1979 he founded the Moral Majority and began to urge both Fundamental-



**Dr. David R. Reagan**

ists and Evangelicals to get involved in the political process in order to reverse societal trends.

One of his most memorable quotes is this one: "The idea that religion and politics don't mix was invented by the Devil to keep Christians from running their own country."

Jerry Falwell began to speak out in behalf of righteousness at a time when America had lost its moral compass. What he had to say did not make him popular with the American people because he spent much of his time calling this nation to repentance.

The syndicated columnist, Ann Coulter wrote a tribute to him in which she made an interesting point. She said the world's hatred of him was a testimony to the strength of his Christian witness, for Jesus said, "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man" (Luke 6:22).

Jerry Falwell's voice will be missed by those who love the Lord. Let's pray for a smooth transition in leadership at his church and at the university, and let's pray that both will continue to be bastions of God's Word.

*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. — Revelation 14:13*

### Cover Art

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# The Ministry of Angels

## Past, Present, and Future

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

**L**amb & Lion Ministries had four founders back in 1980. One supplied the faith; another, the leadership; a third, the money. The fourth was the one to whom God gave the vision for the ministry — a man named Dudley Head.

Dudley is one of the godliest men I have ever known. Ever since I met him in the 1970's, he has had an intimate relationship with the Lord, producing many special spiritual experiences in his life.

For example, I remember the day he called me excitedly to tell me about something that had happened to him in his backyard. "I was meditating on the Lord," he said, "when I sensed His presence. I quietly said, 'Lord, please manifest your presence to me in some special way.'"

Dudley said the words were hardly out of his mouth when a Monarch butterfly suddenly appeared, circled him a few times, and then landed in the open palm of his right hand. "We just sat there and stared at each other for a long time," Dudley said.

In 1963 Dudley was serving as the lay preacher of a small church in South Dakota, and he desperately needed encouragement. One day he got a telephone call from a stranger.

"Do you believe in helping people?" the man asked.

"Yes, I do," answered Dudley.

"Even if they are Jewish?"

"Yes," Dudley responded.

The man then explained that he was a Jew who was stranded in the town and needed help. He said he was at a gas station on the main highway that passed through the town.

Dudley drove over and picked him up. He was a young man in his early 30's. He said he had been hitchhiking from California.



**Dudley Head**



Dudley took him home, and his wife fixed dinner for him. After dinner, Dudley asked the man if he would like to go to his church's Wednesday evening Bible study. The man agreed.

They were studying the Old Testament, something none of the members of the church were familiar with, including Dudley. As they began their study that evening, the Jewish stranger soon took over and began to explain the meaning of the Scriptures. Dudley was amazed, enlightened, and encouraged.

Dudley found a place for the man to stay that night and paid for his lodging. The next morning, he had disappeared without a trace.

To this day Dudley believes the man was an angel sent by God to encourage him and to get him interested in the prophecies contained in the Hebrew Scriptures. And ever since that strange experience more than 40 years ago, Dudley has emphasized Hebrews 13:2 to everyone: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained

angels without knowing it."

Yes, the Bible teaches the reality of angels, and it teaches that they sometimes take on human form in order to minister to those who are in the process of being saved (Hebrews 1:14).

What are angels? Where did they come from? What is their purpose? Do they have a ministry today? How do they relate to the end times?

### The Origin of Angels

**A**ngels are spirit beings (Hebrews 1:14) which were created by God (Genesis 2:1 and Colossians 1:16). Exactly when they were created is not clear, but they pre-date the creation of the material universe because the Scriptures say that they witnessed the creation and rejoiced over it (Job 38:4-7).



One of the greatest myths concerning angels pertains to their origin. Many people are convinced that when a saved person goes to Heaven, he or she becomes an angel. There is no biblical basis for this belief. Angels and humans are two separate entities. The Bible says that Man is slightly lower than the angels (Hebrews 2:5-7), but the Bible also teaches that through redemption Man becomes superior to angels and that the saved will one day judge the angels — most likely the fallen angels (1 Corinthians 6:3).

Jesus spoke of two kinds of angels — the “angels in Heaven” (Matthew 22:30) and “the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41). The latter seem to have originated from Satan’s rebellion against God.

Satan was originally one of God’s most glorious angels, “full of wisdom and perfect in beauty” (Ezekiel 28:12). But his heart became lifted up because of his beauty (Ezekiel 28:17), and his pride motivated him to try to take the throne of God (Isaiah 14:12-14). Due to his rebellion, he was cast out of Heaven, down to earth, and one-third of the angels were cast out with him because they joined his rebellion (Revelation 12:4).

The Bible does not tell us when this revolt took place, but it was most likely after the end of the creation week because at the end of that week God pronounced all of His creation to be “good” (Genesis 1:31).

I believe these fallen angels are the demons that are referred to in both the Old and New Testaments. Satan, in fact, is called the “ruler of the demons” (Matthew 9:34).

Three places in the Hebrew Scriptures we are told that people sacrificed to demons (Leviticus 17:7, Deuteronomy 32:17 and Psalm 106:37). With the opening of the New Testament, there is an explosion of demonic activity, undoubtedly in response to the First Coming of the Messiah. Jesus was often confronted by demons who recognized who He was (Mark 3:11), and much of His healing ministry was directed at casting demons out of people (Matthew 8:16).

The Bible teaches that some of these fallen angels did not keep to their properly assigned domain (Jude 6), and they were thus bound in a place called Tartarus, probably a compartment in Hades, possibly even the abyss or chasm that exists in Hades (Luke 16:26). What is meant by “not keeping to their own domain” is not clear. Some believe this is a reference to Genesis 6 where we are told that “the sons of God” had sexual relations with “the daughters of men” and that their union produced a race of giants known as the Nephilim (Genesis 6:1-4).



## The Nature of Angels

Angels are created spirit beings (Nehemiah 9:6 and Hebrews 1:14). Yet, the Bible clearly teaches that they can take on human form and appear to people. In the Old Testament there are recorded appearances of angels to Abraham, Hagar, Lot, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, David, Daniel, and many others. The New Testament opens with a whole series of angelic appearances related to the birth of the Messiah. After the death of Jesus, angels appeared at His tomb and at His ascension. Peter, John, Phillip, and Paul all had angelic encounters in their ministries.

In their biblical appearances angels always manifest themselves as men. There is no mention of them having wings. The idea that angels have wings is rooted in the Bible’s description of some special angelic beings called Seraphim and Cherubim who reside in the throne room of God in Heaven. Seraphim are described as having six wings (Isaiah 6:2). Cherubim are depicted

with four wings (Ezekiel 1:5-6).

When angels take on human form, they appear like any normal person (Genesis 18:2 and Genesis 19:1-17). When they manifest themselves in their spirit form, they tend to appear as dazzling light (Matthew 28:1-4).

Angels have emotions. They rejoiced over the creation of the universe (Job 38:7), and we are told that “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents (Luke 15:10).

Angels do not marry or procreate (Matthew 22:30). They do not age nor are they subject to death (Luke 20:36). Therefore, their numbers remain constant. The exact number is not revealed, but it is very large. Ten thousand angels appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai (Deuteronomy 33:2). David saw 20,000 at one time (Psalm 68:17). When John was raptured to the throne room of God, he saw ten times ten thousand (KJV) or, as the New American Standard Version puts it: “myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands” (Revelation 5:11). The book of Hebrews says there are “innumerable myriads” (Hebrews 12:22).

Angels have great knowledge, but they are not omniscient. Jesus said, for example, that angels do not know when His Second Coming will take place (Mark 13:32). Angels are very powerful (2 Thessalonians 1:7 and 2 Peter 2:11), but they are not omnipotent. They are obedient servants of their Creator (Psalm 103:20). They can move about rapidly, but they are not omnipresent. In short, angels are not gods, and therefore, they are not to be worshiped (Colossians 2:18 and Revelation 22:8-9).

There is no biblical passage that says angels have to eat to stay alive, but the Bible portrays them as eating when they take

on human form (Genesis 18:1-8 and 19:1-3). Also, Psalm 78:25 refers to the manna God provided to feed the children of Israel in the wilderness as “the bread of angels.”

In like manner, the Bible never specifically says that angels sing, but their singing is implied in two ways. First, their words are often expressed in poetic form (Luke 2:14, Revelation 4:8, 11, and Revelation 5:9-10,12-13). Second, music is a universal form of worship, and angels are pictured worshipping the Lord unceasingly (Psalm 148:1-2 and Revelation 4 and 5).

When angels speak to a person, they always use that person’s native language. But the Bible indicates that angels have a language of their own that they use among themselves (1 Corinthians 13:1).



*“The Song of Angels”*

A painting by a French artist named William Bouguereau (1825-1905).

### The Types of Angels

There is quite a variety of angels in addition to the regular ones and the fallen ones.

The Bible indicates that Satan may have originally been the supreme angel. Before his fall, he is referred to as “the anointed cherub” (Ezekiel 28:14). He is further described as “the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty” (Ezekiel 28:12-13). After Satan’s fall, an angel named Michael became the chief of God’s heavenly host. He is the only angel referred to in the Bible as an “archangel” (Jude 9).

The Hebrew Scriptures portray Michael as “the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people [the Jews]” (Daniel 12:1). The book of Revelation pictures Michael as the commander-in-chief of the armies of God, and in this capacity, he wages war against Satan in the middle of the Tribulation when Satan tries one last time to take the throne of God (Revelation 12:7-9). So important and powerful is Michael that some cultic groups, like the Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Seventh Day Adventists, have incorrectly identified him with Jesus.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:16 we are told that when Jesus appears for the Rapture of the Church, the event will be heralded by the shout of an archangel. Since Michael is the only angel identified in the Scriptures with this title, he is most likely the one who will utter the shout.

Another angel VIP is Gabriel. He emerges in the Scriptures as God’s premier messenger. He appeared to Daniel twice, first to interpret a vision concerning the Antichrist (Daniel 8:15-26), and second, to present the prophecy of the 70 Weeks of Years

(Daniel 9:20-27).

In the New Testament, Gabriel serves as an angel of annunciation. He was the one who proclaimed to Zacharias that his wife would give birth to a prophet named John (Luke 1:8-20). And he is the angel who told Mary that she would be the mother of the Messiah (Luke 1:26-33).

There are two mysterious groups of angels that occupy the throne room of God. They are called Seraphim and Cherubim. The Seraphim are pictured only once in the Scriptures, in Isaiah 6:1-3. In this passage Isaiah is given a glimpse of God’s throne room in Heaven. He sees angelic creatures called Seraphim hovering above God’s throne. They are described as having six wings each. They appear to be worship leaders as they cry out, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole world is full of His glory.”

The Cherubim are first mentioned in Genesis 3:24. After the fall of Adam and Eve and their expulsion from the Garden of Eden, God posted Cherubim with flaming swords “to guard the way to the tree of life.” They are next mentioned in Exodus 25 when God told Moses to place images of two Cherubim on the mercy seat (the lid) of the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:18-20).

When King Solomon built his magnificent temple, he placed two gigantic images of Cherubim in the Holy of Holies. Their outstretched wings hovered over the entire chamber, including the Ark of the Covenant with its smaller Cherubim (2 Chronicles 3:8-14). These symbolic usages of Cherub symbols indicate that Cherubim are special guardians of God’s things.

The most detailed description of these enigmatic celestial creatures can be found in chapter one of Ezekiel’s prophecy. Ezekiel was a prisoner in Chaldea by the Chebar River when he had a vision of a storm coming from the north with glowing figures in the clouds (Ezekiel 1:1-4). He described them as “four living beings” that had “human form,” but each of them had four faces and four wings (Ezekiel 1:4-6). They gleamed like burnished bronze (Ezekiel 1:7). Each of these creatures had the face of a man, the face of a lion, the face of a bull, and the face of an eagle — seemingly representing all of God’s creation (Ezekiel 1:10).



Three of the four faces of a Cherub.

Ezekiel later identifies these creatures as Cherubim (Ezekiel 10:15) when he encounters them for a second time. The second encounter is a sad one. It occurred when God decided to withdraw His glory from the Holy of Holies in preparation for the destruction of Jerusalem by the Chaldeans. As the glory of the Lord (what the Jews called “the Shekinah”) departed, Ezekiel witnessed Cherubim accompanying it to Heaven (Ezekiel 10:1-22).

When the Apostle John was raptured to Heaven from the Isle of Patmos, he saw similar creatures in front of God’s throne. Like Ezekiel, he referred to them as “four living creatures” (Revelation 4:6). What he saw was very similar, but not exactly the same. He does not mention each having four faces, and he says they had six wings each instead of four. But he does state that each one had a different face, and the faces mentioned are the same as what Ezekiel saw — lion, bull, man, and eagle.

The only other special angel mentioned in the Scriptures is a very special one indeed. He is the one who is referred to throughout the Old Testament as “The Angel of the Lord.” I believe He is none other than Jesus making pre-incarnate appearances. Why is He called an angel when He is definitely not an angelic creature? For the answer to that question and others concerning this very special representative of God, see the article that begins on page 9.



**The Four Living Creatures before the throne of God as depicted by Christian artist Pat Marvenko Smith ([www.RevelationIllustrated.com](http://www.RevelationIllustrated.com)).**

### The Ministry of Angels

**M**ichael is the commander-in-chief of the heavenly host and the designated defender of Israel. Gabriel is God’s special messenger. The Seraphim are worship leaders. The Cherubim are guardians. The Four Living Creatures of Revelation are either identical with the Cherubim or else they are special representatives of all God’s creation. Like the Seraphim, they praise God without ceasing (Revelation 4:8-9).

Regarding the host of regular angels, the Bible makes it clear that they are servants of God who have a variety of tasks. One of those tasks is indicated by their name. The very word, angel, is derived from the Greek word, *angelos*, which means “messenger.” The Hebrew equivalent, *malakh*, also means “messenger.” Accordingly, angels are often pictured in the Scriptures as delivering messages from God. The examples abound throughout the Scriptures. To mention only a few —

- The Law was given to Moses through angels (Acts 7:53 and Galatians 3:19).
- Angels are portrayed as mediums of revelation to God’s prophets (Daniel 4:13-17, Zechariah 1:9-11, and Hebrews 2:2).
- Abraham was informed by angels that his wife would have a child (Genesis 18:1-10).
- Lot was warned by angels of the impending destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-16).
- Joseph was visited by angels three times in dreams. He was assured that Mary was a virgin (Matthew 1:20). He was told to take his family and flee to Egypt (Matthew

2:13). And he was informed when it was safe to leave Egypt and return to Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-20).

- Cornelius, the first Gentile convert, was told by an angel to send for Peter to receive a special message from God (Acts 10:1-8).

A second major role of angels is to minister to the needs of saints. They were sent to provide food and drink for Elijah as he lay dying in the wilderness (1 Kings 19:1-8). In like manner, angels were dispatched to minister to Jesus after His exhausting 40 days of temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:11). An army of angels surrounded the prophet Elisha to protect him when his life was endangered (2 Kings 6:15-19). In the New Testament, we are told that Peter was released from prison by an angel (Acts 12:5-11).

An equally significant role of angels is to execute judgments of God. They were sent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:12-15). An angel of the Lord killed 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night to prevent them from attacking Jerusalem (2 Kings 19:35). Psalm 78:49 speaks of a “band of destroying angels” that was sent to torment the Jews in the wilderness when they rebelled against God. The New Testament makes it clear that God will execute His end time judgments on the nations through angels (Matthew 13:49-50 and Jude 14-15).

Some angels seem to have highly specialized responsibilities that relate to the natural universe. Revelation 16:5 refers to “the angel of the waters.” Another is called the angel “who has power over fire” (Revelation 14:18). In Revelation 7:1 four angels are pictured who have control of the winds of the earth.

The most popular concept of the role of angels is that of guardians. Most people seem to believe that God has assigned a guardian angel to each person. The Bible never says this, but it does indicate a guardian role for angels. As I have already mentioned, the Archangel Michael is the protector of Israel (Daniel 12:1). Jesus indicated that children have guardian angels. He is quoted in Matthew 18:10 as saying, “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually behold the face of My Father . . .”

Hebrews 1:14 indicates that believers may have guardian angels: “Are they [angels] not all ministering spirits sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?” I love this verse, and I often claim it in prayer. For example, when I have to travel out of town, I always pray for the Lord to post an angel at my home to watch over my wife. And I always pray for the Lord to surround my airplane with angels to guarantee a safe flight.

A companion verse to Hebrews 1:14 can be found in Psalm 91:11-12 —

- 11) For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.
- 12) They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone.



The letters Jesus dictated to John for the seven churches of Asia Minor are addressed to “the angel” of each church. Some believe this is a reference to the pastor, and that could very well be, but I cannot help but imagine that the Lord has assigned an actual angel to guard each of His true churches.

With one exception, which we will see later, angels are never given the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel. This is the work of the Holy Spirit through human evangelists, pastors, and laymen. But angels are often portrayed as playing an active role in evangelistic preparation. Thus, it was an angel who directed the evangelist Philip to the location of the Ethiopian eunuch so that the Gospel could be shared with him (Acts 8:26). The situation is reversed with the Roman soldier, Cornelius. An angel appeared to him in order to direct him to Peter so that Peter could share the Gospel with him. Angels guide, but the Holy Spirit instructs (Acts 8:29).

Several verses indicate that angels are active and involved eyewitnesses to what is going on in the Church and in the lives of believers (1 Corinthians 4:9, 11:10 and 1 Timothy 5:21). Surely the “cloud of witnesses” referred to in Hebrews 12:1 must include the angels as well as saints who have gone to be with the Lord. In this sense I think we can consider the angels to be our cheerleaders! We know for certain that they celebrate when a sinner repents and is saved (Luke 15:10). The Bible also indicates that they attend the death of a believer. In His story about Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31), Jesus left us with the comforting concept that when a believer dies, his spirit is ushered into the Lord’s presence by angels (Luke 16:22).

Dr. Vance Havner commented on the impact of angels as observers in his book, *Though I Walk Through the Valley* (1974). He tells the story of the pastor of a small country church who was working late into the night on a sermon. His wife asked him why he was spending so much time on a message that would be given to such a small congregation. He replied, “You forget, my dear, how large my audience will be!” Dr. Havner added, “Nothing is trivial here if Heaven looks on. We shall play a better game if, ‘seeing we are encompassed,’ we remember who is in the grandstand.”

### Angels in the End Times

**T**he Bible reveals that there will be a flurry of angelic activity in the end times.

The Four Living Creatures before the throne of God are the ones who will execute the first series of judgments that will mark the beginning of the Tribulation. It is in response to their commands that the Four Horsemen go forth with the Seal Judgments



**This incredible statue on a tomb in upstate New York shows two angels preparing to transport a believer to Heaven. The image is based on a story told by Jesus in Luke 16 where He mentions a dead person being carried away by angels to Abraham’s bosom.**

that result in the death of one-fourth of humanity (Revelation 6:1-8). Simultaneously, it is angels who will seal 144,000 Jews so that they will be supernaturally protected from all the judgments (Revelation 7:2-3).

When the second series of judgments begin — the Trumpet Judgments — it will be angels once again who serve as the instruments of God’s wrath, resulting in the deaths of one-third of those still left alive (Revelation 8 and 9).

In the middle of the Tribulation, Satan will try one last time to take the throne of God, resulting in a war in the heavens between Satan and his demonic angels and Michael and his holy angels. Satan will be defeated, and he and his angels will be cast down to

earth. His access to Heaven will be cut off permanently (Revelation 12:7-12).

In the second half of the Tribulation we are told that God will give Mankind one last opportunity to repent before He pours out His final wrath. He does this in a most unusual way. He sends forth three angels with very specific tasks.



The first angel, the one I like to refer to as “the Gospel Angel,” is given the responsibility to proclaim the “eternal gospel” to “every nation and tribe and tongue and people” (Revelation 14:6). This will be the only time in history that God has allowed an angel to preach the Gospel. It will constitute the fulfillment of a prophecy made by Jesus when He said: “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come” (Matthew 24:14).

The second angel will follow the first as he circumnavigates the earth. His task will be to proclaim the impending destruction of the kingdom of the Antichrist (Revelation 14:8). The third angel will follow along behind the first two. His role will be to issue a warning that anyone who worships the Antichrist and receives his mark will suffer God’s wrath and torment in Hell (Revelation 14:9-11).

These three proclamations will be followed by the final outpouring of God’s wrath, called the Bowl Judgments (Revelation 16). Once again, seven angels will execute these judgments (Revelation 16:1). Angels are also the ones who will destroy the capital city of the Antichrist in one hour on one day (Revelation 18).

The destruction of the Antichrist and his kingdom will bring to a close the terrible period of the Tribulation and will result in all the heavenly host breaking forth in celebration shouting, “Hallelujah!” (Revelation 19:1-7). Shortly thereafter, this same host of angels will return to earth with Jesus at His Second Coming (Matthew 24:30-31). They will gather the elect (those saved during the Tribulation who are still alive) from the four corners of the earth (Matthew 24:31).

### Conclusion

The only information we are given about angels in the Eternal State is that the fallen angels, together with Satan, will be tormented in Hell forever (Matthew 25:41 and Revelation 20:10). No information is supplied regarding the godly angels.

I would assume that the holy angels would continue to serve God eternally and that they would also continue to minister to the Redeemed. I yearn to hear their stories about their interventions in my life. I look forward to their fellowship, and most of all, I look forward to hearing them sing! ✚



An artist's concept of a guardian angel.

## An Angel Artist

Dixie Zoeller is a gifted Christian artist who resides with her husband, Phil, in Coarsegold, California, a delightful village nestled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains near the southern entrance to Yosemite National Park.

She is surrounded by the beauty of God’s marvelous creation, and she spends a lot of her time recording that beauty on canvas. She paints landscapes, animals, still lifes, and portraits. But she is probably best known for her whimsical drawings of angels like the one below.



Dixie began drawing as a child, and early on she decided to become a professional artist. She started out in advertising and then became a technical illustrator. Later she specialized in architectural illustration before deciding to devote her talents to fine art.

You can see a collection of her angels in full color on her website at [www.dixiezoeller.com](http://www.dixiezoeller.com). Her drawings are available as prints suitable for framing. They are also available on greeting cards.

She and her husband are members of Yosemite Lakes Community Church in Coarsegold. Phil serves as an elder of the church. ✚





# The Angel of the Lord

## His Identity, Manifestations, and Roles

Dr. David R. Reagan

Several years ago I received a letter from a fellow Sin Champaign, Illinois in which he asked me a number of very thought provoking questions about Jesus before He became incarnate in the flesh. Since that time, a number of other people have contacted me with a variety of questions concerning the same subject. Listed below are the questions and my responses to them.

### Questions and Answers

**Question:** Did Jesus make appearances before His incarnation?

**Answer:** Definitely. A good example is found in Isaiah 6. King Uzziah, who had reigned for 52 years in Judah, had just died, and Isaiah, who was probably only a teenager at the time, went to the Temple to mourn the king's death.

Isaiah was surprised by a vision in which he saw the Lord — the King of kings — “sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted” (Isaiah 6:1). In John 12:41 we are told that what Isaiah saw was Jesus in “His glory”— the glory He had before He became incarnate (Philippians 2:5-8).

**Question:** I have heard that “the Angel of the Lord” who is often referred to in the Old Testament was really Jesus making pre-incarnate appearances. Is this true?

**Answer:** “The Angel of the Lord” is referred to 56 times in 51 verses in the Hebrew Scriptures. The first reference is found in Genesis 16:7-12 where it says that “the Angel of the Lord” appeared to Hagar as she was fleeing in the wilderness from the rage of Abraham's wife. The Angel told her to go back home, and then He revealed to her that she was pregnant with a son whose name would be called Ishmael.

A study of the subsequent appearances of the Angel of the Lord makes it very clear that they were pre-incarnate appearances of Jesus.

A good example is found in Exodus 3. There we are told that the Angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in the burning bush (verse 2). Then we are later told that the Angel spoke to Moses and said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” (verse 6).

In Exodus 23 we are told that God the Father spoke to Moses and said He would send an angel to guide and protect the Children of Israel in the Wilderness. He refers to this angel as “My angel” and states that “My name is in Him” (Exodus 23:20-23). This is obviously no ordinary angel.

In Judges 13 we are told that the Angel of the Lord appeared to Manoah and his wife to inform them that they would have a child named Samson. When Manoah asked the Angel for His name, He replied, “Why do you ask my name, seeing it is



This picture entitled “Abraham Sacrificing Isaac” was painted in 1650 by Laurent de la Hire, a French Baroque classical painter. It depicts one of the most dramatic actions of the Angel of the Lord when he stopped Abraham from sacrificing his son and provided him with a ram to substitute as an offering to God (Genesis 22).

wonderful?” (Judges 13:18). Manoah got the point of this statement immediately, for he turned to his wife and said, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God” (Judges 13:22).

The Angel's deity is also attested to by the fact that on two occasions He accepted worship. When He appeared to both Moses (Exodus 3:1-5) and Joshua (Joshua 5:14-15), they were told to remove their sandals for they were “standing on holy ground.”

**Question:** But couldn't these appearances of God in the form of “the Angel of the Lord” have been God the Father Himself instead of Jesus?

**Answer:** No, because there are many reports of people seeing the Angel of the Lord, and John 1:18 says, “No one has seen God at any time.” The verse then continues to make a very important point: “The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him [God].” Thus, according to John, the people in the Old Testament times who saw God really saw Jesus in a pre-incarnate form “declaring” God.

This conclusion is confirmed by a statement which God the Father made to Moses at Mt. Sinai: “You cannot see My face, for no one may see Me and live” (Exodus 33:20). Likewise, Paul states in 1 Timothy 6:16 that God the Father “dwells in inaccessible light whom no man has seen or can see.”



This dramatic portrayal of the “strong angel” of Revelation 10 was painted by Pat Marvenko Smith. It shows the Angel standing with one foot in the sea and the other on the land as a symbol of His retaking authority over the creation. He holds the title deed of the earth in His left hand. Every aspect of this image speaks of deity. He is clothed with a cloud, He is crowned with a rainbow, His face is shining like the sun, and His feet are like pillars of fire. All this imagery is used in Revelation chapter 1 to describe Jesus. His right hand is lifted as He swears that the time has arrived for “the mystery of God to be finished.” This is a flash-forward to the Second Coming of Jesus. The Revelation writer is using the Old Testament imagery of the Angel of the Lord. This image is copyrighted by Pat Marvenko Smith ([www.RevelationIllustrated.com](http://www.RevelationIllustrated.com)).

In Genesis 32 we are told that Jacob wrestled with a “Man” (verse 24) who identified Himself as God (verse 28). In fact, Jacob says, “I have seen God face to face . . .” (verse 30). Since we know from John 1:18 that no one has seen God the Father, Jacob must be talking about Jesus in a pre-incarnate appearance. This is made clear in Hosea 12:3-4 where we are told that the God-Man Jacob wrestled with was “the Angel.” In verse 5 Hosea identifies the Angel as “the Lord, the God of hosts.”

In Malachi 3:1, in a prophecy about the First Coming of the Messiah, God the Father is quoted as promising to send His Son: “Behold, I am going to send my messenger . . .” The word translated “messenger” is the Hebrew word, *malakh*, which literally means “angel.”

Further evidence that the Angel of the Lord was the pre-incarnate Jesus is the fact that the Angel ceased to appear after Jesus became incarnate in the flesh. At that point in time, the Angel Gabriel took over the responsibility of serving as God’s chief messenger.

**Question:** Does the title, “the Angel of the Lord,” mean that Jesus is a mighty angel like Gabriel or Michael?

**Answer:** Not at all. In fact, we are told point blank that Jesus is “much better than the angels” (Hebrews 1:4) because He is the one and only Son of the Father (Hebrews 1:1-5). Therefore, the angels worship Him (Hebrews 1:6-7). Also, the angels were created at a point in time (Psalm 148:1-6) whereas Jesus has existed eternally (John 1:1-14). In fact, the Bible asserts that Jesus Himself was the one who created the angels (Colossians 1:16).

**Question:** If Jesus is not an angel, then why was He given the title of “the Angel of the Lord” in His pre-incarnate appearances?

**Answer:** The title is both a term of endearment and a description of Jesus’ primary role in these appearances. Just as my wife is my “angel,” so also is the Son the Father’s “angel.” Jacob used this type of terminology when he blessed his sons on his death bed. In blessing Joseph, he referred to God as “the angel who has redeemed me from all evil” (Genesis 48:15-16).



A woodcut depiction of the slaughter of the Assyrian army by the Angel of the Lord (2 Kings 19:35). The artist was Julius Schnoor von Carolsfeld who spent his life illustrating the Bible from beginning to end.

Again, the term, angel, means “messenger.” And that is the role that Jesus most often played in His pre-incarnate appearances. Therefore, the title was most appropriate.

The imagery is carried over to the New Testament in a vision that John records in Revelation 10. John is given a flash-forward to the end of the Tribulation. He sees a “strong angel” coming down out of Heaven. The angel has the title deed of the earth in his hand. He puts one foot on land and the other in the sea and lifts the title deed in the air as a symbol of his claiming all of creation for himself.

I don’t think there is any doubt that this “angel” is Jesus. He is clothed in a cloud, crowned with a rainbow, and has a “face like the sun” — all of which are symbols of deity (see Revelation 1:13-17). His feet are like “pillars of fire,” indicating He has come in judgment — and all judgment has been given to Jesus (John 5: 22). Most important, He holds open in His hand the title deed of the earth (Revelation 10:2), a deed which we are told in Revelation 5:5-7 that only Jesus is worthy to open.

Some object to the identification of this angel as Jesus because He makes an oath by the name of God (Revelation 10:6). They ask, “How can God swear by God?” But in Hebrews 6:13 we are told that when God made His promises to Abraham that “He swore by Himself” because “He could swear by no one greater.” We see the same thing in Jeremiah 22:5 where God says, “I swear by Myself.”

It is only appropriate that the imagery of “the Angel of the Lord” should be used in the book of Revelation because it is a book steeped in the Hebrew Scriptures. Revelation contains over 300 quotes or references to Old Testament passages, more than any other New Testament book.

**Question:** What was the pre-incarnate name of Jesus? Could it possibly have been “Israel” in light of 2 Chronicles 7:14, Exodus 4:22, and Hosea 11:1?

2 Chronicles 7:14 — “[If] My people who are called by My name [will] humble themselves and pray . . .”

Exodus 4:22 — “Then you [Moses] shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Israel is My son, My first-born.”’”

Hosea 11:1 — “When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

**Answer:** God the Father loves names because He is a personal God (1 Peter 5:7). He Himself has a personal name, Yahweh, which He revealed to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 6:2-3). This name is used in the Hebrew Scriptures 6,668 times. Unfortunately, it is camouflaged in most English translations by the use of the word, LORD — all in capital letters.

During biblical times, God often changed the names of people as their roles would change. When He called the man who was to become the father of the Jewish people, He changed his name from Abram, meaning “exalted father,” to Abraham, meaning “father of a multitude” (Genesis 17:5). Likewise, He changed the name of Abraham’s wife from Sarai to Sarah, meaning “princess” (Genesis 17:15). When stubborn and deceiving Jacob finally yielded to the Lord, his name was changed to Israel, meaning “he who strives with God” (Genesis 32:28). In New Testament times, Saul’s name was changed to Paul, and Simon’s name to Peter (Acts 13:9 and Mark 3:16).

In Revelation 2:17 we are told that when the Redeemed stand before the judgment seat of Jesus, each one will be given a white stone (a symbol of innocence) on which will be written a new name. Yes, we are going to have new names in the Eternal State. These names will probably relate to our Christian lives. Thus, some may be named Faith, while others might be called Perseverance or Love.

Jesus’ name — Yeshua in Hebrew — means “the salvation of the Lord” (Matthew 1:21). His name expresses the purpose of His First Coming. We are told in Revelation 19:12 that when He returns to reign He will be given a new name. This name will undoubtedly relate to His new role as King of kings. Jeremiah 23:6 hints that His new name may be Yahweh-Tsidkenu, meaning “The Lord’s Righteousness.” That would be an appropriate name because He is returning to bring peace, righteousness and justice to this world.



Another depiction of the Angel of the Lord stopping the sacrifice of Isaac. This is a woodcut by Julius Schnoor von Carolsfeld.



Considering all these points, it certainly makes sense to assume that Jesus might have had some other name before He became incarnate. But what it may have been, the Bible does not reveal. “Angel of the Lord” is a title, not a name.

It certainly was not Israel because that name means “one who strives with the Lord.” How could that be the name of one who co-exists in perfect unity with God the Father? In fact, Jesus said that He and the Father are One (John 10:30).

In Exodus 4:22 God told Moses to say to Pharaoh, “Israel is my son, My first-born.” This phraseology was selected in order to emphasize to Pharaoh how important the Jewish people were to God. But it is a metaphor, similar to the New Testament concept that the Church is the Bride of Christ (Ephesians 5:25-26 and Revelation 19:7).

Hosea 11:1 quotes God the Father as saying, “When Israel was a youth, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.” Again, the Lord is speaking metaphorically of Israel as His son, just as He refers to Israel elsewhere as His wife (see Jeremiah 3:1-5, Jeremiah 31:32, and Ezekiel 16:15-34).

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 God refers to Israel as “My people, which are called by My name.” Literally, this passage says, “My people over whom My name is called.” The point here is not that God’s name is Israel. Rather, the point is that the Jewish people are the people of Yahweh.

**Question:** What other roles did the Angel of the Lord fulfill besides that of a messenger?

**Answer:** Delivering messages was certainly His primary role. He appeared to the prophet Balaam and gave him orders (Numbers 22:22-35). He instructed Gideon to deliver Israel from the Midianites (Judges 6). He prophesied the birth of Samson (Judges 13), and He commanded David to build an altar in Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 21:18).

Sometimes He provided guidance. He led the Children of Israel in the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night (Exodus 14 and Judges 2:1). He directed Elijah when he fled to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19).

Occasionally, He served as an avenger, executing judgment upon the enemies of Israel. When the Assyrians threatened to destroy Jerusalem, it was the Angel of the Lord who killed 185,000 of them in one night, forcing those remaining to retreat (2 Kings 19:35). In times like this, He also served as a protector of Israel and is lauded in the Psalms as such: “The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and rescues them” (Psalm 34:7). ✚



## An Angel Story?

In 1852 a group of Catholic nuns called the Sisters of Loretto arrived in Santa Fe, New Mexico, after a long and arduous trek from St. Louis. They went to the remote frontier town in response to a plea for help from the Bishop of Santa Fe.

The sisters established a school called the Academy of Our Lady of Light (Loretto), and it grew very rapidly to a student body of over 300.

Meanwhile, the Bishop had brought an architect from France to design a cathedral and oversee its construction. When the cathedral was completed, the Bishop prevailed upon the architect to design a small chapel for the sisters’ school — one they had been dreaming of for some time.

The chapel was designed in Gothic Revival style in stark contrast to all the adobe structures that surrounded it. It was, in fact, patterned after King Louis IX’s Sainte-Chapelle in Paris.



**Loretto Chapel**

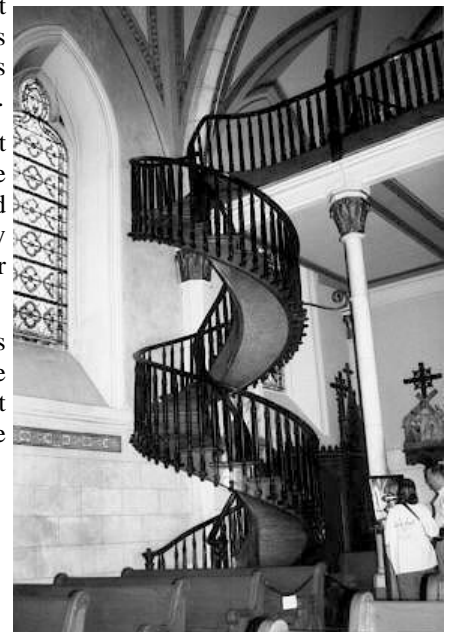
The architect died suddenly and it was only after much of the chapel was constructed that the builders realized it was lacking any type of stairway to the choir loft. Due to the chapel’s small size, a regular type staircase would have been too large.

The nuns prayed and fasted for nine days, asking the Lord to provide an answer to the problem. That’s when a stranger arrived and offered to solve the problem for them. He proved to be a master craftsman.

Over the next six months he constructed a spiral staircase that makes two complete 360-degree turns. It stands 20’ tall and has no center support. It rests solely on its base and against the choir loft. The risers of the 33 steps are all exactly the same height. It was assembled using only wooden pegs without any glue or nails. And it was built using a mysterious type of wood that has never been identified.

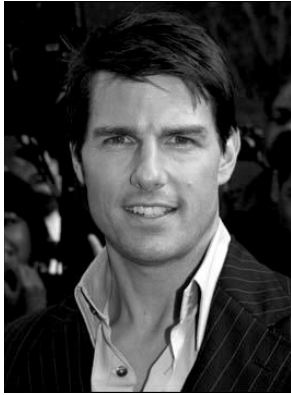
When the project was completed, the carpenter disappeared without receiving any pay and was never seen again.

The chapel and its miraculous staircase still stand in the heart of Santa Fe and are open to the public. ✚



## False Christs

Tom Cruise has been declared the new “Christ” of Scientology, according to the leaders of the cultic religion.



The movie star has been told he has been “chosen” to spread the word of his faith throughout the world.

David Miscavige, the leader of the religion, says that he believes that in the future, Cruise, age 44, will be worshiped like Jesus for his work to raise awareness of the religion.

Jesus said, “*Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.*” — Matthew 24:5

## Blasphemy

A group calling itself “The Rational Response Squad” is challenging young people to damn themselves to Hell by recording a video in which they blaspheme the Holy Spirit. They are offering a free DVD copy of a provocative video entitled, “The God Who Wasn’t There,” to any person who will accept the challenge. The only condition is that the video clip must be posted on the YouTube website for all the world to view.

You can find the challenge, together with copies of the video responses at [www.blasphemychallenge.com](http://www.blasphemychallenge.com). It is sickening and tragic — enough to make you weep.

*“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness . . . Professing to be wise, they became fools.”* Romans 1:18 & 22

## Emasculating the Bible

Tim Fleming of San Diego, California claims that on August 20, 2004 while driving home from work God spoke to him and declared that the Old Testament will no longer be considered when rendering judgment on people because it has been replaced by a New Law.

He further claims that on August 24th of 2004 God told him that His New Law was ready for release to society. Mr. Fleming was, of course, the one who was selected to write the New Law, and guess what? God’s New Law endorses same sex marriage! You can download a free copy of the New Law at the following website: [www.gay-bible.com](http://www.gay-bible.com).

Meanwhile, in Germany a group of 52 “biblical specialists” released a new version of the Bible in which inclusive language and political correctness have replaced “divisive teachings” of Christianity. Specifically, this new version presents a “more just language” for such groups as feminists and homosexuals.

*“Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.”* Deuteronomy 12:32

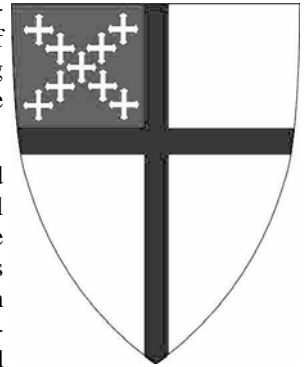
# TIMES and Seasons

## Apostasy

The Episcopal Bishops of the United States are risking the loss of their place of influence in the global Anglican community because of their strong

support of homosexuality and same sex marriage.

This past March, in strong and direct language, the U.S. Episcopal House of Bishops said it views the Gospel as teaching that “all God’s children, including gay and lesbian persons, are full and equal participants” in the Church. They added that “if that means that others reject us and communion with us, as some have already done, we must with great regret and sorrow accept their decision.”



The Episcopal Church is the U.S. wing of the 77 million member Anglican Communion, a fellowship of churches that traces its roots to the Church of England. But it is at odds theologically with the vast majority of Anglican churches which take a more conservative view on sexuality and other issues.

*“The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires.”* — 2 Timothy 4:3

## Nuclear Attack Drill

On March 20th the nation of Israel held its first-ever nationwide drill simulating a nuclear and chemical missile attack on its cities. The exercise was motivated by the threats being made by the President of Iran that he plans to launch an attack on Israel when his country produces a nuclear bomb. Air raid sirens were sounded across the country as various types of attacks — both conventional and non-conventional — were simulated.

*“Men will faint from fear over the expectation of the things coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”* — Luke 21:26

## Financing Terrorism

The Finance Minister of the Palestinian Authority, Salam Fayyed, recently announced that more than 700 million dollars of aid given to his government have “disappeared” since the Hamas terror group took over the Palestinian Authority.

“Our spending is out of control,” Fayyed reported to the press. “Salaries are being paid to workers who never show up, and nobody can track where the rest of the money is going.”

It doesn’t take much imagination to figure out what is being done with the money. When Arafat was in control, it went to his private Swiss bank accounts. Now that Hamas is calling the shots, we can be assured that it is being spent for weapons and to compensate the families of suicide bombers. Yet, both the United States and European nations continue to supply the Palestinian Authority with funds! ✚

## Islamic Hatred and Intolerance

Walid Shoebat, a former Palestinian terrorist who has converted to Christianity, reports that the most common graffiti found on the walls of Arab-Islamic controlled areas in Israel reads, "We knock on the gates of Heaven with the skulls of Jews!"



**Omar Ahmad** the founder of the Council on Islamic-American Relations, made the following comment to a reporter: "Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Koran, the Muslim book of scripture, should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on earth." Mr. Ahmad now denies saying those words, but the reporter still stands by her story.

Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi recently spoke about the supremacy of Islam in an interview on the pan-Arab satellite TV station, Al-Jazeera. Here are some excerpts:



## Food for Thought



**Muammar Gadhafi**

Some people believe that Mohammed is the prophet of the Arabs or Muslims alone. This is a mistake. Mohammed is the prophet of all people. He superseded all previous religions. If Jesus were alive when Mohammed was sent, he would have followed him. All people must be Muslims.

The so-called Old Testament and New Testament were superseded and they were forged. We must search for the true Bible, because the Bible that exists today is a forgery. Today's Bible does not mention Mohammed, whereas our Bible (the Quran) mentions Mohammed repeatedly.

We have 50 million Muslims in Europe. There are signs that Allah will grant Islam victory in Europe — without swords, without guns, without conquests. The 50 million Muslims of Europe will turn it into a Muslim continent within a few decades.

## Christian Bashing

"From my point of view, I would ban religion completely. Organized religion doesn't seem to work. It turns people into really hateful lemmings, and it's not really compassionate . . . I think religion has always tried to turn hatred towards gay people."



**Elton John**

## One-Liners

"To be politically correct is to be biblically corrupt." — Jean Hynes of Louisville, Kentucky

"We must affirm that justification is by faith alone because of Christ alone through grace alone — for the glory of God alone." — R. C. Sproul, Christian theologian

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor." — George Washington

"Liberals hate religion because politics is a religion substitute for liberals, and they can't stand the competition." — Ann Coulter, syndicated columnist

"I'm not what I can be, I'm not what I should be, but thank God I'm not what I used to be!" — Greg Laurie, Christian pastor

"Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of Hell." — Charles H. Spurgeon, 19th Century English evangelist

"When will Westerners realize that half-measures don't work with people who are willing to die by the thousands for Allah to achieve their goal?" — Hillel Fendel, the senior editor and co-founder of Arutz Sheva (IsraelNationalNews.com)

## Happiness

An observation by Richard De Haan about happiness. Mr. De Haan was president of RBC Ministries for 20 years before his death in 2002.

"The foundation for happiness is a proper relationship with the Lord. But to fully experience that happiness, we must build on that foundation in practical ways. Here's my list of Ten Rules for Happier Living:



**Richard De Haan**

- 1) Give something away.
- 2) Do a kindness.
- 3) Give thanks always.
- 4) Work with vim and vigor.
- 5) Visit the elderly and learn from their experience.
- 6) Look intently into the face of a baby and marvel.
- 7) Laugh often — it's life's lubricant.
- 8) Pray to know God's way.
- 9) Plan as though you will live forever — you will.
- 10) Live as though today is your last day on earth.

## Prayer

"Forgive us, Lord, for thinking of prayer as a waste of time, and help us to see that without it, our labors are a waste of effort." — from a prayer by Peter Marshall before the United States Senate in 1948. ✚



# Introducing Nathan Jones

Our ministry uses three major means of outreach to proclaim our message that Jesus is returning soon: our television program, this magazine, and our website on the Internet.

Over the past few years Dr. Reagan has focused his effort on developing our TV program and this magazine to their full potential. He has simply not had the time or expertise to develop the ministry's website.

But Dr. Reagan has had a vision for the site. He has wanted to develop it into a dynamic, interactive tool for evangelism and a communication hub for the discussion of Bible prophecy.

Trying to find the right person to take on this task seemed next to impossible. Ideally, Dr. Reagan wanted a person who was technically qualified in all aspects of website creation and maintenance. But the person also needed to be trained theologically and have an in-depth knowledge of Bible prophecy. Needless to say, that combination of qualifications was not going to be easy to find.

But Dr. Reagan kept praying, and once again, God proved that with Him, "all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

## The Man

The person the Lord has provided us is one who has all the qualifications we were praying for. His name is Nathan Jones.

Nathan holds technical certifications in every aspect of website design, construction, and maintenance. He also has extensive hands-on experience. He owns his own website company (creationwebsites.com), and most recently, he has served as the webmaster for Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, one of the nation's largest churches.

Additionally, Nathan is a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University, one of the finest Evangelical schools in the nation. And he is currently working on a Master of Divinity degree at Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville.

We feel highly blessed of the Lord to have Nathan as a new member of our staff. His wife, Heather, is also a graduate of Philadelphia Biblical University. They have three children, Ethan (7), Madeleine (5), and Zachary (3).



Nathan and Heather Jones with their three children.



Nathan Jones

Nathan and Heather both grew up in the Northeastern area of this country, so coming to Texas has been a cultural experience for them. We are already teaching them how to say, "Y'all," instead of "Youse guys."

## The Plan

This magazine is currently sent to 30,000 addresses. Our TV show has access to 71 million homes. But the Internet has the potential to reach the largest audience because it is accessible to the whole world. Its outreach and impact are unlimited in scope if it is developed properly. That's a big "if."

Most churches and ministries use their websites to just supply information about themselves. Our vision is to use our website as an interactive, evangelistic tool to share the Gospel and proclaim the soon return of Jesus.

We currently have a lot of information available on our website in the form of articles, videos, and audio programs. But if the site is to become truly effective to its fullest potential, it will have to become more than just an archive. Accordingly, we plan to totally reconstruct the site over the next few months, and in the process, we will be adding many new features like a question and answer chat room, a radio program, and a daily news service that relates news events to Bible prophecy.

In short, the site will be updated daily and will provide personal responses to inquiries.

For this reason, Nathan's title will not be webmaster because his responsibilities will entail much more than just setting up and maintaining a website. He will be actually ministering to people all over the world through the site. We have therefore decided to give him the title of Web Minister.

So start checking out his ministry at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). Get acquainted with Nathan, and feel free to give him suggestions for improving the effectiveness of the site. Also, pray that the Lord will work through Nathan and our website to touch millions of souls for Jesus. ✝

## Powerful New Television Station in Chicago

This year continues to be one of incredible blessings for our television outreach.



On May 10th we began broadcasting our television program over a powerful new station in the Chicago area ---- WJYS, channel 62. This station reaches 2.7 million homes representing 8 million people. Our program will be aired on Thursday mornings at 10:00am (CT) after Kenneth Copeland and before Benny Hinn. Please pray for God to bless this new outreach.

Last year the SkyAngel network broadcast ten of our video programs as TV specials — all free of charge to us. We were recently notified that they are going to re-broadcast seven of those this year. Additionally, they are going to broadcast four new videos. You can find the schedule of the broadcasts on our website at [www.lambtion.com](http://www.lambtion.com).



### New Television Programs

We recently recorded two new sets of TV programs featuring interviews with Gary Frazier and Joel Chernoff.

Dr. Frazier is a Bible prophecy expert who also owns a travel agency that arranges tours to Israel. He has personally been to Israel over 100 times. I talked with him in-depth about the benefits of making a pilgrimage to Israel. We also discussed a new book he is writing entitled: *It Could Happen Tomorrow: Future events that will shake the world*.



**Dr. Gary Frazier**

Joel Chernoff was a fascinating person to interview. His parents, Martin and Yohanna Chernoff, were the founders of Messianic Judaism. They established the very first Messianic congregation in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1970. Today there are more than 500 such congregations in the world, including over 40 in Israel.

Joel was the one who developed Messianic Jewish music in the early 70's when he and another person began recording albums under the name of Lamb. Joel recorded two songs for us. One will be featured in each of the two interviews that we are preparing for broadcast. We will probably edit the two programs together to produce a DVD album entitled, *Messianic Judaism: Its meaning and significance*.



This is a picture of Lamb in 1973. Joel Chernoff is on the right. The other musician was Rick "Levi" Coghill. Joel wrote and sang the songs. Rick played the guitar and served as producer.

## “Christ in Prophecy” Broadcast Schedule

DayStar Network				
DirecTV Channel 369		DISH Channel 263		
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 Available on cable networks				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm
	Wed. 8:00am	Wed. 9:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 11:00am

FaithTV Network SkyAngel Channel 9708				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Sun. 10:30am	Sun. 11:30am	Sun. 12:30pm	Sun. 1:30pm



The Lamb & Lion video crew poses with Joel Chernoff. You can find Joel's albums at [www.LambMessianicMusic.com](http://www.LambMessianicMusic.com).

## Financial Support Continues for a Variety of Missions

Lamb & Lion Ministries continues to provide financial support to a large number of foreign and domestic missions.



**Jack & Sally Hollingsworth**

Recently we donated \$10,000 to Acts 29 Ministries to enable them to payoff the mobile home that is used by Jack and Sally Hollingsworth. Jack is the featured singer on Lamb &

Lion's TV program, "Christ in Prophecy." Jack and Sally hope to secure a new mobile home in the near future. If you would like to help them, send a donation designated for "Acts 29."

In the Philippines we provide support for a remarkable evangelistic ministry headed up by Pastor Remigio Blanco.



**Pastor Blanco with some of his new audio equipment.**

We recently helped pay for Dennis Pollock of Spirit of Grace Ministries to go to the Philippines to hold conferences and crusades with Pastor Blanco. Last year we provided funds to Pastor Blanco to purchase a mini-truck to carry the equipment he needs for his outdoor crusades. Recently, we supplied him with \$6,000 to enable him to purchase the audio equipment he uses in his crusades. Previously, he had to rent this equipment.

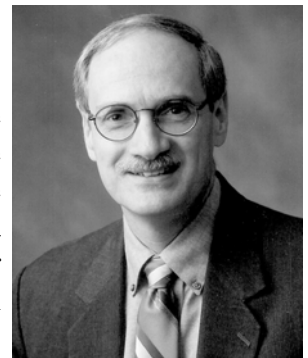
With regard to foreign publishing, we are supplying the funds needed to publish Dr. Reagan's book, *God's Plan for the Ages*, in Pakistan and India. We are also working with Paul Liu, a missionary to



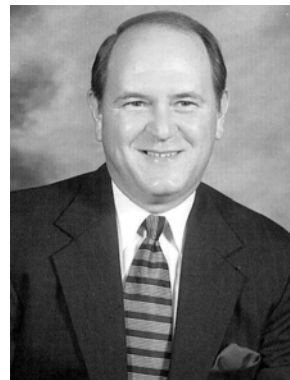
**Dr. Reagan with Paul Liu, the evangelist we support in China.**

Mainland China, to get Dr. Reagan's book about Revelation, *Wrath and Glory*, published there. The translation has been completed. Pray now for the Lord to perform a miracle in getting it published and distributed to Chinese churches and seminaries.

We plan to pay all the expenses to send Dennis Pollock to South Africa to dedicate the church building we have been constructing in the city of Kimberley. While there, Dennis will conduct a Bible prophecy seminar for pastors. He will also hold an outdoor crusade. Hopefully, this outreach will occur before the end of this year.



**Dennis Pollock**



**Don McGee**

In late September we are planning to send evangelist Don McGee to Juarez, Mexico, for a week of teaching at the seminary that is run by Hands of Luke Ministries. Don will also conduct a seminar for pastors. Don is the founder and director of Crown and Sickle Ministries in Amite, Louisiana.

If you desire to help with any of these missions projects, you can do so by sending a designated check made payable to Lamb & Lion Ministries. ✚



# Would you consider becoming a Prophecy Partner?

God works through our Prophecy Partners to supply the financial foundation of this ministry. These are the people who pledge to provide \$20 a month or more for one year.

We currently have 1,959 Prophecy Partners. We need to increase that number to over 2,200 this year 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 \$20 per month.

## Program Benefits

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.

As a Prophecy Partner you will receive a monthly audio or video program or special publication, together with a personal report from Dave Reagan highlighting major events and decisions affecting the ministry.

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

## Program Purposes

Your donations will be used to help pay for our media outreach all across this nation and around the world via television and the Internet. They will also be used to help cover the cost of the many audio and video programs which we distribute free of charge to missions and needy persons in foreign countries.

To become a Prophecy Partner, either send us a letter with your first donation, or call **1-800-705-8316** and make your first donation by credit card. Thanks! ✚

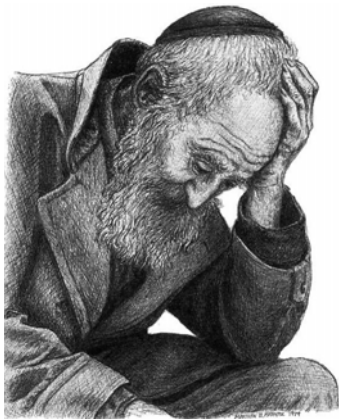


**Dr. Reagan with Ivy and Carla Lawing, Prophecy Partners from Taylorsville, North Carolina.**

## The Joseph Project: An effort worthy of your support

In February of 1996, Joel Chernoff, the director of the Messianic Jewish Alliance of America (MJAA) received a word from the Lord informing him that over one million refugees from Eastern Europe and Russia were yet to arrive in Israel.

In response, Joel launched the Joseph Project to provide aid in the name of Yeshua. His vision has been greatly blessed by the Lord, for since 1996, more than 32 million dollars worth of aid has been provided. The aid has been in the form of food, clothing, basic toiletries, medical supplies, toys, building materials, and other necessities. Goods are distributed with a personal touch by more than 20 Messianic centers.



**“Comfort My people,” says your God.” — Isaiah 40:1**

Israel's economy is the victim of almost constant terrorism. This has negatively impacted tourism, trade, transportation and productivity. The need to maintain a large military drains the government of money that it desperately needs for social services. The result is that 1.5 million Israelis (out of 5.5 million) live below the poverty line.



**Joel Chernoff and Dave in the ministry's video studio.**

Every dollar that is donated will deliver \$100 worth of relief to the people of Israel. Here's how it works. All goods are donated. The MJAA only has to pay to deliver this aid to Israel. Each container holds about 20 tons of aid with an approximate retail value of \$225,000. The MJAA can deliver \$1,000,000 worth of aid for about \$10,000!

To become a participant in this great project, contact the MJAA on the Internet at **[www.josephproject.com](http://www.josephproject.com)** or call 610-338-0451. Donations can also be made through Lamb & Lion Ministries. ✚

# Ministry News

## Next Holy Land Pilgrimage —

Dr. Reagan has scheduled his next pilgrimage to the Holy Land for June of 2008. The exact dates are June 7-18. The pilgrimage group will be limited to 50 people. The group will spend two nights in Tel Aviv, two nights at Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and five nights in Jerusalem. A detailed itinerary can be found on the ministry's website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). To secure a brochure, call 1-800-705-8316.

## Video Shoot in Israel —

The ministry's next video shoot in Israel has been scheduled for March of 2008. The group will depart the States on March 15th and will return on March 27th. They will spend six nights in Tel Aviv and four in Jerusalem. The goal will be to shoot the footage necessary for at least five television programs. We will be needing approximately 6 volunteers to serve on the video crew. The cost per person will be about \$3,000, which will include all meals. Since this will be the equivalent of a short term missions trip, the cost will be tax deductible. If you would be interested in serving on the video crew, call Don Gordon at 972-736-3567 or email him at [don.lamblion@gmail.com](mailto:don.lamblion@gmail.com).



## Interesting Church Sign —

This unique definition of the Rapture was spotted by one of Lamb & Lion's trustees, Tom Reich. The church is located near Denton, Texas.

## Speaking Schedule —

In **August** Dr. Reagan will be speaking at two churches in Dallas — Brookhaven Baptist Church (5) and Cornerstone Christian Church (12). Later that month he will participate in the Steeling the Mind Conference in Vail, Colorado (24-25). In **September** Dr. Reagan will be one of several speakers at the annual Louisiana Bible Prophecy Conference sponsored by Maranatha Ministries. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Broussard, Louisiana (15). In **October** Dr. Reagan is scheduled to speak at the Ebenezer Church of Christ in Harrodsburg, Kentucky (5-7) and at the Olive Tree Ministries annual conference in Maple Grove, Minnesota (19-20). In **November** Lamb & Lion will conduct a Bible Prophecy Conference that will be hosted by Concord Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Missouri (2-4). During 2008 Dr. Reagan will be limited to one out-of-town speaking engagement per month, and he is already booked solid for that year. He is, however, still accepting speaking engagements in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.



In April Dr. Reagan spoke at the annual Rendezvous Gathering that is held in the Kiamichi Mountains in Southeast Oklahoma. He is shown above with the event organizer, Riley Donica.

## Fascinating Letter —

Dear Lamb & Lion Ministry:

Thank you once again for the latest issue of the Lamplighter magazine. My wife and I love reading it and passing along the information we learn to others.

I am the Presiding Bishop of the Lutheran Orthodox Church, and I read with great interest your articles on Masonry and the Clergy Letter Project [churches endorsing evolution]. Our statement against the Clergy Letter Project can be found on our website at [www.orgsites.com/pa/lutheranorthodox](http://www.orgsites.com/pa/lutheranorthodox).

I thank you very much for the excellent information provided in the Lamplighter magazine. We look forward to every issue . . . My goal is to bring the Lutheran Orthodox Church into full harmony with the Scriptures and shed the unnecessary and unscriptural practices that have crept into Lutheranism in the past 500 years. And your ministry has been a great help in this effort.

Reverend Sam Guido  
Neffs, Pennsylvania

## New Video Program —

A video recording of Dr. David Reagan presenting his most frequently requested sermon. He preaches through Psalm 2 verse by verse, showing how it is one of the greatest passages in the Bible concerning the Second Coming of Jesus.

It is a passionate presentation from beginning to end. In the process Dr. Reagan demonstrates that God has the wisdom and power to orchestrate all the evil of Man and Satan to the triumph of Jesus.

You will be shouting, "Maranatha! Maranatha!" with Dr. Reagan as he brings this presentation to its conclusion.

60 minutes. \$12. DVD format. ✚





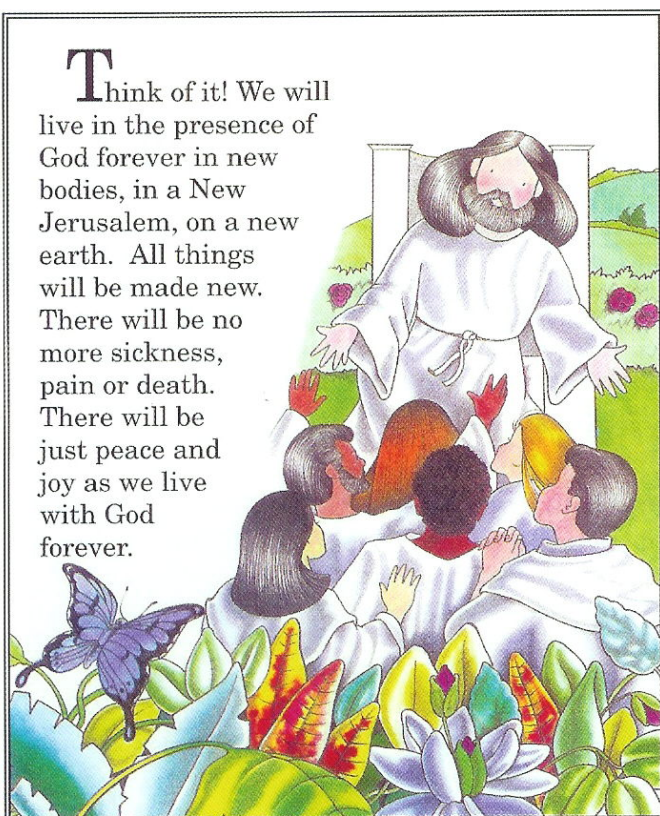
## A Children's Book About the End Times

One of the most popular books ever published by this ministry is Dr. Reagan's book about the end times, written for pre-school and elementary age children.

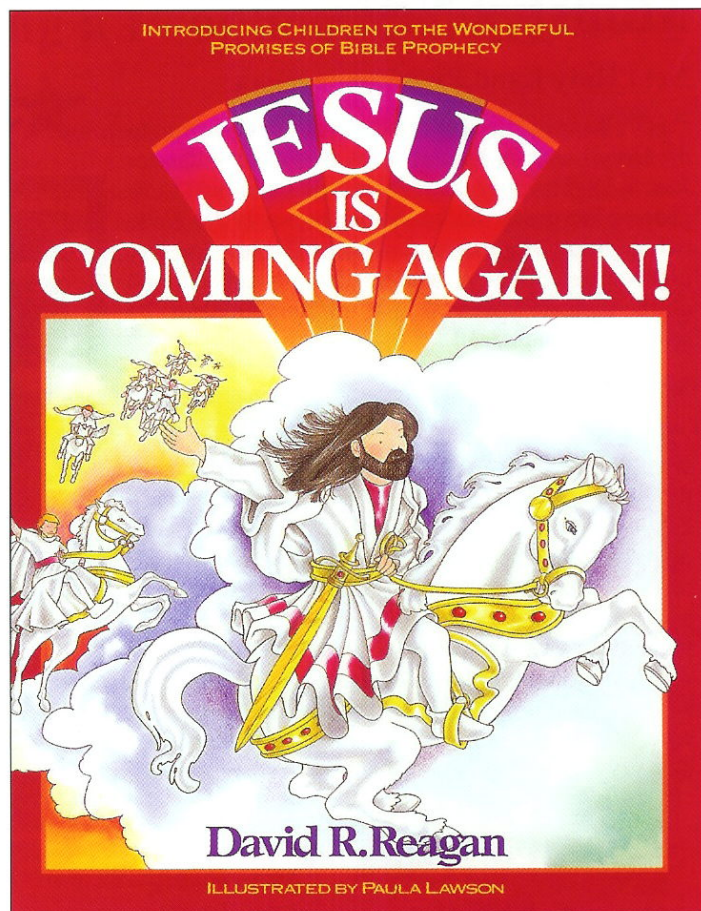
"It was the hardest book I have ever written," Dr. Reagan confesses. "Just try to express concepts like the Tribulation and the Millennium in words simple enough for children to understand."

After he finished the book, Dr. Reagan gave a copy of the manuscript to his wife for her to review. At the time, she had been a first grade teacher for over 20 years. The next day she gave it back to him and said, "It's a pretty good first draft, but you've got a long way to go!" She

### Eternity



**T**hink of it! We will live in the presence of God forever in new bodies, in a New Jerusalem, on a new earth. All things will be made new. There will be no more sickness, pain or death. There will be just peace and joy as we live with God forever.



went to work helping him simplify the wording so that elementary kids could easily understand what he was trying to communicate.

The teamwork must have been effective, because the book has just finished going through its fifth printing!

The book is beautifully illustrated in full color by a gifted Christian artist. It is printed in a large format (8½ x 11"), and runs 28 pages in length. It has a very durable cover. It contains teaching tips for parents, together with a list of Scripture references, and it provides one page for coloring.

The cost is \$10. To order, call **1-800-705-8316**. A special price is available for orders of ten or more. ✚



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