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"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19

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The Dispersion of the Jews**



Observations by the Editor

World War III

We have been involved in World War III ever since the 9/11 attacks in 2001. We need to face up to that fact, and we need to acknowledge who the enemy is. And that enemy is not terrorism.

To say that our enemy is terrorism is equivalent to saying that our enemy in World War II was U-boats and Kamikaze planes. No, our enemy was Nazi Germany allied with Imperial Japan.

Our enemy in World War III is not terrorism — that is simply the method of warfare that our enemy is using. Our real enemy is not even “Islamic Fundamentalists” or “Radical Muslims.” Our enemy is Islam.

Islam is and always has been a religion of the sword. Mark Gabriel, a former Muslim and former professor of Islamic history at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, says, “The history of Islam is a river of blood.”

Not only has Islam spread through the use of violence, it maintains its hold on its victims through the use of violence. In most Islamic countries today, conversion to Christianity is punishable by death. Freedom of religion is denied in Muslim controlled nations.

The very word, Islam, means “submission” or “surrender.” The Quran calls upon Jews and Christians to submit to Allah or else face death. Submission



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without conversion is possible only by paying a heavy tax, called *jizya*.

The politically correct idea that “Islam is a religion of peace” is downright laughable, as illustrated below in the editorial cartoon by Rick McKee of the *Augusta Chronicle*.

When Ronald Reagan was president, he did not hesitate to clearly define our enemy. Speaking to The National Association of Evangelicals in March of 1983, he proclaimed, “There is sin and evil in the world, and we’re enjoined by Scripture and the Lord Jesus to oppose it with all our might.” He then proceeded to identify our enemy as the Soviet Union, which he called “the evil empire.” Liberals went nuts, claiming he was being “provocative.” No, he was being realistic and truthful, and he proceeded to bring that evil empire to its knees.

Our current president needs to follow Reagan’s example and face up to recognizing the enemy who wants to destroy us and Christianity. ✚

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Israel in Prophecy: The Dispersion of the Jews



“Jews Fleeing a Pogrom” by Issachar Ber Ryback (1897-1935).

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In approximately 1440 BC, Moses led the Jewish people out of Egypt, beginning a journey to the land God had promised them in Canaan.¹ The journey should have taken 11 days (Deuteronomy 1:2). But, instead, it took them 40 years!

The extended length of the journey was due to the people's lack of faith that ultimately motivated some of them to rebel against Moses (Numbers 14:1-4 and Psalm 78:17-42). This behavior prompted God to decide that the generation that departed from Egypt would have to die in the wilderness before their descendants would be allowed to enter the Promised Land (Numbers 14:26-38).

Accordingly, it was about 1400 BC when the children of Israel were finally poised to cross the Jordan River and enter the land they had been promised. On that auspicious occasion, Moses paused their journey to summarize God's Law for them (Deuteronomy 5-27). He also used the occasion to provide them with a detailed warning (Deuteronomy 28-29).

The Land Use Covenant

God had already given the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob the title deed to the land of Canaan (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-8; 26:1-5; and 28:13-14). Now, through Moses, He was going to make another covenant with them that would be related to their use of the land. Basically, what Moses told them

was that even though they had an everlasting title to the land, their use and enjoyment of it would depend upon their obedience to God's Laws which had been revealed to them during their wilderness wanderings.

Moses proclaimed that if the people were obedient to God, He would shower them with blessings (Deuteronomy 28:1-14). Their children, their crops and their animals would be blessed (28:4). Their enemies would be defeated and they would “abound in prosperity” and be established as “a holy people whom the rest of the world would fear (28:7-11).

Moses proceeded to sternly warn them that if they were disobedient to God, He would place curses on them. Their children would rebel, their crops would fail and their animals would not reproduce (Deuteronomy 28:16-19). They would also suffer from diseases, drought, and foreign domination (28:21,24,33).

Moses further warned that if they did not respond in repentance to these remedial judgments, the Lord would intensify them: “. . . then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses . . . all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid . . .” (28:39-60).

Moses then declared that if these extreme measures did not produce repentance, God would subject them to the worst possible punishment — exile from their homeland: “Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of

the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known" (Deuteronomy 28:64).

Moses had already briefly mentioned this ultimate punishment of God in the survey of the Law which He had presented in the book of Leviticus. After listing many possible remedial judgments (Leviticus 26:14-31), just as in Deuteronomy, Moses warned that God's ultimate judgment would be their "scattering among the nations" (26:33).

The Unfaithfulness of the Jewish People

At the conclusion of Moses's warning recorded in Deuteronomy, the children of Israel crossed the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land. And they proceeded to violate God's commands. They failed to annihilate the wicked Canaanite people, and they began to intermarry with them. This led the Jewish people into the worst sin of all — the practice of idolatry.

In response, God began to afflict them with remedial judgments. He also sent prophets like Elijah to call them to repentance.

The problems of rebellion and idolatry were particularly bad in the northern kingdom of Israel. The unified kingdom of David and his son, Solomon, had broken apart after Solomon's death. The son of one of Solomon's servants, a "valiant warrior" named Jeroboam, rose up against Solomon's son, Rehoboam, and wrested ten of the tribes in the north from his control (I Kings 12:1-28). He also set up an alternative center of worship to Jerusalem, establishing it in the hill country and calling it Shechem (I Kings 12:25. The capital was later moved to Samaria).² This rebellion split Solomon's kingdom, producing the northern kingdom of Israel with ten tribes and the southern kingdom of Judah with two tribes (Judah and Benjamin).

Having been born in rebellion, the northern kingdom of Israel continued in its rebellion throughout its history. It lasted 208 years, from 930 BC to 722 BC, and never once during that period of time did the kingdom ever have a righteous king — not one out of a total of 19!

Just as He had warned through Moses, God responded to Israel's persistent rebellion by sending remedial judgments and raising up prophetic voices to call the people to repentance.

The Prophets to Judah

Seventy years into the history of Israel, the prophet Elijah suddenly appeared on the scene. He confronted the evil king Ahab and his wife, Jezebel, and he called the whole nation to repentance, saying (1 Kings 18:21):

How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him.

Even though both the leaders and the people of Israel refused to respond in repentance, God in His patience continued to warn. Next, He called an unusual man to speak His warning — a fig-picker from the rural village of Tekoa in Judah. It would be like God calling a cowboy from Calgary, Canada today to deliver a prophetic message to the President of the United States!

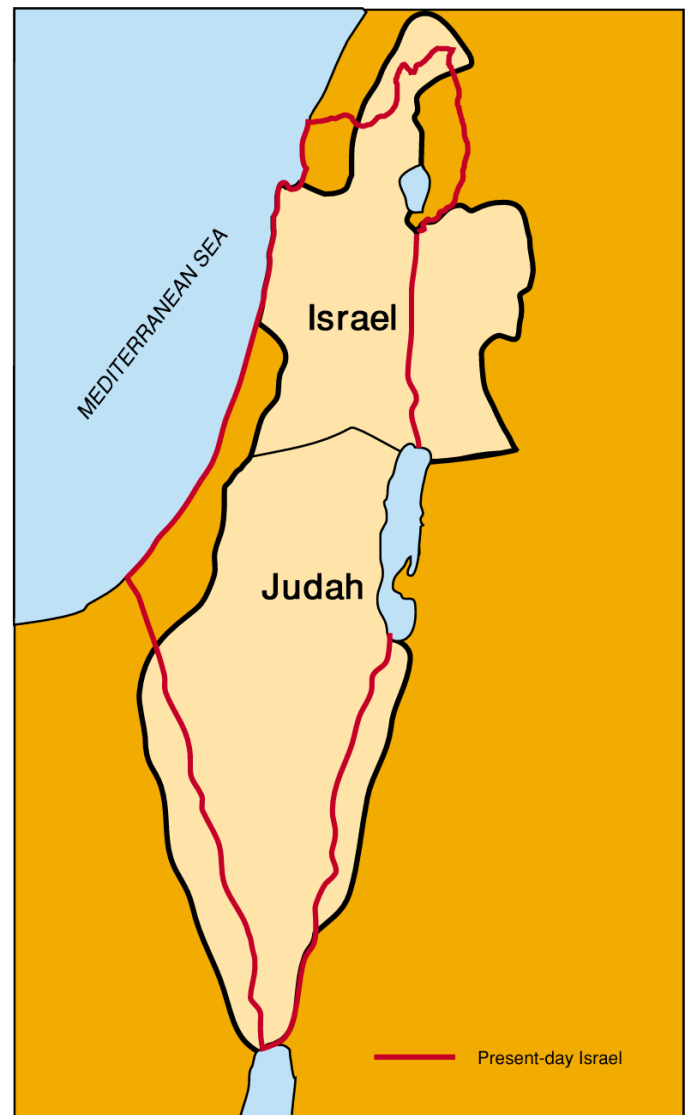
His name was Amos, and although he was an uneducated man, he was a fearless and obedient servant of God. He pro-

ceeded to read the riot act to the people of Israel (Amos 2:6-8):

6) The LORD says, "The people of Israel have sinned again and again, and I will not forget it. I will not leave them unpunished any more. For they have perverted justice by accepting bribes and sold into slavery the poor who can't repay their debts; they trade them for a pair of shoes.

7) "They trample the poor in the dust and kick aside the meek. And a man and his father defile the same temple-girl, corrupting My holy name.

8) "At their religious feasts they lounge in clothing stolen from their debtors, and in My own Temple they offer sacrifices of wine they purchased with stolen money." (LBP)



The Divided Kingdom,
10th - 6th Century BCE

Amos even had the audacity to attack the sinful, greedy women of Israel, calling them "fat cows of Bashan" (Amos 4:1 LBP).

The prophet was particularly appalled by the religious hypocrisy that was rampant in the land. He pointed out that despite all



The Assyrian Empire in 650 BC. After the Assyrian conquest of Israel, they tried to conquer Jerusalem but failed. Judah was able to continue to exist as a tribute state.

their religiosity, they lived like pagans and denied social justice to the poor (Amos 5:21-24).

He reminded them of the many remedial judgments God had sent — including drought, famine, mildew, locusts, pestilence and defeat in wars (Amos 4:6-11). He concluded by declaring that if the nation persisted in its rebellion, God “will destroy it from the face of the earth” (Amos 9:8).

Israel’s Final Prophet

But they did not listen. So, God raised up another prophet, from among their own people — a man by the name of Hosea. For the next 20 years, right up to the time of the kingdom’s destruction, Hosea called the people to repentance. And like Amos, he confronted them with a litany of their sins, beginning with these words (Hosea 4:1-3):

- 1) Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, Because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land.
- 2) There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.
- 3) Therefore the land mourns, and everyone who lives in it languishes along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky, and also the fish of the sea disappear.

Hosea focused on the sin of idolatry, referring to it vividly as “the spirit of harlotry” (Hosea 4:12 and 9:1). And like Amos, he also railed against the people’s religious hypocrisy, proclaiming: “I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice, and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings” (6:6).

Hosea pleaded with his fellow countrymen to “return to the LORD your God” (14:1), and he warned specifically that if they failed to do so, God would destroy their kingdom through the Assyrians (11:5-6). He also pointed out that should this happen,

they would have no one to blame except themselves (13:9).

Meanwhile, in Judah, the prophet Isaiah, who was called by God to be a prophet to his own kingdom, also issued a warning to Israel. He cried out, “Woe to the proud crown [the capital city of Samaria] of the drunkards of Ephraim [the kingdom of Israel]” (Isaiah 28:1). He then declared that God was raising up “a mighty agent” to destroy the kingdom (28:2). This was, of course, a reference to the Assyrians whom Isaiah had referred to earlier as “the rod of God’s anger” (10:5).

I think it is fascinating to note that near the end of the reign of Israel’s very first king, Jeroboam, a prophet named Abijah prophesied the ultimate destruction of the kingdom of Israel: “For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger” (1 Kings 14:15 — Asherim were totem poles that were erected to honor the female God named Asherah).

The Destruction of Israel

All these appeals and warnings fell on deaf ears. The result was the destruction of the kingdom of Israel by the Assyrians in 722 BC. The kingdom had lasted 208 years. There had been 19 kings, and not a single one had been considered righteous in the eyes of God.

The reasons for their destruction are summed up in 2 Kings 17: “They set for themselves sacred pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree” (10), “they burned incense on all the high places” (11), “they served idols” (12), “they made for themselves molten images . . . and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal” (16), and “they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments” (17).

The Assyrian conquest of the kingdom of Israel marked the beginning of the dispersion of the Jewish people in accordance with the prophecy of Deuteronomy 28:63-64. The ten Jewish tribes of that kingdom ultimately ended up being scattered all across the Eurasian continent, from Assyria to China and even into the Indian subcontinent.³

The Kingdom of Judah

The southern kingdom of Judah began with King Rehoboam who was the rightful heir to the throne, since he was the son of Solomon, but he veered off the path of righteousness, and his son, Abijah (also known as Abijam), followed in his steps. It was not until the 20th year of the kingdom that a good king by the name of Asa ascended the throne. He reigned for 41 years and was followed by his righteous son, Jehoshaphat, who ruled for 25 years.

It was up and down after that with regard to the kings, but overall, there was a steady descent of the society into spiritual darkness. It is a tragic story because no other nation had ever

been blessed as much as Judah. God prospered its people and gave them many righteous kings. More important, His Shekinah Glory resided in their Temple in Jerusalem. But the people of Judah took their eyes off the Lord and began to wallow in pride, which led them into a multiplicity of sins.

The Prophets to Judah

The earliest prophet to speak out against Judah's increasing apostasy was Joel. He appeared on the scene during the reign of King Uzziah (783-732 BC) when the kingdom was almost 150 years old. This would have been before the fall of Israel.

Judah had just experienced a terrible locust invasion that had made waste of the kingdom's agricultural production. The nation was facing famine. Joel's message was a tough one. Basically, he said, "If you think this locust invasion is bad, just wait and see what God has in store for you if you do not repent." He then warned that God was going to send an army that would do far greater damage than the locusts.

He cried out to his people in behalf of God, saying, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments" (Joel 2:12-13).

Isaiah's Message

In the year of King Uzziah's death (732 BC), God called Isaiah to be a prophet to Judah (Isaiah 6:1). As his first assignment, the Lord instructed him to make an inventory of the kingdom's sins.

The list appears in Isaiah 5, and it is an alarming one. It included injustice, greed, pleasure seeking, blasphemy, moral perversion, intellectual pride, intemperance and political corruption (Isaiah 5:7-23). And keep in mind that this list was compiled at the end of the 52 year reign of a righteous king!

The cause of all this spiritual pollution was summed up by Isaiah in the following words: "For they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 5:24).

Isaiah pulled no punches in warning Judah of the consequences of its sins, if the nation refused to repent. He pointed to what had happened to Israel: "Shall I not do to Jerusalem and her images just as I have done to Samaria and her idols?" (Isaiah 10:11). He even prophesied that Babylon would be the empire that would destroy Judah, referring to the Babylonians as His "consecrated ones" and His "mighty warriors" (Isaiah 13:3).

The Message of Jeremiah

About 60 years after Isaiah's death, God called the prophet Jeremiah to take his place. And once again, the Lord instructed him, like Isaiah, to begin his ministry by compiling an inventory of the kingdom's sins (Jeremiah 5:1-2).

When Jeremiah reported back, the list he had compiled was identical to Isaiah's (Jeremiah 5-10), except that he added the sin of religious corruption: "An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule on their own authority . . ." (5:30-31).

Jeremiah's report contained three graphic summary statements:

- 1) They have made their faces harder than rock (5:3).
- 2) They have stubborn and rebellious hearts (5:23).



The Prophets Cry Out.

- 3) They do not even know how to blush (6:15).

Jeremiah then went forth to call for repentance and to warn of impending destruction. He began his ministry by preaching a powerful sermon in the Temple in Jerusalem. He called upon the people to amend their ways and practice judgment, or else their Temple would be destroyed (7:1-7). He then asked them a piercing question (7:9-10):

- 9) "Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known,

- 10) then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!' — that you may do all these abominations?"

The religious leaders reacted in outrage, banning Jeremiah from the Temple (36:5). The people mocked him, claiming that God would never allow anyone to destroy the Temple that was inhabited by His Shekinah Glory (7:4).

Jeremiah never let up in his call for repentance and his pronouncement of warnings. And the people of Judah never wavered in their hostile response. He was attacked by his brothers (12:6), imprisoned (37:18), beaten and put in stocks (20:1-2), thrown into a cistern (38:6), denounced by a false prophet (28:1ff) and constantly threatened with death (38:4).

Jeremiah was very specific with his warnings (20:4-5):

- 4) For thus says the LORD, "... I will give over all Judah to the hand of the king of Babylon, and he will carry them away as exiles to Babylon and will slay them with the sword.

- 5) "I will also give over all the wealth of this city, all its produce and all its costly things; even



“The Siege and Destruction of Jerusalem” by David Roberts (1796 - 1864).

all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give over to the hand of their enemies, and they will plunder them, take them away and bring them to Babylon.”

Not only did he specify that the nation would be destroyed by Babylon and that the people would be carried away to captivity, he also specified that this exile would last exactly 70 years (25:11-12). But all the warnings fell on deaf ears. Here’s how the response is described in Jeremiah 17:23 — “Yet they did not listen or incline their ears, but stiffened their neck in order not to listen or take correction.”

The Destruction by Babylon

So, God sent the Babylonians as His “war club” (51:20), and they destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple. Most of the residents of Jerusalem were either killed or captured and sent into exile. Many others, who were able to escape or who were left behind, decided to flee to Egypt (43:1-6).

The conquest of the city of Jerusalem and the destruction of the kingdom of Judah produced two of the saddest verses in the Hebrew Scriptures (2 Chronicles 36:15-16):

15) The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place;

16) but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.

The Babylonian captivity (608 - 538 BC) produced the second great Jewish dispersion — to Babylon and Egypt. And

when the Jews were allowed to return to their homeland 70 years later by the Persian King Cyrus, the majority decided to remain in Babylon.⁴

The Widespread Dispersion of the Jews

Shortly before the time of Jesus, in the late First Century BC, a Greek geographer named Strabo stated that you could not go anywhere in the civilized world without encountering a Jew.⁵ By the time of Jesus in the First Century AD, scholars estimate that the majority of the Jewish people (more than 5 million) were living in the Diaspora.⁶ The Egyptian city of Alexandria was 40% Jewish, amounting to approximately one million Jews.⁷

The widespread dispersion of the Jews at the beginning of the First Century AD is attested to in the New Testament. On the Day of Pentecost in about 30 AD, when the Apostle Peter preached the first Gospel sermon, a great multitude of Jews from the Diaspora had gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast Days (Acts 2:9-11):

9) Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10) Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11) Cretans and Arabs . . .

Also in the New Testament you can find a reference to “the Diaspora among the Greeks” in John 7:35. The book of James is addressed “to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad . . .” (James 1:1). Likewise, Peter’s first epistle is addressed to “those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia . . .” (1 Peter 1:1).



“The Flight of the Prisoners” by James Tissot (1836-1902).

There is the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8. This was a Black Jew from Africa who had come to Jerusalem to worship. As he was traveling back home, he encountered a Christian evangelist by the name of Philip who shared the Gospel with him. The man accepted Jesus as his Savior, was baptized and went on his way rejoicing — becoming the first African convert to Christianity (Acts 8:26-40).

The Destruction by the Romans

In 63 BC, Judah became a protectorate of Rome, and in 6 AD, the kingdom was reorganized as a Roman province.⁸

Roman rule proved to be harsh. The Jews were heavily taxed, and their religion and culture were held in contempt. The Jewish people were particularly outraged when the Romans took over the appointment of the High Priest, resulting in the selection of Roman collaborators.⁹

“Ultimately, the combination of financial exploitation, Rome’s unbridled contempt for Judaism, and the unabashed favoritism that the Romans extended to Gentiles” brought about a revolt in 66 AD.¹⁰

The revolt led to a siege of Jerusalem by Roman troops in 70 AD. After a stand-off of almost six months, the Romans finally breached the walls and then systematically destroyed the city and its temple. In the process, they slaughtered tens of thousands of its inhabitants.

But this great tragedy failed to quell the rebellious spirit of the Jews. Fifty-two years later, they rose up in rebellion once again in a well-organized guerilla campaign that lasted three years (132 - 135 AD).

This revolt proved to be the last straw for the Romans. Hadrian, the Roman Emperor, responded brutally. According to Roman historian Cassius Dio (c. 150 - 235 AD), 580,000 Jews were killed, and 50 fortified towns and 985 villages were razed to the ground.¹¹ Those who were not killed were sold into

slavery.

Additionally, Hadrian ordered Jews to be banned from Jerusalem, except on the day of Tisha B’Av (the day of mourning over the destruction of the first two temples). He changed the name of Jerusalem to *Aelia Capitolina* (after his family name, Aelius, and the Capitoline Triad of gods — Jupiter, Juno and Minerva).¹² And he changed the name of the Jewish homeland from Judah to Syria Palestina (Palestina being the Latin name for the Jew’s ancient enemies, the Philistines).¹³

Worldwide Dispersion

The ultimate result of the destruction of the kingdom of Judah was the worldwide dispersion of the remaining Jewish people. Yes, there were small pockets of Jews who remained in their homeland, settling mainly in the Galilee and in the city of Tiberias. But the vast majority were scattered to foreign nations — all of which was in fulfillment of very specific warnings God had supplied through His prophets over a thousand years before.

The Jewish historian, Josephus, writing near the end of the First Century AD, stated: “There is no city, no tribe, whether Greek or barbarian, in which Jewish law and Jewish customs have not taken root.”¹⁴

By the end of the Middle Ages (400 to 1400 AD), there were four identifiable groups of Jews in the Diaspora:

- 1) The Ashkenazi Jews of Central and Eastern Europe.¹⁵
- 2) The Sephardic Jews of the Iberian Peninsula (Portugal and Spain).¹⁶
- 3) The Mizrahi Jews of Persia.¹⁷
- 4) The Anusim Jews which consisted of those who were compelled to convert to either Christianity or Islam.¹⁸ They were sometimes referred to as “Crypto-Jews.”

Each of these groups, in their isolation from each other over the years, developed distinctive forms of dress, worship and language.¹⁹ With regard to language, Hebrew became the language of the synagogue. It ceased to be spoken in daily conversation. Among the Ashkenazim, they combined German with Hebrew to produce a language called Yiddish.²⁰ The Sephardim, on the other hand, combined Spanish with Hebrew to produce Ladino.²¹

In 1492, when the Jews were expelled from Spain, the Sephardic communities migrated to North Africa and throughout the Ottoman Empire. Later, some of them even went to the newly discovered Latin America.

This subsequent dispersion into the Ottoman Empire resulted in the growth of Mizrahi Jews, because that term came to be applied to those who ended up living in areas dominated by Muslims. As would be expected, they developed a mixed language called Judeo-Arabic.²²

For 600 years, Babylon was the center of the Diaspora, from the 5th to the 11th Centuries. During the 11th Century, Jewish migration shifted the center of the Diaspora population to Spain, France and the Rhineland, where it remained until the 15th Century. At that point, expulsions and offers of refuge led the Jews either to Poland or the Ottoman Empire. Those two regions remained the principal centers of Jewish life until the 19th Century.

During the 19th Century, the Jews in the Diaspora began to migrate in significant numbers to the Western Hemisphere, including South America. Between 1840 and 1939, the Jewish population of North and South America increased from 1.1% of the world's Jews to 33.1%.²³ During that same time period, worldwide Jewry increased from 4.5 million to 16.7 million.²⁴

Jewish Demographics

The Nazi Holocaust resulted in the deaths of 6 million Jews, including 1.5 million children. This reduced the worldwide population of Jews to approximately 10 million. Since that time, the population has grown to 14 million, with 6 million now residing in the re-established state of Israel.²⁵

According to Roman records, there were about 8 to 10 million Jews in the First Century. Since that time, the population of China has grown from 30 million to over one billion. Based on growth statistics like this, demographers estimate that there should be 500 million Jews alive in the world today.²⁶ Instead, there are only about 4 million more today than 2,000 years ago. This fact is the fulfillment of a prophecy found in Deuteronomy 4:27 — “And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you shall be left few in number among the nations, where the LORD shall drive you.” That prophecy was delivered by Moses over 3,400 years ago!

Prophecies Fulfilled

The Jewish people have been dispersed all over the world, just as God warned they would be if they were not faithful to Him. Likewise, as I will show in the next installment of this series, they have been severely persecuted everywhere they have gone — again, in fulfillment of a prophecy delivered by Moses (Deuteronomy 28:65-67):

65) Among those nations [where the Jews will be scattered] you shall find no rest, and there

will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

66) So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67) In the morning you shall say, “Would that it were evening!” And at evening you shall say, “Would that it were morning!” because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see.

The great miracle of the Diaspora is that the Jewish people have survived to this day — again, in fulfillment of Bible prophecy (Jeremiah 30:11):

“For I am with you,” declares the LORD, “to save you; for I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly and will by no means leave you unpunished.”

We will also take a look at this miracle of preservation in our next installment.

A Warning to America

Let me conclude by emphasizing a point that I have made many times, particularly in my book, *America the Beautiful*?²⁷ It is the fact that I am convinced that ancient Judah is a prophetic type of the United States.

Just like Judah, God has blessed us with great leaders, freedom and prosperity. More important, just like Judah, our nation was founded upon God's Word. And just as God blessed Judah with His spiritual presence in the nation's temple, He has given America the great spiritual blessing of spreading the Gospel all over the world.

Yet, despite our blessings, we have responded just like Judah with pride, apostasy and rebellion. And just as with Judah, God has been calling us to repentance and warning us of impending destruction through remedial judgments like 9/11 and through prophetic voices like Dave Wilkerson.

And just as the people of Judah laughed at the warnings and said, “God dwells in our temple and would never allow an enemy to destroy our nation,” the people of America are saying, “God sits on His throne wrapped in an American flag and will never allow us to be destroyed.”

We need to remember the words of the prophet Nahum:

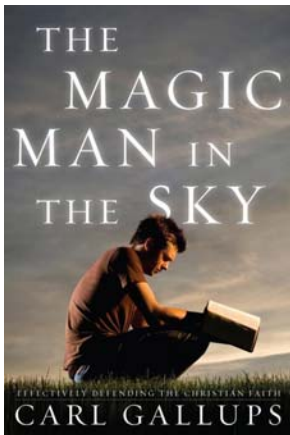
The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
And the LORD will by no means leave the
guilty unpunished . . . (Nahum 1:3). ✚

Note: The reference notes for this article can be found attached to the copy of the article that is posted on our website.

A Confused Book About Revelation

Dr. David R. Reagan

This is a book review that I did not want to write. The reason is simple. Carl Gallups, the author, is a dear and valued friend, and I must honestly report that his latest book is a disaster.



I first became aware of Carl in 2012 when his first book was published. It was titled, *The Magic Man in the Sky*, which is the term Atheists often use to refer to the Christian concept of God. The book presented a brilliant defense of the existence of God and a scathing refutation of the fantasy of Evolution.

As soon as I finished reading the book, I immediately contacted Carl and invited him to appear on our television program, which he did. I discovered that he had been a police detective for 20 years before deciding to enter ministry full time. He became the pastor of a Baptist church in Milton, Florida, located in the panhandle of the state, near Destin. He has served that church since 1987.

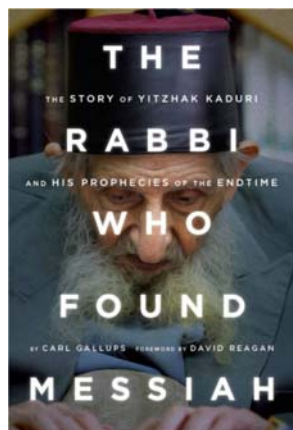
Before writing his first book, Carl had become known nationally through his radio program and his Internet video programs that focus on providing a biblical perspective on national and international events. He had developed a reputation as an articulate, outspoken and fearless prophetic voice due to his insightful commentaries about the decay of American society and our impending destruction by God.

His first book established him as a serious apologetics author who understands how to defend God's Word. The book is "a must read" for any Christian.

Carl's Second Book

His second book was equally good, but very different. It was titled, *The Rabbi Who Found Messiah*. It is an investigative journalistic type of book that exposed to the world the remarkable story of one of Israel's most influential rabbis — Yitzhak Kaduri.

Before the rabbi died in January of 2006, he announced to his followers that the Messiah had appeared to him and revealed His identity. He said he had written down the Messiah's name on a piece of paper and sealed it in an

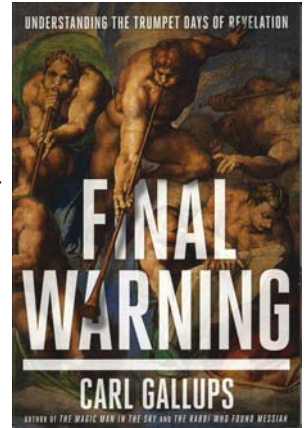


envelope that was to be opened one year after his death. That was done in January of 2007, and the name the envelope contained produced a profound shock among Orthodox Jews. It was Yeshua, the Hebrew name for Jesus! This revelation was dismissed as "dementia" and was quickly covered up by both the Orthodox and the Israeli press.

Carl's excellent book brought the revelation back to light, and the book is being used very effectively in Israel today to witness Jesus to Orthodox Jews, some of whom have accepted Yeshua as their Lord and Savior.

Carl's Newest Book

This brings us to Carl's third book, just recently published. It is titled, *Final Warning: Understanding the Trumpet Days of Revelation* (WND Books, 2015, 234 pages). The book carries an endorsement by Joel Richardson, the proponent of the very unbiblical idea that the Antichrist is going to be a Muslim. He states: "If you have a passion to study the subject of the end times, then you will love this book! Gallups is an engaging writer who presents a unique perspective. Prepare to be challenged."



Irvin Baxter

It is true that Carl is an "engaging writer, but it is not true that he presents "a unique perspective." It is an unusual perspective, and from my viewpoint, it is completely off-the-wall, but it is not unique. That's because it is an echo of the concepts of a very well known Bible prophecy teacher by the name of Irvin Baxter.

Basically, both of these men believe that we are currently living in the midst of the Trumpet Judgments of the book of Revelation!

That's right. They do not see these judgments as something future that will occur during the Tribulation. No, they claim the judgments are happening now.

A Lonely Interpretation

Until the publication of Carl's book, I was not aware of anyone who agreed with Baxter's interpretation of Revelation. In fact, Baxter has no links to any other prophecy ministries on his website because no one else agrees with him — until now.

Lone Ranger interpretations of this nature should always be suspect because the Bible specifically states that "no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20). Here's how Frank Stagg put it in his essay, "How to Understand the Bible" (1974): "God does not grant private disclosures that are withheld from other people."

When you think about how unusual the interpretation of Revelation is that these men have come up with, you can understand why I consider it amusing that throughout Carl's new

book, he repeatedly introduces each of his strange interpretations by proclaiming that “many” or “numerous” prophecy scholars agree with him!

The Third Trumpet

Carl begins his book by focusing on the third Trumpet Judgment because he says this was the first one that he realized had already been fulfilled in our day and time (chapter 15). It is the judgment recorded in Revelation 8:10-11. It reads as follows:

10) The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

11) The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

Carl argues that this prophecy was fulfilled in the explosion of the Russian nuclear reactor in Chernobyl, Ukraine on April 26, 1986 (chapter 15). His basic reason for making the connection between this event and the prophecy is his claim that Chernobyl means wormwood in the Ukrainian language (chapter 16).



Chernobyl Devastation

Actually, Chernobyl is the Ukrainian word for the herb which in English is called mugwort. The Ukrainian word for wormwood is *polyn*. But even if Chernobyl meant wormwood, the prophecy would not be fulfilled by the Chernobyl explosion.

To make the rest of the prophecy fit the event, Carl engages in some fanciful spiritualizations of Scripture. He explains away the reference to a star falling from heaven as a First Century man’s primitive explanation of a nuclear explosion (chapter 18).

To do this, Carl starts redefining words, a technique he uses throughout his book. So, according to Carl, the word, star, doesn’t really mean star — it is just something that looked like a star (pp. 124ff). And heaven doesn’t really mean heaven, it is just a reference to the sky. Also, the idea that a star falls from heaven is just a reference to debris from a nuclear explosion falling back to the ground (p. 126).

Further, Carl asserts that the statement that this event will result in one-third of the waters of the world being polluted must be interpreted as meaning simply “a calamity on a monumental scale” (pp. 116ff). That’s a very convenient interpretation, but it is not what the prophecy says.

Now, having come to the conclusion that the Chernobyl explosion was a fulfillment of the third Trumpet Judgment, Carl concludes that the first and second Trumpet Judgments must also have already occurred and must have done so before 1986.

The Second Trumpet

The second Trumpet Judgment, found in Revelation 8:8-9, reads as follows:

8) The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,

9) and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

To give a contemporary interpretation to this prophecy, the first thing Carl does is to explain away the reference to the sea by saying, “Obviously, the sea in these verses is not a literal ocean of water but rather a vast expanse” (p. 129). “Obviously”? Really? Obvious to whom?

He then resorts to the redefinition of words, claiming that “thrown” should really be translated “arise” (p. 131).

Now, having changed the meaning of the prophecy, he proceeds to proclaim that it was fulfilled in 1945 with the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Since Japan is an island nation, from a distance, the explosions must have looked like “a mountain of fire” rising from the sea (p. 131).

And, oh yes, the reference to one-third of the sea being affected is also explained away in a most peculiar way. It refers to either one-third of the population of Japan being killed in the explosions (including those who died over a five year period of time from radiation poisoning), or it refers to one-third of those involved in World War II being killed (pp. 132-133). But these particular verses do not speak of one-third of any group being killed. They talk about one-third of the sea becoming blood. And Carl never bothers to explain away the reference to the sea turning to blood.



Carl Gallups

The First Trumpet

This brings us to the first Trumpet Judgment. It is recorded in Revelation 8, verse 7:

The first [trumpet] sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

Carl proposes two possible modern day fulfillments of this prophecy. The first would be the “scorched earth” policy followed by the Russians in the defeat of the Nazi invasion of their



The fifth Trumpet Judgment of a demonic invasion as illustrated by Pat Marvenko Smith in her Revelation Illustrated series of paintings. See: www.revelationillustrated.com.

nation during World War II (pp. 136ff). The second alternative, and the one Carl prefers, is that this verse is describing World War I (pp. 138ff).

Carl explains away the prophecy's statement that the judgment will affect one-third of the earth by, once again, redefining words. The problem, he says, is that we are "relying solely upon the English translation" (p. 136). He then explains: "In actuality, the Greek word for earth in this passage allows for something much more local in nature." So, as Carl puts it, the Apostle John, who wrote Revelation, "could easily have been speaking of a specific theater — that is, a specific region" (p. 136). Again, very convenient for Carl, but that is not what the text says.

The Fourth Trumpet

At this point in his book, Carl jumps to the fourth Trumpet Judgment in Revelation 8:12 which reads as follows:

The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

In his desperation to find a modern day fulfillment for this prophecy, Carl resorts to a 2004 article in the *New York Times* which reported that due to pollution, there was a drop in the amount of sunshine reaching the earth by as much as 10 percent from the late 1950s to the early 1990s — or about 2 percent per decade (p. 141).

Carl calls this "global dimming," and he jumps on the fact that in one place, Hong Kong, the loss of daylight amounted to 37 percent. Well, the prophecy does not speak of one place — it speaks of the impact on the whole world, and it also speaks of an immediate impact, not a gradual one over 40 years.

The Fifth Trumpet

The fifth Trumpet Judgment is a long one recorded in Revelation 9:1-11. To summarize it, the prophecy says that "a star from heaven" [identified as an angel] falls to earth with "the key to the abyss" [some translations read "bottomless pit"]. This is a reference to the place where rebellious angels are held (2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6). The angel opens the abyss and smoke comes out, together with locusts who can sting like scorpions. They are allowed to torment all mankind for 5 months, except for those who have "the seal of God on their foreheads." The locusts have a "king over them" who is described as an "angel of the abyss" whose name in Hebrew is *Abaddon* and in Greek is *Apollyon* — both names meaning, "Destroyer."

Incredibly, Carl tries to find the fulfillment of this prophecy in the Gulf War of 1990-1991 (chapter 22). The five months of torment is interpreted to refer to the five months that Iraq tormented the people of Kuwait before the United States launched its invasion. The abyss is redefined to mean a hole in the ground like a pit or a well, and thus Carl says the prophecy is really talking about the oil wells of Iraq! The smoke from the abyss is the burning of the oil wells. The locusts are helicopters. And the king called *Abaddon* or *Apollyon* is Saddam Hussein because his nickname was "Destroyer."

This whole interpretation was just beyond belief to me because the prophecy makes it clear that it is talking about a demonic invasion. And the idea that Saddam Hussein might be the Destroyer spoken about in the prophecy was particularly mystifying because the prophecy clearly states that the Destroyer is a demon who is released from the abyss.

The Sixth Trumpet

That brings us to the sixth Trumpet Judgment, and mercifully, Carl does not try to explain it away by linking it to some modern day event. Rather, he says its fulfillment is yet future (chapter 21). This is the judgment that says armies consisting of 200 million soldiers will be released who will proceed to kill “a third of mankind” (Revelation 9:13-19).

In speculating how this prophecy might be fulfilled, Carl states, “I am certainly not going to insist upon a rigorous interpretation of this sixth trumpet prophecy” (p. 169). Really? Why not?

He then proceeds to explain away the prophecy’s meaning by stating that it is most likely going to be fulfilled by a limited war in the Middle East in which one-third of the participants will be killed.

Unusual Interpretations

There are many other strange interpretations contained in Carl’s book. For example:

- The Seal Judgments (which precede the Trumpet Judgments) are not really judgments. They are just a general overview of what is going to happen — they are warnings, like those contained in Jesus’ Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24. The actual judgments do not start happening until the Trumpet Judgments which are all contained in the seventh Seal Judgment (pp. 77-79).
- The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11) who will prophesy in Jerusalem for three and a half years and then be killed by the Antichrist are identified as symbols of Messianic Jews and the Church (even though Messianic Jews are part of the Church). In other words, Carl denies the witnesses will be two men (chapter 13).
- The Rapture of the Church will take place when the Two Witnesses (all Jewish and Gentile believers) are caught up to Heaven (Revelation 11:1-12). This will happen before the pouring out of God’s wrath in the Bowl Judgments (Revelation 16). So, the Rapture will most likely take place in the middle of the Tribulation, following the blowing of the seventh trumpet in the series of Trumpet Judgments (chapter 29).
- The “abomination of desolation” (Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24:15) which will be erected “in the holy place” is the current Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount (chapter 27) — despite the fact that the Bible clearly states that this abomination will be erected by the Antichrist.

The Basic Problem

There is a fundamental problem with Carl’s analysis that he



The angels of the Trumpet Judgments of Revelation 8 and 9 as portrayed by Pat Marvenko Smith.

never addresses, and it is the death knell to all that he proclaims. It is the fact that *the book of Revelation pictures all its series of judgments — Seals, Trumpets and Bowls — as occurring within a 7 year period of time*. This time period is precisely defined as 2,520 days (Revelation 11:3 and 12:6), or 7 years when considering that a prophetic year is 360 days.

The prophet Daniel says this 7 year period of time will begin when the Antichrist makes a treaty with Israel — most likely one that will allow the Jews to rebuild their temple (Daniel 9:27).

These 7 years are the final week of years of Daniel’s prophecy of the 70 weeks of years (Daniel 9:24). This period of 490 years is the time during which God will accomplish all His purposes among the Jewish people (Daniel 9:24).

The first 483 years of this prophecy ended with the Crucifixion, at which time the Church was established and the Jews were set aside under discipline. We are now in the Church Age which represents a gap in Daniel’s prophecy. When the Church is taken out in the Rapture, God will once again focus on Israel as the centerpiece of His purposes. He will use the last 7 years of Daniel’s prophecy to bring the Jews to the end of themselves through the Tribulation judgments, at the end of which, the Jewish remnant will repent and receive Yeshua (Jesus) as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10).

Conclusion

The Tribulation judgments — all of them — are pictured in the book of Revelation as occurring within Daniel’s 70th Week — a 7 year period of time. They do not begin before that time.

The judgments portrayed by the book of Revelation are all future. They will take place during the 7 years of the Tribulation. And they will happen as they are described. No one will have to spiritualize them or redefine them or explain them away. They mean what they say!

In conclusion, Carl’s latest book is an exercise in imagination that is going to confuse many people. Even worse, it is going to convince many that Bible prophecy does not mean what it says. ❖

Four Eschatological Truths from Matthew 19:28

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One verse that is often overlooked but carries great theological significance is Matthew 19:28:

And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

The context of Jesus' words in Matthew 19:28 is His encounter with the Rich Young Ruler (19:16-26) and Peter's question concerning what rewards the apostles would have for following Jesus (19:27). The Rich Young Ruler loved his possessions more than he loved Jesus and he would not part with his wealth. But Peter asked what reward there would be for himself and the apostles who did forsake all to follow Jesus. The main point is that Jesus reveals great rewards for those who follow Him. But Jesus' answer also reveals four key truths concerning events to come. It is these we highlight:

1 There is a coming renewal of planet earth. This is made clear by Jesus' use of the term "regeneration" which is the Greek word, *palinogenesis*. This term refers to "recreation" or "renewal." In this context it refers to the recreation or renewal of the earth and parallels the glorified creation that Paul speaks of in Romans 8:18-23. Thus, Jesus sees a restored planet earth in the future. Commenting on this term J. I. Packer states, "it denotes the eschatological 'restoration of all things' (Acts 3:21)

under the Messiah for which Israel was waiting" (*Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, p. 925). The future involves a real tangible earth, not a wispy existence on a cloud. This planet will be the base for the rewards of relationships and farms that Jesus brings up in Matthew 19:29. This truth refutes any idea of a Platonic elevation of the spiritual over the physical. The physical earth matters in God's plans and His kingdom certainly includes it.

2 The Davidic throne of Jesus is future in connection with a renewed earth. Jesus links His assumption of the throne of David with the renewal of creation. He refers to sitting on His "glorious throne" which is a reference to the throne of David. In Luke 1:32-33 the angel Gabriel promised Mary that her Son, Jesus, would sit upon the throne of His father David and would rule over the house of Jacob [i.e. Israel] forever. What is quite significant about this statement is that Jesus tells us when He will sit on His glorious Davidic throne. It is at the time of the regeneration of planet earth. This shows that Jesus' kingdom reign is future from our standpoint since it is connected with the renewal of the earth. In Matthew 25:31 Jesus says He will sit on His "glorious throne" when He comes again in glory at His Second Coming to judge the nations of the earth.

3 The nation Israel will be restored. On several occasions the Old Testament prophets predicted a restored Israel with a unification of the twelve tribes (See Ezekiel 36-37). The mention of the "twelve tribes of Israel" in Matthew 19:28 shows that Jesus expects a future restoration of the nation Israel with the twelve tribes present. Some have tried to read the Church into this statement, but such a conclusion is unwarranted. Other than just asserting it, what evidence is there that the Church is the Israel of Matthew 19:28? Daniel Harrington is correct that, "There is no reason to interpret the twelve tribes of Israel as a symbol for the Church. Matthew meant Israel" (*The Gospel of Matthew*, p. 279). Thus, Matthew 19:28 is explicit New Testament evidence for a restoration and unification of national Israel.

4 The apostles will rule over a restored Israel. The Bible teaches that when the Messiah reigns, the saints will reign too (see Dan 7:27; Rev 5:10). For the twelve apostles this means "sitting upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." When Jesus sits on His glorious Davidic throne, then the apostles will rule as well over the tribes of Israel. This is a literal rule over the literal tribes of Israel when the kingdom comes. So not only will Israel be united and restored, the nation will be ruled over by the twelve apostles. Other Scripture references indicate that the church and saints of God will be ruling too when Jesus returns (Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10). For the apostles, their reign is centered in Israel, but the saints as a whole will be involved with a worldwide reign.

Conclusion

Jesus' words in Matthew 19:28 are astonishing and show incredible blessings to come. We see that planet earth will be restored, Jesus will reign as King, Israel will be restored and united, and the apostles will have ruling functions. There is much to look forward to for those who give up all to follow Jesus in this age. ✚

Keeping Government Under Control

Nathan Jones

Did you know that right now nearly 200,000 people are suffering in the modern-day equivalent of Nazi concentration camps?

These horrific work camps can be found in North Korea. According to the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights, North Korea is the worst offender of all the nations when it comes to their appalling human rights record, infringing on nearly all of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights.¹

CNN News reports that murder, torture, slavery, sexual violence, mass starvation and other abuses are common methods employed by this authoritarian government for the purpose of terrorizing their population into submission.²

A Totalitarian Regime

When the Korean Conflict unofficially ended in the early 1950s, dictator Kim Il-Sung declared himself "Eternal President" and closed his nation's borders in order to establish a totalitarian Communist government. This type of government controls every aspect of its people's lives.

So controlled are the North Korean people that they have no access to the Internet or media outside state sponsored propaganda, and the basic freedoms of movement and expression and the right to assembly are nonexistent. To protect the power of the regime, the people are starved in order to fund the massive military engine stationed along the United States-protected South Korean border.



Kim Jong-un, the dictator of North Korea.

Since Kim died, his son and grandson have continued the con job of pretending they are gods deserving of worship. Therefore, to be a Christian is a crime in North Korea, with the automatic sentence of hard labor in the work camps. Conditions are horrific for Christians living in one of these labor camps. Voice of the Martyrs, a persecution watch ministry, estimates that some 30,000 Christians suffer daily in these death camps for the "crime" of not worshiping their "Dear Leader."³

An Example of Ruthlessness

VOM tells a true day-in-the-life story of Christian persecution in a little village there called GokSan.⁴ A pastor and 26 of



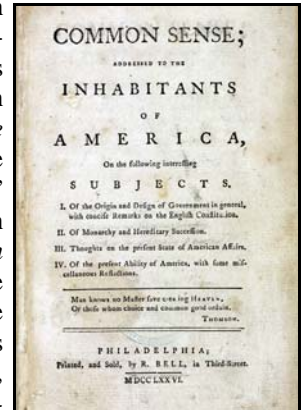
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his underground church members were bound and taken before a screaming crowd of Communists. The guards demanded that the Christians "Deny Christ or die!" Not getting the answer they were looking for, the guards threatened to kill the children. The only response was a mother of a young girl who leaned down and whispered to her daughter, "Today, my Love, I will see you in Heaven."

The Communists proceeded to hang all of the children. When the sobbing parents still refused to deny Christ, the guards brought out a huge steamroller and crushed the remaining church members who were singing "More Love, O Christ, to Thee, More Love to Thee."

The Purpose of Government

Governments such as North Korea do not understand the purpose of government. United States Founding Father Thomas Paine, in his pamphlet, *Common Sense* (1776), wrote that security is "the true design and end of government." Another Founding Father, John Adams, in his book, *Thoughts on Government* (1776), believed the purpose of government was to be found "in the goal of happiness through virtue." Thomas Jefferson, in his writing titled, *Political Economy* (1816), declared "The most sacred of the duties of a government is to do equal and impartial justice to all its citizens."



Security instead of enslavement, justice instead of corruption, virtue instead of vice, and the preservation of the happiness of its people rather than the cause of their suffering — those were the godly ideals these men founded a nation upon.

These ideals correspond to what the Bible says is the purpose of government — namely, to provide an atmosphere in which believers can live "a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity" (1 Timothy 2:2).

The Nature of Man

Are nations like North Korea merely bad apples, or do they demonstrate that government in and of itself is inherently evil? Because they were steeped in the Bible, our Founding Fathers thought very poorly of human government. Thomas Paine wrote that "government even in its best state is but a necessary evil, in its worst state an intolerable one."

The reason the Founding Fathers believed government was inherently evil was because they believed in the biblical teachings that mankind is inherently evil and in need of a Redeemer (Romans 3:23 and 10:10-18). In fact, the Bible says there is nothing more corrupt than the human heart (Jeremiah 17:9). The Bible therefore warns over and over not to trust in Man. One of the strongest of these warnings is found in Psalm 118:

8) It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.

9) It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes [politicians].

As another Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton, confirmed: “Men are inherently evil, governed by greed and lust and love of power and a host of even less endearing passions.”⁵ America’s first President, George Washington, put it this way:

Government is not reason. Government is not eloquence. It is force. And, like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.⁶

The Necessity of Limitations

The authors of the United States Constitution knew that while government is a necessary evil, it remains prone to falling into villainy and corruption. Therefore, in their writings they wisely taught that government must be limited. Government must constantly be checked by the population so that it can only extract the least amount of taxes in order to perform the most limited of functions — providing security for its people.

A government that isn’t constantly monitored will grow into a monster, one that in order to feed its endless thirst for power will consume its population’s money and trample on their God-given inalienable rights. In other words, the Founding Fathers knew that government is composed of people, and people are inherently fallen and evil. And, the more corrupt and evil a government becomes, the greater the people will suffer. As the former president of Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. David Allan Hubbard, once remarked:

When the lawless, vicious men are the government, where do the people go for help? They must feel like a little child who flees from a bully into the arms of his father, only to have his father hold him while the bully beats him.⁷

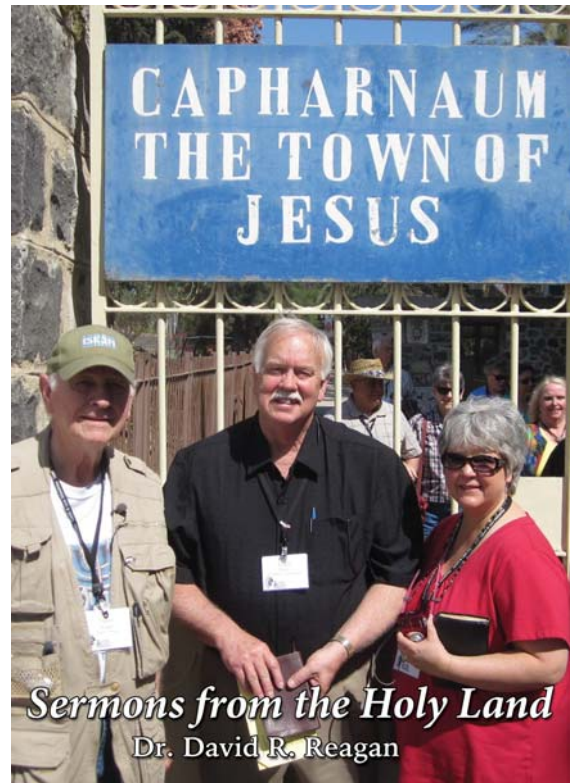
My Yearning

That’s why I so long for the Millennial reign of Jesus Christ. The return of the King means a kingdom that will smash into pieces all fallen human government (Daniel 2:44). It will provide freedom and justice for the persecuted and peace and safety for its people. Christ’s kingdom shall stand forever, never to be destroyed. Come, Lord Jesus, establish your Kingdom! ✚

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New Video Album!



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- 1) “The Miracle of Israel,” delivered at Independence Hall in Tel Aviv.
- 2) “The Evil of Replacement Theology,” delivered at the Crusader Castle in Akko.
- 3) “The Healing Ministry of Jesus,” delivered at Korazin.
- 4) “The Virgin Birth,” delivered at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.
- 5) “The Wars of the End Times,” delivered at the Fortress of Megiddo in the Valley of Armageddon.
- 6) “David’s Passion for God,” delivered at the Ein Gedi Oasis at the Dead Sea.
- 7) “The Eastern Gate in Prophecy,” delivered at the Dominus Flevit Chapel on the Mount of Olives.
- 8) “The Israeli Military in Prophecy,” delivered at the grave of Jonathan Netanyahu in the Mount Herzl Cemetery.
- 9) “David and the Ark of the Covenant,” delivered at the Church of the Ark in Abu Gosh.
- 10) “Symbolic Prophecy and the Resurrection of Jesus,” delivered at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem.

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Lessons from a Shepherd

Col. Tim Moore



Tim Moore

In our society, people with social status, rank, or educational credentials are given undue deference. But, some of the wisest people I know would be considered relatively “uneducated.” On the other hand, some perpetual students lack the wisdom to come in out of the rain.

As Peter came to realize, God is “no respecter of persons” (Acts 10:34). Indeed, He seems to relish choosing the “foolish things of the world to shame the wise” (1 Corinthians 1:27). Obviously, it is those

who are wise in their own eyes who will be set aside (Isaiah 5:21).

This poignant lesson is powerfully demonstrated in the book of Amos. Although the Lord had spoken through educated and “well-connected” prophets, He also chose to deliver His Word to the northern kingdom of Israel through a shepherdder from Tekoa, a small village near Bethlehem in Judah. That would be like a gaucho from Argentina being called by God to pronounce judgment to the President of the United States.

Amos’ message was not welcomed or appreciated. Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, advised King Jeroboam of Israel that Amos was conspiring against him. He also warned Amos to flee back home to Judah and stop afflicting Israel with his word. Amos’ humble answer acknowledged his own insufficiency to serve as a prophet: “I am a herdsman and grower of sycamore figs, not a prophet or even the son of a prophet” (7:14). But, he also testified to the power of his commission. He said the Lord Himself had called him from his flocks and commanded him to “Go and prophesy to My people Israel” (7:15).

Deaf Ears

Even as they strayed farther and farther from the Lord, the people of Israel smugly dismissed the possibility that God would rain down judgment on them. Their faith was in their status as the Chosen People of God instead of in the Lord Himself. And their continuing peace and prosperity seemed to vindicate their claim to ongoing blessings.

Similarly today, we take pride in our self-proclaimed designation as “a city on a hill,” our unequaled military might and our world-envied prosperity. Believing themselves enlightened, the “wise and learned” often scoff at the message that God’s judgment is at hand. Many take for granted the blessings of the past and assert that the Lord must continue to pour out grace and blessing on our land.

They point to our founding, our heritage, and our benevolent works, failing to recognize that we have strayed incredibly far from the Lord who blessed us so richly. God has been removed

from our schools, rejected by our courts, and ridiculed by our media, yet some who profane the Name of God still blithely call on God to “bless America.”

For that reason, the judgment the humble shepherd declared to Israel resonates down through the centuries and is just as relevant to us today. After reminding Israel of His deliverance of them from captivity in Egypt and His benevolence and outpouring of blessings upon them, the Lord declared of rebellious Israel: “I will spare them no longer” (7:8).

Amos’ Indictment of Israel

How jarring that message must have been to people living at ease in Samaria (6:1). They had experienced various minor calamities, certainly, but they could take comfort in their own self-righteousness and ability to overcome adversity. And, they obviously continued to go through the religious motions that had been handed down to them. Perhaps that is why the most vehement rejection of Amos’ prophecy came from none other than Amaziah, the priest of Bethel (7:10-13).

But, in one of his most scathing indictments of mere “religiosity,” the Lord, speaking through Amos said:

I hate, I reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; and I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps (5:21-23).



Hope in the Midst of Wrath

Yet, even within Amos’ pronouncement of doom upon Israel, hope shines through. In the midst of wrath God remembers mercy. Although His judgment on the nation had become unavoidable He still promised that in the end times He would restore a remnant of Israel (9:11-15).

We have witnessed just within the past century that God has indeed fulfilled the promise to “restore the captivity of My people Israel . . . planting them on their land [which I have given them and from where] they will not again be rooted out” (9:14-15).

The Lord reveals through Amos another timeless promise

that offers hope to us just as it did to ancient Israel. Even as He pronounces impending judgment, the Lord calls upon people to “seek Me that you may live” (5:4).

A Warning Mixed with Hope

Here at Lamb & Lion Ministries, we join with other prophetic voices who discern the signs of the times and endeavor to sound a clear warning that God’s judgment on our sinful nation and world is about to fall.

But, we also declare the great good news that the Lord God still calls people to find refuge in Him — through the person of Jesus Christ and His finished work at Calvary. Whether delivered by a shepherd or a sage, that message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are lost, but to those who are called and receive salvation, it is the power and wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).

You don’t need a PhD in theology or hermeneutics to hear and respond to that Truth. Even a shepherd and fig-grower from Tekoa can discern and declare that glorious good news.

A Call to Prayer

Finally, as we see our own society descending into chaos and unrighteousness let us follow Amos’ godly lead — we must intercede for our nation in prayer. Even as the Lord poured out corrective judgments, Amos prayed, “Lord God, please pardon! Please stop!” (7:1-6). The Lord heard those prayers, but reminded Amos of His standard of righteousness.

Although we are years removed from Amos, God and His standard have not changed. And, in spite of deception to the contrary, regarding individuals and nations, “God is not mocked” (Galatians 6:7).

So, we also share the hard truth of the soon judgment that awaits those who reject the Lord or merely “go through the motions” of religion. Ours is not a message of condemnation but a call to repentance and good news that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

With the Lord at the very gates of Heaven and His return imminent, the mission to proclaim the reason for our Blessed Hope is urgent.

In the spirit of prophets of old like Amos, who praised the Lord through tears of mourning, let us cry, Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! ✚

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Missionary Testimony

Blasphemers!

Dan & Meg Price



(Editor’s note: The authors of this article are missionaries to the Arab world. They are currently working in Jordan, on the border with Syria, providing relief in the name of Jesus to Syrian refugees who have fled to Jordan. You can contact them by email at dprice@teamexpansion.org.)

Blasphemy! It’s a shocking term. Do we have your attention for the rest of this article?

As of this writing, 16 persons have been killed in Paris by Islamists who went on a spree of retribution against the writers, cartoonists and publishers of the satirical French weekly, *Charlie Hebdo*. They were murdered on the charge of blasphemy.

If you don’t know much about the magazine, let’s just say it’s France’s print version of “South Park.” Many of the things that have been published in *Charlie Hebdo* have been vulgar and even blasphemous from a Christian standpoint. Having said that, we take the view that our God — and we want to be specific to whom we are referring: YHWH, I AM, Jesus of the Bible — is fully capable of defending Himself. As Paul put it in Romans 12:19, “‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

Guilty of Blasphemy

We don’t condone the actions of *Charlie Hebdo* or those who went on the murderous payback rampage. But if most of the victims were charged with blasphemy, then we also must be charged with the same crime.

Why? Because as believers in Jesus Christ — Son of God, Lord of Creation, Lamb That Was Slain, Resurrected Savior — we commit blasphemy (according to Islam) by believing and proclaiming His names and attributes.

The author of Hebrews wrote: “God spoke . . . to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things . . . He upholds the universe by the word of His power” (Hebrews 1:1-2). We proclaim that faith in the Son of God, Jesus the Messiah, is the only Way, Truth and Life. This is blasphemy in Islam.

In order for us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, we must be willing to clearly explain God's Word — The Bible. Every truth. Even the truths that make us blasphemers against false religions and their prophets. That means that we will put ourselves in the way of those who disagree with the reason for the hope that we have in our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. But we must do so in love.

The Test of Truth

There are many passages in the Bible to which we could refer, but there is a very simple test to see what is true or false. The apostle John wrote (1 John 2:22-23):

22) Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

23) Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

Strong words? Paul pulled no punches when he damned those who preached any other gospel to destruction in Hell (Galatians 1:6-10).



Dan & Meg with a Syrian refugee family.

The Nature of Our Battle

Paul also told us that our battle is against the spiritual forces of Satan, who is the father of lies (John 8:44). We are not fighting against individuals, but instead, ours is a spiritual battle for the souls of lost people. The apostle Peter gave us the following instruction (1 Peter 3):

14) . . . even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened."

15) But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect . . . (ISV)

So please pray for us, "that whenever [we] speak, words may be given [us] so that [we] will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19).

Dan & Meg Price work under the oversight of a world missions group called Team Expansion. You can make donations to their ministry through Lamb & Lion Ministries or directly through Abby Mullins at P. O. Box 6138, Louisville, KY 40206. Checks sent directly should be made out to Team Expansion. Donations are tax-deductible.

2015 Conference

Open for Registration!

Our 2015 Bible conference, scheduled to be held on July 10-11, was opened for registration on January 1st, and the registrations have been streaming in.

The conference will begin on Friday evening, July 10, with a banquet celebrating the 35th anniversary of the ministry. Marty Goetz, a very gifted Messianic musician, will provide a concert of worship music, and Robert Jeffress, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas will deliver an inspirational message.



Marty Goetz



Robert Jeffress

Although we will be able to seat 850 on Saturday, we will have seating for only 500 for the banquet on Friday. So, if you are interested in attending the banquet, you need to call and make reservations immediately. The banquet seats are \$50 each. The conference on Saturday is free of charge. If you plan to attend on Saturday only, you still need to register, and you can do so through our website at www.lamblion.com, or by calling our office at 972-736-3567.

The conference is going to be held at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel Conference Center, located in Allen, Texas, a northern suburb of Dallas. A special room rate of \$99 has been arranged. You can reserve a room by calling 214-383-1151. Ask for the LLMC room discount.

On Saturday, we have arranged for five outstanding speakers to make presentations related to the theme. "Messages for a Rebellious Nation." They are Bob Russell, former pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky; Kelly Shackelford, President of the Liberty Institute; Tim Wildmon, President of the American Family Association; Al Gist, founder of Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries; and Dave Reagan.

Attention Churches!

Our 2015 Bible conference is going to be live-streamed over the Internet. Churches have already contacted us about arranging for the conference to be live-streamed to their church to be projected on a large screen.

If you would be interested in arranging to have the conference broadcast at your church during the five presentations to be made on Saturday, July 11, please contact us. There is no fee, and we can provide you with advertising materials like bulletin inserts and a short video advertisement. ✚

Multiplying Our Outreach

Dr. David R. Reagan

We continue adding new outlets for our television program, "Christ in Prophecy." Below is a summary of all the places where you can access our program. Through all these outlets, we have access to over 110 million homes in the United States, and through the Daystar network of 17 satellites, we have access to every nation in the world. Also, Daystar broadcasts our program over cable in Israel. Notice that we have recently added both a regional station in Atlanta, Georgia and a new Internet network.

Daystar has recently started broadcasting its programs on the Bell Fibe cable system in Canada, giving us access to 2.3 million homes in that nation. They are also airing their programs on the Freeview satellite system, providing access to 10.6 million homes in the United Kingdom. In February they launched their programming on Foxtel, the number one television platform in Australia with access to 2.6 million homes.

National Networks:

Daystar — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, DISH 263, Cable, AT&T U-verse 563, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites, & Web Streaming (daystar.com).

TCC (The Church Channel) — Sat. 8:30pm CT, DirecTV 371, DISH 258, Broadcast Stations, World Satellites, & Web Streaming (churchchannel.tv).

NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 & Web Streaming (<http://nrbnetwork.tv>).

GEB (Golden Eagle Broadcasting) — Tue. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 363 & Web Streaming (gebamerica.com).

TCT (Total Christian Television) — Sun. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 377, Cable, & Web Streaming (tct.tv).

WHT (LeSea World Harvest TV) — Sun. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 367, AT&T U-verse 578, Galaxy Satellite 15 & Web Streaming (leseas.com/wht).

CTVN (Cornerstone TV Network) — Sun. 8:00pm CT, Flagship Station in Pittsburgh, PA, 113 Affiliated Stations, Glorystar Satellite, & Web Streaming (ctvn.org).

CTN (Christian TV Network) — Mon. 5:00pm CT, DirecTV 376, DISH 267, Glorystar and Thaicom 5 Satellites, & Web Streaming (ctnonline.com).

Regional Networks:

Family Vision Network — Sun. 12:30am CT, Mon. 8:30am, and Wed. 7:00pm, Three Broadcast Stations and Cable throughout Southern Louisiana.

KSCE — Sun. 10:30am MT, Broadcast Station in El Paso, TX. DirecTV & DISH Local 38, Cable, AT&T U-verse 38, & Web Streaming (ksce.tv.com).

TLN (Total Living Network) — Sun. 6:30pm CT, Broadcast Station in Chicago, IL.

KTLN (Total Living Network) — Sun. 6:30pm PT, Broad-

cast Station in San Francisco (Channel 25) & Web Streaming (ktln.tv).

VTN (Victory TV) — Sat. 6:00pm CT, Three Broadcast Stations in Arkansas, Cable, DirecTV & DISH Local 25.

KVBA (Vision Broadcasting) — Thurs. 8:30pm MT, Broadcast Station in Alamogordo, NM (kvbatv.com).

WATC TV-57 — Sat. 11:00pm ET, Broadcast station in Atlanta, GA (<http://watc.tv>). **NEW!**

Internet Networks:

Our programs are available on demand on these websites.

HisChannel — HisChannel.com

LightSource — LightSource.com

YouTube — YouTube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

Vimeo — Vimeo.com

GodTube — GodTube.com

GodTV — via LightSource.com

DailyMotion — (European equivalent of YouTube.) DailyMotion.com/us

All Nations Network — AllNationsTV.com **NEW!**

Lamb & Lion Ministries — LambLion.com

Meetings & Conferences

Nathan Jones and Tim Moore are available for weekend preaching and teaching engagements.



Nathan Jones



Tim Moore

All of you are familiar with Nathan Jones, our wonderful Web Minister and Associate Evangelist. He has been with us since 2007. He monitors our website daily, responding to questions about Bible prophecy and challenges from cults and false religions.

Tim Moore is our new part time Assistant Evangelist. He is a Colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. He is also a commercial pilot and a member of the Kentucky State Legislature.

Consider inviting one of these men to speak at your church. ✚

1) Television and Video

Broadcast 52 weeks of *Christ in Prophecy* TV programs over eight national networks and six regional networks with access to over 110 million homes inside the United States. Also provided access to our programs on demand on eight Internet websites.
Broadcast via Daystar and Church Channel satellites to almost every nation in the world.
Produced 26 new *Christ in Prophecy* TV programs and revised 13 others.
Broadcast our 642nd television program at the end of December.
Produced 5 new video albums and revised another.
Reproduced and distributed thousands of DVD video programs.

2) Internet and Website

Sent out 30 e-newsletters to 29,700+ subscribers, sharing biblical messages and the electronic *Lamplighter* magazine.
Experienced an average of 385,000 unique visitors monthly downloading 1.8 million pages.
Exceeded 24,000 downloads of the Lamb & Lion App and added Kindle feature.
Experienced growth of our Twitter outreach to 4,700+ subscribers.
Live-streamed our annual Bible conference to over 6,000 viewers.
Posted 250 Bible prophecy related articles on "The Christ in Prophecy Journal" blog.
Added a Web Ministry Assistant to our staff.
Added LightSource and HisChannel streaming video channels.
Streamed over 258 different "Christ in Prophecy" TV shows.
Ministered to 8,250+ Facebook group members.
Podcast over 100,000 mp3s per month.

3) Preaching and Teaching

Completed a total of 27 speaking engagements:
18 Weekend conferences at churches.
9 Bible prophecy conferences.
Participated in 35 media interviews.
Added a new Assistant Evangelist to our staff.

4) Publications

Published a Holy Land calendar for 2015.
Published reprints of *A Prophetic Manifesto*.
Published *Wrath & Glory* in Arabic.
Continued publishing our books as e-books.
Continued publishing all our materials in Spanish.
Produced 6 issues of the Ministry's magazine, *The Lamplighter*.
Continued publishing a version of our magazine in India.
Published a new book, *The Jewish People: Rejected or Beloved?*



5) Missions

Supplied more than \$45,000 for relief aid to Nigerian Christian refugees.
Provided regular monthly financial support to 19 missions — 9 domestic and 10 foreign.
Donated a total of more than \$300,000 in cash and services to missions.

6) Israel

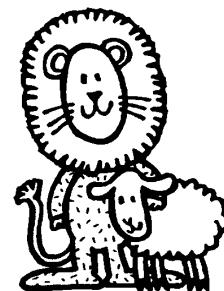
Conducted two Holy Land pilgrimages.
Provided financial assistance to several ministries in Israel.

7) Conferences

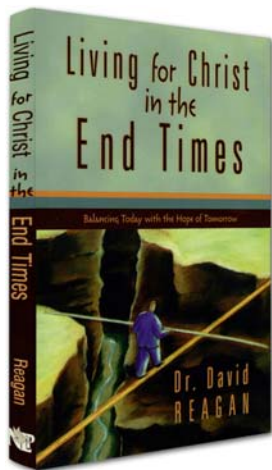
Conducted our annual Bible conference with 1,000 attendees.
Participated in 9 Bible prophecy conferences sponsored by other ministries.

8) Finances

Received 22,908 gifts from 4,429 donors.
Experienced growth in Prophecy Partners to a total of 2,542.
Received re-certification as a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.
Received a four star rating (the highest possible) from Charity Navigator for the tenth year in a row.
Ended the calendar year with all bills paid in full for the 34th year in a row.



Special Sale Items!



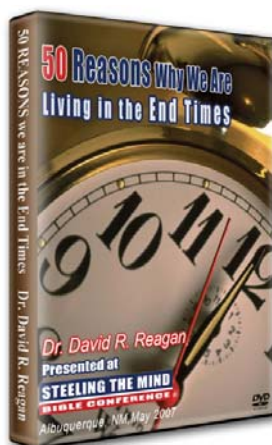
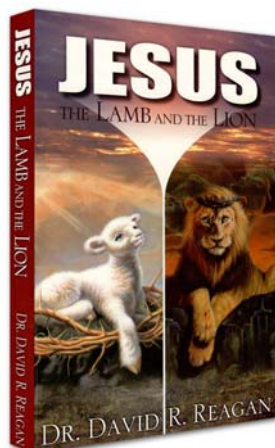
Living for Christ in the End Times.

This is the book that Dr. Reagan personally considers to be his best. It deals with how Christians are to cope with the two greatest challenges of the 21st Century — Anarchy and Apostasy. The first two chapters are very hard-hitting ones that deal with the rapid decay of society and the explosion of apostasy in the church. The next ten chapters present principles that Christians can follow to live victorious lives in the midst of a world that is coming apart at the seams, returning to what it was in the days of Noah. The final two chapters

present prophetic material about the victory believers will experience when Jesus returns. 264 pages. Normally \$15. **Special sale price of \$10** plus the cost of shipping.

Jesus the Lamb and the Lion.

This book presents a sweeping survey of Bible prophecy that relates to the First and Second Comings of Jesus. In the process, many key questions concerning Jesus are addressed. For example, was the virgin birth of Jesus anticipated in Bible prophecy? Was the resurrection of Jesus prophesied, or was it the result of wishful thinking? Was the deity of Jesus foretold in prophecy, or was it an idea manufactured by His disciples? How can Jesus be found in the Bible in symbolic prophecy? Additionally, the book presents extensive evidence of the validity of the virgin birth of Jesus, His deity and His resurrection. 238 pages. Normally \$15. **Special sale price of \$10** plus the cost of shipping.



50 Reasons Why We Are Living in the End Times.

One of Dr. Reagan's most exciting presentations. He presents a breathtaking overview of all the signs of the times, including the signs of nature, society, technology, world politics, the Church, and Israel. He then presents 50 specific signs that clearly point to the fact that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. The presentation is illustrated from beginning to end with PowerPoint slides. Videotaped before a live audience at a Stealing the Mind Conference. 50 minutes. DVD, normally \$12. **Special sale price of \$7** plus the cost of shipping.

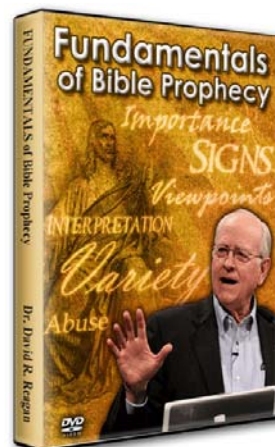
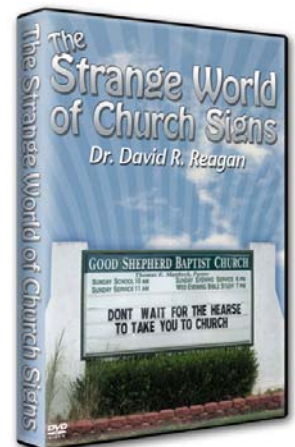
Eternity Package.



Dr. Reagan's book, *Eternity: Heaven or Hell?* plus two of his videos, one about Heaven and the other about Death. The book runs 197 pages in length. It presents an in-depth study of what happens to both believers and unbelievers when they die. The death video runs 50 minutes. It is a very informative and enlightening presentation about the Christian hope of life after death. The heaven video contains three 25 minute programs about various aspects of Heaven. The book normally sells for \$15, the videos for \$12 each — for a total price of \$39. **Special sale price of \$30**, plus the cost of shipping. When ordering, ask for **Offer #450**.

The Strange World of Church Signs.

This is an extremely humorous, and at the same time, very serious, video presentation. Dr. Reagan surveys 200 church signs in 20 categories from the weird to the profound. Most are very hilarious. Others are thought-provoking. All are fascinating. A few are downright unbelievable. The presentation ends on a very serious note with a survey of the signs of the times that point to the soon return of Jesus. A great witnessing tool. Normally \$12. **Special sale price of \$7** plus the cost of shipping.



Fundamentals of Bible Prophecy.

This album contains six programs on two DVDs. Each program runs about 25 minutes in length, for a total of 150 minutes. All six programs were delivered by Dr. Reagan before a live audience. They provide a comprehensive introduction to all the fundamentals of Bible prophecy. One of the discs contains printable files for a Teacher's Manual and Student Study Guides. Each presentation is lavishly illustrated with pictures, charts and diagrams. A great resource for both learning and

teaching Bible prophecy. Normally \$25. **Special sale price of \$15** plus the cost of shipping. ✦

Ministry News

Speaking Schedule —

March:

Tim Moore at the Congressional Prayer Caucus at the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC (6-8 - not open to the public).

Dr. Reagan at Kingsland Baptist Church in Katy, TX (22 - morning and evening).

Tim Moore at Coyle Christian Church in Coyle, OK (22-25).

Dr. Reagan at Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX (29 - evening).

April:

Tim Moore at Summit Christian Church in Sparks, NV (11-12).

Dr. Reagan at the 10th annual Saskatchewan Prophecy Conference in Saskatoon, Canada (17-18).

Nathan Jones at the Believer's Class at First Baptist Church in Forney, TX (19).

Tim Moore at Bohon Church of Christ in Harrodsburg, KY (25-26).

May:

Dr. Reagan at the Kiamichi Men's Clinic in Honobia, OK (5-7).

Nathan Jones at The Blessed Hope Prophecy Seminar at Abundant Life Church in Indio, CA (22-23).

Dr. Reagan at Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX (31 - evening).

June:

Dr. Reagan at a Creation Seminar at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC (5-6).

Tim Moore and George Collich will be leading a pilgrimage group to Israel (6-17).

July:

The Lamb & Lion Bible conference in Allen, TX (10-11).

Nathan and Heather Jones at the Women's Advance Conference at Crestwood Baptist Church in Crestwood, KY (25-26).

Tim Moore at a prophecy conference at Portland Christian School in Louisville, KY (27).



Prophetic Manifesto — Dr. Reagan's *Prophetic Manifesto* has been published in Chinese and is being distributed to Chinese congregations across America and in mainland China. The publication was translated and printed by The Great Commission Center International in California, a ministry that specializes in proclaiming the Gospel to Chinese-speaking people. Copies can be secured from the organization through their website at www.gcciusa.org. We extend our grateful thanks to Thomas Wang,

the renowned president of the organization.

Finances — We are very pleased to announce that we were recently given special recognition by Charity Navigator, the nation's foremost rating service for non-profit organizations.

They informed us that we had been given their highest rating for financial accountability for the tenth year in a row. The letter stated: "Only 1% of the charities we rate have received 10 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Lamb & Lion outperforms most other charities in America."



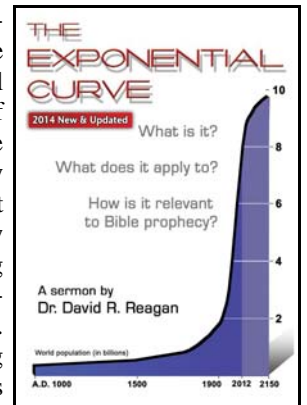
New Videos



One of our newest video albums is called "The Reality of Hell." Edward Fudge, an attorney and theologian in Houston, who has written a definitive academic study of Hell called *The Fire That Consumes*, recently issued the following statement about this video: "I have just viewed one of the finest video teachings involving Last Things that I have ever seen . . . This 45 minute video is clear, biblical, fair, temperate, persuasive and irenic — as it sets out the two major views of Hell

as understood by most Evangelical Christians. It's an excellent introduction to the subject, and I highly recommend it." This video program sells for \$12 plus the cost of shipping.

Another new video is a revised edition of Dr. Reagan's sermon on the end time sign of the exponential curve. This has proved to be one of our most popular videos over the years. Last year it was completely updated and expanded in length. It is a fascinating survey about how Bible prophecy was fulfilled during the 20th Century thru the exponential growth of all aspects of life. This program is a good witnessing tool. The album sells for \$12 plus the cost of shipping.



New Book



From an Israeli by the name of Lee: "Dr Reagan: As an Israeli citizen and believer for nearly 45 years, I thought your book about the Jewish people was spectacular. It literally blew me away again and again with its clear thinking and amazing command of history."

This book discusses the evil of Replacement Theology and the tragedy of Dual Covenant Theology, and it does so in down-to-earth, easy-to-understand language. It shows how Replacement Theology led to the Holocaust and how Dual

Covenant Theology is sending Jews to Hell. 231 pages, \$15 plus the cost of shipping. ❖



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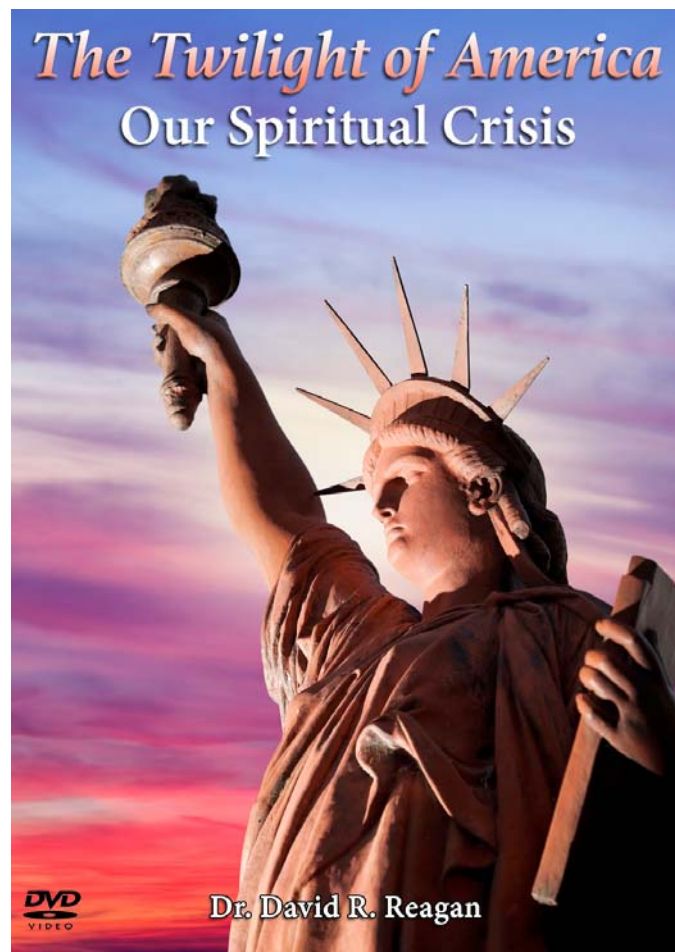
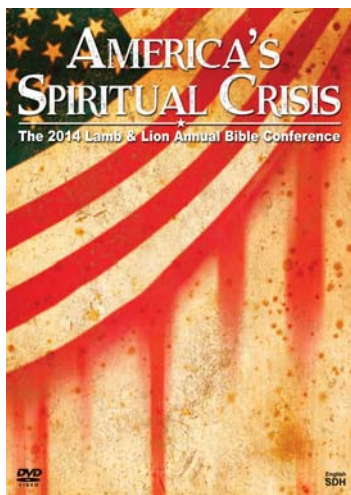
Dr. Reagan's passionate and rousing overview of America's spiritual crisis brought the audience to its feet when he delivered it at the Lamb & Lion annual Bible conference in 2014. The presentation impressed Bill Perkins of Compass International Ministries so much that he decided to show it at his Steeling the Mind Conference in Denver last year.

Although the sermon is contained in the ministry's 2014 conference album, there has been so much demand for Dr. Reagan's specific presentation that we decided to make it available as a single video album.

In the sermon, Dr. Reagan documents in detail our nation's drift from its Christian heritage — a drift that has turned into an outright revolt in recent years. He also presents detailed examples of the Christian persecution that is resulting from our nation's increasing secularism and paganism.

It is a breathtaking and chilling presentation that will drive you to your knees in prayer for America.

The ministry's 2014 conference album contains three DVDs with all six presentations that were made at the conference. In addition to Dr. Reagan, the speakers include Warren Smith, Eric Barger, Jan Markell, Mike Gendron and Carl Gallups. Each presentation runs about 50 minutes. The total running time for the album is 300 minutes. The album, with three discs, sells for \$25 plus the cost of shipping.



The album pictured above which contains just Dr. Reagan's presentation has been priced at \$12, but we are making it available through the end of April for \$10, plus the cost of mailing.

To order either album, or both, call **972-736-3567** Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. You can also place your order through our website at www.lamblion.com.

Consider sharing the presentations in these albums with your church or Bible study group, or both. ✚

