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

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The Meaning of the Millennium



# Observations by the Editor

## The Cover Art

One of the things I enjoy the most about editing this magazine is searching for cover art. Sometimes the task is a very easy one. Other times it can be very challenging. For this issue I found the task to be particularly difficult.

Just stop and think for a moment: What type of picture would you seek to illustrate the concept of the Millennium? The only thing I could think of was a very famous painting by Edward Hicks (1780-1849) called "The Peaceable Kingdom" (reproduced below). Hicks was a Quaker preacher in Pennsylvania who painted more than 100 versions of this picture between 1820 and the time of his death. The painting is based upon Isaiah 11:6-9, a passage that describes the peace that will exist within the animal kingdom during the Millennial reign of the Messiah.

The picture is a very quaint one in style, but true to the Scriptures. It shows the Puritans living in peace with the native Indians and the animals living in peace with each other and with Mankind.

Although I liked Hicks' painting, I found it difficult to crop vertically, and I really preferred something more contemporary. That's when I remembered a Southwestern style painting of a similar nature that I had spotted several years ago at a print gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico, entitled "When the Coyote Lies Down with the Lamb." I got in touch with the very gifted artist, Diana Bryer, and she agreed to let me use a cropped version of the picture on this month's issue.

If you would like to see more of Diana's whimsical illustrations, including the full version of our cover picture, you can find them on her website at [www.dianabryer.com](http://www.dianabryer.com).

### A Misconception

These "peaceable kingdom" pictures remind me of a misconception that is held by many Christians. It is the idea that Isaiah says the lamb will lie down with the lion.



Dr. David R. Reagan

Because our ministry is named Lamb & Lion, people are always contacting us with the question: "Where does the Bible say the lion will lie down with the lamb?" The answer is that it doesn't. It says, instead, that the wolf will lie down with the lamb (Isaiah 11: 6). Both the picture below and the one on our cover are true to that portrayal.

The name of our ministry does not come from this imagery. It comes, instead, from the fact that the two great prophetic images of the Messiah in the Scriptures are the Suffering Lamb (the First Coming) and the Conquering Lion (the Second Coming).

The focus of our next issue will be "The Eternal State." We hope once again to have some interesting art work on our cover. ✚



"Peaceable Kingdom" by Edward Hicks, c. 1833.

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# The Millennial Reign of Jesus the Messiah

## What is its purpose, and what will be its nature?

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

When I first began studying Bible prophecy, the question, "What purpose would the Millennium serve?" really bothered me. The Word clearly taught that the Lord is coming back to this earth to reign for a thousand years. But I kept asking, "Why?"

I have since discovered that most amillennialists feel that same way. "Why," they will ask, "would the Lord want to come back to this rotten world? What could possibly be His purpose in returning to this world to reign for a thousand years? Why does the Lord or the world need a Millennium?"

My study of the Word has led me to conclude that God has several vitally important purposes for the Millennium.

### Promises to the Jews

The first reason there must be a Millennium is that God has made promises to the Jews which He will fulfill during that time.

God has promised that He will gather to the land of Israel the remnant of Jews who accept Jesus as their Messiah at the end of the Tribulation (Ezekiel 36:22-28 and Zechariah 10:6-9).

He will pour out His Spirit upon this remnant (Isaiah 32:15 and 44:3), greatly expand their numbers and their land (Ezekiel 36:10-11 and 48:1-29), and make them the prime nation in all the world (Isaiah 60-62).

They will serve as an object lesson of the grace and mercy which God bestows upon those who turn to Him in repentance:

And it will come about that just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you that you may become a blessing. — Zechariah 8:13

Zechariah says the blessings of God upon the Jewish remnant will be so great in those days that "ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you'" (Zechariah 8:23).

### Promises to the Church

A second reason for the Millennium relates to a promise which God has made to the Church. God has promised that the Redeemed in Christ will reign over all the nations of the world.

This promise was given through the prophet Daniel in the following words:

Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him. — Daniel 7:27

In the New Testament, Paul repeated the same promise in the simplest of terms: “If we endure, we shall also reign with Him” (2 Timothy 2:12). Jesus affirmed the promise in His letter to the church at Thyatira when He wrote:

And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron . . . — Revelation 2:26-27

When John was taken to Heaven for a visit to the throne room of God, he heard a heavenly host singing a song that contained the following verse: “And You have made them [the Redeemed] to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth” (Revelation 5:10).

This promise to the Church of worldwide dominion is going to be fulfilled during the Millennium. That is what Jesus was referring to in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5).

Jesus will reign as king of the world from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem (Isaiah 24:23 and Zechariah 14:9). The Redeemed, in their glorified bodies, will help Him with His reign by serving worldwide as administrators, judges, and spiritual tutors to those who enter the kingdom in the flesh — and to their children (Daniel 7:18,27; Jeremiah 3:15; and Luke 19:11-17).



### “The EPA Peaceable Kingdom”

This editorial cartoon by Steve Sack appeared in the Minneapolis-St. Paul *Star Tribune* on July 16, 2004. It expresses his opinion that the EPA is not doing enough to protect our environment. It also expresses a biblical truth that all of creation is in bondage to decay due to the sin of Man and the curse of God in response to that sin (Genesis 3:14-16 and Romans 8:19-22). Here’s how Isaiah described it 2,700 years ago: “The earth is polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty” (Isaiah 24:5-6). When Jesus returns, the curse will be lifted, and the creation will be refreshed (Acts 3:21). (Reprinted with permission, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.)

## Out of Zion's hill Salvation comes.



This illustration of the Millennium by an unknown artist portrays several biblical truths. For example, Isaiah 2 says that the world will be flooded with peace as swords are beaten into plowshares. Isaiah 11 says that the wolf will dwell peaceably with the lamb and that children will play with cobras. And Isaiah 2 also says that the peoples of the nations will stream to Mount Zion to learn the ways of the Lord.

### Promises to the Nations

God has promised that a time will come when the nations will be provided with their greatest dream — namely, worldwide peace. This has been an international dream since the beginning of time, but it has proved to be impossibly elusive.

Peace conference after peace conference has been held. Multiple treaties have been signed. World organizations have been formed. Yet, war continues to ravage the nations.

God has promised to give Mankind and the earth a rest from its wars. But that peace will not come until the Prince of Peace returns. Only then will the nations “hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.” Only then will we realize the dream of a world where “nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war” (Isaiah 2:4).

God has promised that He will flood the earth with peace, righteousness, justice, and holiness: “The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9). Even the bells on the horses bridles and the pots in the kitchens will bear the inscription “Holy to the Lord” (Zechariah 14:20, 21).

These glorious promises of peace and rest and righteousness will be fulfilled during the Millennium.

### Promises to the Creation

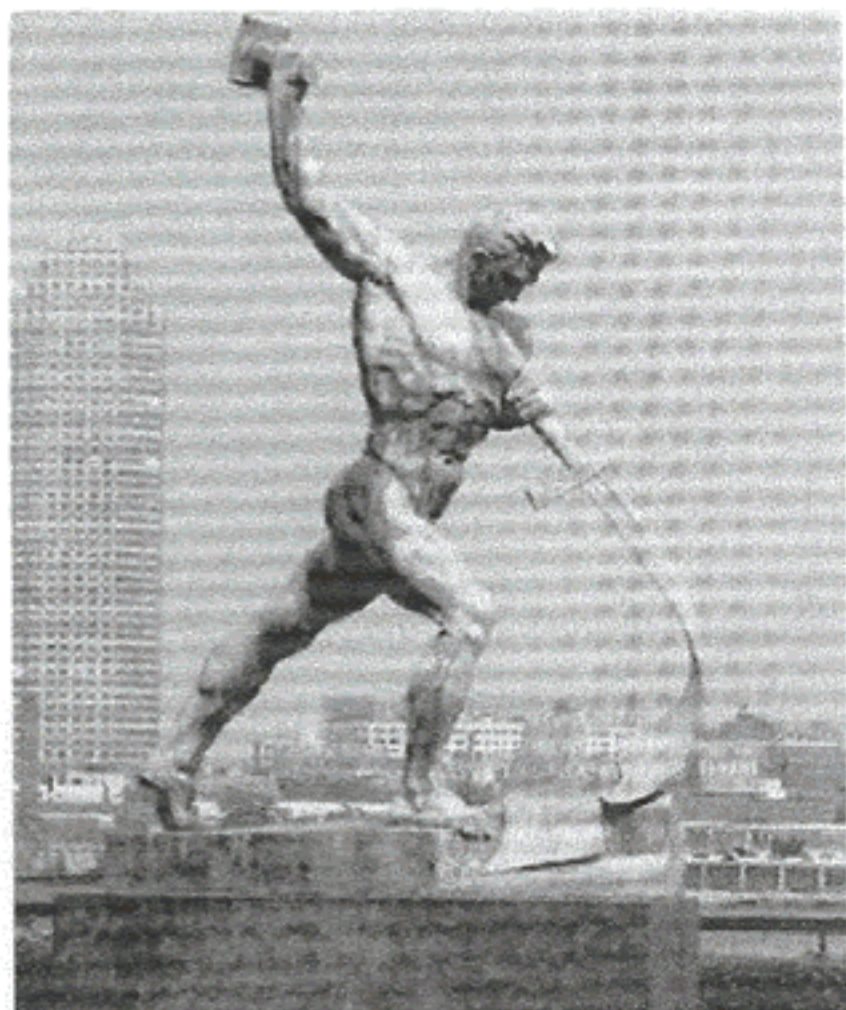
God has also made promises to His creation which He will fulfill during the Millennium. God has promised to remove the curse which He placed upon the creation due to the sin of Man. He has promised to deliver the Creation from its bondage to decay and to restore it to its original beauty, balance, and peace (Romans 8:18-23).

The carnivorous animals will become herbivorous (Isaiah 11:6). The deadly animals will cease to be poisonous (Isaiah 11:8-9). The plant kingdom will flourish and produce bountifully (Isaiah 35 and Ezekiel 34:25-31). The land of Israel will be so radically transformed that visitors will proclaim in amazement: “This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden” (Ezekiel 36:35).

### Promises to Jesus

The most important reason for the Millennium is that God is going to use it to fulfill promises which He has made to His Son. God has promised Jesus that He will be glorified in history to compensate in part for His humiliation in history. The Bible says point blank that Jesus will return to manifest His glory (Isaiah 24:23; Isaiah 66:18-19; and 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10).

God also has promised that He will give Jesus dominion over all the world and that He will reign over the nations from Mt. Zion in Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:2-4 and Zechariah 14:1-9).



A statue on the grounds of the United Nations headquarters in New York portrays a man beating a sword into a plowshare. This imagery is taken from Isaiah 2:4 and refers to the Millennial reign of Jesus.

That will be the day when He installs Jesus as "King upon Zion" (verse 6).

Jesus then speaks and tells of the promise that His Father has made to Him:

I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron . . ."

— Psalm 2:7-9

It must be kept in mind that Jesus is currently a "king-in-waiting." Like King David, who had to wait many years after he was anointed before he became king of Israel, Jesus has been anointed King of kings and Lord of lords, but He has not yet begun to rule.

He is currently serving as our High Priest before the throne of God (Hebrews 8:1). He is waiting for His Father's command to return and claim all the kingdoms of this world (Hebrews 2:5-9 and Revelation 19:11-16).

#### A Final Reason

There is one other purpose for the Millennium that should be noted. I believe God is going to use the Millennium to prove to Man once and for all that Satan's religion of Humanism is totally bankrupt.



All Humanists, regardless of their political or theological labels, are agreed that the source of evil in the world is external to Man. They view evil as rooted in the corruption of society. They believe that the solution to all

Man's problems can be found in societal reform.

Take, as an example, their attitude toward crime. They believe society is the root cause of crime. All we have to do to eliminate crime, they argue, is to provide people with a guaranteed job that will supply them with sufficient income so that they will be able to live in a nice suburb.

But such reforms do not transform the basic nature of people. In the ghetto a man will pay 25 dollars for a prostitute. In the suburb he will chase his neighbor's wife. In the ghetto he will throw a rock through a window and steal a TV set. In the suburb he will put on his three piece suit, go to the office, manipulate the computer and embezzle a million dollars.

You do not change people's basic nature by changing their environment. Changing their environment simply converts them into more sophisticated sinners.

The Humanist view is absolutely contrary to Scripture. The Word of God teaches that the source of evil is rooted within Man's fallen nature, and that it is Man, and not society, which needs to be changed (Genesis 8:21; Jeremiah 17:9-10; and Mark 7:20-23). The Word also teaches that the only way this change can take place is through the work of the Holy Spirit within a person who has put his faith in Jesus.



Isaiah 11:6 says that wild animals will be the pets of children during the Millennium.

God is going to prove this point by using the Millennium like a great experimental laboratory. He is going to place Mankind in a perfect environment of peace and prosperity for a thousand years. Satan will be bound. Righteousness will abound.

Yet, at the end, when Satan is released, most people will rally to him when he calls the nations to rebellion against Jesus (Revelation 20:7-10). The Millennium will prove that what Man needs is not a new society but a new heart.

#### Essential to the Master Plan

The Millennium is essential for the fulfillment of all the promises that God has made to the Jews, the Church, the nations, and the creation. It is also essential to His determination to prove that the source of all evil is the fallen nature of Man, not the corruption of society, and that the only hope for this world is Jesus, not political reform.

Most important, the Millennium is essential to God's purpose in glorifying His Son. He is going to manifest the glory of Jesus before His redeemed saints and before all the nations of the world.

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee. For the kingdom is the

Lord's, and He rules over the nations . . . Posterity will serve Him; it will be told of the Lord to the coming generation. They will come and will declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has performed it. — Psalm 22:27-31



### God's Faithfulness

The Creator of this universe is a covenant making God who is faithful to all His promises. He cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). He cannot forget a promise (Deuteronomy 4:31). He is faithful even when we are unfaithful (2 Timothy 2:13).

Just as He fulfilled all the promises related to the First Coming of His Son, He is going to fulfill all those that relate to His Second Coming, including the promise of a millennial reign.

Many in the Church may be ignorant of His unfulfilled promises. Others may have forgotten them. But God has not. He intends to fulfill every one of them.

We are privileged to live in a time when we can witness God orchestrating the events of this world to the fulfillment of all the promises in His master plan.

Ascribe greatness to our God!  
The Rock! His work is perfect.  
For all His ways are just;  
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,  
Righteous and upright is He.

— Deuteronomy 32:3b-4 ✚

## Quick Questions About the Millennium

### Who will populate the earth during the Millennium?

Those who live to the end of the Tribulation and have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior will be allowed to enter the Millennium in the flesh (Matthew 25:3-46). All surviving unbelievers will be consigned to death (Luke 17:26-37).

This will be a very small number of people because most of those who place their faith in Jesus during the Tribulation will be martyred for their faith (Revelation 7:9-14).

The believers who go into the Millennium in the flesh will begin to propagate, and the population of the world will grow exponentially. The reason the growth will be so rapid is because life spans will be expanded and death will be curtailed.

Isaiah says that people will live as long as a tree (Isaiah 66:22) and there will no longer be infants who live only a few days (Isaiah 66:20). Those who die at 100 years of age will be considered young, and only those who refuse to accept the Lord will die at that age (Isaiah 66:20). The implication of Isaiah's prophecy is that during the Millennium the life span of those in the flesh will be returned to what it was before the Noahic flood, when people lived 800 to 1000 years. If so, then by the end of the Millennium, the population of the earth could easily exceed the current six billion.

### Will the Millennium take place on this earth or on a new one?

The Millennial reign of Jesus will take place on this earth, but the earth will be greatly changed in nature.

The first earth, the earth of Adam and Eve, was perfect. There were no poisonous animals or plants. There were no meat-eating animals. There were no natural cataclysms like earthquakes, tsunamis, or hurricanes. Man and nature lived together in perfect harmony.

But when Man sinned, God placed a curse on the earth, and the nature of the earth was radically changed. Death entered the world. Nature turned against Mankind. This new earth, earth number two, existed until the time of Noah.

When the worldwide flood occurred, this second earth was "destroyed" (2 Peter 3:6) in the sense that it was radically changed again. The earth's vapor canopy collapsed, its land mass separated into continents, the earth tilted on its axis, and the pressure of the water forced the formation of new mountain ranges. We have been living on earth number three ever since.

When Jesus returns to reign, the earth will be radically changed once more. The change agents will be earthquakes and supernatural phenomena in the skies (Revelation 6:12-14). Every island will be moved (Revelation 16:18-20). Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain lowered (Isaiah 40:4). The topography of Israel will be radically changed, with Jerusalem becoming the highest place on earth (Isaiah 2:2). ✚

# Biblical Preaching or Entertainment?

### Observations by Dr. David R. Reagan

I guess there really is “nothing new under the sun.” I thought of this old saying recently when I discovered an article by the great 19th Century British preacher, Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892). In it he deplored a trend in his day for the church to soft-pedal the Gospel while emphasizing entertainment.

There seems little doubt that if he came back today, he would be shocked beyond belief over the degree to which Christendom has become captivated by the “seeker-friendly” philosophy that down-plays the Gospel in favor of programs designed to amuse and entertain. Thomas C. Reeves has summed up the problem well in his book *The Empty Church* (Free Press, 1996):

Christianity in modern America . . . tends to be easy, upbeat, convenient, and compatible. It does not require self-sacrifice, discipline, humility, an other-worldly outlook, a zeal for souls, a fear as well as a love of God. There is little guilt and no punishment, and the payoff in heaven is virtually certain. What we now have might best be labeled “Consumer Christianity.” The cost is low and customer satisfaction seems guaranteed.

In a recent issue of the Watchman’s Ministries International

newsletter published by Lars Enarson in Jerusalem, he said that someone had pointedly summarized two thousand years of Church history in one sentence: “The church began as a Jewish movement in Jerusalem, became a philosophy in Greece, an institution in Rome, a culture in Europe, and a business in America.”

Recently, the number one televangelist in America came to Dallas to speak at the city’s largest arena. He charged \$25 a person to attend! When interviewed on local TV, he was asked the secret of his popularity. He responded, “It all has to do with the fact that I preach an uplifting, positive message. I try to make people feel good about themselves.”

This man is not a true biblical preacher. He is a positive-thinking motivational speaker. He is unwilling to tell people that they are miserable sinners who desperately need redemption and that they can find that redemption only by surrendering their petty egos to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

The good news is not that we can feel good about ourselves through the power of positive thinking. Rather, the good news, the true Gospel, is that Jesus died for our sins, making it possible through the grace of God for us to be reconciled to our Maker.

Here is the powerful article by Charles Spurgeon . . .

## Feeding Sheep or Amusing Goats?

### An Article by Charles Spurgeon

An evil resides in the professed camp of the Lord so gross in its imprudence that the most shortsighted can hardly fail to notice it. During the past few years it has developed at an abnormal rate . . . It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments.

The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the Church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them. From speaking out as the Puritans did, the Church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.

My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the Church. If it is a Christian work, why did not Christ speak of it? “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” That is clear enough. So it would have been if He has added, “and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel.” No such words, however, are to be found . . .

Then again, “He made some apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, for the work of the ministry.” Where do entertainers come in? The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people or



because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.

Again, providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all His apostles. What was the attitude of the Church to the world? “Ye are the salt,” not sugar candy — something the world will spit out, not swallow . . .

Had Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into His mission, He would have been more popular. When people began to desert Him, because of the searching nature of His teaching, I do not hear Him say, “Run after these



people, Peter, and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick, Peter, we must get the people somehow!"

Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them. In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of the gospel amusement. Their message is, "Come out, keep out, keep clean out!" Anything approaching foolishness is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the Gospel and employed no other weapon.

After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the Church had a prayer meeting, but they did not pray, "Lord grant Thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are." If they ceased not for preaching Christ, they had not time for arranging entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere

preaching the Gospel. They "turned the world upside down." That is the difference! Lord, clear the Church of all the rot and rubbish the devil has imposed on her and bring us back to apostolic methods.

Lastly, the mission of amusement fails to affect the end desired. It works havoc among young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the Church met them halfway, speak and testify. Let the heavy-laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment has been God's link in the chain of their conversion, stand up! There are none to answer.

The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire. ✚

## A Video Program About Getting Out of Debt

We recently received a powerful testimony concerning the message that is contained on a video we produced a couple of years ago entitled *Getting out of Debt: The ABC's of Financial Success*.

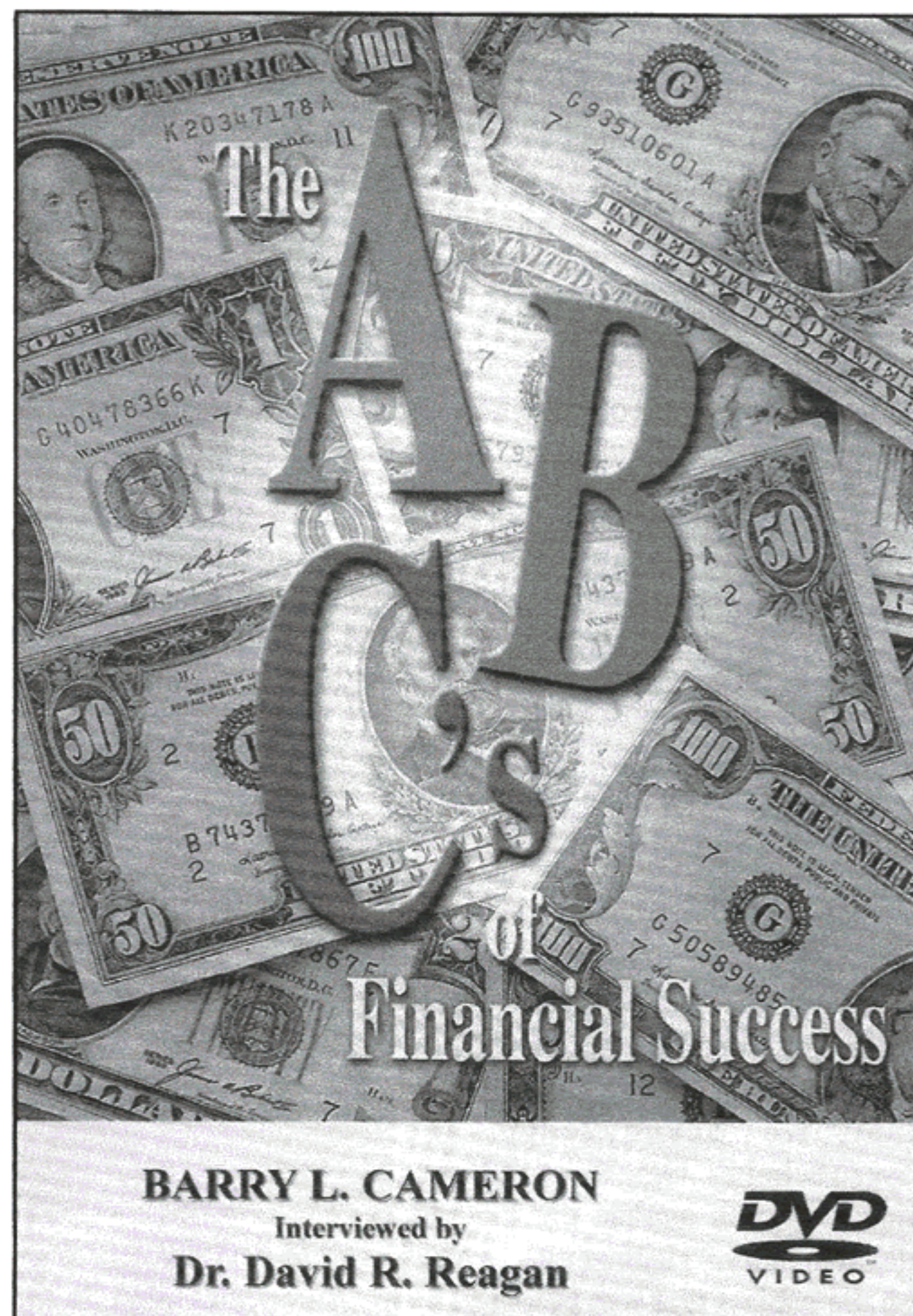
The person who wrote to us was a man who lives in California. He said he was injured eleven years ago in a training accident in the Army. The injury left him permanently disabled, and he was medically retired. He was awarded a permanent disability rating by the Veterans Administration and started receiving a small monthly stipend, but it was not a living wage.

For the next eight years he battled both the VA and the Social Security System to try to receive a disability rating that truly reflected the severe nature of his disability. Meanwhile, as he put it, "I lived on the edge of homeless indigence," depending on family and friends to get by.

Then, a couple of years ago, his parents showed him the videotape we had produced about getting out of debt. The message in the video convicted him to start tithing faithfully to the Lord, although he had almost nothing. There were times he said when he wondered how he was going to make it. But God always provided for him, even though he often ended the month with only a few coins in his pocket.

"This has been an ongoing test of faith" he wrote, "relying on God to provide, when I didn't see how it could happen. I've had to learn how to manage money in 'creative' ways to make ends meet. And I have learned to be faithful in giving."

He then revealed that he had recently received his proper disability rating and had received a back payment from Social Security to cover the years when his disability was underrated. He used that money to pay off all his debts and send us a donation for \$1,430! He ended his letter by saying, "God is faithful and sovereign." Amen! ✚



Barry Cameron is the pastor of Crossroads Christian Church in Grand Prairie, Texas. The video runs 30 minutes in length and costs \$10. It is available only in DVD format. You can order a copy by calling 1-800-705-8316.

## An Immoral Choice

The London *Telegraph* recently reported that a 25 year old waitress in Germany was given the choice of either becoming a prostitute or losing her unemployment benefits!

Prostitution was legalized in Germany two years ago and brothel owners, who must pay taxes now like all other businesses, were granted access to official government databases of jobseekers.



Under Germany's welfare reforms, any woman under 55 who has been out of work for more than a year can be forced to take any available job — including one in the "sex industry" — or else lose her unemployment benefit.

Merchthild Garweg, a lawyer from Hamburg who specializes in labor cases said: "There is now nothing in the law to stop women from being set into the sex industry. The new regulations say that working in the sex industry is not immoral any more, and so jobs in that industry cannot be turned down without risk to benefits."

The Bible says, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20).

## A Dangerous Trend

While Western Europe continues to plunge into a moral abyss as it rejects its Judeo-Christian heritage, the United States Supreme Court seems intent on forcing our federal laws to conform with European values.

Despite the fact that our Supreme Court justices are sworn to uphold the Constitution, in two recent decisions they have ignored the Constitution and have ruled, instead, on whether or not the issue before them was consistent with European practices.

In the Court's decision legalizing sodomy, Justice Anthony Kennedy referenced a decision of the European Court of Human Rights which had invalidated an Irish sodomy law. Later, in the Court's decision concerning capital punishment for those under the age of 18, Justice Kennedy stated, "It is proper that we acknowledge the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the juvenile death penalty." He then cited a brief on the subject that was prepared by the European Union. In like manner, Justice Ruth Ginsburg cited a United Nations treaty in her vote to uphold the use of racial considerations in college admissions.

During a visit to Europe in 1998, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asserted that "In the next century, we . . . are going to want to draw upon judgments from other jurisdictions. We are going



Justice Anthony Kennedy

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to be more inclined to look at the decisions of the European Court of Justice . . . and perhaps use them and cite them." Echoing this sentiment, Justice Stephen Breyer recently stated in a TV interview that as the world "grows together," we are going to have to consider "how our Constitution fits into the governing documents

of other nations."

Justice Antonin Scalia, who could well be the next Chief Justice, has spoken out strongly against this judicial trend. In his dissent to the sodomy ruling, he said that the court should not "impose foreign moods, fads or fashions on Americans."



Justice Antonin Scalia

Commenting on the Supreme Court's internationalists, columnist Joseph Farah observed: "Our founders fought a long and bloody war for independence from Europe and the Old World so that we could govern ourselves in a revolutionary new way. If Justices Ginsburg, O'Connor, Kennedy, Breyer, Stevens, and Souter are so enamored of the laws in foreign countries, they always have the option of resigning their lifetime appointments and moving themselves to one of those judicial paradises. Until they make that decision, I would advise them to spend more time talking to Americans and reading the U.S. Constitution."

## Christian-Bashing



Bill Maher

Bill Maher, host of HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher*, recently said that all Christians are crazy and unenlightened. He made his comments on MSNBC's program, *Scarborough Country*.

Maher said: "We are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion . . . I think that religion stops people from thinking. I think it justifies crazies. I think that flying planes into a building is a faith-based initiative. I think religion is a neurological disorder."

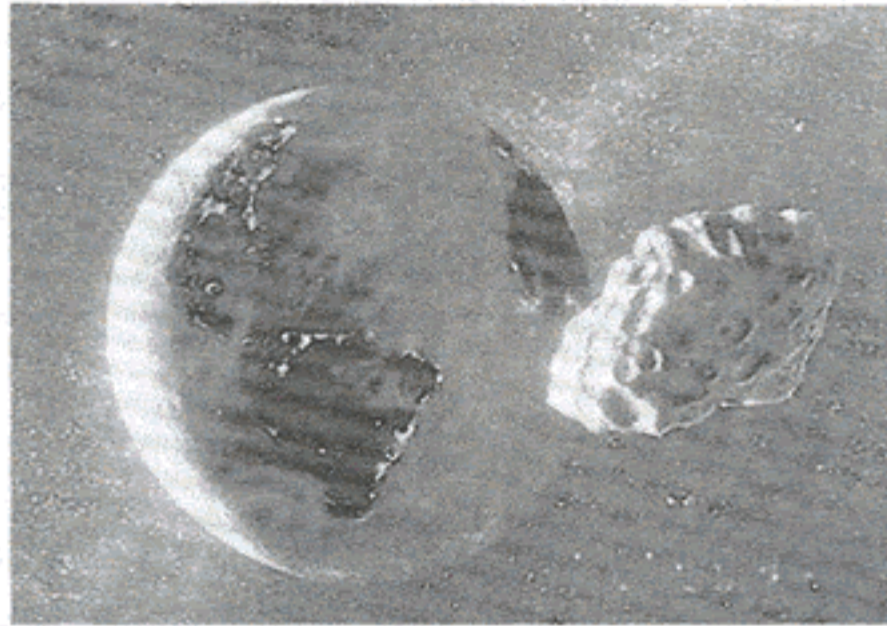
In his rambling diatribe, Maher asserted that the European nations and Canada are much more enlightened than the United States because they are more oriented toward science and rationality. He mocked the Bible, arguing that it is "a book of fairy tales." He called religion "a crutch for weak-minded people."

If Maher had said such things on television about homosexuals or Jews or Blacks, he would have been immediately fired. But because he was speaking about Christians, his bigotry was acceptable to HBO, owned by Time Warner Inc.

## Signs in the Heavens

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has announced that Asteroid 2004-MN4, discovered last June, will pass within 22,600 miles of the earth's core (not its crust) on April 13, 2029. That means it will pass closer than some of the man-made satellites that currently circumnavigate our globe.

The asteroid is about 1,000 feet wide — or the width of three football fields. The odds of an asteroid this size passing this close to the earth are one in every 1300 years.



In February, NASA's engineers announced that they did not think there is a possibility the asteroid could collide with the Earth, but they will continue to monitor its trajectory and the impact of Earth's gravity upon it.

To see the projected trajectory of the asteroid, go to the following website: <http://neo.jpl.nasa.gov> (do not insert www).

The Bible says that in the end times, "there will be terrors and great signs from heaven . . . signs in sun and moon and stars" (Luke 21:11 and 25).

## Christian Persecution

On October 10, 2004, eleven Christians were arrested in Philadelphia for peacefully protesting during a homosexual celebration called The Philadelphia OutFest. An organization called Repent America sponsored the protest.

The protestors were standing on a public sidewalk preaching and displaying banners with biblical messages when they were suddenly attacked by a militant mob of homosexuals who were members of the Pink Angels. The attack was captured on videotape.



The Philadelphia 11

# TIMES and Seasons

Despite the fact that the Christians obeyed all city ordinances and respected all requests made by police officers on the scene, they were arrested and hauled off to jail where they spent 21 hours before being released the next morning.

The Philadelphia District Attorney's office filed eight charges against the protestors, including three felonies and five misdemeanors. They were accused of "hate crimes" because they spoke out against homosexuality. Each of the defendants faced a possible 47 year prison term and \$90,000 in fines.

After a preliminary hearing in December, the presiding judge ordered four of the defendants to stand trial on all the charges.

The legal arm of the American Family Association came to their defense, and on February 17 of this year, Judge Pamela Dembe of the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, dismissed all the charges, much to the dismay of the District Attorney's office. The judge said she could find no basis whatsoever for any of the charges.

Judge Dembe wrote: "What took place here was a government crackdown on disfavored speech. The OutFest participants staged a national coming-out day on a public street using public funds, and then they tried to say it was a private event. That didn't make any sense, and neither did the actions of the police."

The Bible says that in the end times believers will be persecuted for their faith (Luke 21:12).

## Marriage Hollywood Style

Hollywood actress Demi Moore has announced that she is pregnant by her boyfriend of two years, Ashton Kutcher. Demi is 46 years old; Ashton is 27.

They plan to get married this summer. It will be Demi's third trip to the altar after marriages to Rock musician, Freddy Moore and movie star Bruce Willis. Her marriage of 11 years to Willis produced three daughters.

To make things even more interesting, the couple announced that they have invited Bruce Willis to perform the wedding ceremony! It would be interesting to know what church has ordained him — perhaps the Church of Venus?



Kutcher and Moore

## A Quote from Time Magazine

In response to a cover article about the glories of Las Vegas, a lady named Patricia Dee from Glennie, Michigan, wrote: "The sin and foolishness that pass for fun in Las Vegas should make us stop and wonder where we are going as a nation" (*Time Magazine*, August 16, 2004). ✚



# Summary of Outreach Activities

## During the Year 2004

### 1) Media

Broadcast 52 weeks of *Christ in Prophecy* TV programs on one national network, one regional network, and one independent station.

Produced 31 new *Christ in Prophecy* TV programs.

Took a video crew to Israel and taped four TV programs about the life of Jesus in the Galilee.

Maintained and expanded an extensive website reaching people all over the world ([www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com)).

### 2) Video and Audio

Produced six video programs: "The Ark of His Presence," "The Exponential Curve," "The Jack Hollingsworth Story," "Europe in Bible Prophecy," "The Truth about Islam," and "Kenya 2004: A Report by Dennis Pollock."

Purchased and implemented closed captioning software and captioned 43 TV programs.

Duplicated and distributed 17,538 VHS and DVD video programs.

Converted four VHS programs to DVD.

Produced 12 Prophecy Update audio programs.

Distributed 6,549 cassette tapes, many free of charge.

### 3) Preaching and Teaching

Conducted 9 extended meetings at churches.

Conducted 19 weekend conferences.

### 4) Publications

Produced 6 issues of the Ministry's magazine, *The Lamplighter*.

Published a calendar with a Holy Land theme.

Completed preparation of two new books about Bible prophecy.

### 5) Israel

Led one Holy Land pilgrimage.

Provided financial assistance to three ministries in Israel.

### 6) Missions

Shipped Bible study materials and Bibles to individuals and missions in many different foreign countries.

Raised substantial funds for Hands of Luke Ministries in Juarez, Mexico to provide care for orphans, food for the homeless, medical care for the poor, and evangelistic outreach to prison inmates and others.

Financed the publication of translations of several of the ministry's publications in India and Pakistan.

Spent a total of \$133,779 on missions (11% of expenditures).

### 7) Conferences

Held a conference for Prophecy Partners.

Participated in 2 prophecy conferences sponsored by other ministries.

### 8) Finances

Received 12,982 gifts from 4,317 donors.

Received re-certification as a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Ended the calendar year with all bills paid in full for the 25th year in a row.



The Lamb & Lion video crew prepares to shoot a scene with Dennis Pollock on the Mt. of Beatitudes.



## Summary of Finances for 2004

The Lord continued to richly bless Lamb & Lion Ministries financially during 2004.

Our total revenue for the year came to \$1,290,874. Ten percent of that income came from sales. Twenty percent consisted of designated gifts which were given for specific purposes like missions trips, our video shoot in Israel, and the purchase of equipment. The bulk of our income (70%) was in the form of undesignated gifts.

On the expense side, our expenditures for the year came to \$1,218,500. Almost 70% of our expenditures was for outreach, covering such things as the production and broadcast of our television program and the publication of our bi-monthly magazine. Administrative expenses accounted for 15% of our expenses, while fund raising costs amounted to 4%. A total of 12% of our income (\$141,185) was given to foreign and domestic missions.

At the end of 2004 we received the largest donation in the ministry's history — a gift of \$150,000 that was designated for the expansion of our TV outreach. We tithed the gift by giving \$3,000 each to five of our sister ministries. We then signed a contract with The Inspiration Network that totaled almost exactly the amount we had left from the gift. We began broadcasting on that network in January, and it has doubled our outreach.

Our financial challenge for 2005 is to increase our regular income by \$150,000 to cover the cost of continuing to broadcast on both the DayStar and Inspiration Networks during 2006. To do that, we must recruit several hundred new Prophecy Partners. We are also going to try to get more churches to write us into their missions budgets.

### The Prophecy Partner Program

If you believe in the mission God has called us to — the task of proclaiming to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, that Jesus is coming soon — then we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Prophecy Partner.

To become a member of this program, all you have to do is let us know that you are willing to give \$20 a month or more for one year (or a one time gift of \$240). Most of our Prophecy Partners give an average of one dollar a day, or \$30 per month. Some, of course, give much more.

When you become a Prophecy Partner, you will start receiving a special insider newsletter each month from Dr. Reagan in which he will share the plans and needs of the ministry. You will also receive a gift each month. This gift is usually a DVD video program. Sometimes it is an audio program. In August, you will receive a Holy Land calendar for the new Jewish year that begins in September.

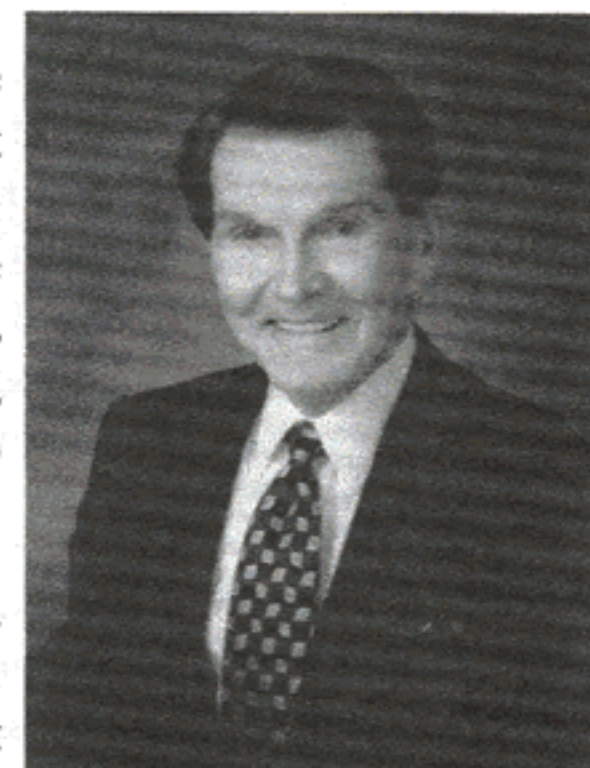
If you would like to help us in this special way, give us a call at 1-800-705-8316 and let us know that you want to become a Prophecy Partner, or write to us at P.O. Box 919, McKinney, TX 75070. Thank you! ✚

## Celebrating 25 Years

April 1st marked the 25th anniversary of Lamb & Lion Ministries, and on Friday evening, June 24th, we are going to celebrate that anniversary at a special banquet to be held in McKinney, Texas.

We are delighted to announce that our featured speaker for that evening will be Dr. Tim LaHaye, the author of the best selling Bible prophecy books in history. His world famous "Left Behind" series of books has now sold more than 60 million copies!

Dr. LaHaye is a dynamic and thought provoking speaker who will enlighten and inspire you. Don't miss this opportunity to meet him personally and hear him talk about Bible prophecy as it relates to current world events.



Dr. Tim LaHaye

In addition to Dr. LaHaye, Dave Reagan will speak briefly about the history of Lamb & Lion Ministries. Also, Jack and Sally Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries will be present to bless us in music. Jack is the featured singer of Lamb & Lion's television program, "Christ in Prophecy."



Jack Hollingsworth

The banquet will be held at McKinney Fellowship Bible Church in McKinney, Texas. The cost for the program and meal is \$25 per person. To reserve a seat, please call 1-800-705-8316. Seating is limited to 300, so please call immediately if you are interested in attending.

And please note that we need donors who would be willing to purchase tickets for an entire table of 10 people at a cost of \$250. This will make it possible for many people to come who otherwise would not be able to do so. ✚

*Hope to see you there!*

# Television Update

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

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

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

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

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

Beginning in mid-April and running through the first week of May, we broadcast the four programs that we shot in the Galilee of Israel last October. Those programs are now available on a DVD video program called "The Galilee of Jesus." It sells for \$15. To order it, call 1-800-705-8316.

## Old and New Interviews

In mid-June we will re-broadcast the two interviews we videotaped last year with Alan Franklin concerning the European Union. These programs are some of the most popular we have ever produced.

These will be followed-up during the first week of July with a new, updated interview with Mr. Franklin in which he discusses the impact of two recent developments within the EU: the addition of 10 new members and the proposal of a new constitution.

In mid-July we will start broadcasting four programs we videotaped recently with Dr. Ron Carlson, a man whom many consider to be Christendom's greatest expert on the cults. We expect to receive a big response to these programs.



Dave Reagan with Dr. Ron Carlson

In the first program with Dr. Carlson we will take a look at cults in general, asking him to define their peculiar characteristics and to explain how they are related to end time Bible prophecy. The second program will focus on the Mormons. The third will take a look at the Jehovah's Witnesses. The final program will explain why the Masons should be considered a cultic organization that no Christian should be involved with.

In mid-August we hope to broadcast two interviews with Mr. Kelly Shackelford, the founder and director of The Liberty Legal Institute. Mr. Shackelford is on the front lines in the culture war, fighting daily in the courts to protect Christian liberties. Our first interview with him will concern the issue of Christian liberties. The second one will concentrate on moral issues like abortion, same-sex marriage, and euthanasia.

## The Inspiration Network



Dr. Reagan is shown above with two representatives of the Inspiration Network who visited the Lamb & Lion television production studio recently. The man on the left is Mark Solow, national director of market development. On the right is Tom Hohman, one of the vice presidents of the network.

During their visit, Dr. Reagan discovered that Tom and his wife, Mary Beth, have been using Lamb & Lion materials for several years to teach Bible prophecy in their Sunday School class. ✚

# Dennis Pollock Called to a New Ministry

Dr. David R. Reagan

In October of last year my colleague of 12 years, Dennis Pollock, and I both began to sense that God was calling Dennis to a new ministry.

In mid-March of this year Dennis met with the Lamb & Lion Board of Trustees and shared with them his vision for the new ministry. He outlined a church-based ministry of evangelism and healing that would initially focus on Africa. The trustees endorsed his vision, prayed for him and his wife, and then released him to pursue his new calling, proclaiming his mission at Lamb & Lion to be “completed and fulfilled.”

Since that time, Dennis has proceeded to get his new ministry established. It will be called Spirit of Grace Ministries. Dennis describes the purpose of the ministry in these words: “It will be a teaching and evangelistic ministry dedicated to personal spiritual renewal, corporate spiritual awakening, and the preaching of Jesus Christ and His soon return to the nations.”

Through his new ministry, Dennis will be available to conduct evangelistic meetings and teaching conferences both within the United States and abroad. He hopes to make several trips to Africa each year to hold pastor’s conferences and outdoor crusades. He also hopes to establish orphanages in Africa for AIDS children.

Dennis is one of the most outstanding preachers I have ever heard. He loves God’s Word, and he loves to proclaim it. He does so powerfully and fearlessly.

In addition to being an intense student of the Scriptures, Dennis is a life long student of revival, evangelism, and healing.

When he joined the staff of Lamb & Lion Ministries in 1992, he told me that God had revealed to him in a dream that he was to surrender his pastorate and seek out the ministry of an “older man” where he was to serve while learning new things. During his years at Lamb & Lion he became an expert in Bible prophecy and learned the fundamentals of how to organize and manage an independent ministry.

Today, Dennis is the “older man” whom God has carefully



groomed for a great evangelistic outreach. (And, I guess that makes me a “really old guy”!)

Seriously, all of us here at Lamb & Lion are fully supportive of Dennis’ new ministry, and we are enthusiastic about its potential. But I know from personal experience that Dennis needs a lot of encouragement and support from other people who share his vision.

If you would like to get on his ministry’s mailing list, you can contact him by writing to him at Lucas Christian Church, 415 W. Lucas Road, Lucas, TX 75002. Or, you can send him an email message at [dhpollcock@peoplepc.com](mailto:dhpollcock@peoplepc.com). If you would like to contact him about conducting an evangelistic crusade in your area or at your church, you can call him at 469-450-2351.

I would like to urge you to send Dennis a message of encouragement and a donation to help get his ministry started. You can make your check payable to Lucas Christian Church (Dennis’ home church) and designate it for “Dennis Pollock’s Ministry.”

Dennis will continue to assist this ministry from time to time with various projects. He certainly will continue to work with me in the production of television programs.

I praise God for bringing Dennis to Lamb & Lion some 12 years ago. He has been a good friend and a faithful servant of the Lord. We will miss seeing him on a daily basis, and I will particularly miss his wonderful sense of humor.

The book of Ecclesiastes says, “There is an appointed time for everything . . . a time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted.” May God’s uprooting and replanting of Dennis prove to be a great blessing to him, to this ministry, and to the Lord’s kingdom. ✚

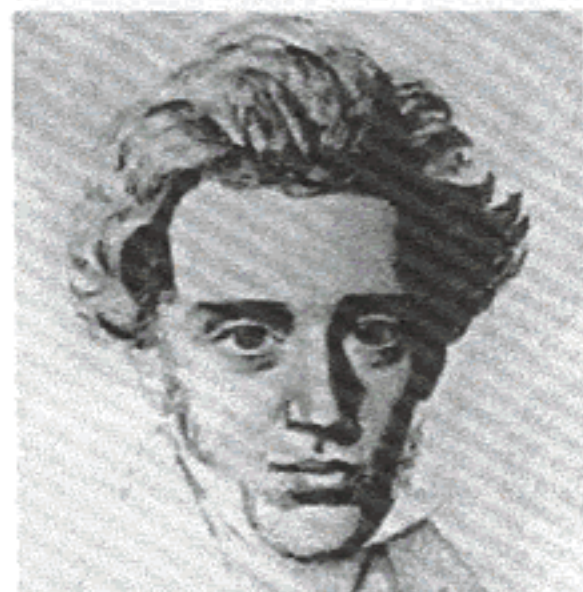
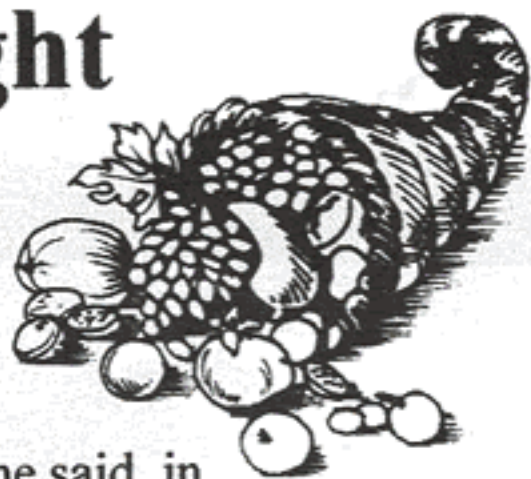


Dennis praying for people in India in 2002.

# Food for Thought

Dr. David R. Reagan

The Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, (1813 – 1855) told a parable describing his vision of the end of the world. Imagine a theater, he said, in which a variety show is playing. There are musical acts, dancers, magicians, comedians, acrobats—one amazing act after another. Each act receives thunderous applause from the audience.



Søren Kierkegaard

Suddenly, the show is interrupted as the theater manager steps onto the stage. Speaking calmly, not wanting to panic his patrons, the manager says, “Ladies and gentlemen, I regret to inform you that the theater is on fire. Please get up and move in an orderly fashion to the exits. There is plenty of time for you all to leave safely, but please do so at once.”

There is a moment of stunned silence — and then the audience breaks out in laughter and applause. The theater patrons believe it’s an act! They think the manager is a comedian!

“No! You don’t understand,” the manager says. “There really is a fire! You must get up and leave the building immediately!”

The patrons laugh even more uproariously, and they applaud and cheer even more loudly. The manager tries again to warn the people, but they will not believe him. Even when smoke and flames appear at the back of the stage, the audience thinks it is merely done for effect. The manager sees he can do no more, so he runs off the stage and out of the building. The audience, meanwhile, hoots and cheers and claps in appreciation of the manager’s “performance.”

Seconds later, fire sweeps through the building, killing everyone inside.

Kierkegaard concluded his parable by saying, “And so will our age, I think, go down in fiery destruction to the applause of a crowded house of cheering spectators.”

## A Modern Day Example



Mount St. Helens before the eruption in 1980.

Kierkegaard’s parable is reminiscent of a modern day event that occurred in Washington State in May of 1980.

Mount St. Helens suddenly started shaking violently and belching smoke. Volcano experts came from all over the world and began monitoring the mountain with high-tech equipment. They soon announced that in their professional opinion, the mountain was about to blow in a major eruption.

All the people living on the mountain were evacuated except one crusty old curmudgeon who refused to leave. His name was Harry Truman. He was 83 years old, and he had lived on the mountain for more than 50 years.



Harry Truman

Each evening for a week he was featured on the evening news programs. He would stand there with his 23 cats around his feet and glare into the television camera, defiantly rejecting all pleas for him to come down from the mountain. One night his sister tearfully begged him to abandon the mountain, but he steadfastly refused.

“I know more about this mountain than all those volcano experts put together,” he proclaimed. “I don’t believe it will ever erupt.”



The eruption of Mt. St. Helens.

At 8:32am on Sunday, May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted with a 24 megaton explosion that reduced the height of the mountain by 1,300 feet, leaving a crater 1.5 miles wide and 2,000 feet deep. The ash from the eruption darkened the sky from Washington to New York and as far south as Oklahoma.

And Harry Truman and his 23 cats have never been heard from since. He ignored the signs, just as the world today is ignoring the signs that we are living on borrowed time.

## The Signs of the Times

The signs of the times indicate that we are right on the threshold of the Great Tribulation when God will pour out His wrath upon those who have rejected His love, grace and mercy.

The Jews are back in their land (May 14, 1948), they are back in their capital city of Jerusalem (June 7, 1967), and the whole world is currently coming against them over the issue of who will control Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2-3).

The Bible teaches that God never pours out His wrath without warning, because He does not wish that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Yet, as He provides us with sign after sign of the consummation of the age, the vast majority of people assume that history will just keep on rolling along in its normal fashion.

That’s the reason we here at Lamb & Lion Ministries are passionately devoted to proclaiming the soon return of Jesus to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible. ✚



# Our Four Wars

Franklin Graham

We are living in a tremendously challenging period in history, which presents enormous opportunities for the Gospel.

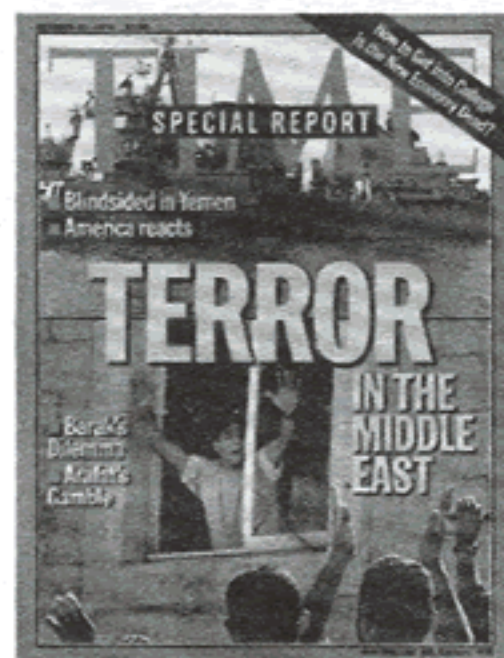
As one crisis after another unfolds on the world scene, Christ's words in Matthew 24 resonate: "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars . . . nation against nation . . .

famines, pestilences, and earthquakes . . . persecution . . . false prophets . . . and lawlessness . . . and the love of many will grow cold." Every day we are confronted

with the increasing darkness of our world. In fact, I believe we are facing four global wars that threaten mankind.



## The War Against Terrorism



Since 9/11 we have been confronted with a global war against terrorism. Tens of thousand of troops from the U.S., NATO, and other countries are stationed abroad in countries like Afghanistan and Iraq. Billions and billions of dollars have been spent trying to stem this rising tide of terror. Despite our massive efforts, our lives have been forever changed . . .

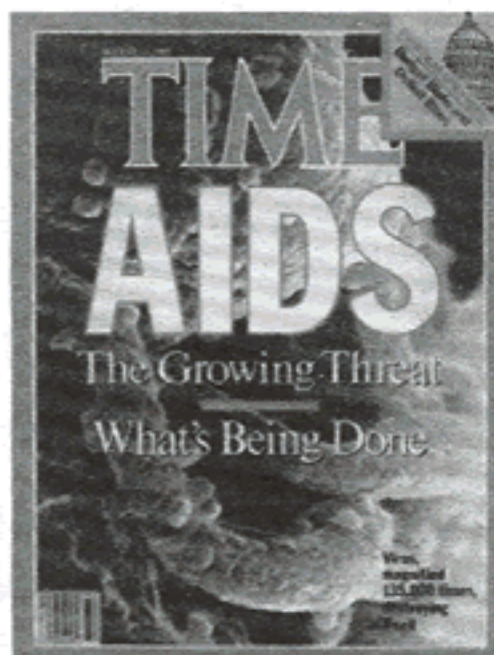
This war against the forces of evil will be fought over a very long period of time, with an outcome that seems uncertain. Yet, as believers we know Who has written the last pages of history. It is not Osama bin Laden and his henchmen, but it is Christ Himself . . .

What is our answer to 9/11? Do we crawl under a rock? Do we hide in a hole? Or do we stand firm and become a light — a city on a hill that cannot be hidden? The Scriptures proclaim, "Christ will give you light.' See then that you walk [wisely] . . . redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:14-16, NKJV). Let's be bold and share the Truth in the midst of opposition and difficulty.

## The War Against AIDS

There is a second global war raging — the war against HIV/ AIDS. Almost 40 million people are currently infected with HIV. Within the next 10 years it is estimated that 100 million people may carry this deadly virus, which has no cure.

Life expectancy rates have plummeted dramatically in many parts of the world. Hospitals and clinics are overcrowded with the sick and dying, and



the children of AIDS victims roam the streets. In some villages, an entire generation is missing — leaving the elderly and small children to fend for themselves. This is a war we are losing. The millions who are infected and dying desperately need to know the hope that only Christ can offer . . .

We need to pray that God will raise up a corps of missionaries who will go into the field of HIV/AIDS — a field that is dark, dirty, tough, and filled with pain and sorrow and regret — and take the light of the Gospel to the devil's doorstep, to snatch back from Satan's clutches these precious souls with the transforming message of Christ.

## The Cultural War

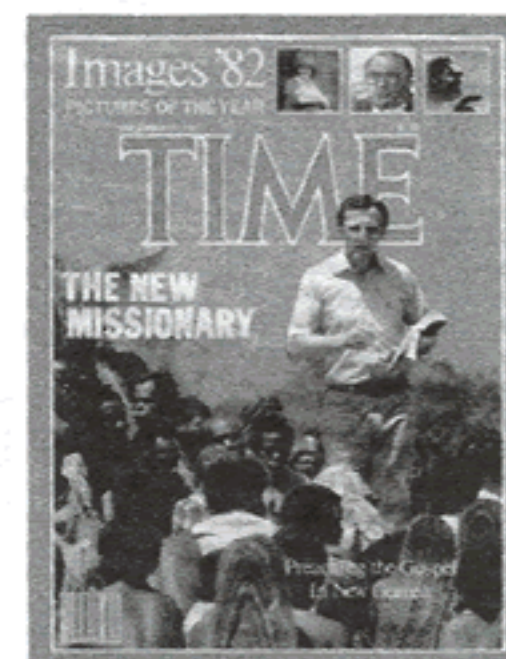
The third global war that has spread into the far corners of the world is a war on culture. This war is being waged in every home, on every street, in every community, in every nation. Satan is the driving force in this spread of moral darkness. Our nation was built on a foundation that acknowledged God and His principles, but unrelenting assaults of violence, sex, and drugs have taken their toll . . .



In many ways, there is little or no difference between Christians and the world in which we live, as a recent *U.S. News and World Report* article stated that evangelicals are "acting more and more like the rest of us." The Bible says, "Do not be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2, NIV).

We are to be different from the world. We are to hold fast to God's principles and His standards. We must stand firm and resist the devil, not letting him defeat us by enticing us to become like the world. When the world sees that we are different, yes, they will hate us (see Mark 13:13). But remember, they hated Christ first . . .

## The War for the Souls of Mankind



The fourth global war raging today is the oldest — and the most critical. It is the war for the souls of men and women . . . Our adversary, the devil seeks to destroy men and women for eternity by blinding their eyes to the truth and holding them captive in their sins. However, the Good News is that Christ died and rose again to forgive our sins and give eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Every follower of Christ is a soldier in this war. We cannot just say that this is the responsibility of the evangelist, pastor, or missionary. Our Lord's commission in Mark 16:15 — "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" — is for all of us, not just a select few. ✚

(Adapted from an article published by the Billy Graham Association.)

## A Fascinating New Video

In October of 2004 we took a video crew to Israel and shot four television programs in the Galilee. The topics of the programs were as follows:

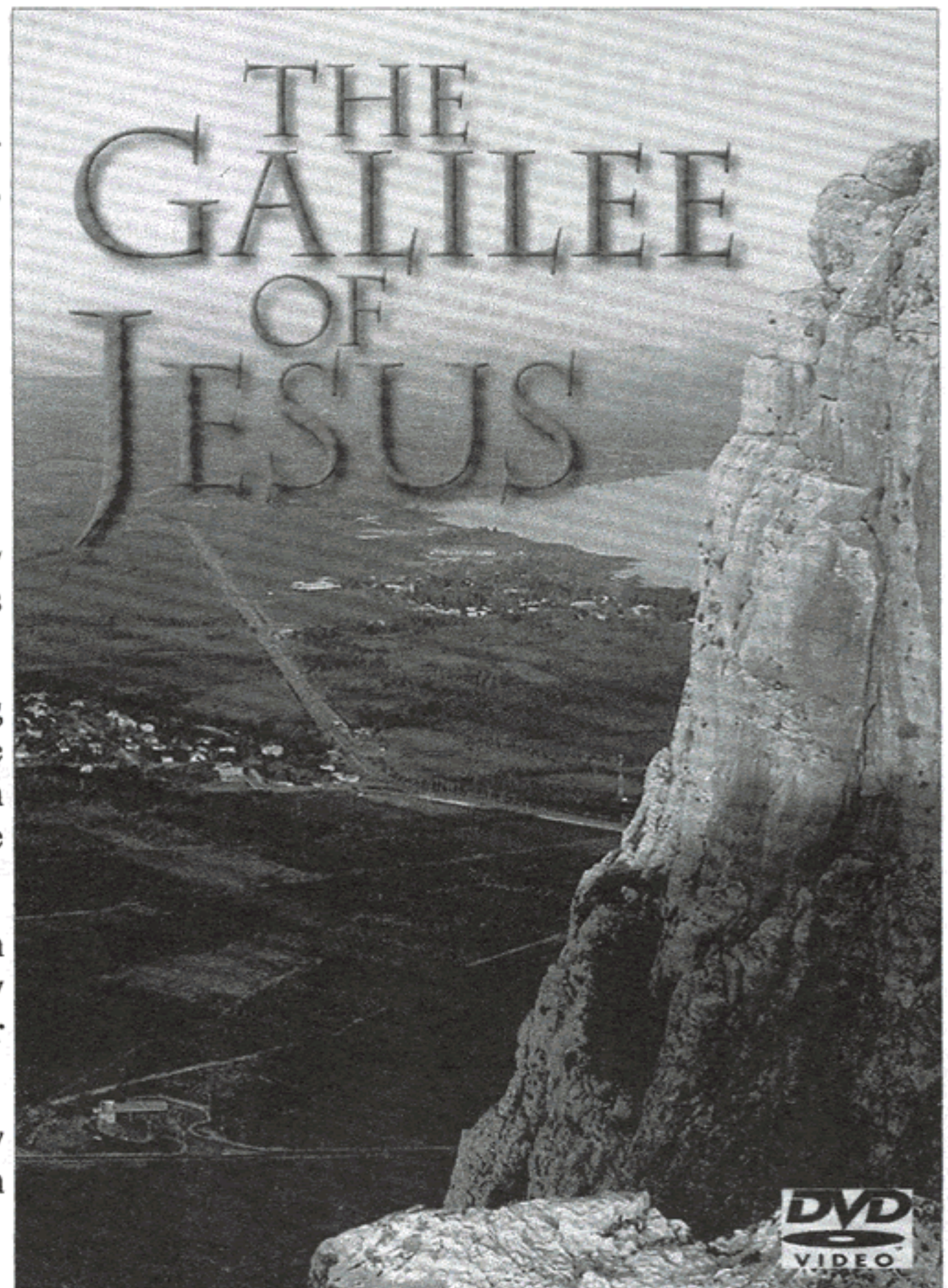
- An Introduction to the Galilee
- The Nazareth of Jesus
- The Miracles of Jesus in the Galilee
- The Transfiguration

We have edited these four TV programs together to produce a new video program called "The Galilee of Jesus." The running time is approximately 90 minutes.

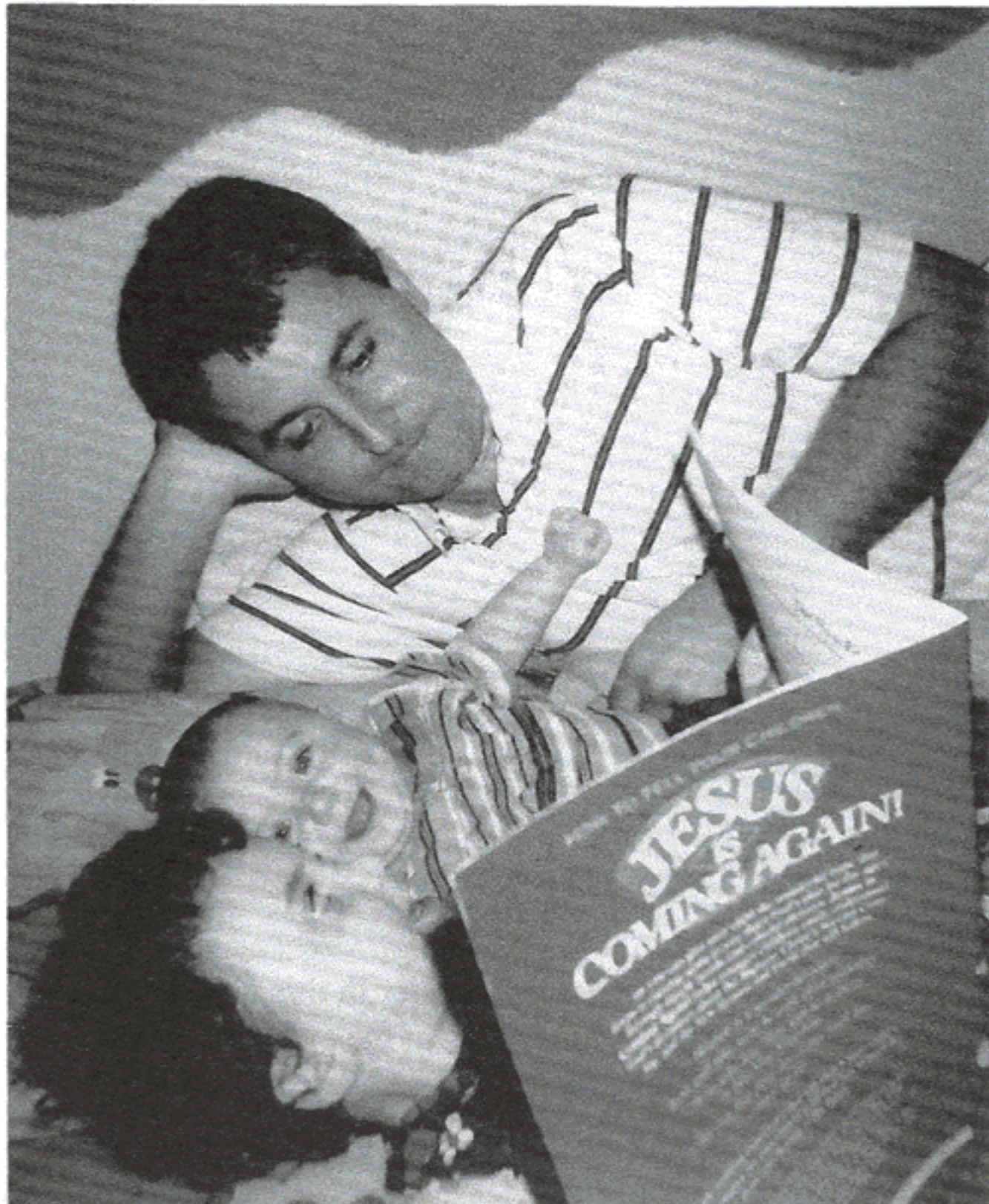
This video is both a great learning and teaching tool. It will help bring alive the sites that are mentioned so often in the Gospels — places like Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Korazin, and Bethsaida. There is an interactive menu that helps you to navigate immediately to any part of the program.

This is not a travelogue. Rather, it contains intensive teaching from beginning to end, and all of it comes right out of God's Word. Many important events in the life of Jesus will come alive in your heart as never before as you see the actual sites where the events took place.

This is a video that you will want to show to your home Bible study group, Sunday School class, or even to your church. Available only in DVD format. \$15. To order, call 1-800-705-8316. ✚



## Children's Book



Rachel Higgins of Indianapolis, Indiana, sent us the photo on the left which shows her husband, Mark, lying in bed with his daughter, Madelyne, and his son, Sam, while reading them Dr. Reagan's children's book about the end times — *Jesus is Coming Again!*

Rachel wrote: "Thank you so much for writing such a wonderful book that explains such an important event to our children."

This book, which runs 28 pages in length, is one of the most popular that this ministry has ever produced. It has been translated into many different languages and has been distributed worldwide.

As far as we know, it is the only book on end time events that has ever been produced for children. It focuses on the good things that will happen when Jesus returns to this earth.

The book is specifically aimed at pre-school and elementary school children. It is beautifully illustrated in full color from beginning to end. It contains a page of teaching tips at the end, including the Scripture references for every point made in the book. It also contains a page of tips about how a parent can use the book as an evangelistic tool. There is even a coloring page at the end of the book showing children before the throne of Jesus.

The book is large in size (8½ x 11 inches) and is printed on heavy paper with a very durable cover.

The cost is \$7. To order, please call 1-800-705-8316. If you are interested in ordering 10 or more copies, please ask for the special quantity price. ✚

# Ministry News

**Turkey** — Dr. Reagan will be leading a group to Turkey in early July to visit the Isle of Patmos and the locations of the seven churches of the book of Revelation. The group will depart on July 3rd and return on July 11th. They will stay the entire time at the Hilton Hotel in Izmir, except for a night in Frankfurt, Germany on the trip back to the States. The cost is \$2,800 and that includes everything — transportation, lodging, all meals, all entrance fees, tips, and taxes. The only thing not included is personal spending money. The deadline for signing up and paying in full is June 1st.

**China** — The Lord has opened the door to China for Lamb & Lion Ministries. John and Amy Wen, natives of Taiwan, contacted us about a year ago and expressed interest in getting some of our materials about the book of Revelation



Dr. Reagan with John and Amy Wen.

translated into Chinese. Since that time they have financed the production of our Revelation video with Chinese sub-titles, and they are currently getting Dr. Reagan's book, *Wrath & Glory*, published in Chinese. Both the video and book should be ready for distribution soon.



Dr. Reagan with Paul Liu.

In March Dr. Reagan received an invitation from a Chinese outreach ministry located in the Dallas area to go to China in September to teach Bible prophecy for a week at one of China's twelve seminaries. The invitation was extended by Mr. Paul Liu, a native of China who provides assistance to churches and pastors in his home country. He says that the

average pastor in China knows little or nothing about Bible prophecy. We are going to need to raise \$10,000 to cover the cost of this outreach. If you feel led to help us, please designate your donation for "China Outreach." Thank you!



**Speaking Schedule** — In May Dr. Reagan will be one of the speakers at the "Steeling the Mind" conference to be held at Calvary Chapel in Santa Barbara, California (21).

In June Dr. Reagan will lead a pilgrimage group to the Holy Land (4-15). On June 24th the ministry will celebrate its 25th anniversary at a special banquet to be held at McKinney Fellowship Bible Church in McKinney, Texas. The guest speaker will be Tim LaHaye (see page 13).

In July Dr. Reagan is scheduled to take a group to Turkey to visit the sites of the Seven Churches of Revelation (3-11). Later that month he will speak at Benbrook United Methodist Church in the Ft. Worth, Texas area (24).

Dr. Reagan will begin the month of August speaking at The Church at Stones Crossing in Greenwood, Indiana (6-7). He will then go to Lafayette, Louisiana to speak at a Bible prophecy conference sponsored by Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries (12-13). That conference will be held at Emanuel Baptist Church. He will end the month speaking at another "Steeling the Mind" conference to be held at Colorado Community Church in Denver (27).



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The initials are an acronym for the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. The ECFA is an accreditation agency dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public's trust through adherence to seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship. Founded in 1979 through the efforts of Billy Graham, it is comprised of over 1,100 charitable, religious, missionary, social, and educational tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations.

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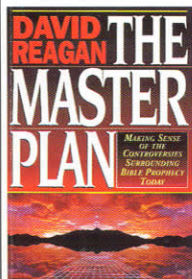
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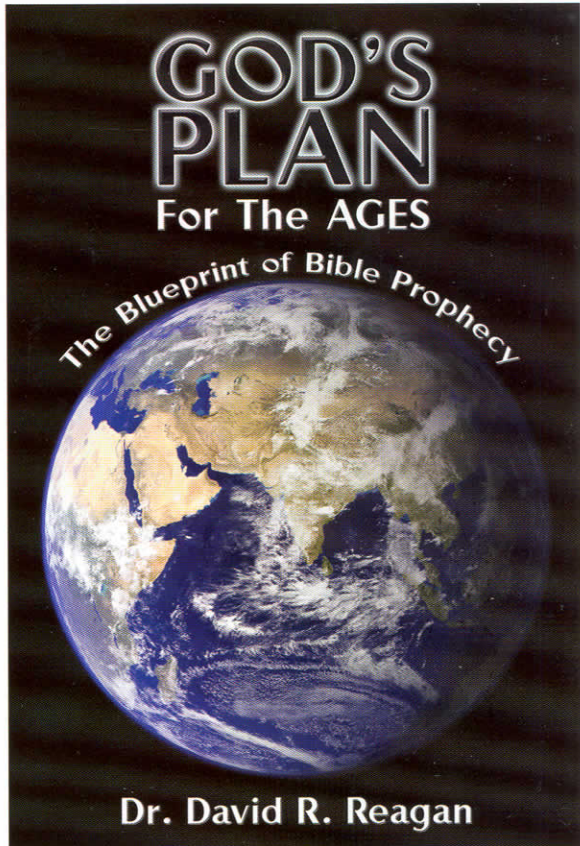
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