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

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A dramatic illustration of a man in a suit walking on a path towards a house during a storm. The man is in the foreground, walking on a stone path that leads from the bottom center towards a two-story house. He is holding a newspaper and a briefcase. The house is a white, two-story structure with a porch and columns. It appears to be in a state of disrepair, with some windows missing and debris flying around it. The sky is dark and stormy, with a large lightning bolt striking the house. To the left, there is a large, dark, swirling mass that looks like a giant foot or a massive cloud. To the right, there are large waves crashing against the shore. The overall scene is one of impending doom and divine judgment.

**The Signs
of Nature**



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Observations by the Editor

A Warning

Dr. David R. Reagan

I have become convinced that the coronavirus is a remedial judgment of God upon the whole world to call the people of all nations to repentance before the return of Jesus.

God in His mercy never pours out His wrath without warning. We know from the signs of the times revealed in biblical prophecy that we are on the threshold of the Tribulation. And we also know from the book of Revelation that the Tribulation will be a time when God will focus His unmitigated wrath on the rebellious nations of the world, including our own.

Bible prophecy tells us point blank that societies worldwide will become as evil as in the days of Noah, and that when this happens, we will know we are in the season of the Lord's return. If you will read Genesis 6, you will see that the two fundamental characteristics of Noah's society were violence and immorality. That is the world we live in today.

Worldwide, violence is overwhelming due to the terrorism that has infected all societies. And the degree of immorality has become mind-boggling. In our nation, which was founded on Judeo-Christian values, we find our leaders surrendering to the demands of the Sexual Perversion Movement. Our schools have become battlefields, and we are currently raising a whole generation of moral pygmies. Also, we continue to murder babies in their mother's wombs.

The Bible says that when we reach this level of societal debauchery, people will ignore God's prophetic voices and His remedial judgments, like the man pictured on the cover of this issue of our magazine (Matthew 24:36-39). Most people will simply go about their business as usual, ignoring the fact that God is warning of His impending wrath.

Let's pray for people's eyes to be opened and for their hearts to be impacted by their sins, motivating them to turn to God, to repent of their sins and to accept God's Son, Jesus, as their Lord and Savior.

In the meantime, for those of us who



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know the Lord, the Holy Spirit is calling us to holiness and evangelism. We need to prepare ourselves and others for the imminent Rapture of the Church and the horrible period of the Tribulation that will follow.

And as we face the remedial judgments God is inflicting upon the earth, let us keep in mind the comforting words of Psalm 91:

- 1) He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2) I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!"
- 3) For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4) He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.
- 5) You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6) Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.
- 7) A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not approach you.
- 8) You will only look on with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
- 9) For you have made the LORD, your refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place.
- 10) No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent.
- 11) For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways.

Hallelujah! ✠

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Does God Still Speak Through Signs of Nature?



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These headlines are enough to make you think that all of nature is spiraling out of control. And that, in fact, is exactly what is happening from a human viewpoint. But spiritually, the Bible assures us that God is in control, and what we are witnessing is the fulfillment of end time prophecies.

Even secular writers have recognized the phenomenon. Take, for example, Michael Snyder who maintains a blog called *The Economic Collapse*. He recently wrote:

Over the last several decades, have we ever seen a year start as strangely as 2020 has? Global weather patterns have gone completely nuts, large earthquakes are popping off like firecrackers, it looks like the plague of locusts in Africa could soon develop into the worst in modern history, and a massive plague of bats is severely terrorizing parts of Australia. On top of all that, African Swine Fever is wiping out millions upon millions of pigs around the globe, the H1N1 Swine Flu is killing people in Taiwan, there have been H5N1 Bird Flu outbreaks in China and in India, and the H5N8 Bird Flu has made an appearance at a poultry facility in Saudi Arabia. And then, of course, there is the coronavirus outbreak . . .

Those of us who specialize in the teaching of Bible prophecy, refer to all these natural disasters as “Signs of Nature.” They constitute one of six categories of signs that the Bible tells us to watch for in the end times.

This category of end time signs is a very important one, and yet, it is the category that receives the least respect. There are two reasons for this — one that is conceptual, and the other that is philosophical.

Problems with the Signs of Nature

The conceptual problem resides in the fact that there have always been signs of nature. So, when confronted with the prophesied signs of nature, many people shrug their shoulders and ask, “What else is new? There have always been tornados, hurricanes, and earthquakes.”

What they overlook is that Jesus said these signs would be like “birth pangs” (Matthew 24:8). That means they will increase in frequency and intensity the closer we get to the Lord’s return. And that is exactly what appears to be happening today.

The philosophical problem many people have with the signs of nature is due to the fact that we have been brain-washed by Western scientific rationalism into believing that for something to exist, you must be able to see it, measure it, weigh it and dissect it.

In contrast, the Bible teaches there is a whole realm of the supernatural that cannot normally be perceived by the senses. This realm includes angels, demons, and the operation of the Holy Spirit. It also includes God’s intervention into history from time to time through supernatural manifestations and natural disasters.

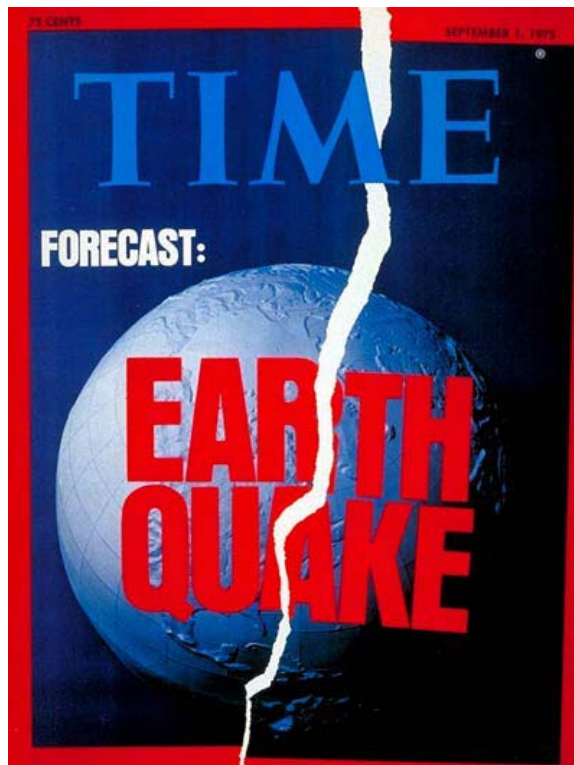
God and Signs of Nature

Sometimes God uses signs of nature to underline the importance of major events. Thus, at the birth of Jesus, God placed a special light in the heavens, probably a manifestation of His Shekinah glory. When Jesus was crucified, the earth experienced three hours of darkness and a major earthquake. And the Bible says that when Jesus returns, the world will experience the greatest earthquake in its history. Every island will be moved, valleys will be lifted, mountains will be lowered, and the city of Jerusalem will be lifted up like a jewel, possibly becoming the highest place on earth (Revelation 16:18-21 and Isaiah 40:3-5).

More often, God uses signs of nature as remedial judgments to call nations to repentance. Both the Bible and history attest to the fact that God has a pattern of dealing with nations. When a nation rebels against God, He responds first by raising up prophetic voices to call the nation to repentance. These are not necessarily people with supernatural knowledge of the future. They simply have the gift of discernment to see where a nation is missing God’s mark. To put it another way, they know how to apply the Scriptures to contemporary events.

If a nation refuses to listen to the prophetic voices, God will then send remedial judgments. These can take many forms. Deuteronomy 28 mentions economic failure, rebellion of youth, an epidemic of divorce, confusion in government, foreign domination and military defeat. The chapter also mentions natural disasters like drought, crop failure and pestilence.

Finally, if a nation digs in against God and sets its jaw against His calls to repentance, a point of no return will be



reached — often referred to as “when the wound becomes incurable” (Nahum 3:19, Jeremiah 30:12 and Micah 1:9). At this point, the Lord will deliver the nation from judgment to destruction. That destruction may occur quickly — as with Babylon and the Soviet Union — or it may occur gradually over a period of time, as with the Roman Empire.

Examples of Remedial Judgments

There are many examples of remedial judgments in the Bible that involve natural disasters. Take, for example, the plagues with which God afflicted Egypt in order to convince Pharaoh that he should release the children of Israel from captivity. The Lord sent plagues of frogs, gnats, flies and locusts. In addition, He contaminated the nation’s water, afflicted the livestock with pestilence, struck the people with sores and boils, engulfed the land in a thick darkness and finally took the lives of the first born of both men and livestock.

When King Ahab led the Israelites into the worship of a pagan god, the Lord raised up the prophet Elijah to call the king and his people to repentance. When they ignored Elijah, the Lord then put a remedial judgment on the land in the form of a severe three and a half year drought (1 Kings 17 & 18).

The book of Joel tells about a locust invasion that afflicted Judah. This was one of the worst calamities that could befall an agricultural society. It appears that people began bemoaning their “bad luck.” That’s when God sent the prophet Joel to inform them that the disaster had nothing to do with luck. Joel boldly proclaimed that the locusts had been sent by God to call the people to repentance. He warned that if they did not repent, the Lord would send something even worse — an enemy army. The people ignored Joel and the prophets who followed him, and God ultimately sent the army, delivering them from judgment to destruction.

Seventy years later, when the Babylonian captivity ended, the Jews who returned to Judah laid the foundation for a new temple and then quickly lost interest in the project. They turned their attention instead to the building of their personal homes. For 14 years the foundation of the temple stood vacant. Finally, God raised up an elderly, tough-talking prophet named Haggai. He confronted the people by asking them: “Have you noticed that when you plant your crops, they are destroyed by root rot? And when you replant them, they are destroyed again by hail? And when you replant, a wind storm comes? God is speaking to you! He is calling you to repent of your misplaced priorities and give attention to the rebuilding of His temple.” For once, the people listened, obeyed and were blessed.

The Nature of God

God has continued throughout history to use signs of nature to call nations to repentance. Some people say, “Oh no, God doesn’t do that anymore because this is the ‘Age of Grace.’”

Well, the first problem with that statement is that it implies there was a previous time of no grace. The fact of the matter is that there is only one way of salvation that has ever existed — namely, grace through faith (Joel 2:32).

Furthermore, the Bible says God is “the same yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). There is no such thing as the Old Testament God of wrath and the New Testament God of grace. God does not change (Malachi 3:6). He is immutable.

The Old Testament God of wrath is the One who showed grace toward the wicked city of Nineveh when its people repented in response to the message of Jonah. The New Testament God of grace is the One who warned the church at Thyatira that if it continued to tolerate a false prophetess, He would “cast her upon a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation.” Further, He threatened to “kill her children with pestilence” (Revelation 2:22-23).

Our God is a God of grace, mercy and love. But He is also a God of holiness, righteousness and justice. The balanced view of God is presented by the prophet Nahum. Speaking of God’s grace, he wrote: “The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him” (Nahum 1:7). But Nahum warned that the same God is One who is righteous and holy and who will not tolerate sin (Nahum 1:2-3):

A jealous and avenging God is the LORD;
The LORD is avenging and wrathful.
The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries,
And He reserves wrath for His enemies.
The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
And the LORD will by no means leave the guilty
unpunished.

The Role of Satan

Some counter by trying to argue that natural calamities come from Satan and not God. But the Bible teaches that God is sovereign. Satan is not free to do anything he pleases. When he wanted to torment Job, he had to ask God’s permission, and when he was granted permission, God laid down rules about what he could and could not do (Job 1:6-12).

The Bible says God does not tempt us (James 1:13). Yet Jesus taught us to pray, “Lead us not into temptation” (Matthew 6:13). How can these statements be reconciled? The answer is that although Satan is the tempter, he cannot do so unless God allows it.

Again, God is sovereign, and nothing happens that He does not allow, either in His perfect will or His permissive will. That is the reason the Bible attributes all natural disasters to God.

Crucial Questions

Are all natural calamities a product of Man’s sin? Yes, absolutely. The original creation was perfect. Natural calam-

ities are a result of the curse that God placed on the creation in response to Man’s sin. When Jesus returns, the curse will be lifted and natural calamities will cease.

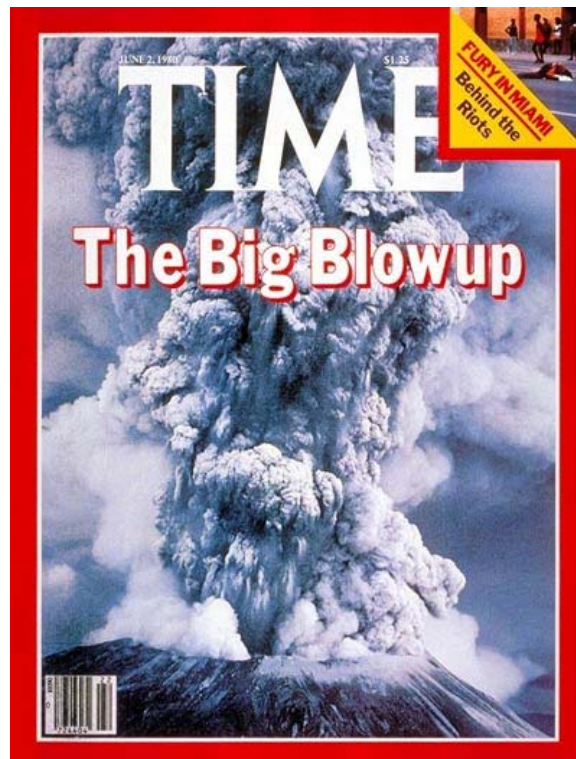
Do all natural calamities represent remedial judgments of God? No — most are products of the natural processes of our weather systems.

How then can we determine when a natural calamity is a remedial judgment? One important factor is the timing of the event as it relates to the sins of the nation. Another factor is the magnitude of the event. Remedial judgments are designed to have great shock value in order to capture people’s attention and force them to think with an eternal perspective. The most important factor is God’s Spirit witnessing to the spirits of those to whom He has given the gift of prophecy. They will be motivated to speak forth with a united voice.

The Example of the United States

We can see all these principles operating in the history of our own nation. We were founded as a Christian nation, committed to Christian values, and God greatly blessed us. But in the 1960s, we began to thumb our nose at God as a cultural revolution was launched. Our society quickly descended into a cesspool of sexual promiscuity, drug abuse, abortion on demand, legalized gambling, rampant blasphemy and a flood of pornography. Our national slogan became, “If it feels good, do it!” We adopted a hedonistic lifestyle, calling evil good and good evil.

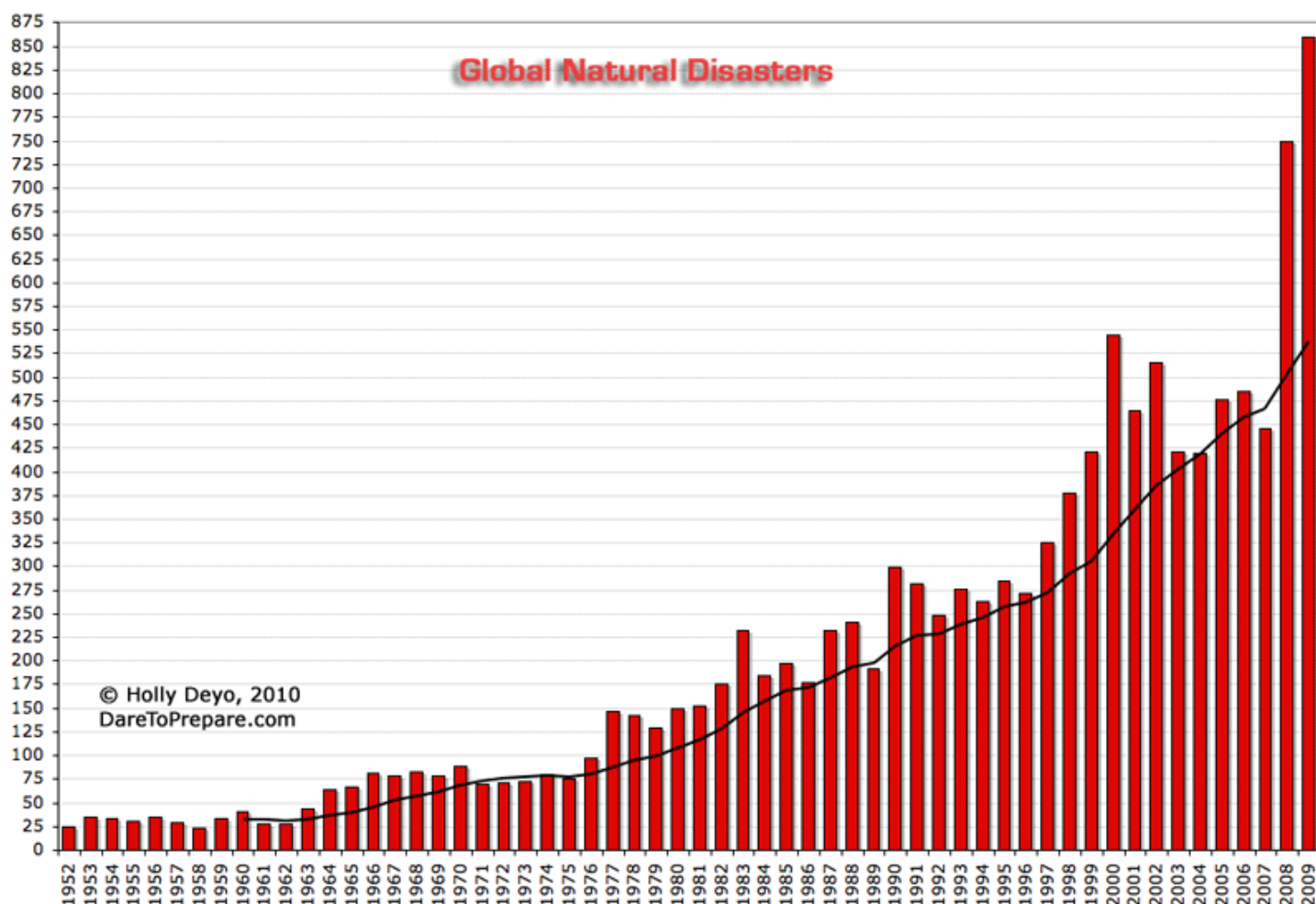
God responded by raising up prophetic voices to call the nation to repentance. One of those was Dave Wilkerson, pastor of Times Square Church in New York City. I call him “God’s Jeremiah to America.” In the 1970s he began writing a series of books in which he clearly outlined the sins of America and warned of judgments from God if we did not repent. Like Jeremiah, his popularity plummeted because people — even church people — did not want to hear his “doomsday message.”



When the prophetic voices were ignored, God began to place remedial judgments on our nation — things like our defeat in the Vietnam War, the AIDS epidemic, the plague of sexually transmitted diseases, the scourge of homosexuality and natural disasters in the form of monster earthquakes, killer tornados and hurricanes. We even experienced an unprecedented volcanic eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980 — an eruption so severe that it blackened the sky from Seattle to New York City and as far south as Oklahoma.

The culmination of the remedial judgments seemed to come with the 9/11 terrorist assault in 2001, when two symbols of American pride were attacked: the Twin Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. The towers stood as symbols of our wealth; the Pentagon symbolized our military power.

As I have stated before, I believe



this event was a wake-up call from God for our nation to repent. Instead, like a drowsy man who doesn't want to wake-up, we merely rolled over and hit the snooze button on the alarm clock.

End Time Signs of Nature

In Jesus' Olivet Discourse, delivered to His disciples on the Mount of Olives during the last week of His life, He specifically spoke of signs of nature to watch for in the end times.

Matthew recorded Him saying, "... and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes . . ." (Matthew 24:7). Luke's account of the same speech is more detailed. He quotes Jesus in Luke 21 as saying:

11) . . . there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven . . .

25) There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea . . .

We are witnessing all these things today worldwide. All sorts of weather calamities are happening more frequently and causing greater damage — hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, floods and forest fires.

Additionally, famine continues to rage throughout Africa and other Third World areas. Plagues like AIDS, SARS, Ebola and COVID-19 continue to challenge and perplex medical science. A new danger is the return of old diseases thought to be

under control — due to the development of antibiotic resistant strains.

And for the first time ever, we are living in a time when we can see incredible sights in outer space due to space telescopes and satellite probes which we have sent to other planets — all in fulfillment of Luke 21:25 which says that in the end times, "there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars . . ."

The Birth Pangs Effect

With regard to natural calamities, some simply dismiss them in a cavalier manner by asking, "What else is new?" But as I have already mentioned, Jesus said that the signs in the end times would be like "birth pangs" (Matthew 24:8), meaning they will increase in frequency and intensity. And that is what has been happening.

Take earthquakes for example. In the decade of the 1980s, there were a total of 1,085 earthquakes worldwide that measured 6.0 or greater in magnitude. In the 1990s there were 1,492. In the first ten years of this century, the number jumped to 1,591. With regard to monster quakes of 8.0 or greater, in the 1980s there were four; in the 1990s, six; and in the first decade of this century, 13.¹

There's a better way to look at natural disasters than to consider them by category, such as the frequency and intensity of tornadoes, for the number and intensity will go up and down from year to year, although showing an overall increase over a period of time. The best way to view natural disasters is to

consider all of them grouped together. When you do that, the statistics show that they are rapidly increasing, from an average of 300 per year in the 1980s, to 490 per year in the 1990s, to almost 900 per year in the first ten years of this century.²

Oddly, one of the reasons for considering natural disasters overall rather than individually is because one type of natural disaster can restrain other types.

Let me illustrate what I mean: In 2012, our nation experienced one of its worst droughts in modern history — with over 61% of America affected. Now, one side effect of that drought is that we experienced the lowest number of tornados in 60 years — after all, you can't have tornados without thunderstorms. The same was true of flooding.

The chart at the top of page six illustrates the exponential growth of disasters worldwide. Ron Fraser, the author of the article that the chart illustrates, asserts: "The facts are that statistics prove natural disasters have risen startlingly since 1990."³ The Borgen Project (a non-profit organization focusing on world poverty), has labeled the increase in disasters worldwide as "skyrocketing."⁴ The fact of the matter is that the severity and cost of the disasters has been rapidly increasing, and "record disasters are becoming commonplace."⁵

Fraser presents convincing arguments that 1989 was the watershed year — "a threshold from which natural disasters escalated most dramatically compared to past eras in history."⁶

The Message

It seems rather obvious that God is shouting at us through increasing natural disasters that "Jesus is coming soon!" And yet, few seem to be getting the message — even those in the Christian community.

All of which reminds me of the cartoon below about how people in the time of the prophet Haggai seemed to ignore his warnings that the natural disasters they were experiencing were due to the fact that they were postponing the rebuilding of the Lord's temple.



"The way I see it, if God was angry with us he'd let us know—that is, if he was really, really angry."

"Global Warming"

This leads to a frequently asked question: "What is the prophetic significance of 'Global Warming?'"

The answer is that the whole concept is a political ploy which liberals are using in an attempt to gain greater control over society. The fact that it is a non-issue was pointed out brilliantly in a 2020 article by Jack Kinsella, a writer for Hal Lindsey.⁷

He observed that 96% of all greenhouse gases and other so-called global warming emissions originate naturally from the oceans that cover five-sixths of the earth's surface. Thus, as he put it, "That leaves only 4% to divide up between human activity, volcanoes, rotting vegetables, cow flatulence, etc." It is estimated that the human portion of that 4% is 14%, and 14% of 4% is .056!

Even the advocates of Global Warming have recognized the absurdity of their claim that humans are responsible for the earth's warming. So, Global Warming has morphed into "Climate Change." And, as Harold Ambler, writing for *The Huffington Post* has observed, "the term, Climate Change, is a redundancy because the climate has always changed, and always will."⁸

For example, scientific studies have shown the following climate periods in world history:⁹

- 1) The warm Roman Optimum (200 BC to 400 AD)
- 2) The cold Dark Ages (400 AD to 900 AD)
- 3) The warm Medieval Period (900 AD to 1300 AD)
- 4) The Little Ice Age (1300 to 1850)
- 5) The Modern Warm Age (since 1850)

I feel compelled to point out that the Bible does prophesy that a super-hot time is coming when God will envelop the earth in fire to burn away the pollution of Satan's last revolt, which will occur at the end of Jesus' millennial reign. Out of that fiery inferno will come the New Earth, which will serve as the foundation for the New Jerusalem where the Redeemed will reside forever.

Conclusion

So, true global warming is on its way! But, more importantly, the Signs of the Times are screaming that we are on the threshold of the Tribulation. And that means, in turn, that Jesus is at the very gate of Heaven, ready to step out on a cloud and come for His Church.

Meanwhile, the Church needs to wake up to the Signs of Nature and all the other signs that are converging for the first time ever. But for that to happen, our nation's pastors need to get serious about the fact that we are living in the season of the Lord's return, and they need to start proclaiming that fact from their pulpits.

The Church needs to stop yawning and start yearning for the return of Jesus. *Maranatha!* ❖

The New Factor

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As I pointed out in the previous article, God began to afflict our nation with remedial judgments in the 1960s when the Sexual Revolution began in our nation and we started thumbing our nose at God's moral laws. But what I think we may have failed to realize is that since 1991, many of the judgments we have experienced have been directly related to a new factor — namely, our mistreatment of Israel.



The Bible says that God will bless those who bless Israel, and He will curse those who curse Israel (Genesis 12:3). The Bible also says that he who touches Israel touches “the apple of God's eye” (Zechariah 2:8).

History attests to the truth of these statements. Spain was at the height of its power as a world empire in the 15th Century when it launched the Inquisition and drove its Jewish population out of the country. Within a short time thereafter, the empire no longer existed. Hitler was well on his way to conquering all of Europe when he launched the Holocaust. His Third Reich soon ended up in ashes.

Likewise, ancient history is littered with the corpses of nations that have mistreated the Jewish people. In the Bible we read about great empires like the Babylonian, Egyptian and Medo-Persian — all of which persecuted the Jewish people. Where are they today? Where are the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Moabites and the Philistines? They are all in the dustbin of history, whereas the Jewish people have been regathered back to their homeland from the four corners of the earth.

I believe that many of our blessings as a nation have been due to the fact that we have historically been a safe haven for the Jewish people. Also, we have been Israel's best friend ever since the nation came back into being in 1948.

But the Bible says that in the end times all the nations of the world will come together against Israel over the issue of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:3). And in the early 1990s, we began to turn against Israel in our determination to maintain access to Arab oil.

The Decisive Year

The turning point was in 1991 when the Soviet Union collapsed and Russian Jews began flooding into Israel at the rate of 2,000 to 3,000 a day for one year. The tiny nation of Israel was overwhelmed by the refugees. The Israeli government appealed to the World Bank for a \$5 billion loan. The bank said it would grant the loan only if the U. S. guaranteed it. The Bush Administration agreed to underwrite the loan on one condition: the Israelis had to go to the bargaining table and start trading land for peace.

Yes, we were the ones who forced Israel into adopting the suicidal policy of appeasement, and we have been twisting their arm ever since, pressuring them to divide up the land which God gave them as an everlasting possession. Keep in mind that we can apply enormous pressure because our veto in the United Nations Security Council is the only thing standing between Israel and economic sanctions that could easily and quickly destroy the Israeli economy.

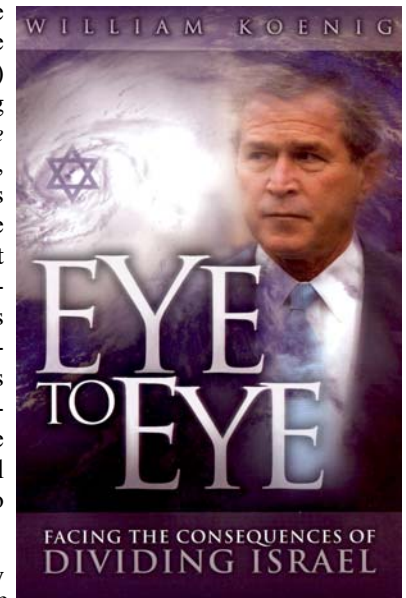
A Prophetic Book

In 2006, a White House correspondent (one of 250 in the world) named William Koenig wrote a book entitled, *Eye to Eye*. It was subtitled, “Facing the Consequences of Dividing Israel.”¹ The thesis of the book was that many of the natural calamities, economic setbacks and political crises experienced by the United States since 1991 have been directly related to actions we have taken to force Israel to surrender territory to the Arabs.

For example, on May 4th of 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell met with terrorist leader Hafez Assad of Syria and made a commitment to him to include the surrender of the Golan Heights in the President's peace plan. That day a swarm of tornados began tearing apart the Central United States. Over the next seven days, there was a total of 412 tornados — the largest cluster ever observed by NOAA since it began its record keeping in 1950. The previous record had been 177 in 1999.¹

After presenting many other examples of natural calamities in our nation that were directly related to our mistreatment of Israel, Koenig presented the following summary of natural disasters between October 1991 and November 2004:²

- Nine of the 10 largest insurance events in U.S. history.
- Nine of the 10 greatest natural disasters as ranked by FEMA relief costs.
- Five of the costliest hurricanes in U.S. history.
- Three of the four largest tornado swarms in U.S. history.



Koenig shows how all of these calamities were linked to our attempts to pressure Israel into either dividing up its land or surrendering part of its capital city of Jerusalem.

The world would laugh and call these coincidences, but I don't believe in coincidence. I believe only in God-incidences. God is sovereign. He is in control.

The Gaza Withdrawal

One of the most chaotic events in the modern history of Israel was the forced withdrawal of all Jews from Gaza in the summer of 2005. It began on August 7th and continued through the 22nd, as nearly 9,000 Israelis were uprooted from their land and homes.

Many had been in the area for as long as 35 years. Their withdrawal was made at the insistence of the U.S. government as part of the appeasement policy of "trading land for peace."

It was a heart-wrenching event to watch women and children manhandled, synagogues violated, torah scrolls desecrated, houses bulldozed, graves dug up and farms destroyed. Entire Jewish communities were forcibly removed from land which God had given to the Jewish people as an everlasting possession (Psalm 105:8-11).

The economic impact on the Israeli economy was overwhelming. The farms in Gaza represented 70% of Israel's organic produce, 60% of the nation's exported herbs, 15% of its total agricultural exports, 60% of its exported cherry tomato crop and \$120 million of its flower exports.

And while this travesty was taking place, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice began applying more pressure with the following statement: "Everyone empathizes with what the Israelis are facing . . . but it cannot be Gaza only."³

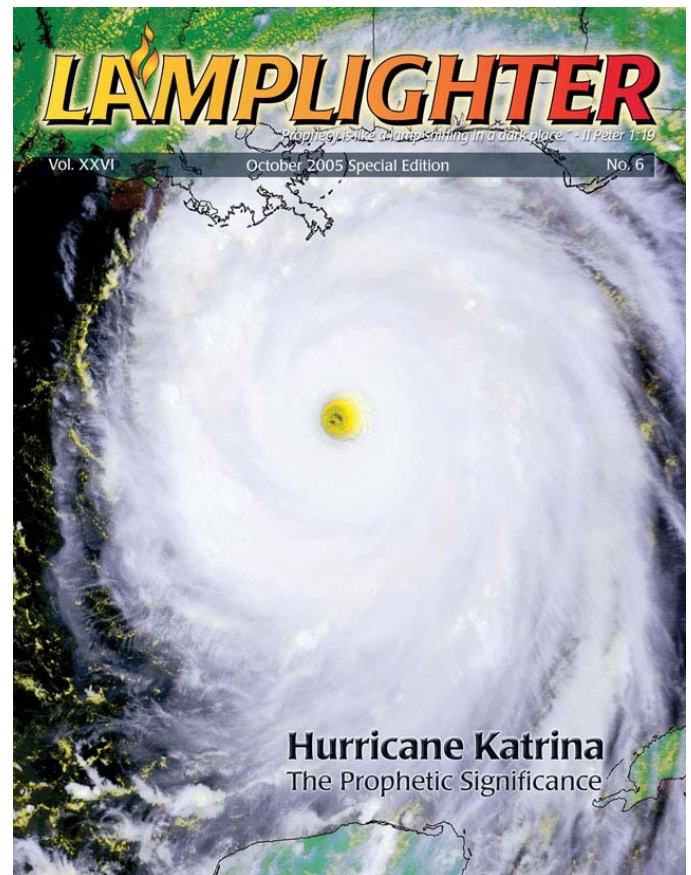
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The Supernatural Response

The withdrawal from Gaza ended on August 22, 2005, and on the very next day, the government of Bermuda announced that a tropical depression had formed off its coast. Dubbed "Katrina," the storm quickly developed into the most powerful hurricane in modern history. It slammed into New Orleans and the Mississippi coast four days later on the 27th. The hurricane disrupted 25% of our crude oil production and destroyed our nation's largest port (the fifth largest in the world in terms of tonnage).

I think it is interesting to note that the hurricane hit just three days before New Orleans, a city which often refers to itself proudly as "Sin City USA," was scheduled to host an ungodly event that had come to be called "The Gay Mardi Gras." The theme that year was to be "Jazz and Jezebels." The previous year the event had drawn 125,000 revelers who proudly flaunted their perversion publicly in a parade that featured the bizarre. Incredi-



bly, this event was sponsored by a group that called itself "Southern Decadence."

Nonetheless, I do not believe the storm was meant primarily as a judgment upon the city of New Orleans. Rather, I consider it to have been a judgment on our entire nation for our mistreatment of Israel.

The consequences of the storm were national in scope. It resulted in higher fuel prices which led to higher prices for all goods. It disrupted indefinitely the flow of goods into and out of our country. It resulted in a significant increase in our national debt. It shamed us before the world as we mishandled the aftermath. And it deeply scarred the Bush Administration.

During the Obama Administration, Israel was treated with contempt. Obama launched his presidency by traveling to the



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Middle East where he apologized to the Arab world for our support of Israel and made it plain that our nation's policies regarding the Middle East would be changed. And he wasted no time in following up on that promise as he began to manhandle the Israelis and their leader, Prime Minister Netanyahu.

By the time Obama left office, he was treating Israel like some Third World banana republic. He expressed open contempt for the nation's leaders and condemned their possession of the highlands of Judea and Samaria (what the world calls "The West Bank"). One of his last efforts in office was to engineer a United Nations resolution of condemnation of Israel. Is it any wonder that his designated successor, Hillary Clinton, lost the election?

The Trump Reversal



(<http://thejewishvoice.com>)

President Trump put a halt to our mistreatment of Israel. He reversed all of Obama's negative Middle East policies, and he stopped the land-for-peace appeasement policy that had been forced upon Israel by the Bush and Clinton Administrations. Most significantly, he recognized Jerusalem as the legitimate capital of Israel.

But he has since started peddling a "peace plan" that would result in the creation of a Palestinian state in the heartland of Israel.⁴ He does not understand that the problem is not a political one that can be solved by a "deal." It is a spiritual problem that will be resolved only when the Prince of Peace returns.

Further, the president does not seem to understand that the Palestinians will never agree to a "two-state" solution, unless they view it as giving them a better launching pad for their final assault against the Jewish state. The bottom line is that the Arabs really do not want another Palestinian state (the first being the nation of Jordan). What they want is the annihilation of the Jewish state.

President Trump also needs to proceed very cautiously because the Bible says in Joel 3:1-2 that any nations involved in the end times in dividing up the land of Israel will suffer the wrath of God.

Another thing end time prophecy makes very clear is that the favorable policies of Trump toward Israel will not last, because the Bible says point blank that *all* the nations of the world will come against Israel (Zechariah 12:3). As it stands now, there is no doubt that our nation will flip in its support of Israel the moment that the Democrats regain the White House. *The New York Post* recently asserted that mainline Democrats have "rolled

over" so far to the left, so quickly, on Israel "that it's hard to imagine them returning to a sane place." *The Post* added, "Jews, who vote for Democrats in overwhelming numbers, need to finally wake up to the reality that their party despises the world's sole Jewish state."⁵

The Message of Katrina

I believe the message of Katrina and similar natural disasters is that God is on His throne. He is in control. He cannot be mocked. He will not tolerate the division of His Holy Land. Nor will He tolerate gross immorality that mocks everything that is moral and decent.

God loves our nation. He has blessed us more than any other nation. His Word says that to those to whom much is given, much is expected (Luke 12:47-48). His Word also says He disciplines those whom He loves (Hebrews 12:7).

Another thing His Word makes clear is that when He sends discipline, the fundamental purpose is never to punish. Instead, the purpose is to call people to repentance so that they might be saved. Here's how the prophet Isaiah expressed it: "When the earth experiences Your judgments, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (Isaiah 26:9b).

A Personal Experience

I know the truth of this statement firsthand. In May of 1953 when I was 15 years old, an F5 tornado hit my hometown of Waco, Texas. To this day it is the most deadly tornado in Texas history. It killed 114 people and injured 597. It ripped through the center of the downtown area and leveled five-story buildings with ease. When it was over, the city looked like it had been hit with an atomic bomb.

For three months thereafter, the churches of Waco were packed with standing room only crowds as people sought to cope with the tragedy. People were forced to think about eternity. But gradually the pain subsided, people returned to their old ways and church attendance fell off.

Our God is truly a God of amazing grace. Even when He pours out His wrath, He does so hoping that it will provoke repentance so that people can be saved.

Attempts to Respond Spiritually

With regard to Hurricane Katrina, the Governor of Louisiana, Kathleen Blanco, called for a statewide day of prayer: "As we face the devastation wrought by Katrina, as we search for those in need, as we comfort those in pain, and as we begin the long task of rebuilding, we turn to God for strength, hope, and comfort."⁶

Noble words. But notice, there was no call to repentance.

In like manner, President Bush called for a national day of prayer. He asked the nation to pray for the victims and to reach out to them in compassion. Again, noble words, but no expression of repentance.⁷

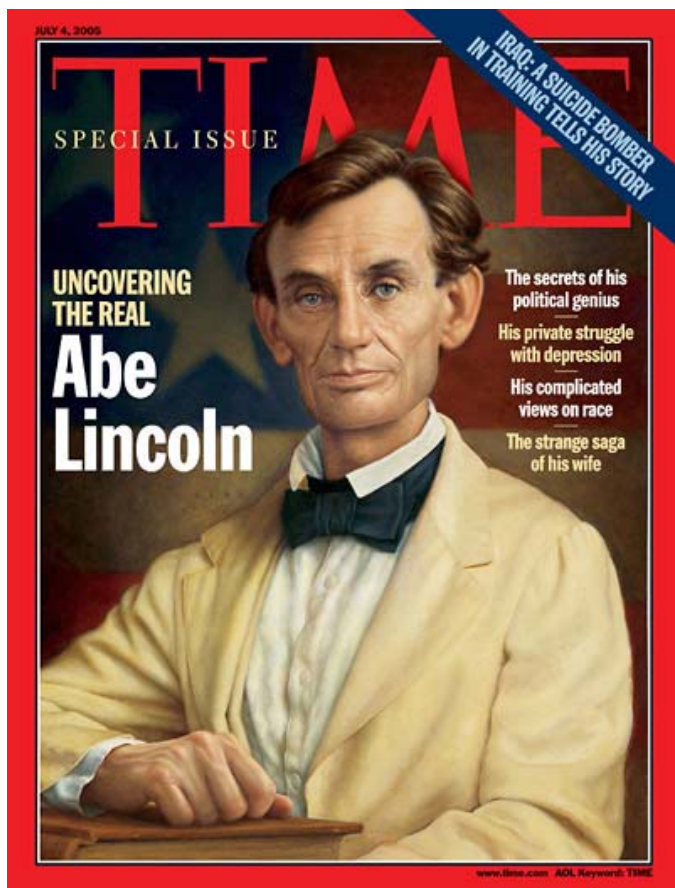
New Orleans City Council President Oliver Thomas came the closest of all public officials in recognizing that Katrina had a spiritual message. Referring to Sodom and Gomorrah, he said, "Maybe God is cleansing us."⁸

But cleansing requires a response of repentance, something God is calling for from the whole nation, and not just the citizens

of New Orleans.

The Proper Response

No public official in our nation has yet seen the spiritual implications of a disaster as clearly as did Abraham Lincoln when he evaluated the cause of the Civil War. In a proclamation dated March 30, 1863, the President called for “a national day of prayer and humiliation.”⁹



He began the proclamation by observing: “It is the duty of nations as well as men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon.”

The heart of the proclamation read as follows:

And, insomuch as we know that, by His divine law, nations like individuals are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth, and power, as no other nation has ever grown. **But we have forgotten God.** We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these

blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

How we need such a proclamation today! The sad thing is that we have become so secular and pagan that if our President were to issue such a statement, members of Congress would probably bring impeachment proceedings against him for “violation of the separation of church and state.”

Conclusion

We as a nation have set our jaw against God. We are tempting Him to move us from judgment to destruction. Our God is so merciful. He is patiently sending us one wake-up call after another because He never pours out His wrath without warning.

God has provided us a temporary window of grace through the election of President Trump. Pray for him to stand strong in his support of Israel. Pray for him to come to an understanding of the nature of the Middle East crisis — that it is a spiritual one that cannot be solved by political negotiations and agreements. Pray that he will not be deceived into demanding that Israel surrender its heartland.

Pray too that both Americans and their leaders will open their eyes and hearts to the significance of the natural disasters that are relentlessly afflicting our nation. Pray that pastors will awaken to the fact that all the end time signs are converging and that it is urgent for them to start proclaiming the soon return of Jesus.

Pray too that people around the world will be awakened to the reality that God is proclaiming through the Signs of Nature that His Son is about to return and that we are living on borrowed time. ✚

Note: Reference notes can be found on the version of the article posted on our website at lamblion.com.

The Signs of the Times

Dr. Reagan’s book, *Living on Borrowed Time*, presents an overview of all the signs of the times that indicate we are living in the season of the Lord’s return, with detailed, in-depth chapters on nine of the most important signs. The book also contains a section where 22 Bible prophecy experts respond to 11 questions about the end time signs. The book runs 310 pages in length. It sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. You can order it through our website or by calling our office.



Living on the Brink of Eternity

Christian Security in the Face of Viral Fear

Colonel Tim Moore



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The world is currently grappling with a threat that has long been discussed and dreaded — the outbreak of a disease that has become a global pandemic.

Widespread epidemics have occurred throughout human history. The Old Testament recorded an outbreak of disease as one of the ten plagues that befell Egypt — both on livestock and on people (Exodus 9). Israel itself was inflicted with a plague as a punishment for King David's sinful census (2 Samuel 24). Seventy thousand

men died from the plague before David repented and offered a sacrifice that brought the plague to an end.

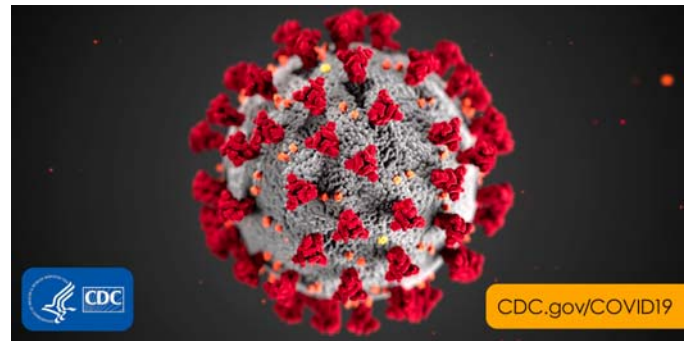
Second Kings 19 recounts one of the most devastating and extraordinary incidents of divine plague in biblical history. The king of Assyria had encircled Jerusalem with a massive army. The Jewish king, Hezekiah, went to the Lord in prayer, asking for deliverance. "That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning — there were all the dead bodies!" (2 Kings 19:35).

In the Middle Ages, a widespread outbreak of bubonic plague in Europe killed 25 million and led to the persecution of the Jews because they miraculously seemed impervious to the ravages of the disease. They were accused of poisoning the wells. It did not occur to anti-Semitic Gentiles that the Jewish dietary and hygienic laws helped insulate them from the ravages of the contagion's spread.

In more recent times, an outbreak of Spanish Flu in 1918, during the last year of World War I, quickly spread worldwide. It resulted in more deaths than those who were killed in the war. It is estimated that as many as 40 million people died from the disease worldwide, making it the most devastating epidemic in recorded history. More people died of influenza in a single year than in the four years of the bubonic plague which swept Europe from 1347 to 1351.

The reason for the high death toll of the Spanish Flu is that it produced pneumonia, and there were no antibiotics in existence to counter the pneumonia. The first antibiotic, penicillin, was not discovered until 1928.

As medical scientists have come to understand the nature of viral and bacterial diseases, they've made incredible strides



The Coronavirus, as depicted by the Center for Disease Control.

preventing and treating them. Vaccines and treatments are able to mitigate most of the threat to modern societies.

But doctors, scientists and government leaders alike have realized that new strains might elude our vaccines and be easily transmittable from person to person. Given our global economy and the ease and frequency of international travel, the potential for an explosive outbreak of deadly disease has long been feared and anticipated.

A Renewed Threat

In late 2019, a new type of virus officially known as COVID-19 emerged in the Wuhan province of China. Much media attention has been devoted to speculating about the nature of its origin, but it is likely that an animal virus mutated into a form that could be transmitted to humans. Once that new virus strain began to infect the local population, it was only a matter of time before it spread throughout China and the world.

In late February 2020, medical experts began warning that this coronavirus outbreak could become the global pandemic that has been feared for many years. On March 11, the World Health Organization declared it to be so. All over the world, nations began to shut down their borders. And quickly thereafter, they began to institute draconian measures to stop the spread of the virus. Normal everyday life changed drastically as businesses were closed down and people lost their jobs. Those who were able to keep their jobs started working from home. Almost overnight the world went on lockdown.

Significance to Bible Prophecy



(<https://theheavenlysigns.wordpress.com>)

What is the significance of this development to Bible prophecy? Why is it worthy of comment? Because the Bible teaches that the curse the Creation has been groaning under since the fall of man will become even more pronounced prior to Jesus' return. Natural disasters will occur with greater severity and frequency as the Day of the Lord draws near.

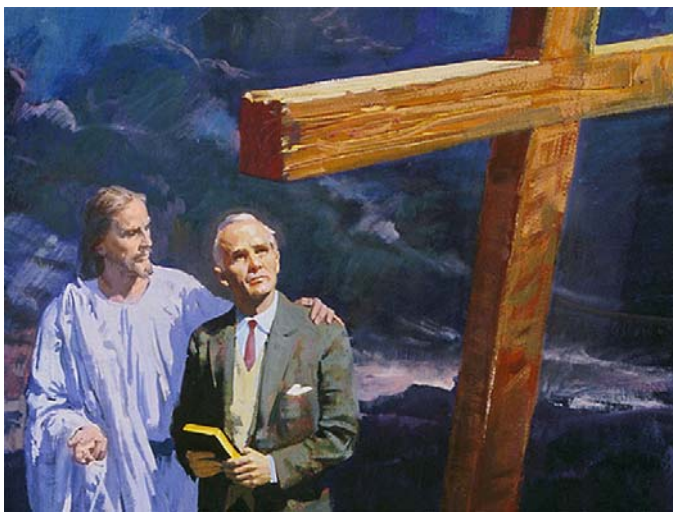
As billions of people find their daily lives completely disrupted, they will come to recognize the insignificance of most of the things that clamor for the world's attention. Many people

will be motivated to grapple with their own mortality — what the Bible describes as the precariousness of this life (Psalm 144:4; James 4:14). When they do, it is our great hope that many will turn to Jesus Christ and embrace Him as Savior and Lord.

If you are reading this because you are waiting out this epidemic, please know that the Light of God's truth is shining even in this dark moment. All of the signs of the times we are witnessing were foretold by Bible prophecy. God's Word reminds us to:

- **Recognize** that the Lord told us the world will deteriorate.
- **Realize** that the timing of His return will be perfect in the flow of human history.
- **Receive** with gladness the opportunity for testifying about our Savior and Lord, even in "such a time as this."

Christian Hope



Christians are both pessimists and optimists. We are pessimists because we believe what the Bible teaches about the fallen and corrupt nature of Mankind. We are optimists because we also believe what the Bible promises about the future — namely, that Jesus will be completely victorious.

But most of all, we are people of hope, and not just hope as an idea or an unattainable wish like "I hope I get a pony for my birthday." Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus Christ — our living and personal Blessed Hope. Or, as hymnist Robert Critchley wrote:

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood
and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest
frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

At Lamb & Lion Ministries, our mission is to boldly testify to the Light in the midst of darkness, telling people that Jesus Christ is coming soon.

The old adage says it is "darkest just before the dawn." The Bible affirms that it will indeed grow darker before the Lord once again declares, "Let there be Light!" and bursts from Heaven in radiant splendor. That's why Pastor Adrian Rogers once said, "The world is growing gloriously dark!"

Realizing that his time on earth was drawing to a close, the

Apostle Paul wrote:

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing (2 Timothy 4:7-8).

Are you a candidate to receive the "crown of righteousness" that is mentioned in this passage of Scripture? I hope so.

The Importance of an Eternal Perspective

Do you love Christ's appearing? Do you look forward to the Rapture (when believers in Jesus are caught up to Heaven to be with Jesus). Are you anxious for His glorious return when He will begin to reign over all the world? If so, you will not be paralyzed by the current outbreak of fear and panic descending upon the world. Instead, you will see it as an opportunity to proclaim Jesus Christ as the world's only hope.

If you do not already know Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, don't delay another day or hour. Place your trust in Jesus Christ. Accept His offer of forgiveness and His promise of eternal life with God. Simply pray:

Lord Jesus, I believe that You were born without sin and lived a perfect life, that You suffered and died for my sins, that You were buried and raised again to life, and that You ascended to Heaven to prepare a place for those who put their trust in You. I confess my sinfulness against You and ask You to forgive me and draw me to Yourself. I welcome You into my life and ask you to change my heart. I commit to following You in obedience and look forward to Your glorious return. Amen.

Follow-up this prayer by seeking a Bible believing church where Jesus is exalted as the only hope for this world. Confess publicly before that congregation your faith in Jesus and manifest that faith in baptism. Then get involved in a Bible study group so that you can begin to grow in the Lord.

If you have believed upon the Lord Jesus Christ, your salvation is secure. You will become a fruit-bearer for the Lord. Then, come storm or famine or war or pestilence, your song can be:

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).✝

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A Biblical Perspective

Dr. David R. Reagan



Empty shelves due to panic-buying.
(<https://thehill.com>)

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) is considered to have been one of the greatest defenders of the Christian faith during the 20th Century. For those of you who may not be familiar with him, he was born in Northern Ireland and became a professor of Medieval English Literature, first at Oxford University (1925-1954), and later at Cambridge University (1954-1963).

He committed his life to Christ when he was 32 years old, and he proceeded to write many insightful and inspiring books about Christianity. These include some that have become Christian classics, like *The Problem of Pain* (1940), *The Screwtape Letters* (1942), *The Chronicles of Narnia* (1950-1956), and *Mere Christianity* (1952).

In 1948, he published an essay titled, “On Living in an Atomic Age.” Although it was written 72 years ago, it is very relevant to the coronavirus pandemic that we are dealing with today. As you read the excerpt below, just substitute “coronavirus” for “atomic bomb.”

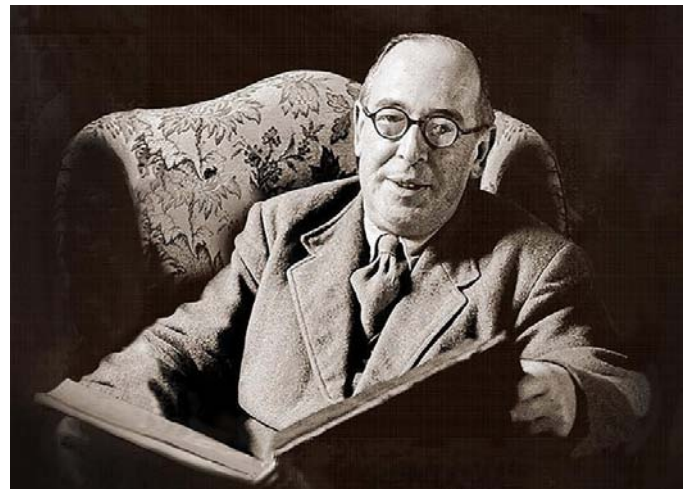
C. S. Lewis’ Essay



C. S. Lewis
(September 5, 1947)

tor accidents.’

“In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. ‘How are we to live in an atomic age?’ I am tempted to reply: ‘Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.’



C. S. Lewis
(<https://stream.org>)

“In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

“This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things — praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts — not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.”

Concluding Thoughts

The Bible says that one of the reasons Jesus came to this earth was to free people from their bondage to the lifelong fear of death (Hebrews 2:15). Those of us who have put our faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior should live and walk in that freedom.

We should live with confidence and not in fear because we have hope — the promise of living forever in new, glorified bodies in a new Jerusalem on a new earth (Revelation 21:1-7).

So, as people gripped with panic fight each other at stores to purchase toilet paper and Spam, we should be salt and light by exhibiting peace and calm in the midst of chaos. Doing so may prompt people to ask why we are behaving so calmly, giving us an opportunity to share the Gospel.

One other thought — if you think the current panic is bad, it is nothing compared to what the mass panic will be like after the Rapture of the Church. ❖

Acts of Nature Or Nuclear Weapons?

Nathan Jones

How do we know the end times are upon us and that Jesus Christ is returning soon? One of the surest ways we can know is through the end times signs of nature. But, are there prophecies which at first sound like natural disasters, yet are in truth man-made cataclysms? Could these so-called natural disasters actually fall into the category of Signs of Technology rather than Signs of Nature?

One of the many cataclysms interpreted as an act of nature that should be assigned to technology involves the inevitable release of the world's nuclear arsenal. Both the Old and New Testaments describe the destruction of much of the world by a series of cataclysms that sound more nuclear than natural.

Nuclear Scriptures

For example, in both Isaiah 17:1-14 and Jeremiah 49:23-27, it is prophesied that Damascus will be totally destroyed in the end times. Isaiah puts it this way: "At evening time, behold, there is terror! Before morning, they [Damascus] are no more. Such will be the portion of those who plunder us [Israel] . . ." (Isaiah 17:14). Thus, one of our planet's oldest cities will be suddenly destroyed in just one night. How do you destroy an entire city in just one night? Israel will have to use a nuclear bomb.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is quoted as saying that in the end times, men will be "fainting from fear" over "the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken." In other words, the horrors of the Tribulation will cause heart attacks. And the particular horror portrayed — the shaking of the powers of heaven — sounds like the splitting of the atom.

In the sixth chapter of the book of Revelation, the Apostle John was given this vision: "The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places" (Revelation 6:14). The passage goes on to say that people will hide themselves "in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains" (verse 15).

This Sixth Seal Judgment uncannily describes what a nuclear blast looks like, and how people will hide in caves to escape all the destruction and radiation these bombs will rain down upon them.

John's description of the Trumpet Judgments sounds like the Seal Judgments morph from a traditional war into an all-out nuclear one: "The first [angel] 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" (Revelation 8:7).

As you can see from these examples, many of God's judgments during the Tribulation sound like a First Century man's attempt to describe a nuclear holocaust. Many people believe that the two atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II have been the only atomic weapons ever exploded. It is true that they are the only ones ever used in war to this date. But in the last 70-plus years, over 2,500 nuclear warheads have been detonated in testing. Nine countries have stockpiled an estimated 15,000 nuclear weapons, with 1,800 always standing at alert and prepped for immediate launch.

The fact that the world hasn't already annihilated itself in a nuclear holocaust proves that God's restraining hand is holding mankind's worst destructive proclivities at bay. But, that time will end when, at the Rapture of the Church, God's restraining influence will be lifted. The result will be that during the first three years after the Tribulation begins, half of the world's population will perish.

A nuclear holocaust is indeed about to be unleashed upon this world, and one day soon. Meanwhile, the world sleeps blissfully, unaware of the constant threat of nuclear self-annihilation.

Recognizing the Times

The end times signs of nature and technology are merely two of the many categories of signs that point to the fact that Jesus Christ is returning soon. Knowing this wonderful return of the King is imminent, how then should we apply this truth to our own lives?

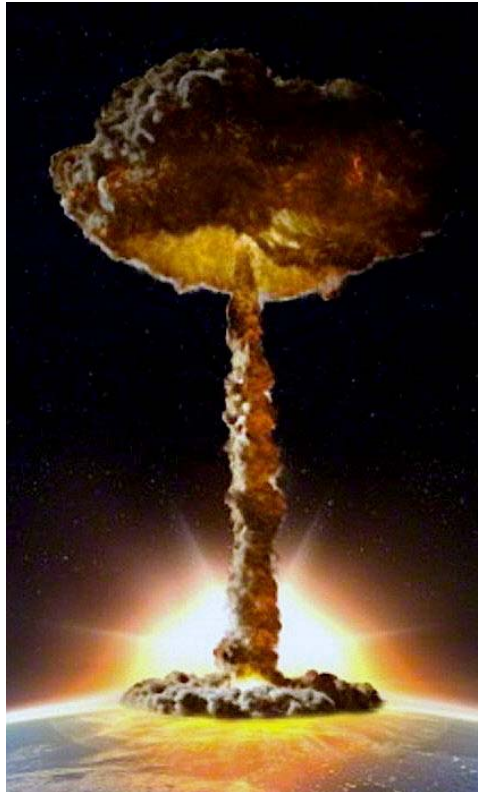
First, be comforted knowing that God's got it all under control — that He has a majestic plan in place, and that God's children play a vital role in that plan. Life, therefore, isn't meaningless, but purposeful.

Christians are called to serve God in these dark times, so serve Him with all your unique talents, gifts, time, money and experience.

For those of you who haven't yet accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, but now recognize that we are living in the end times, that realization should act like an alarm clock buzzing you to wake up to the fact that the world doesn't have much time left. The convergence of all the end time signs clearly indicates that we are all living on borrowed time.

Therefore, embrace the fact that God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, and that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). Don't spend another moment without having accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior! ✦

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Warning: Christians in America are under attack, and many don't even know it.

Tim Wildmon



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If you've ever listened to "Today's Issues," the talk show I host on American Family Radio, you know I'm a huge football fan. You've got to have the heart of a lion to play football at any level. But at the start of the 2019 NFL season, I saw a famous lion turn tail and run before the onslaught of LGBT headhunters. Here's what happened.

Last summer, Drew Brees, an outspoken Christian and superstar quarterback for the New Orleans Saints, recorded a short video for Focus on the Family. The video encouraged young people to take their Bibles to school on October 3 for national "Bring Your Bible to School Day." Surely, he never imagined how such a good deed would explode in his face.

The LGBT-friendly national media immediately blitzed Brees over his partnership with Focus on the Family because our Christian ministry upholds a biblical view of human sexuality, marriage and family.

A local "progressive" magazine ran this ridiculous headline: "Drew Brees Records Video for Anti-LGBT Religious Organization." More media nastiness followed. "Drew Brees Needs to Apologize." "Drew Brees is the Biggest Hypocrite in Sports."

Don't get me wrong, Brees has been bold about his faith in the past, but the media firestorm that engulfed him turned him into an apology factory. I am sad to say it, but, in my opinion, Brees threw Focus on the Family under the bus.

Brees told the media that he had not been aware of Focus on the Family's "anti-gay messaging or inequality or any type of hate-type related stuff." He added, "There are unfortunately Christian organizations out there that are involved in that kind of thing and to me, that is totally against what being a Christian is all about. Being a Christian is love; it's forgiveness; it's respecting all; it's accepting all."

Then, Brees posted a video on Instagram in which he said: "I do not support any groups that discriminate or that have their own agendas that are trying to promote inequality . . . That's not what I stand for."

My intent is not to point a critical finger at Brees. I applaud the wonderful things he has done in the past and will no doubt continue to do. But like so many Christians, he simply did not realize how much the ground has shifted under our feet in the last

decade.

Apparently, he was unaware and overwhelmed by the power of the LGBT activist movement toward anyone or any organization that holds a biblical view of sex, marriage and family. Brees quickly learned that in today's America, you risk the ruin of your life and career just for associating with Bible-believing Christians.

Brothers and sisters, we are neck-deep in a spiritual war with demonic forces intent on drowning America in wickedness.

Please don't misunderstand me. I'm not describing Brees or those trapped in sexual confusion and bondage as demonic. I'm saying the spiritual powers behind the sexual revolution and the homosexual movement are demonic.

Brees learned the hard way what we here at AFA regularly experience: Standing for righteousness puts you in the crosshairs of God-haters. Always has, always will . . .

The barbarians of the sexual revolution aren't at the gates. They're inside the walls. They control most of the colleges and universities. They run Hollywood and most of those in the news media. They're sitting in the seats of power in most of the boardrooms of countless big corporations. They're coming to the schools where your children or grandchildren attend.

And please hear me: the sexual barbarians will come to your church.

The armies of LGBT shock troopers have already conquered many of the mainline Protestant denominations. Now, they are bringing tremendous pressure on some of the most conservative Christian groups in the nation . . . We are learning that some very influential Christian leaders who are theologically solid on other issues are squishy on issues of human sexuality. Why do they flinch on this issue? Because that's precisely where the Enemy has concentrated his artillery.

As America's dominant secular culture moves further and further from its biblical foundations, Satan's attacks on Christians will grow more frequent and more intense. That's why believers look forward to the return of our King and the establishment of His rule and reign on earth.

Meanwhile, like so many who have come before us, let us be found faithful and fearless. ✚

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Drew Brees

Homosexuality Can Be More Than A Sin

Dr. David R. Reagan

Before I explain the title of this article, I must first do something that would have been unthinkable 20 years ago: I must prove that homosexuality is a sin. That's how far and fast the center of Christianity has shifted toward a gross degree of apostasy that previously was considered impossible.

Proving homosexuality is a sin is simple. It is condemned as such in both the Old Testament (Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13) and the New Testament (Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 & 1 Timothy 1:8-11). Read these verses for yourself. They are perfectly clear in their condemnation of homosexuality as a sexual perversion that constitutes a sin against God.

Twisting Scripture

The only way to get around these verses is to play games with them by spiritualizing them to mean something other than what they say. Depraved minds can do that, and so it is done all the time. There are even homosexual churches masquerading as Christian churches that blatantly claim these verses do not mean what they say.

It is one of the only sins identified in the Bible that has an advocacy group in the Church! Another is those professing Christians who advocate the horror of abortion. Advocating the permissibility of homosexuality is, to me, equivalent to arguing that it is okay to commit adultery.

The Christian advocates of homosexuality have even perverted the story of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19) into meaning that God destroyed the cities, not because of their sexual perversion, but because they were "inhospitable to strangers."

The Worst Defense

And then there is the pathetic defense made by some Christian defenders of homosexuality that goes like this: "God made them that way, so it must be okay."

Wake up folks! All of us have been born with a sin nature which is manifested in various ways. Are we to excuse "natural-born adulterers" or "natural-born thieves or liars"? Of course not. We are to call them to repentance and abandonment of their sin. We are not to encourage it.

Churches today that are accepting homosexuals into their fellowship without requiring repentance of their sin, and who are ordaining homosexuals as clergy without demanding repentance and abstinence, are operating in open rebellion against God — thumbing their nose at Him and His Word. These are churches that have sold out to the world, seeking the acceptance of society over the approval of God.

Let's now get to the title of this article: How can homosexuality be more than a sin? Again, the answer is simple: Homosexuality can be a judgment of God.

Romans chapter one makes this very clear. The chapter states that when a nation as a whole sets its jaw against God and His Word and refuses to repent, God will step back, lower His hedge of protection and allow evil to multiply. It's what theologians call "abandonment wrath."

To explain it another way, when a society makes it clear to God that they have no interest in abiding by His Word, He will step back and abandon them to their desires. Basically, this happens when God responds to unrepentant sin by saying, "If you want to live in a fouled nest, then so be it."

The book of Romans says the first stage of this abandonment by God will be characterized by the outbreak of a sexual revolution (Romans 1:24-25), which is exactly what happened in this country in the 1960s. The passage then says if rebellion continues, God will step back a second time, lowering His hedge of protection again, and a plague of homosexuality will descend upon the nation (Romans 1:26-27). Again, that is exactly what happened in our nation, beginning in the 1980s and 90s.

If there is still no repentance, then God will step back a third time and turn the nation over to a "depraved mind" (Romans 1:28). That is where we are today.

The Sexual Perversion Movement in our nation has achieved



the legalization of homosexuality, same sex marriage and transgenderism. But that is not enough. It is now demanding the legalization of polygamy, pedophilia and prostitution. There is no satisfying the movement's appetite for depravity.

So, there is definitely a point in a nation's rebellion against God when homosexuality ceases to be just a sin. It becomes a judgment of God. And those Christians who have given their approval to homosexuality are literally spitting in God's face.

The Grace of God

What makes it so sad is that God, in His amazing grace, is willing to forgive and forget the sin of homosexuality for any person in bondage to it who will repent and receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Further, once having done that, the Holy Spirit will provide the person with the spiritual power to abstain from the sin and become an overcomer.

In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, God identifies homosexuals as part of a group of "the unrighteous" who will not inherit the kingdom of God. But then, the Apostle Paul declares: "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."

Praise the Lord for His love and grace! ✕

Apostasy on Steroids

Dr. David R. Reagan

Union Theological Seminary in New York City has long been considered to be the citadel of Christian apostasy. It was founded in 1836 by the Presbyterian Church, but it separated from the church in 1893 and has remained independent ever since. To this day, it takes pride in being considered the leading advocate of what is called “progressive” Christian scholarship.

A Pagan Exercise

The school recently garnered considerable publicity when in September of 2019, its students were directed to participate in a chapel service where, one at a time, they sat in front of a group of plants and confessed to the plants their sins against the environment.¹



Union Theological students are shown above confessing their sins against nature to a grouping of plants.

(www.christianpost.com)

A pastor in Tennessee tweeted: “This is utter nonsense. Absolute bankruptcy in every way. Your seminary is a cemetery!” Albert Mohler, Jr., President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, denounced the chapel event as coming from “a modern secular worldview.” He added, “If you do not worship the Creator, you will inevitably worship the creation, in one way or another. That is the primal form of idolatry.”

Mohler was right on target with his observation, for the Apostle Paul in Romans chapter one specifically condemned the worship of the creation. He pointed out that the wrath of God will be poured out on those who worship the creation rather than the Creator (Romans 1:24-25).

The worship of creation is only one aspect of the gross apostasy that is being taught at Union Seminary. This was made clear in an interview of the seminary’s president that appeared in *The New York Times* in April of 2019.²

The Seminary’s President

The current president of the seminary is Dr. Serene Jones. She became the first female president of the school in July of 2008. She is a graduate of the Yale Divinity School, where she



Dr. Serene Jones

(Ineteconomics.org)

earned both a master’s degree and a doctorate in theology. She taught at Yale for 17 years before taking over the leadership of Union Seminary. She is an ordained minister of both the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ — two of the most liberal denominations in America.

In her interview with *The New York Times*, Dr. Jones mouthed one incredible apostasy after another. Here are some examples (together with my responses):

1) God — “God is beyond our knowing, not a being or an essence or an object. But I don’t worship an all-powerful, all-controlling omnipotent, omniscient being. That is a fabrication of Roman juridical theory and Greek mythology.” The truth is that God has revealed Himself in His creation, in His Word and through His Son, Jesus (John 14:6-10). Her denial of God as a being is a belief of Eastern religions like Hinduism.

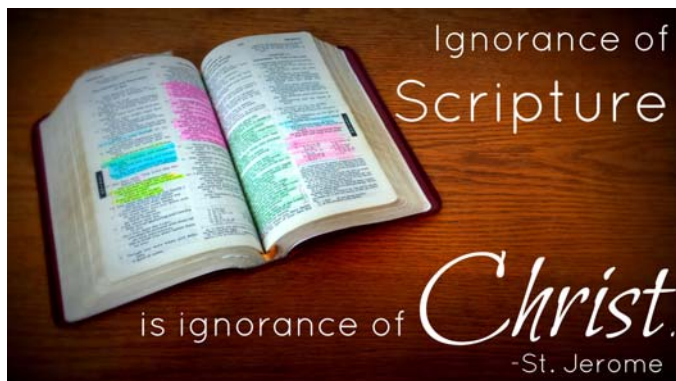
2) The Crucifixion — “Crucifixion is not something that God is orchestrating from upstairs. The pervasive idea of an abusive God-father who sends his own kid to the cross so God could forgive people is nuts.” This blasphemous statement directly contradicts scriptures like Isaiah 53:1-8 and 1 Peter 3:18.

3) Easter — “For me, the message of Easter is that love is stronger than life or death. That’s a much more awesome claim than that they put Jesus in the tomb and three days later he wasn’t there. For Christians for whom the physical resurrection becomes a sort of obsession, that seems to me to be a pretty wobbly faith. What if tomorrow someone found the body of Jesus still in the tomb? Would that then mean that Christianity was a lie? No, faith is stronger than that.” Sorry, Dr. Jones, but if Jesus’ body were found tomorrow it would destroy Christianity because the resurrection of Jesus is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. That’s exactly why the Apostles proclaimed the resurrection over and over in all their sermons. Read the very first Gospel sermon ever preached (Acts 14:39). Or consider this

statement: “And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all” (Acts 4:33).

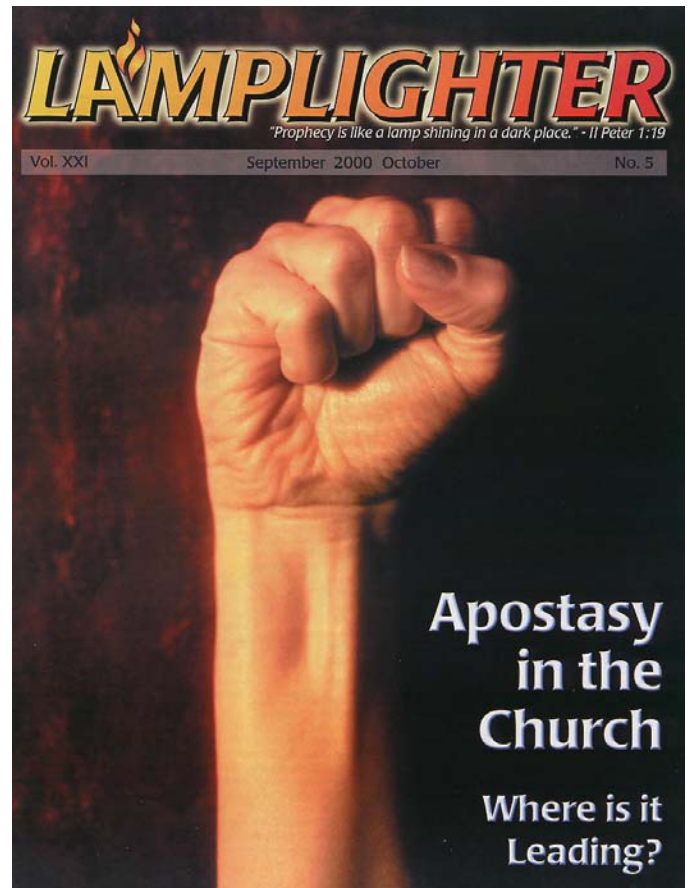
4) The Virgin Birth — “I find the virgin birth a bizarre claim. It has nothing to do with Jesus’ message. The virgin birth only becomes important if you have a theology in which sexuality is considered sinful. It also promotes this notion that the pure, untouched female body is the best body, and that idea has led to centuries of oppressing women.” Breathtaking! The fact of the matter is that the virgin birth is an essential doctrine of the Christian faith because it attests to the truth that Jesus was God in the flesh. Furthermore, to deny the virgin birth is to deny the very explicit witness of Scripture (Matthew 1:18-23 and Luke 1:26-35).

5) Prayer — “I don’t believe in a God who, because of prayer, would decide to cure your mother’s cancer but not cure the mother of your non-praying neighbor. We can’t manipulate God like that.” Since when is authentic prayer an exercise in manipulation? We have a personal God who desires to fellowship with us in prayer and therefore we are urged to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Consider also one of the most comforting scriptures to be found in the New Testament: “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:6-7).



6) Death — You had better put on your seatbelt before you read what Dr. Jones said in response to the question, “What happens when we die?” It’s hard to believe, but here’s what she said: “I don’t know! There may be something, there may be nothing. My faith is not tied to some divine promise about the afterlife. People who behave well in this life only to achieve an afterlife, that’s a faith driven by a selfish motive: ‘I’m going to be good so God will reward me with a stick of candy called heaven.’” Mind-boggling! I thought that was what Christianity was all about — providing hope for life after death. Her answer to the question is one that any Atheist would be happy with.

7) Hell — “I’m absolutely certain that when we die, there is not a group of designated bad people sent to burn in hell. That does not exist. But hell has a symbolic reality: When we reject love, we create hell, and hell is what we see around us in this world today in so many forms.” In view of her former answers, it is certainly no surprise that she totally rejects the concept of Hell. Jesus often spoke about Hell, as when He made this observation: “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).



Widespread Apostasy

Unfortunately, Union Theological Seminary is not the only one teaching this kind of theological garbage. Most of the seminaries in America today teach that the Bible is not the Word of God. Rather, they tell their students it is Man’s search for God, and it is therefore full of myths, legends and superstitions. It is no wonder the Church has one foot in the grave today.

All this reminds me of W. A. Criswell (1909-2002) who served as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas for 50 years. He once remarked that people like Dr. Jones have what he called, “a leopard theology.” When he was asked to explain what he meant, he replied, “They think the Bible is inspired only in spots, and they know which spots.”

We have a famine of the Word in America today (Amos 8:11). Polls show that only 9% of Americans have a biblical worldview, and only 17% of professing Christians have one. The Church is obviously failing in its responsibility to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples of those who respond. ✚

Notes:

1) Michael Gryboski, “Union Seminary mocked for having students confess to plants,” www.christianpost.com, September 20, 2019.

2) Nicholas Kristol, “Reverend, You Say the Virgin Birth is a ‘Bizarre Claim?’” www.nytimes.com, April 20, 2019.

The Dead Deal

Dr. David R. Reagan

President Trump's "Deal of the Century," which he presented in January for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, was dead on arrival. It was, in fact, a deal of absurdity.

Peace between nations requires both sides to be willing to negotiate. The President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, didn't even attend the ceremony. In fact, for days ahead of the event, he even refused to talk to President Trump on the telephone.

The Details

The "deal" provided for the swapping of some territories in the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) for land in the Negev Desert along the border with Egypt. Israel's settlements in "occupied" territory would remain. Jerusalem would continue to be the undivided capital of Israel. The Palestinians would establish their capital on the eastern border of Jerusalem. Jordan would retain its status quo authority over the Temple Mount, under Israeli sovereignty. Palestinian "refugees" would be barred from returning to Israel.

Palestinian areas would be completely demilitarized. Israel would be responsible for the security of both areas, with absolute control over the Jordan Valley.

Although there are constant references in the proposal to a "Palestinian State," the references are just semantics. The reality is that the deal does not create such a state. At most, it would result in what might be called a "Palestinian Entity."

To sweeten the deal, the Palestinians were offered a \$50 billion economic development plan.

The Requirements

But the demands placed on the Palestinians, although necessary, were totally unrealistic. To complete the deal and get the money, they would have to stop inciting terrorism and paying terrorists. They would have to clean up their governmental corruption and start respecting human rights.

Additionally, they would have to provide freedom of religion and the press. And, of course, the Palestinians would have to recognize the lawful existence of the state of Israel.

Needless to say, all of these requirements are things the Palestinians have no intention of doing.

Facts Ignored

The Trump peace proposal ignores several incontrovertible facts and is therefore doomed to failure, like all the similar two-state plans before it.

The first fact the President ignored is that the Palestinians do not want a two-state solution. They have already rejected such

proposals several times in the past, and they will continue to do so because their true desire is the annihilation of Israel, and they will settle for nothing less.

The second fact that renders the President's deal impossible is that the Middle East dispute is not a political one. Rather, it is a spiritual one that cannot be solved with political wheeling and dealing.

The third fact the President does not seem to understand is that there will never be peace in the Middle East until the Prince of Peace, Jesus, returns to reign over all the world.

There is a fourth fact that is very ominous. It is the warning in the Scriptures that God will pour out His judgment on all nations in the end times which get involved in dividing up His land (Joel 3:2).

Middle East Realities

The truth of the matter is that a Palestinian state already exists. It is called Jordan. It constitutes two-thirds of the land of Palestine that was promised to the Jews by the British in the Balfour Declaration of November 1917. The British later reneged on their promise to the Jews in order to curry the favor of the Arabs and gain access to their oil. Two-thirds of the people living in Jordan are Palestinians.

The so-called Palestinian refugees are simply political pawns used by the Arab states to gain world sympathy. The 1967 Six Day War resulted in a million Jewish refugees who were evicted forcibly from Arab countries.

Israel absorbed them. The Arab world refused to absorb the Palestinian refugees who fled from Israel when they were asked to do so by the Arab states that attacked Israel.

The Arabs could have declared the existence of a second Palestinian state on May 14, 1948 — the day the Israelis established their state. They had been authorized to do so by the United Nations. But they decided instead to attack Israel and "make the Mediterranean run red with the blood of the Jews."

Conclusion

Abba Eban (1915-2002), Israel's Foreign Minister from 1966 to 1974, once said, "The Palestinians have never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity."

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's longest serving Prime Minister, has said, "If the Arab world would disarm, we would have peace in the Middle East. If Israel were to disarm, Israel would cease to exist."

Golda Meir (1898-1978), a Russian Jew who was raised in the United States, and who became Prime Minister of Israel (1969-1974), once observed: "Peace will come when the Arabs will love their children more than they hate us."

We are commanded in Psalm 122 to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. When you do so, you are not praying for Trump's "deal of the century." No, you are praying for the return of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus. **Maranatha!** ❖



(<https://www.telesurenglish.net>)

Words for a Pandemic

Dr. David R. Reagan

I have a dear friend named Bob Yawberg who lives in Bradenton, Florida. For 48 years he served the Lord faithfully as a pastor in Ohio and Indiana.

From time to time Bob sends out an email message titled, "Saying Yes to God." It contains an entry written years ago in his spiritual journal, which he then relates to life today.

Bob retired in 1997 believing retirement would release him for a different kind of service in the Lord's kingdom. And that is exactly what happened. He started a prayer ministry aimed at praying for and mentoring fellow pastors. The ministry is called, "Pastors in Prayer," and you can find its website at <https://pastorsinprayer.org>.

In addition to his email messages that contain excerpts from his very insightful spiritual journals, Bob sends out items that he thinks will be encouraging to pastors. For example, when he learned of my wife's dementia and my anguish over having to put her in a memory care center, he sent me the following item by Bob Benson. As you will see, it is very appropriate for all of us as we face the pandemic in this nation.

Restore

When life caves in, you do not need reasons,
You need comfort.

You do not need answers;
You need someone.

And Jesus does not come to us with an explanation;
He comes to us with His presence.

We are always seeking the reason;
We want to know why.
Like Job, we finally want God to tell us just what is going on.

But God does not reveal His plan,
He reveals Himself.

He comes to us with warmth when we are cold,
Fellowship when we are alone.
Strength when we are weak,
Peace when we are sad, and
Bread when we are hungry.

He is with us on our journeys.
He is there when we are home,
He sits with us at our table.
He knows about funerals and weddings and
commencements and hospitals and jails and
unemployment and labor and laughter
and rest and tears.

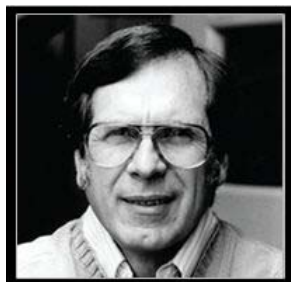
He knows because He is with us.
He comes to us again and again.

*Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you at the proper time,
casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:6-7

The Author

The author of this inspiring poem, Bob Benson, was the 1982 recipient of the SESAC Humanist Award. SESAC is an invitation-only performing rights organization that represents the world's top songwriters, composers and music publishers. In 1991, Bob was inducted posthumously into the Gospel Music Association's Hall of Fame.



Bob Benson

Bob started out as a pastor because he had a heart for ministering to people, but he found it uncomfortable trying to cope with the demands to build a church with impressive numbers.

In 1961, he decided to join his father in the Gospel music publishing business, establishing HeartWarming Records. This is where he found his true calling. As Reba Rambo-McGuire put it, "His tiny office became the place where he quietly shepherded the wounded souls of artists, writers, musicians, producers and just plain folks."

Over the years that followed, his company represented some of the most gifted individuals and groups in Gospel music, including the Bill Gaither Trio, Sandi Patty, Dallas Holm, the Imperials, the Oak Ridge Boys, Dottie Rambo and Carman.

But music producing was not Bob's only endeavor. He also became known as an outstanding author of inspirational books and poetry. Bob Benson died of cancer on March 22, 1986. At his memorial service, Gloria Gaither concluded her eulogy with this tribute:

In a world of deaf-mutes,
he was our ears.
When we were blind to the simplest things,
he was our eyes.
When we re-enacted Babel
with our loud disagreements and
petty differences,
he spoke softly,
and, somehow, the gentle truth
of what he whispered
rose above the din
to call us back to love again.
He was a hearer;
he was a seer;
he was a poet. ✚



Bob & Marilyn Yawberg

Celebrating 40 Years!

Dr. David R. Reagan

The 40th anniversary of this ministry fell on April 1. But we decided to celebrate it a month early in conjunction with our March meeting of our Board of Trustees. So, on Friday evening, March 6, we held a banquet to celebrate 40 years of God's faithfulness to us, followed the next day by a meeting of our Board of Trustees. (Our Board meets three times a year, in March, August and December.)

We were blessed at the banquet by the music of Amber Rhoads who serves as the Worship Pastor at Gateway Church in Southlake, Texas.

Many of the people who were involved in the ministry during its early years in the 1980s were present, and it was a great blessing to me to see them again and fellowship with them.

Looking back on the event now, I am thankful for its perfect timing because it was held just one weekend before the governmental authorities began to crack down on public gatherings due to the spread of the coronavirus. In other words, we made it just under the wire!

The Ministry's Blessings

After a time of worship, I made a presentation in which I first surveyed the many blessings the Lord has given the ministry over the years. One of those that I mentioned was the fact that we have never ended a month without being able to pay all our bills in full. The closest we ever came was in November of 2003 when we ended the month with only \$7.50 in our bank account. But I pointed out that the very next day a retired dentist from Florida stopped by for a visit to express his appreciation for our TV program and gave us a check for \$25,000!

Another blessing I emphasized was the way in which the Lord had multiplied our outreach over the years by opening up so many different doors for us through radio, television, the Internet, our magazine, videos, meetings and conferences, Israel pilgrimages and the publishing of books.

I stressed the point that when we started the ministry in 1980, there was no Internet access, nor would there be until 15 years later in 1995. Today, if a person has something valuable to say, a ministry can become known worldwide overnight via the Internet. But that was not true back in the days when we began. We struggled for years just to get known.

Another of our blessings I emphasized was our Prophecy Partner Program that we launched in 1987 and which today consists of more than 3,000 people who are praying for us regularly, supplying us with counsel and providing us with donations. Their faithful support over the years has freed us from having to rely on the sales of resources and the holding of constant meetings.

Keys to Success

After surveying these and other blessings of the Lord, I shifted my attention to identifying what I consider to be the most important keys to the ministry's success. They are as follows:

- 1) Prayer** — Beginning every day with a 45 minute devotional that consists of Bible reading and prayer.
- 2) Faith** — Relying on the Lord to supply all our needs without depending on sales, speaking engagements or sensational fund raising.
- 3) Focus** — Remaining faithful to the message God called us to proclaim — namely, the soon return of Jesus, while avoiding speculation and sensationalism.
- 4) Sharing** — Tithing our income to domestic and foreign ministries, as well as supplying advice, counsel and encouragement.
- 5) Integrity** — Providing total transparency of all our financial records to the public.
- 6) People** — Being blessed with highly dedicated staff, trustees and supporters.

I concluded my remarks by pointing out that I have prayed for years for God to raise up a person to succeed me and keep the ministry going, and I emphasized my belief that God has answered that prayer with the Board's selection of Colonel Tim Moore, who is scheduled to take over the leadership of the ministry in September of 2021.



Lamb & Lion Board of Trustees



Lamb & Lion Staff

At that point, Colonel Tim Moore took over and delivered a powerful and inspiring speech about his determination to keep the ministry on course, focusing on God's call for us "to proclaim to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, that Jesus is returning soon."

Tim pointed out that the leadership transition is being overseen by a special transition committee of trustees whose guiding scripture is Proverbs 16:9, which reads, "The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps."

Tim humbly requested the "ongoing prayers" of the ministry's partners and supporters. He asked for people to pray the

prayer that was prayed for Joshua when he succeeded Moses — that Tim would be "strong and courageous," particularly in the face of mounting persecution of churches and ministries.

He also asked for prayers for "wisdom and knowledge" — the request that Solomon made of the Lord when he succeeded his father, David.

Finally, Tim asked that people pray for him the words of Isaiah 40:31, which says, "Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." ✚



Lamb & Lion Evangelists
Vic Batista, Nathan Jones, Tim Moore, Dave Reagan and Patrick Oliver

Major Changes

In late March, four of us who are responsible for the leadership of this ministry decided to hold a prayer meeting and brainstorming session concerning the likely future economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Two realities we felt we were forced to face were the 8,000 point drop of the stock market and the closing of businesses all across our nation, producing massive unemployment. We concluded that these factors would produce a significant decrease in donations in the foreseeable future. We therefore decided that we must take immediate action to prepare for a reduction in income.

We did not want to layoff any of our valuable staff members, so we looked for other places to make cuts in our expenditures. We decided to freeze all unnecessary property improvements and equipment purchases. We also decided to hold additions to our inventory of books and videos to a minimum.



Shown above are Dave Reagan, Tim Moore and Nathan Jones. In early April we produced a special TV program about the Pandemic that was shown on TV during the week of April 26.

Since our operations were already streamlined, we concluded that the only place where we could make significant cuts in expenditures was our television outreach. We carefully evaluated all the networks and stations we were broadcasting on, and we very reluctantly decided to cut two national networks and 18 regional stations. As you can see on the other side of this page, that leaves us on six national networks, six regional stations and nine websites. So, we still have a significant national outreach as well as an international one through the very extensive Daystar satellite network. We also reach out internationally through our website.

One of the reasons we had to take action so quickly is because all the TV stations and networks require a 30-day notice of cancellation. That meant that we would have to continue on all our broadcast outlets through the end of April.

We now feel like we are in a very good financial position to weather the coming economic impact of the pandemic. We are blessed to have all our property, buildings and equipment paid for. Most important, we have over 3,000 Prophecy Partners who faithfully send us donations each month. Thus, we are not dependent on speaking engagements or sales. Pray for the Lord to bless our decisions, and please pray for the many ministries whose livelihood depends on speaking engagements. ✚

Television Broadcast Schedules

National Networks (6):

Daystar — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, Dish 263, cable, broadcast stations, satellites and web streaming (daystar.com).

Word — Tues. 12:30pm CT, DirecTV 373, Cable, AT&T U-verse, cable, satellites and web streaming (thewordnetwork.org).

CTN — Wed. & Fri. 12:30pm CT, DirecTV 376, Dish 267 and web streaming (ctnonline.com).

GodTV — Thurs. 8:30am CT, DirecTV 365 and web streaming (god.tv).

NRB — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 and web streaming (nrbtv.org).

TCT — Sun. 7:30pm CT, DirecTV 377, ten broadcast stations in the Midwest, and web streaming (tct.tv).

Regional Networks & Area Stations (6):

Arkansas

VTN (The Victory Television Network) — Covering the state of Arkansas, Sun. at 10:00pm, Tues. 9:30am and Sat. at 2:30pm CT (vtntv.com).

Kentucky

WBNA — Louisville, Sun. 8:30am ET, channel 21 (wbna21.com).

Louisiana

FVN — Southern Louisiana broadcast stations and cable, Sun. 12:30am, Mon. 8:30am, and Wed. 7:00pm CT (familyvisiontv.com).

Texas

CFNT — Wichita Falls, Fri. 3:00pm CT (cfnt.org).

KDAF — Dallas/Ft. Worth, Sun. 8:00am CT, channel 33 (cw33.com).

KSCE — El Paso, Sun. 10:30am MT, DirecTV & Dish Local 38, AT&T U-verse 38 (kscetv.com).

Internet Networks (9):

Lamb & Lion — lamblion.com

HisChannel — hischannel.com

YouTube — youtube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

GodTube — godtube.com

Truli — truli.com

Vimeo — vimeo.com

DailyMotion — dailymotion.com/us

Roku — roku.com

FaithXtreme — faithxtremetv.com (Australia) ✚

Note: The most important way you can help us through the economic impact of the pandemic is to become one of our Prophecy Partners. You can find detailed information about our Prophecy Partner program on our website at www.lamblion.com. Basically, it requires a commitment to pray regularly for the ministry and to supply a monthly donation of \$25 or more. In response, Dr. Reagan will send you a monthly insider letter, and we will provide you a gift each month like a video, booklet, this magazine or our yearly calendar. Thanks! ✚

1) Television and Video

Broadcast 52 weeks of our TV program, *Christ in Prophecy*, on nine national networks, 25 regional stations and eight websites. Added six regional stations. Ended the year with the broadcast of television program number 903.

Broadcast via Daystar satellites to almost every nation in the world.

Produced 31 new *Christ in Prophecy* TV programs and revised six others.

Produced two new video albums, and reproduced and distributed thousands of DVD video programs.

Produced one new *Inbox* video and 12 new Israel tour video teachings.

2) Internet and Website

Experienced main website traffic of 185,000+ unique visitors downloading 500,000+ pages per month.

Sent out 28 e-newsletters to 85,000+ subscribers, sharing biblical messages and the electronic *Lamplighter* magazine.

Streamed our annual Bible conference to nearly 15,000 live viewers (66,000 total viewers).

Ministered to 32,000+ members of our Facebook group and 13,000+ Twitter fans.

Answered thousands of spiritual questions submitted by email and discussion forums.

Streamed nearly 400 different *Christ in Prophecy* TV programs.

Blogged at christinprophecyblog.org posting 124 new articles.

Exceeded 74,000 downloads of the Lamb & Lion App.

3) Preaching and Teaching

Completed a total of 52 sermon presentations at:

29 Weekend church conferences.

17 Bible prophecy conferences.

Participated in 29 radio and podcast interviews.

4) Publications

Published a Messianic prophecy calendar for 2020.

Continued publishing our books as e-books.

Continued publishing most of our materials in Spanish.

Continued publishing a version of our magazine in India.

Published the book, *The Mighty Angels of Revelation*.

Published the book, *The Rapture: Fact or Fiction?*

Provided two chapters for the book, *Discerners*.

Published ten foreign translations of our books and booklets.

Provided many sections of a Bible prophecy daily devotional book.

Updated and reprinted two of our books.

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

Increased circulation of our magazine to 87,000 (82,000 digital and 5,000 printed).



Dave Reagan, Tim Moore and Nathan Jones.

5) Missions

Supplied \$57,500 for relief aid to Nigerian Christian refugees who are fleeing from Muslim terrorists.

Provided regular monthly financial support to 22 missions — 6 domestic and 16 foreign.

Provided a total of \$574,566 in cash and services to missions.

6) Israel

Conducted two Holy Land pilgrimages, including our first "Battle Tour."

Provided financial assistance to several ministries in Israel.

7) Conferences

Conducted our annual Bible conference with 850 attendees.

Conducted two regional Bible prophecy conferences in San Jacinto, CA and Houston, TX.

Provided displays at two national Christian conferences.

8) Finances

Received 25,912 gifts from 5,278 donors.

Ended the year with 3,014 Prophecy Partners.

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

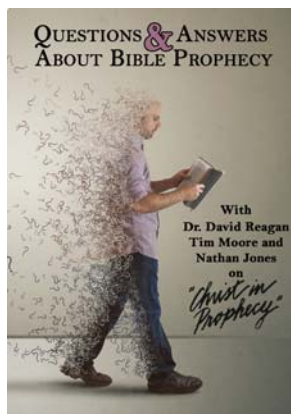
Received a four star rating (the highest possible) from Charity Navigator for the 15th year in a row.

Ended the calendar year with all bills paid in full for the 39th year in a row.



Study Resources

Bible Prophecy Study Aids

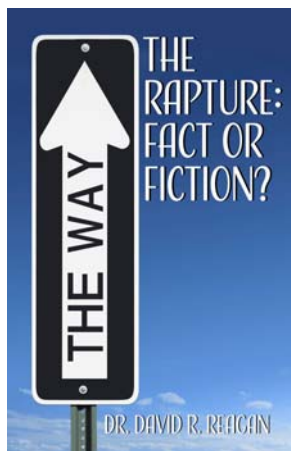
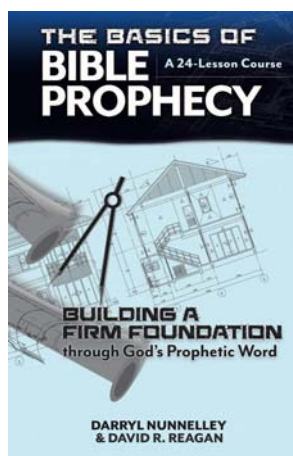


Questions & Answers About Bible Prophecy — This video album consists of two DVD discs that contain a total of seven TV programs in which Dr. Reagan, Tim Moore and Nathan Jones respond to questions submitted by our television viewers about the Bible and Bible prophecy. The specific question and answer programs are as follows:

- The Inerrancy of the Bible
- Bible Prophecy in General
- The Signs of the Times
- The Rapture of the Church
- The Great Tribulation
- The Millennial Reign of Jesus
- The Eternal State

The video sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping.

Basics of Bible Prophecy — This book contains 24 lessons regarding the basic concepts of Bible prophecy. Each lesson is short and to the point and concludes with study questions. Some of the lessons are illustrated with charts and diagrams. This book is for both ends of the Bible prophecy spectrum — for those who know little or nothing about prophecy and for those who know a lot and wish to teach it. The book runs 120 pages and sells for \$15, including the cost of shipping. For orders of ten or more, the cost is \$10 per book, including the cost of shipping. The book comes 50 to a box. For churches or Bible study groups wanting to order a full box, the price is \$7 each including the cost of shipping.



The Rapture: Fact or Fiction? — The book is divided into four parts. It begins with an explanation of the concept of the Rapture. The second section focuses on responses to the 21 most frequently asked questions about the Rapture. The third section presents responses to the 13 major challenges that have been presented to the belief that the Rapture is most likely to occur before the beginning of the Tribulation. The final section presents the spiritual blessings of believing in the promise of a Pre-Trib Rapture. This section also contains a strong evangelistic appeal to unbelievers. 104 pages. \$15, including shipping.

The Mighty Angels of

Revelation — Number one best seller among Bible prophecy books on Amazon.com!



Come and travel along with a man called the Elder and his angelic guide as the end times are revealed throughout the book of Revelation in stunning detail. Along the way, meet 72 of God's mighty angels as they proclaim God's messages of warning and hope to a lost world. This book is a thrilling and comprehensive introduction to the nature and role of angels. The book originated out of a series of year-long radio programs which Nathan made together with Vic Batista, a former Calvary Chapel pastor in Florida, who now serves as an Assistant Evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries.

A special added feature of this book is 12 fantastic full page drawings of some of the main angels mentioned in the book of Revelation. The drawings are by a very gifted Christian artist named Shalis Stevens.



350 pages. \$20, including the cost of shipping.



God and the Weather — A video album containing one of Dr. Reagan's most fascinating and popular presentations. It addresses a series of difficult questions related to God and the weather, such as: Are all natural disasters a result of man's sin? Can a natural disaster be a remedial judgment from God? Is Satan the one who is in control of natural disasters? Could the U.S. treatment of Israel play a role in the natural disasters that America has suffered? Are weather disasters a sign of the Lord's soon return? Videotaped at a Stealing the Mind Conference held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. 45 minute DVD. \$20 including the cost of shipping.

For a complete listing of all the Bible prophecy study resources we have available, call and request a copy of our catalogue. Or, access our online catalogue at www.lamblion.com. If you want to place your order by telephone, call 972-736-3567 Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. ✚

Ministry News

Schedule for 2020 —

All our speaking engagements at churches and conferences have been cancelled through the end of June due to the coronavirus pandemic. This includes our annual conference, which was scheduled for June 26 & 27. We hope to reschedule this conference for sometime in the Fall. We were also forced to cancel our Israel pilgrimage that was scheduled for June because Israel has closed its borders to all outsiders. This pilgrimage has been rescheduled for September 12-23. Appointments in July and August are pending as we await the efforts to curtail the virus.

Finances —

Needless to say, all the cancellations mentioned above, plus the devastation of our economy, is going to put us in a financial strain. We are certainly in a much more favorable financial position than most ministries because we have no debt (except some money we owe on new software). All our land, buildings and equipment are paid for, and we praise God and thank our Prophecy Partners for that. We are reducing our expenditures as much as possible, including the cutting of some of our TV stations and networks (see page 24). The main thing we want to avoid is laying off staff members. We realize that many of you have lost a lot of your savings in the stock market crash, and that some of you have even lost your jobs. We are praying daily about the economy. Please remember us in your prayers, as well as your home church and other ministries you support.

Our annual audit was conducted in the month of January and is now available online at our website for your review. If you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to contact us.

A Blessing —

In February, Dr. Reagan had an appointment to speak at a Bible prophecy conference sponsored by Christ Community Church in El Centro, California. This is a megachurch with several campuses. Before Dr. Reagan arrived, he received a greeting card from a group of ladies at the church's Callexico campus, thanking him for his *Basics of Bible Prophecy* book which they had been using in their group study. It was the largest greeting card Dr. Reagan had ever seen. It is pictured below.



Software Report —

Our Board of Trustees voted in December to purchase a very sophisticated new software system to manage our mailing lists, finances, inventory and sales. It is the only system that has been designed specifically for media ministries like ours. It is called DonorDirect. The process has begun to convert all our data to the new system. This is a very complex and time-consuming operation that will not be completed until the end of July. It is also very costly. The software, the conversion, the implementation, the testing and the training of our staff is costing us a total of \$149,100. We have already made two payments of about \$30,000 each. Further payments of \$29,713 will be due in May, September and December. Your help would be appreciated!

New Evangelists —

In the previous issue of this magazine, we announced that we now have two new evangelists available to teach or preach Bible prophecy. Please consider inviting one of them to speak at your church. You can contact them through our ministry. Vic Batista is based in Florida; Patrick Oliver, in Ohio.



Vic Batista



Patrick Oliver

Podcast —

For ten years, Nathan Jones has been participating in a weekly Internet podcast with Vic Batista, a pastor and evangelist in Florida. The program is titled, "The Truth Will Set You Free." Because of our decision to add Vic to our staff as a volunteer evangelist, we have decided to become the official sponsor of this podcast. You can find these outstanding broadcasts at the following link on our website: <https://christinprophecy.org/programs/podcasts-the-truth-will-set-you-free>. Or, just go to our website and type the word, podcast, into the site's search engine.

Holy Land Cruise —

As of this date, the Holy Land cruise scheduled for October 6-21 is still good to go. It will originate in Rome where the group will spend two days and nights before departing by ship to Athens. From Athens the group will sail to Ephesus and then to Haifa where they will spend three days touring the Galilee and Jerusalem. From Israel, the group will sail to the island of Cyprus and then return to Italy. Dr. Reagan, Dr. Andy Woods and Buck Storm will be the guest speakers during the cruise, and they will each host a bus in Israel. For detailed information, call the office of Compass International Ministries at 208-762-7777, or visit their website at www.compass.org. ❖



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New Video Program!

How do we know the end times are upon us and that Jesus Christ is returning soon? One of the surest ways we can know is through the incredible end times sign of technology. The long-ago prophesied technologies that we today take for granted prove that Jesus is returning soon.



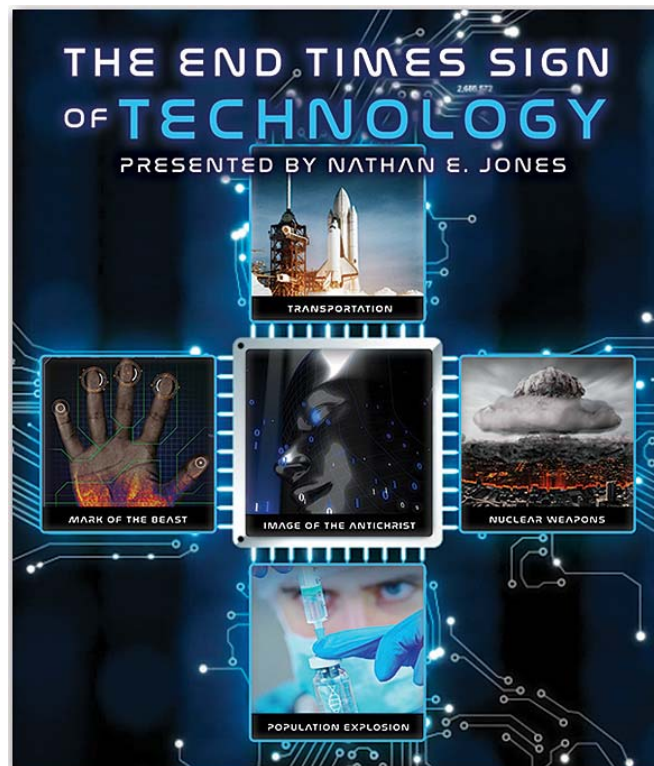
Nathan Jones

Join Lamb & Lion Ministry's Internet Evangelist, Nathan Jones, as he takes you on a dramatic climb up technology's exponential curve, beginning with the technologies

utilized back in the most ancient of Bible times, to today's modern-day innovative wonders. And in the process he shows that God is the source of knowledge and the inspiration for our technological discoveries.

Nathan then explores nine of the prophesied technologies that reveal we are now living in the season of the Lord's return to this earth:

- Sign #1 - An exponential increase in knowledge.
- Sign #2 - A tremendous increase in transportation.
- Sign #3 - The dreaded implementation of the Mark of the Beast.
- Sign #4 - The evangelism of the masses.
- Sign #5 - The living image of the Antichrist.
- Sign #6 - A great population explosion.
- Sign #7- The advent of world-destroying nuclear weapons.
- Sign #8 - Our cutting-edge space science technologies.



Sign #9 - The climactic end to technological development.

By the conclusion of this informative and entertaining teaching, you will marvel at how ancient prophecies are being fulfilled in our day, and you will understand how to apply these revelations to your life in these fast-paced times we are now living in.

This is a great resource for group study.

This dynamic, one-hour, computer-animated program can be yours for a gift of \$20 or more, and that includes the cost of shipping. To order your copy on a Blu-ray disc, or to learn about streaming options, please call or visit our website at www.LambLion.com. ✚