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Observations by the Editor

Celebrations

I love this time of year when we observe Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is a time to celebrate family relationships. It is a time to show an attitude of gratitude for God's blessings. Most of all, it is a time to be thankful for one of the greatest miracles of history — the Incarnation.

That God would become Man and die for us in order to make it possible for us to be reconciled to Him is a miracle and a mystery beyond our comprehension. But we do not have to understand it in order to appreciate it and benefit from it. We can receive the blessing in faith and then celebrate a God who loved us so much that He showered us with grace when we deserved nothing but wrath and death.

I have found that it is very beneficial to take the time each year during this holiday season to count my blessings. And I mean that literally. In my prayer journal I start making a list of all the blessings I can think of. I add to it daily as the weeks pass, trying to think of blessings that I tend to take for granted — like pure water when I turn on a faucet or electricity when I flip a switch.

All of us have so much to be thankful for. Celebrating our blessings is good medicine for the body and the soul.

I will turn 65 next year, if the Lord tarries and spares my life that long. I recently discovered that the life expectancy of an American in 1900 was 47 years. Today it is 77 years. That's a 30 year increase in one century's time due to the advances of modern medicine. If I had been born in the 19th Century, I would already have been dead about five times. I would have died the first time when I was 12 and came down with appendicitis. My second death would have occurred when I was a teenager and was hospitalized with a severe case of intestinal flu.

Over 40 million people died worldwide from the flu pandemic that swept the world in 1918-1919. The reason



Dr. David Reagan

for so many deaths is that the flu often led to pneumonia, and there was no effective way of fighting pneumonia. The first antibiotic, penicillin, was not discovered until 1927.

As you can see, we have so much to be thankful for. The tragedy is that we often do not realize how much we have been blessed until a blessing is lost — when a pet or family member dies, when a job suddenly disappears, when our health breaks.

So, as the old Gospel hymn says:

"Count your blessings,
Name them one by one.
Count your blessings,
See what God has done."

And then take the time to share those blessings with others and to thank God for them.

In our last issue (Sept-Oct) there was an error on page 13. There should have been a headline at the top of that page that read: "An Update on Islam."

Also, we failed to acknowledge the photographer who took the great photo of our video studio that appeared on the cover. He is Ernest Love of Love Photography in Plano, Texas.

The Arabs in Bible Prophecy

Dr. David R. Reagan

“Why do you Bible prophecy guys spend all your time talking about the Jews? There’s a whole lot more Arabs than Jews. Don’t you think God also cares about the Arabs?”

It was a testy question during an open forum at one of my prophecy conferences. It was one I had heard many times before in various ways. In a recent letter, a person asked, “Don’t the Palestinians have rights too? Does God love only the Jews?”

There is no doubt that Bible prophecy teachers spend a lot of time speaking and writing about the Jewish people. It would be easy, therefore, to conclude that the Arab peoples are ignored in God’s Prophetic Word. But, as we shall see, that is not the case. Bible prophecy focuses on the Jewish people because they are God’s Chosen People. In the process, it does not ignore the Arabs.

The Significance of the Jews

God chose the Jews to give the world the Scriptures, and it was through the Jews that He provided the Messiah. The Jews also serve as God’s prophetic time clock, for He points to future events in their history as the key to the timing of other important events.

For example, the timing of the First Coming of the Messiah was related to events in Jewish history.

Daniel said the Messiah would come 483 years after an edict was issued for the rebuilding of Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25-26). In like manner, Jesus told His disciples that Jerusalem would one day fall to the Gentiles (which it did 40 years later in 70 AD) and that it would remain under Gentile control until it was time for Him to return to earth (Luke 21:24). In other words, Jesus said His Second Coming would occur when Jerusalem was back in the hands of the Jews (something that happened on June 7, 1967).

The Continuing Witness of the Jews

There is another key to the Jews significance. They continue to serve today as a chosen witness of God’s grace. This is manifested in their very existence, for what other God would have tolerated for so long a people so stubborn and rebellious?

They also continue to be a witness of what it means to have a relationship with God. Their history reveals that



when people are faithful to God’s Word, He blesses; when they are unfaithful, He disciplines; and when they repent, He forgives, forgets, and starts blessing again. This is the constant cycle that is clearly patterned in the book of Judges.

The Primacy of the Jews

The Bible says that the Jewish people will continue to serve as the Chosen People — as His special witness — in the future.

At the end of the Tribulation, a great remnant of the Jews will be brought to the end of themselves and will turn to God in repentance and accept His Son as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10 and 13:1). They will cry out, “Baruch haba bashem Adonai!” — that is, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matthew 23:39). It is at this point that God’s discipline will be lifted, and the Jewish people will start being blessed again.

Moses prophesied that when the Jewish remnant repents, they will be regathered from all over the world back to the land of Israel (Deuteronomy 30:1-5). Isaiah says that Israel will then serve as the prime nation of the world (during the Lord’s millennial reign), and he spells out in detail all the incredible blessings that will be showered upon the nation and the city of Jerusalem (Isaiah 60-62).

But the Jews will not be just a repository of God’s blessings. Zechariah says they will be a channel of blessings to the whole world (Zechariah 8:13), and he says that the attitude of the world

toward the Jews will be radically changed. Anti-Semitism will be replaced by respect and admiration: “In those days, ten men from the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you’” (Zechariah 8:23).

Do these promises to the Jews mean that God has no blessings for the multitudinous Arab peoples? Not at all. God has given them great blessings in the past, and He has great blessings reserved for them in the future.

Arab Identity

But before we look at those blessings, let’s consider first the identity of the Arab peoples. Who are they?

A popular misconception is that Arab identity is determined by religion — that if you are a Muslim, then you are an Arab. That is not true. The most populous Muslim nation in the world is Indonesia, an island nation in Southeast Asia. Indonesians are not Arabs. They are Malays.

“The Arab-Israeli conflict is a family dispute — the longest running and most intense family squabble in history.”



Likewise, the nation of Iran is composed of Muslims, but they are not Arabs. They are Persians.

There are also Christian Arabs scattered throughout the Middle East. Until recent years, the city of Bethlehem was a Christian Arab town. Nazareth continues to this day to have a significant number of Christian Arabs.

Arab identity is not determined by religion. Most Arabs are Muslims, but not all, and all Muslims are certainly not Arabs. Arab identity is determined by ethnic heritage. And the amazing thing is that all Arabs — like all Jews — are descended from the family of Abraham! That means the Arab-Israeli conflict is a family dispute — the longest running and most intense family squabble in history.

Arab Origins

It all began when Abraham decided to help God. That's a nice way of saying that he decided to run ahead of God. I'm referring, of course, to his impatience with God's promise that he would be given an heir.

As he and Sarah continued to advance in years without a child, they decided to help out God by Abraham conceiving a child through his wife's Egyptian handmaid named Hagar. The child born of that union was named Ishmael. God made it clear that Ishmael would not be the child of promise through whom all the world would be blessed (Genesis 17:20-21), but God did make some great promises to Ishmael's mother.

God promised that He would make Ishmael fruitful and would multiply his descendants "exceedingly," making of him a "great nation" (Genesis 17:20). He also gave Ishmael's descendants the land to the east of Canaan (Genesis 16:12).

God has been faithful to these promises. Today there are 22 Arab nations with a combined population of 289 million people. The Arabs occupy a total area of 5.3 million square miles of oil rich land. By contrast, there is only one Jewish state with a population of 5 million Jews who are squeezed into only 8 thousand square miles of space. That's a population ratio of 58 to 1 and a land ratio of 662 to 1. The Arabs have truly been blessed.

Arab Tribes

Ishmael took an Egyptian wife (Genesis 21:21) and became the father of 12 tribes which are listed in Genesis 25:12-16. These tribes were to become the nucleus of the Arab peoples, a people with a mixture of Semitic and Egyptian blood.

Other Arab tribes trace their origin to the six sons of Abraham who were born to him by his second wife, Keturah. They are listed in Genesis 25:1-4. Finally, some Arab tribes were to emerge from the descendants of Esau, the twin brother of Jacob who sired the 12 tribes of Israel.

All the Arab tribes have been characterized throughout history by their impulsive and violent nature. They have been involved in endless wars among themselves and against both Jews and Christians.

It is interesting to note that their volatile nature is a fulfillment of prophecy. God told Hagar that her son, Ishmael, would be "a wild donkey of a man, with his hand against everyone" (Genesis 16:12).

Arab Prophecies

Let's look now at what the Bible prophesies about the Arab peoples. First, it says they will claim the land of Israel which God gave to their brothers, the Jews (Ezekiel 35:10-11). Using the metaphor, "Mount Seir" for the Arab peoples, Ezekiel says they will covet the "two lands" given to the Jewish people (Judea and Samaria, or Judah and Israel, as they were known in Ezekiel's time). The prophet Ezekiel says this claim will be made in the end times, or, as he puts it, "at the time of the punishment of the end" (Ezekiel 35:5).

This prophecy began to be fulfilled in the 20th Century. For 2,000 years the Jews were dispersed from the land which God gave them, and during that long period of time there was never an Arab state in the area that the world called Palestine. The Arabs who lived in the land considered themselves to be Syrians. They had no consciousness as Palestinians, and no effort was ever made to create a Palestinian state.

Arab Pressure

When the Jews began returning in the 20th Century, the Arabs gleefully sold them the land at inflated prices because it was considered worthless. The land had be-



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come desolate during the 1,800 years that the Jews had been dispossessed of it. Nearly all the trees had been chopped down. Erosion had ruined the soil. The great valleys had become malaria infested swamp lands.

It was World War I that changed the Arab viewpoint. The war resulted in the land of Palestine being transferred from the Turks to the British, and the British immediately proclaimed it to be a homeland for the Jews. Suddenly, the Arabs were confronted with the prospect of a Jewish state, and they began to dig in their heels, claiming the land as their own.

The British gave in to Arab pressure, and in 1922 they gave two-thirds of Palestine to the Arabs, creating the state of Jordan. This was land that they had promised to the Jews. But this action did not satisfy the Arab appetite. They wanted all the land God had given to the Jews, and they still covet it to this day, just as prophesied.

Arab Judgment

The Bible further prophesies that God will pour out judgment upon the Arab nations in the end times for their hostility toward the Jews and their attempt to claim the Jewish homeland as their own. Consider Joel 3:19, for example. This passage has a clear end time context, and in that context it says, "Egypt will become a waste, and Edom will become a desolate wilderness, because of the violence done to the sons of Judah, in whose land they have shed innocent blood."

Keep in mind that Edom is often used as a symbolic term for all the Arab peoples, just as Israel is used as a term for all the Jewish tribes. Ezekiel says that "all Edom" will be dealt with in the end times because of its hatred against the Jews and its lust for their land (Ezekiel 35:10-11 and 36:1-7). The result will be the desolation of the Arab states (Ezekiel 35:15). The book of Obadiah prophesies a similar fate for Edom in "the day of the Lord" (Obadiah 15-18).



Arab Promises

But the future for the Arabs is not all bleak. They must suffer for their sins just as the Jewish people will suffer during the Tribulation. And, like the Jews, a remnant of the Arabs will emerge from their suffering with their hearts turned to the one and only true God (Jeremiah 12:14-17).

The most remarkable prophecy concerning the future salvation of an Arab remnant is contained in Isaiah 19:16-25. Isaiah says that when the Lord strikes Egypt and Assyria, they will turn to Him and He will have compassion on them and "heal them." Isaiah then presents an incredible picture of Egypt, Assyria and Israel living together in peace, worshipping the same God!

Another remarkable prophecy concerns the Arabs who will be living in the land of Israel after the Lord returns. This prophecy relates to the fact that the territory of Israel will be greatly expanded when Jesus returns, incorporating many of the Arab nations that exist today. (The considerably expanded borders of Israel during the Millennium are detailed in Ezekiel 47:15-20.) Amazingly, Ezekiel says that the Arabs living in Israel at that time will be "allotted an inheritance" of the land together with the tribes of Israel! (Ezekiel 47:21-23. See also Isaiah 14:1-2.)

God's Love for the Arabs

There is no partiality with God (Romans 2:11). He chose the Jews, not to be a repository of His blessings, but to be a vehicle through whom He would bless *all* the nations of the world, including the Arabs. But the fundamental requirement to receive God's blessings — for both Jew and Arab, as well as all people — is to accept God's gift of love in Jesus by receiving Him as Messiah.

When I consider the blessings God has given the Arab peoples and the grace He is going to show toward them in the future, despite their persecution of His Chosen People, I am reminded of what Paul wrote when he considered God's grace toward his Jewish brethren: "Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!" (Romans 11:33). ✚

My Servants, the Prophets



Dennis Pollock

As you read the history of Israel, some of the most fascinating of all the characters of the Old Testament were those hardy individuals known as the prophets. Passionate in nature, fiercely independent, morally uncompromising, these rugged sons of Israel were often vilified as traitors during their lifetime and honored as heroes in the generations that followed.

The Old Testament prophetic writings are often ignored in today's always positive, "keep everybody happy and offend no one" version of Christianity. The prophets of old seemed so dour, so negative, so downright . . . moral! No "different strokes for different folks" for these guys. They demanded righteousness and accepted no excuses, regardless of background, social status, or being mistreated by your mama.

We cannot afford to neglect the tremendous treasures to be found in the inspired writings of these men. Considering the proportionally large degree to which prophetic writings make up the Bible, it seems clear God has something to impart to His people through the lives and writings of His servants, the prophets. Christians who read Paul and Peter, but neglect Isaiah and Ezekiel, are not complete. All of God's word is profitable, including the prophets.

The prophets themselves were each unique and came from varied backgrounds. Isaiah and Jeremiah seem to have been from well-to-do backgrounds, and had connections with the more prominent leaders in Israel. Amos was a Shepherd and an orchard worker. Samuel was raised in the temple. Elisha was a farmer.

Yet despite their differences, they had many similarities that defined them as prophets.

1) Sovereignly called —

In understanding the ways of God, it is enlightening to note that none of the prophets attained their office at their own initiative. Nor did they gradually morph into prophets. Their ministries began with a divine calling, based not

upon their own desires or interests, but on the sovereign purpose and choice of God. Amos writes:

I was no prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet, but I was a herdsman and a tender of sycamore fruit. Then the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to My people Israel (Amos 7:14,15).

Here he was, minding his own business, enjoying the country life, and God interrupts all his plans and dreams, and tells him to go do the work of a prophet. This was not an answer to Amos' prayers for a prophetic ministry. This was the Holy One of Israel choosing an instrument for His own purposes.

Jeremiah likewise received a similar charge. He was probably a teen at the time when he heard the voice of God. Here's how he wrote of his calling:

Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; and I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Then said I: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." But the Lord said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak" (Jeremiah 1:4-7).

Jeremiah was a bright lad. He could have made a fine civic leader; he might have been a great poet or philosopher. But his choices were reduced to one: he must proclaim the Word of the Lord. God had spoken.

2) Gifted to Hear —

When we think of the prophets, we usually think of them preaching. We imagine Isaiah and Jeremiah thundering forth the word of the Lord, giving scathing rebukes to the rebellious in Israel. And this was indeed what they did. But we fail to recognize that the greatest gift they had, as was true for all the prophets, was not in the speaking but in the hearing. A prophet was a man with an exceptional sense of hearing. His hearing was so acute, he sometimes heard the voice of God.

Most of us who are Christians have times when we feel that we hear God speaking to us. In our earliest years as new believers we are often more definite about these things. As we grow older we realize that not every thought that pops into our mind, however inspiring, may be straight from heaven. We have enough failures to persuade us that it is better to modify our statements to something like, "I think the Lord may be saying," rather than the earlier "God just told me . . ."

The prophets of Israel had no such failures and no such qualms. They fearlessly proclaimed over and over again, "Thus saith the Lord . . ." The standards were high. God had told His people that if a man claimed to be a prophet, and all his prophecies didn't come to pass, he

was a false prophet who should be stoned.

These men didn't come to hear God's voice in a gradual fashion. One day they were ordinary men, who heard nothing; the next day they were hearing God's voice as clearly as if He were sitting in the room beside them.

This gift of hearing was an incredible blessing, but it could also be a terrible burden at the same time. These men were not granted the luxury of living like ordinary men. Their lives were not their own. They were not free to live as they pleased, do as they pleased, or even dress as they pleased. (In Isaiah's case, God directed him to walk about naked and barefoot for three years, to demonstrate how Israel would be led away as captives.)

Hated and despised, often in great danger, these men were not called to live happy, carefree lives. They might not even have agreed with the concept expressed by the words, "God has a wonderful plan for your life." They were often lonely and frequently depressed. Elijah prayed for God to take his life. Jeremiah cursed the day he was born. These passionate sons of Israel fit in poorly with the societies they tried to save. Their lives consisted of euphoric highs of divine glory and truth, and mind numbing lows of rejection and despair. As often as not, their ministries failed to turn Israel from her wickedness, and many no doubt died with broken hearts, convinced that their lives had been failures.

3) Morally Concerned —



Regardless of style, background, or personality, these men were all about morality. The themes of their preaching were always centered on sin and righteousness, rebellion, and repentance. Their sermons were often scathing rebukes of Israel for the people's sins against God and one another. Isaiah furiously condemned Israel for being so preoccupied with the physical act of fasting, and yet showing little concern for righteousness:

Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself . . . ? (Isaiah 58:6,7)



Although we think of John the Baptist as a New Testament prophet, he actually had more in common with the Old Testament prophets, finishing his ministry before the Cross. In the tradition of Isaiah and Jeremiah, John had a lot to say about right and wrong. In fact it was his prophetic burden for righteousness that cut short his life. Although John surely must have known that it is not especially safe to criticize kings for their choice of wives, the Scriptures tell us: "For John had said to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife'" (Mark 6:18).

Notice the word "lawful." John had the prophetic concern about lawfulness. Herod was publicly breaking God's laws, and John couldn't keep silent about the matter. (On issues of sin and righteousness, prophets never learn to be "politically correct.")

The prophets have been called God's specialists. As long as things were going pretty well in Israel, morally, you saw or heard little from them. But let Israel begin to fall away from their God, and they would suddenly appear.

Whatever their background, their ultimate source was God Himself. In times of moral decay the prophets arose, sent by Israel's God. In ordinary times these men would have been little noticed. They might have been thought a bit odd for their intense personalities, but otherwise harmless. In the prophetic context, flushed with the white-hot zeal of God and given a powerful anointing of the Spirit both to condemn and envision, these men rose to prominence in meteoric fashion. They could not be ignored.

In the end they were ultimately vindicated. Their prophecies were proven true, and future generations came to appreciate and honor them. Indeed, they were so venerated that their words were carefully preserved and meticulously copied and recopied. Within time these writings would be known simply as "the prophets." Jesus Himself used this term when He said: "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17).

I am convinced that God continues to raise up prophetic voices and ministries. While they do not hear God's voice with the crystal clarity of the biblical prophets, they do perceive the spiritual pulse of society, and dare to address its blatant sins. Such individuals are men and women who have immersed themselves in the Word of God, and have a compulsion to speak out on issues of sin and righteousness, as they see moral cracks in society and in the church.

Two such men well known to American Christians are James Kennedy and James Dobson. Both would be appalled if you called them a prophet. Kennedy is a pastor of a large church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Dobson is a psychologist and radio personality who specializes in ministering to the family. Yet despite their official positions, neither can help but address such societal conditions as abortion, the plague of homosexuality, teen immorality, and other great moral illnesses that plague our nation. They could not keep quiet about these things if they wanted to. Like Jeremiah, the Word is like a burning fire in their bones.

The church and the world will always need prophetic voices. They serve as the conscience of the nation. We greatly err when we assume that our job is done when we ask people to come to Jesus. Without the proclamation of the moral law of God, the sinner has no reason to come to Jesus. Before Jesus arrives, there must be that prophetic voice crying out, "It is not lawful . . ." Sinners don't get saved on a steady diet of "I'm OK, you're OK."

4) *Focused on the Messiah —*

The prophets preached more than ethics, however. Their preaching attained its greatest heights when they spoke of the coming of the Messiah. This mysterious Anointed One would come as Israel's great Deliverer. Known prophetically as the "Son of Man," "My Servant," and "the Lord's Anointed," this great Redeemer would embody the sum of all the powerful yearnings of the Jewish heart. Isaiah wrote:

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Daniel saw this great Messiah as One who receives an everlasting kingdom:

I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days . . . Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed. (Daniel 7:13,14)

Like the prophets of old, we too must proclaim both the first and second comings of that Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ! In declaring His first coming we preach the gospel. We tell of His birth, His life, His death and His resurrection. We announce that the price of man's sin has been paid; he has but to come to Jesus to receive forgiveness and the gift of everlasting life.

But it would be great folly for us to make that the end of the story. Jesus will come a second time — not to bear our sins but to rule and reign in righteousness. Our world has not seen the last of the Nazarene. He will return to establish the kingdom of God on earth.

Let not the prophetic voice be stilled in the church today. In our age of political correctness and easy believism, let us pray that our God will still touch lips with His coals from the fire. May those who stand behind the pulpits in our churches, and those who address the children of our Sunday Schools, not shrink back from the moral issues of our generation. May they proclaim Jesus as the spotless Lamb who was sacrificially offered for the sins of all. And may they never fail to herald that glorious truth that Christ shall appear "a second time, apart from sin, for salvation" (Hebrews 9:28). ✚



An Old Testament prophet preaching at the gate of the city.

Update on Islam

Saudi Propaganda

The Saudi Arabian government has launched a major propaganda campaign within the United States, trying to convince Americans that they are a moderate Islamic state in full support of our "war against terrorism."



Crown Prince Abdullah

The Saudis recently ran a full page ad in all major American newspapers featuring a letter to President Bush signed by the Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud.

The letter was published on the eve of the anniversary of the 9/11 attack on America. It took the form of a letter of "condolence." The key sentence read as follows:

Mr. President, we in Saudi Arabia felt an especially great pain at the realization that a number of young Saudi citizens had been enticed and deluded and their reasoning subverted to the degree of denying the tolerance that their religion embraced, and turning their backs on their homeland, which has always stood for understanding and moderation.

This sentence is enough to make one gag!

Since when has Islam become a religion of tolerance? Since when did Saudi Arabia start espousing "understanding and moderation"?

Fifteen of the 19 hijackers were Saudis, and they were following the exact tenants of their religion. Their most holy book, the Koran, says:

"Fighting is prescribed for you . . ." (Sura 2:216)

"Fight and slay the pagans wherever you find them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem of war." (Sura 9:5)

"Fight in the way of Allah . . . and slay them [the unbelievers] wherever you find them and drive them out . . . and fight them until . . . religion is for Allah." (Sura 2:190-193)

As for the moderation of Saudi Arabia, let's keep in mind first of all that this is the nation that is bankrolling the suicide bombers in Israel. Further, let's remember that there is no freedom of speech, freedom of press, or freedom of religion in Saudi Arabia.

Here's the way *Time* magazine described this "moderate" Islamic nation in a recent feature story:

Despite the modernization that took place after the discovery of oil reserves in 1938,

Saudi Arabia remains a land where rigid religious and traditional values are strictly enforced. Cinemas and discos are outlawed; men and women are separated in banks, schools, and fast-food restaurants; women must wear veils and are forbidden to drive. Public decency police known as *muttawa* comb shopping malls searching for women whose loose scarves reveal a curl of hair and forcing store owners to shut during prayer times. Unforgiving Saudi justice is on view after the main prayer every Friday, when a swordsman beheads blindfolded murderers, sorcerers, drug smugglers, and other criminals in Riyadh's "Chop-chop Square."

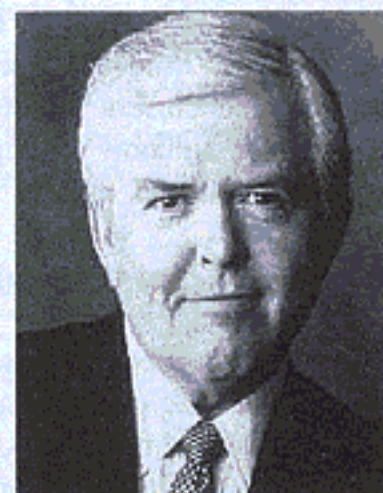
This is a moderate, tolerant and understanding nation?

The Crown Prince's letter also stated: "Your friends in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia denounced and condemned the September 11 attacks as strongly as did the American people." Oh yeah? When and where? The Islamic world reacted to 9/11 in two ways: The people danced in the streets with glee; the leaders sat silent.

The Saudi newspapers (all controlled by the government) are full of lurid anti-Semitic cartoons and filthy stories about Jews murdering people for their blood to be used in Passover cakes! And the Islamic clerics preach hate on Saudi TV toward everything Jewish, Christian, and American.

A Bold Proclamation

CNN's Moneyline host, Lou Dobbs, found the courage recently to speak the truth about the so-called "war on terrorism." His political incorrectness caused a storm of controversy. Here's what he said on the air:



Lou Dobbs

The government and the media for the past nine months have been calling this a "war against terror." So have we here. But terror is not the enemy. It is what the enemy wants to achieve. So we're making a change in the interest of clarity and honesty. The enemies in this war are radical Islamics who argue that all non-believers in their faith must be killed. They are called Islamics. That's what we are doing tonight — abandoning that phrase, "war against terror." The new phrase is the "war against Islamists." Let us be clear. This is not a war against Muslims or Islam . . . It is a war against Islamists and all who support them, and if ever there was a time for clarity, it is now.

That's refreshing candor. Dr. Reagan has been saying the same thing ever since the 9/11 attack occurred. ✚

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About Israel and the Middle East

by William Bennett, Jack Kemp and Jeane Kirkpatrick

On April 24, 2002, Bill Bennett, Jack Kemp, and Jeane Kirkpatrick issued an open memorandum about Israel and the Middle East. These 20 facts will help serve as a primer for those trying to understand the historical context of the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The world's attention has been focused on the Middle East. We are confronted daily with scenes of carnage and destruction. Can we understand such violence? Yes, but only if we come to the situation with a solid grounding in the facts of the matter — facts that too often are forgotten, if ever they were learned. Below are 20 facts that we think are useful in understanding the current situation, how we arrived here, and how we might eventually arrive at a solution.

Roots of the Conflict

◆ When the United Nations proposed the establishment of two states in the region — one Jewish, one Arab — the Jews accepted the proposal and declared their independence in 1948. The Jewish state constituted only one-sixth of one percent of what was known as “the Arab world.”

The Arab states, however, rejected the UN plan and since then have waged war against Israel repeatedly, both all-out wars and wars of terrorism and attrition . . .

◆ The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was founded in 1964 — three years before Israel controlled the West Bank and Gaza. The PLO's declared purpose was to eliminate the State of Israel by means of armed struggle. To this day, the website of Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority (PA) claims that the entirety of

Israel is “occupied” territory. It is impossible to square this with the PLO and PA assertions to Western audiences that the root of the conflict is Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

◆ The West Bank and Gaza (controlled by Jordan and Egypt from 1948 to 1967) came under Israeli control during the Six Day War of 1967 that started when Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran and Arab armies amassed on Israel's borders to invade and liquidate the state. It is important to note that during their 19 year rule, neither Jordan nor Egypt had made any effort to establish a Palestinian state on those lands . . .

On the brink of the 1967 war, Egyptian President Gamal Nassar declared, “Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel.”

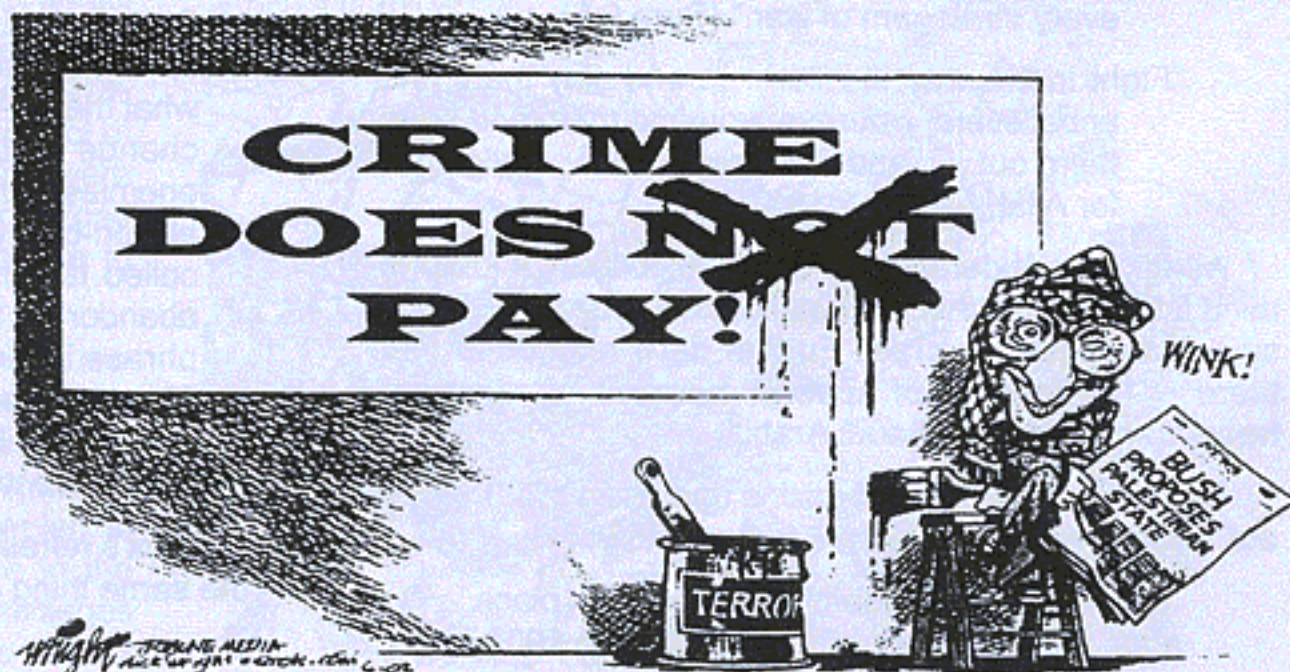
◆ Because of their animus against Jews, many leaders of the Palestinian cause have long supported our enemies. The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem allied himself with Adolf Hitler during WWII. Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO and president of the PA, has repeatedly targeted and killed Americans. In 1973, Arafat ordered the execution of Cleo Noel, the American ambassador to the Sudan. Arafat was very closely aligned with the Soviet Union and other enemies of the United States throughout the Cold War.

In 1991, during the Gulf War, Arafat aligned himself with Saddam Hussein, whom he praised as “the defender of the Arab nations, of Muslims, and of free men everywhere.”

◆ Israel has, in fact, returned most of the land that it captured during the 1967 war and right after that war offered to return all of it in exchange for peace and normal relations; the offer was rejected. As a result of the 1978 Camp David accords — in which Egypt recognized the right of Israel to exist and normal relations were established between the two countries — Israel returned the Sinai desert, a territory three times the size of Israel and 91% of the territory Israel took control of in the 1967 war.

◆ In 2000, as part of negotiations for a comprehensive and durable peace, Israel offered to turn over all but the smallest portion of the remaining territories to Yasser Arafat. But Israel was rebuffed when Arafat walked out of Camp David and launched the current intifada.

◆ Yasser Arafat has never been less than clear about his goals — at least not in Arabic. On the very day that he signed the Oslo accords in 1993 — in which he promised to renounce terrorism and recognize Israel — he addressed the Palestinian people on Jordanian television and de-



clared that he had taken the first step "in the 1974 plan." This was a thinly veiled reference to the "phased plan," according to which any territorial gain was acceptable as a means toward the ultimate goal of Israel's destruction.

◆ The recently deceased Faisal al-Husseini, a leading Palestinian voice, made the same point in 2001 when he declared that the West Bank and Gaza represented only "22% of Palestine" and that the Oslo process was a "Trojan horse." He explained, "When we are asking all the Palestinian forces and factions to look at the Oslo Agreement and at other agreements as 'temporary' procedures, or phased goals, this means that we are ambushing the Israelis and cheating them." The goal, he continued, was the "liberation of Palestine from the river to the sea," i.e., the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea — all of Israel.

◆ To this day, the Fatah wing of the PLO (the "moderate" wing that was founded and is controlled by Arafat himself) has as its official emblem the entire state of Israel covered by two rifles and a hand grenade — another fact that belies the claim that Arafat desires nothing more than the West Bank and Gaza.

◆ While criticism of Israel is not necessarily the same as "anti-Semitism," it must be remembered that the Middle East press is, in fact, rife with anti-Semitism. More than 15 years ago the eminent scholar Bernard Lewis could point out that "the demonization of Jews [in Arabic literature] goes further than it had ever done in Western literature, with the exception of Germany during the period of Nazi rule." Since then, and through all the years of the "peace process," things have become much worse . . .

◆ Over three-quarters of Palestinians approve of suicide bombings — an appalling statistic but, in light of the above facts, an unsurprising one.

The State of Israel

◆ There are 22 Arab countries in the Middle East and only one Jewish state: Israel, which is also the only democracy in the region.

◆ Israel is the only country in the region that permits citizens of all faiths to worship freely and openly. Twenty percent of Israeli citizens are not Jewish.

◆ While Jews are not permitted to live in many Arab countries, Arabs are granted full citizenship and have the right to vote in Israel. Arabs are also free to become members of the Israeli parliament (the Knesset). In fact, several Arabs have been democratically elected to the Knesset and have been serving there for years. Arabs living in Israel have more rights and are freer than most Arabs living in Arab countries.

◆ Israel is smaller than the state of New Hampshire and is surrounded by nations hostile to her existence. Some peace proposals — including the recent Saudi proposal — demand withdrawal from the entire West Bank, which would leave Israel nine miles wide at its most vulnerable point.

◆ The oft-cited UN Resolution 242 (passed in the wake of the 1967 war) does not, in fact, require a complete withdrawal from the West Bank. As legal scholar Eugene Rostow put it, "Resolution 242 . . . calls on the parties to make peace and allows Israel to administer the territories it occupied in 1967 until a 'just and lasting peace in the Middle East' is achieved . . .

◆ Israel has, of course, conceded that the Palestinians have legitimate claims to the disputed territories and is willing to engage in negotiations on the matter. As noted above, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak offered almost all of the territories to Arafat at Camp David in 2000.

◆ Despite claims that the Israeli settlements in the West Bank are the obstacle to peace, Jews lived there for centuries before being massacred or driven out by invading Arab armies in 1948-49. And contrary to common misperceptions, Israeli settlements — which constitute less than 2% of the territories — almost never displace Palestinians.

◆ The area of the West Bank includes some of the most important sites in Jewish history, among them Hebron, Bethlehem, and Jericho. East Jerusalem, often cited as an "Arab city" or "occupied territory," is the site of Judaism's holiest monument.

While under Arab rule (1948-67), this area was entirely closed to Jews. Since Israel took control, it has been open to people of all faiths.

◆ Finally, let us consider the demand that certain territories in the Muslim world must be off-limits to Jews. This demand is similar to Hitler's proclamation that German land had to be "Judenrein" (empty of Jews). Arabs can live freely throughout Israel, and as full citizens. Why should Jews be forbidden to live or to own land in an area like the West Bank simply because the majority of people are Arab?

In sum, a fair and balanced portrayal of the Middle East will reveal that one nation stands far above the others in its commitment to human rights and democracy as well as in its commitment to peace and mutual security. That nation is Israel. ☆

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William Bennett served as Secretary of Education, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. He currently serves as co-director of Partnership for a Drug-Free America.



Jeane Kirkpatrick teaches at Georgetown University. She has served on the National Security Council and as US Representative to the United Nations. She is a recipient of the Medal of Freedom.



"Evangelicals" Speak Out Against U.S. Support of Israel

Dr. David R. Reagan

In July some 60 people, calling themselves "Evangelical Christian leaders," presented a letter to President Bush in which they condemned the Administration's strong support of Israel, calling for a more "even-handed U.S. policy." Among the signers were some very big names, including the president of Fuller Seminary, the chancellor of Denver Seminary, and the editor of *Christianity Today*.

Although these people condemned violence by both sides in the Middle East, the last two paragraphs of their letter focused on Israeli "injustice." Let's take a look at those two paragraphs. The first one reads as follows:

We urge you to provide the leadership necessary for peacemaking in the Middle East by vigorously opposing injustice, including the continued unlawful and degrading Israeli settlement movement. The theft of Palestinian land and the destruction of Palestinian homes and fields is surely one of the major causes of the strife that has resulted in terrorism and the loss of so many Israeli and Palestinian lives. The continued Israeli military occupation that daily humiliates ordinary Palestinians is also having disastrous effects on the Israeli soul.

This paragraph is full of inaccuracies. The Israeli settlements are not unlawful. When Israel captured the disputed territories in the Six Day War of 1967 (a defensive war), they took over administration from powers who themselves did not have sovereignty over the areas. The Palestinian leadership, it should be remembered, had rejected sovereignty over these areas when they refused to accept the 1947 United Nations Partition Plan. These areas cannot therefore be considered "occupied territories," as they were not taken from another nation with legitimate sovereignty. A more accurate term would be "disputed territories" whose future Israel is committed to resolving through negotiations.

There has been no theft of Palestinian land, and all houses and fields destroyed have been those belonging to terrorists. There is no continuing Israeli military occupation. Under the Oslo Accords, nearly all of the disputed territories, including almost 97% of the Palestinian people, were put under control of the Palestinian Authority, and Israeli troops were withdrawn. Israeli military forces have returned since then from time to time only in response to terrorist attacks.

But why is it that Jews cannot live within a territorial area claimed by the Arabs? Over one million Arabs live in Israel with full citizenship rights, including the right to vote and serve in the Knesset (the Israeli Parliament). The only right denied to Arabs living in Israel is the right to serve in the Israeli military. Yet, despite all these privileges given to Arabs living within Israel, the Arabs will not

tolerate any Jews living within their territory. Why is this fact overlooked in the "Evangelical" statement?

The final paragraph of the "Evangelical" statement reads as follows:

Mr. President, the American evangelical community is not a monolithic bloc in full and firm support of present Israeli policy. Significant numbers of American evangelicals reject the way some have distorted biblical passages as their rationale for uncritical support . . . of the Israeli government instead of judging all actions . . . on the basis of biblical standards of justice. The great Hebrew prophets, Isaiah and Jeremiah, declared in the Old Testament that God calls all nations and all peoples to do justice one to another, and to protect the oppressed, the alien, the fatherless and the widow.

The first sentence in the paragraph above is true, because nearly all the signers of this letter are advocates of Reformed Theology and its belief that the Church has replaced Israel. They would argue that God has no purpose left for the Jewish people. This is called Replacement Theology. It is thoroughly unbiblical and it is one of the root causes of anti-Semitism within Christianity.

Those who believe what the Bible says about Israel in the end times have not "distorted biblical passages." The signers of this letter are the ones guilty of that as they have spiritualized the prophecies, arguing that Israel is really the Church.

Finally, the Israelis have done everything they can to show justice toward the Arab peoples. They don't need any lectures from self-righteous American "Evangelicals" who live in safety half way around the world. It is the Israelis who have provided Arabs a better standard of living and more individual freedom than they can find in any Arab country. It is the Israelis who have surrendered precious territory for a false promise of peace. ♦



Foreign Missions Worthy of Your Support

India

John Ishmael heads up an evangelistic ministry located in Bangalore, in south central India. The ministry is called Revival Literature Fellowship.

As the name indicates, the ministry focuses on printing Christian materials in several languages, including English, Hindi and Telugu. Additionally, John serves as a roving evangelist holding meetings and conferences all over India, many of which focus on Bible prophecy.

John's ministry sponsored two conferences last year that featured Dennis Pollock. His ministry has published a great number of Dr. Reagan's articles, both in their monthly magazine, *Knocking*, and also in special booklet form. They recently published an article in pamphlet form by Dennis Pollock about the Harry Potter books and movie.

The ministry's website can be found at www.rlfministries.com. John Ishmael's email address is knocking@vsnl.com. The ministry's mailing address is P.O. Box 513, Bangalore 560 005, India. Donations made directly to the ministry can be designated for the publication of Lamb & Lion materials. Tax exempt donations can be made by channeling the donations through Lamb & Lion and designating them for Revival Literature Fellowship.

Please put John, his family, and his ministry on your prayer list. Pray for God to protect him from Hindu and Muslim persecution, and pray for the effectiveness of his outreach. ✝



John Ishmael with his wife, Latha, his daughter, Eunice, and his son, Ezra.

Mexico



Dr. Marco Samaniego and his wife, Carmen.

Every year, beginning in November, we conduct a fund-raising campaign for the Hands of Luke Ministry in Juarez, Mexico. This great ministry, headed up by Dr. Marco Samaniego, provides full care for 90 orphans. It also supplies free medical care for the poor, housing for abused women, and a wide range of services for prison inmates. The ministry has established four nutritional centers in the most poverty stricken areas of Juarez, and it uses these centers to provide daily meals for over 500 children.

Thanks once again to your overwhelming generosity, we were able to raise a total of \$54,000 last year for Hands of Luke.

Please help us this year to continue to be a channel of blessings to this very worthy ministry. Designate your special donations for "Hands of Luke." Thank you! ✝



Dr. Marco with some of his orphans.

New Bible Translation Causes Storm of Controversy

Recently the International Bible Society (IBS) and Zondervan Publishing announced their joint decision to publish a new translation of the Bible, known as *Today's New International Version* (TNIV). The TNIV makes significant changes in the gender language of the current NIV, and this has prompted a condemnation of the new translation by many leading Evangelical spokesmen.

A two page advertisement was featured in the July 2002 issue of *Christianity Today* with a banner headline that read: "100 Christian leaders agree . . . the TNIV Bible is not trustworthy." The ad cited many examples of gender changes that affected the meaning of passages. It also pointed out that gender changes are not the only problem with the TNIV. There are places where major word changes are made, such as in Acts 13:50 and 21:11 where "Jews" is translated "Jewish leaders."

For an in-depth analysis of all the serious problems with the TNIV, go to www.no-tniv.com.

The advertisement was signed by such leading Evangelicals as Larry Burkett, Charles Colson, James Dobson, Jerry Falwell, Jack Hayford, David Jeremiah, James Kennedy, John MacArthur, Josh McDowell, Albert Mohler, Jr., J.I. Packer, Paige Patterson, Pat Robertson, Adrian Rogers, R.C. Sproul, Joni Eareckson Tada, Charles Swindoll, John Walvoord, Donald Wildmon, and Bruce Wilkerson.

Dr. Reagan joins with these people in expressing his concern about this new translation. Dr. Reagan recommends that serious Bible students use one (or all) of the following translations: The New King James, The New American Standard, or the English Standard Version. The latter is the newest, most literal, and easiest to read of the modern translations. You can find out more about the English Standard Version at www.gnpcb.org/home/esv. ✚

The Ultimate Economic Crisis

Joseph M. Stowell
President of Moody Bible Institute

Recently our minds have been preoccupied with America's struggling economy. It's hard to find anyone who isn't concerned about the deep discounting of our 401K plans . . .

What I can't understand is why, as followers of Jesus, we don't seem to get equally exercised about His economy.

Especially since His economy is something that we can do something about. Talk about return on investment! High yields are guaranteed, and the benefits are literally out of this world . . .

In a just-completed survey, George Barna, president of the Barna Research Group, discovered some mind-boggling realities about the less-than-admirable commitment most born-again evangelicals (he's talking about us) have to the Kingdom economy:

- Giving is down 13 percent since the last survey in 1998.
- One out of six gave no money to their church in 1999.
- 8 percent who make up to \$20,000 gave 10 percent.
- 5 percent making \$20,000 to \$40,000 gave 10 percent.
- 4 percent making \$40,000 to \$60,000 gave 10 percent.
- 2 percent making \$60,000 to \$75,000 gave 10 percent.
- 1 percent making \$75,000 to \$100,000 gave 10 percent.
- 5 percent making \$100,000 and up gave 10 percent or more to Jesus' work.

You don't have to be a theologian to realize that there is something radically wrong with this picture: **16.5 percent of us give nothing to His cause, and 92 percent of us give less than 10 percent.** More startling yet, the richer we become the less we give, unless you make over \$100,000 — and even then 95 percent of the wealthy gave little to His cause.



Joseph M. Stowell

What a shattering statement — one that says more about us than we'd like to admit. I can't help but remember the stinging reproof that Christ had for the spit-polished Pharisees when He quoted Isaiah's words to hypocritical Israel, "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Matthew 15:8).

Jesus is intensely interested in what we do with our money. He knows that how we allocate our spendable income is a leading measurement of the true condition of our heart. Luke recalls hearing Him say that He can tell where our hearts are by watching what we do with our money (Luke 12:34). And Christ said we cannot serve Him and money at the same time (Matthew 6:24). Given its strategic importance, it's no wonder that Jesus taught more about money than any other topic . . . "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34). ✚

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Update on Television

Dr. David R. Reagan

We began broadcasting our new "Christ in Prophecy" television program on September 14. The very first program produced more responses than we had normally received in the past to one week of radio broadcasts. We expect the response to grow steadily as the word spreads about the program.

Many people contacted us to express their sorrow — and even dismay — over our decision to stop broadcasting our radio program which we have been airing for 22 years. We appreciated these messages. I got a good laugh out of one in particular. It was from a supporter in the Dallas area who wrote: "I feel like I just lost my dog!"

I miss the radio program as well. I still find myself collecting items for use on the radio!

Many have expressed frustration over the fact that they cannot get our new TV program. Although some stations listed below carry it, the program is mainly available via satellite over DirecTV. Another way to access it is over the Internet: **Go to www.daystar.com and click on "Watch LIVE!"**

Some have suggested that we make the program available on our website, and we may do that in the future, but it is currently too expensive. We may make the audio tracks available.

Dennis and I are going to produce a monthly audio tape called "Prophetic Update." It will contain the same format as our radio programs, featuring biblical commentary on current events. It will be sent free of charge to our Prophecy Partners. Others can receive it for a cost of \$5 per month, paid six months in advance. To subscribe, call 1-800-705-8316.



Since mid-July we have raised almost one-half our goal of \$100,000 for television costs. We need additional donations designated for television in order to meet this goal before the end of this year. Please consider a special donation to help us reach this important goal. ✚

DayStar Television Network Coverage

Stations:

Little Rock
Phoenix
Tucson

AR KKAP 36
AZ KDTP 39
AZ KPCE 29

Modesto
San Francisco
Stockton
Sacramento

CA 61
CA KDTS 22
CA 52
CA 47

Denver

CO KRMT 41

Tampa

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Houston

HI KUKO 24

HI KUPA 59

MA WYDN 48

MS WJKO 43

NV KTVY 63

NY WDTB 39

NC WACN 34
NC WWIW 66

PA WELL 8

TN WDTT 38

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TN WIIW 14

TX KMPX 29

TX KLTJ 22

San Antonio

TX KQVE 46

Seattle

WA KWDK 56

Satellites:

DirecTV National Ch. 369

Dish Network National See Below

Sky Angel National Ch. 9713

Webcast World daystar.com

Dish Network: Boston 8763, Dallas 8413, Houston 8383, Seattle 8622, Phoenix 8333, and Denver 8207.

Note: Station numbers will be different on cable. So, if you are on cable, consult your TV guide for the proper channel number.

Meet our Staff Members



Rachel Houck

Birth place and date: Springfield, Massachusetts, 1962.

Husband's name and years married: Leo, 14 years.

Names and ages of children: Reagan (19) and David (11).

Education: High School and some college.

Lamb & Lion position and duties: Mail room assistant, video camera operator, custodian, and assistant grounds keeper.

Number of years on staff: 5.

Number of years a Christian: 31.

Church membership: New Hope Christian Church in Wylie, Texas.

Church activities: Theme team leader and recovery team leader. Also assists the drama team.

Spiritual gifts: Faith, administration, helps, and discernment.

Favorite scriptures: Psalm 40 and Romans 12:2.

Favorite Bible character: King David.

Favorite Christian book: *Trusting God* by Dave Reagan.

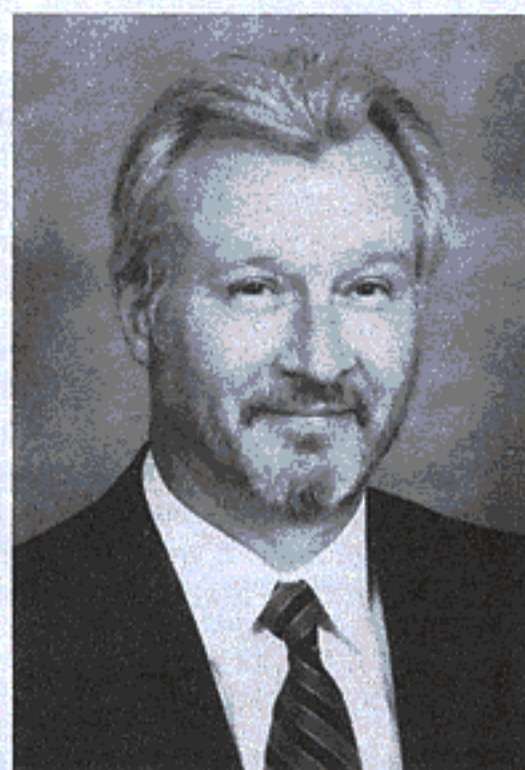
Favorite Christian hymn: "Nothing But The Blood of Jesus."

Favorite Movies: "The Sound of Music" and "My Big Fat Greek Wedding."

Favorite Bible version: The New International.

Favorite pastimes: Collecting Coca-Cola memorabilia, bargain hunting, visiting state capitals, and fellowshiping with friends and family.

Meet our Trustees



Terry Gibson

Birth place and date: Beaumont, Texas, 1948.

Wife's name and years married: Virginia, 33 years.

Names and ages of children: Aaron (22) and Joshua (11).

Education: High School and three years of college.

Occupation: Pastor.

Numbers of years a Christian: 42.

Church membership: Santa Fe Christian Church in Santa Fe, Texas.

Spiritual gifts: Teaching, mercy, encouragement, and leadership.

Favorite scriptures: Isaiah 40:28-31 and Revelation 21:1-4.

Favorite Bible character: Peter.

Favorite Christian book: *The Revelation Record* by Dr. Henry Morris.

Favorite Christian hymn: "Victory in Jesus."

Favorite Contemporary Christian Song: "Above All."

Favorite Christian Singer: Dave Boyer.

Favorite Bible version: The New International.

All-time favorite movie: "Gladiator."

All-time favorite novel: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

Favorite pastimes: Cooking and going to the beach.

Note: Pastor Gibson is also a very gifted poet.

Bible Prophecy Study Resources

Books



Wrath and Glory. Dr. Reagan's explanation of the book of Revelation. Written in a down-to-earth and easy-to-understand manner. It provides guidelines for interpretation, and responds to the most frequently asked questions about Revelation. It also explains how the book relates to Christian living. 240 pages. \$12.



Living for Christ in the End Times. A hard-hitting commentary on how Christians are to respond to the decay of society and the increasing apostasy within the Church. The book is full of practical guidelines for overcoming paganism and living a triumphant daily life in the power of the Holy Spirit. 263 pages. \$12.

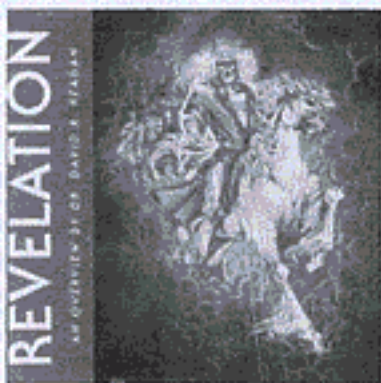


The Christ in Prophecy Study Guide. Lists in chronological order all the prophecies in the Bible concerning both the First and Second Advents of the Messiah. Represents seven years of research. Printed in a large format (8½ by 11") and spiral bound. Provides topical and scripture indexes. 150 pages. \$15.



Jesus is Coming Again! Dr. Reagan's book for children (pre-school and elementary). This is the only book ever published for children about end time prophecy. Beautifully illustrated in full color. Large format (8½ x 11"). Durable cover. Contains teaching tips for parents, together with a list of Scripture references. 28 pages. \$7.

Audio Tapes



An Overview of Revelation. Dr. Reagan presents an in-depth survey of the book of Revelation, covering it verse by verse. Twelve tapes in an album. \$30 (normally \$35). A study guide is available to accompany the album. The cost of the guide is \$5. Our most popular study resource.

Multimedia Kits

The Rapture Kit. This kit contains seven lessons on all aspects of the Rapture, utilizing both cassette and video tapes. It includes a teacher's manual and study guide for students. The lessons are contained on a total of four video programs (running 25 minutes each) and six cassette tape segments (running 15 to 20 minutes each). \$35.

The Signs of the Times Kit. This kit provides four video programs and three audio segments which can be combined to produce seven in-depth lessons on the signs of the times. A teacher's manual is provided to illustrate how the materials can be used effectively. The manual contains lesson outlines and study guides that can be reproduced and distributed to students. \$35.

Video Programs

Israel in Bible Prophecy. An exciting survey of seven prophecies that are being fulfilled in Israel today, all of which point to the soon return of Jesus. The video was shot on location at various sites in Israel. Appropriate for both individual and group study. Shows how the Jews are the key to understanding end time prophecy. Contains significant historical footage. 65 minutes in length. \$15 (normally \$18).

The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective. A 45 minute video program featuring Dr. David Reagan. In it he uses scripture to clearly demonstrate how the struggle in the Middle East is a spiritual one that can never be solved by diplomacy or war. He shows, instead, that it will be resolved only when Jesus returns to reign in glory and majesty in Jerusalem. \$10.

All resource items listed on this page can be ordered by calling 1-800-705-8316. Please call between 8am and 5pm, Central time, Monday through Friday.



Ministry News

Books — Dr. Reagan has completed his book about America in Bible prophecy. The tentative title is *America the Beautiful? The United States in Bible Prophecy*. The book should be published by New Leaf Press sometime early next year.

Dr. Reagan is now working on a major revision of *The Master Plan*, his comprehensive overview of all aspects of Bible prophecy. The new version, which will be completely updated and greatly expanded will be called, *God's Plan for the Ages: The Promises of Bible Prophecy*. Please pray for the success of these books, that they might impact hearts for eternity.

Study Guide — A 17 page study guide for Dr. Reagan's book about Revelation, *Wrath and Glory*, is available free of charge on the Internet at the publisher's website. Go to www.newleafpress.net and click on "Study-Guides" at the top of the page. You can print the study guide directly from the website.

Meetings — Dr. Reagan has had to cancel all but one of his weekend appointments from mid-October through the end of the year due to the sudden illness of his wife, Ann. Please put her on your prayer list and pray for her complete healing. She is suffering from an acute attack of Fibromyalgia.

Dennis Pollock will substitute for Dr. Reagan at Parkview Church of Christ in Findlay, Ohio (Nov. 2-4). Also in November, Dennis will be speaking at First Christian in Sandusky, Ohio (8-10), and at Valley Christian Church in North Platte, Nebraska (17-19). Dennis and Dave will both be participating in the Louisiana State Prophecy Conference that is scheduled for Tall Timbers Baptist Encampment located near Alexandria, Louisiana (22-23). Al Gist of Maranatha Evangelistic Ministry and Gary Fisher of Lion of Judah Ministry will also be speakers at this conference that is being co-hosted by Lamb & Lion.

Dennis and Dave are currently accepting speaking engagements for 2003. To contact either one, call 972-736-3567. Dave takes only weekend appointments. Dennis is available to conduct extended meetings.

PowerPoint Presentation — Many people have inquired as to whether or not they could get a copy of Dr. Reagan's PowerPoint presentation about the European Union. The answer is yes. We are making the presentation available for \$15, including the cost of shipping. The presentation will be shipped on a CD together with a 19 page script. The presentation contains 71 slides and the script has pictures of the slides inserted in their proper places. To order, call 1-800-705-8316.

Donations Online — It is now possible to make donations to the ministry over the Internet. Go to our home page (www.lamblion.com) and click on the button labeled "Donate here." You will be forwarded to a safe site where you can write a check over the Internet. You can designate it

as a one time check, or you can indicate that a check for the same amount is to be posted automatically to the Ministry's account each month.

Financial Needs — We have two financial needs we would like to bring to your attention. The first is for \$50,000 for television. In mid-July we launched a campaign to raise \$100,000 for television. The response to date has been very generous, and we praise God for that. We are half-way to our goal.

The other need is for \$5,000 for computer equipment. We will be making a major software conversion in January. We have already purchased the software, but it will require four new workstations and a new server to operate it.

Prophecy Partners — The financial foundation of this Ministry is provided by our Prophecy Partners. These are people who commit to give \$15 a month or more for one year. They receive a special letter from Dr. Reagan each month together with a gift of some kind, usually a cassette tape program. If you would like to become a Prophecy Partner, send your first donation to P.O. Box 919, McKinney, TX 75070 and state that you would like to become a member of the program. You can also make your donation by credit card by calling 972-736-3567.

New Tape Series — Dave and Dennis have started producing a monthly tape called "Prophecy Update." It is sent to all our Prophecy Partners. If you are not a Partner and would like to receive this tape, you can sign up to receive it by calling 972-736-3567. The cost of the tape is \$5, but six months must be paid in advance. So, if you are interested, send a check for \$30 or call and make the payment by credit card.

Television Tapes — Several people have inquired about purchasing copies of our television programs on VHS tape. They are available for a cost of \$10 each, including shipping. Specify the program you want when you place your order, either by giving its subject matter or its date of broadcast. Programs to date include the following:

Rapture 1: "The Meaning of the Rapture"

Rapture 2: "The Rapture vs the Second Coming"

Rapture 3: "The Timing of the Rapture"

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Letters and Email Messages

Radio Cancellation —

"I am so sad that you are leaving the radio since I do not have access to satellite television to get your program . . . Thank you for your faithfulness in teaching Bible prophecy. I pray that God will continue to bless your television ministry and bring you to a greater audience whose lives will be changed forever." — **Mary Isabell** in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"It hurts. I've lived with your radio program for 18 years. The best part was that I ordered the tapes and listened to them in my car to and from work. I didn't miss many. I feel like I just lost my dog!" — **Gregory S. Imhoff** in Dallas, Texas.

"I almost cried when you announced that you were not going to be on the radio anymore. I really enjoyed hearing your program. I will continue to lift you up in prayer." — **Barbara Joseph** in Killeen, Texas.



"I cannot begin to tell you how much sorrow you brought to my soul this morning when I heard you were leaving KSKY. A great door of information is going to be closed to me. You and your staff will be in my prayers." — **Betty Erwin** in Mesquite, Texas.

"I am currently linked to your website, and I am in utter shock to see the announcement about your plans to cease the radio program entirely to start the TV ministry . . . Besides Dr. James Kennedy's daily radio program, yours is my absolute favorite. It makes me literally ill at the thought of having to go without the spiritual support I receive from your radio ministry . . . I'm sorry, but this really angers me! I feel like I'm losing a close family member." — **Eric M. Place** in Lexington, Kentucky.

Books —

"I am currently reading *Living for Christ in the End Times* for the second time. It has been a blessing to me and many others. It is by far the best all around prophecy book I've read because it is not just about prophecy. It speaks so much about what is going on in our world today and presents these times in such a clear, organized overview that I've found myself understanding so much more that I had questions about — especially the church of today and our Lord's extreme patience with us . . . God bless you for your work!" — **Marianne Pruitt** in Suches, Georgia.

"I just finished reading *Wrath and Glory*, and I was really impressed with how easy it was to follow and to understand. All my questions about Revelation were answered. The book was really an eye opener!" — **John L. Goodwin** in Cotulla, Texas.



General Thanks —

"Seeing Dr. Reagan speak, reading a few of his books, and reading your magazine has truly brought me closer to God. It is so easy to get caught up in the daily routine with work and kids . . . Thanks to all of you for helping me to place God in the front of my mind and in the front of my family. Because of your work I have a four year old daughter who is so excited about heaven that nightly she peeks around the corner of her bedroom and says, 'I'm looking for God. Maybe He'll pick us up for heaven tonight!' Thank you for helping make God part of every moment of our lives and not just a portion of our day!" —

Vanessa Rodman in O'Fallon, Missouri.

"First and foremost, I would like to say what a blessing your ministry has been in my life. Because of God blessing me through your ministry, I rededicated my life to the Lord shortly after 9/11. I now have peace in my heart given to me by my Lord Jesus Christ. I will continue to pray and support your wonderful ministry." — **Ursula Aviles** in Bastrop, Texas.

"I'm finally writing you a very belated letter to let you know what a blessing you and your ministry have been to me. I've been reading your articles and listening to your tapes for about 15 years now, and I've learned so many things and have had so many questions answered as a result of your faithfulness to God.

"As a result, I have been able to help others learn and grow. Most recently, our church spent 30 weeks studying Christian doctrine. I wrote five of the studies: The Bible, Creation, Spiritual Gifts, Hell, and the Resurrection of Jesus. Your articles, especially the ones on Hell and the resurrection of Jesus, were very helpful. Wow! I really stirred up the pot with my study on Hell, but I managed to keep the debate light-hearted, and I know many were challenged in their thinking. Blessings to all of you!" — **Michelle Shannon** in Houston, Texas.

Website —

"I have just spent at least two hours on your website, and I must say I was quite impressed (and blessed). I enjoyed reading the articles so much. I just knew I would eventually find something inaccurate, but did not. Plus, I learned a few things too. So many of the prophecy sites get off into the deep end, but yours lines up with the rightly divided Word. Keep up the great work." — **David M. Augenstein** in Findlay, Ohio. (The Ministry's website is at www.lamblion.com.)



From a Pastor in Pakistan —

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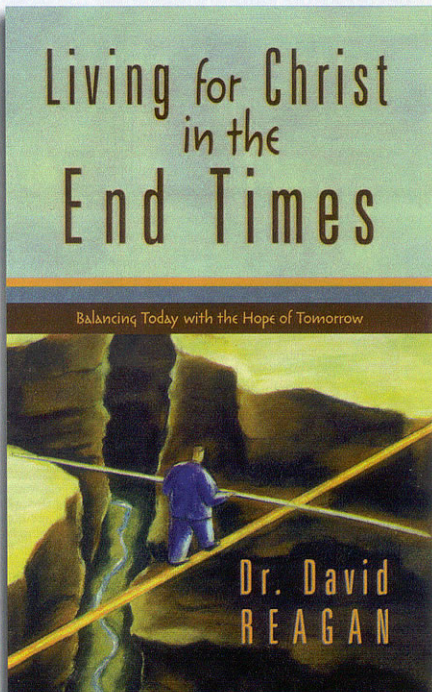
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