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## Observations by the Editor

### Exploding a Myth

A myth most Christians believe is that the book of Revelation is impossible to understand. As I point out in the introductory essay, this is a ploy of Satan that he uses to get people to ignore the book.

I learned a long time ago that Satan does not want anyone reading the book of Revelation. He hates the book with a passion because it reveals his total defeat by Jesus.

When I first started preaching, Satan would try to defeat me with self-condemnation. He would remind me of all my past sins and then ask, "Who do you think you are to be proclaiming the Word of God?" The book of Revelation delivered me from this spiritual battle. When I saw that it clearly teaches the triumph of Jesus and the devastation of Satan, I decided to use it as an instrument of spiritual warfare. The next time Satan tried to remind me of my past, I reminded him of his future! Needless to say, he didn't like that.

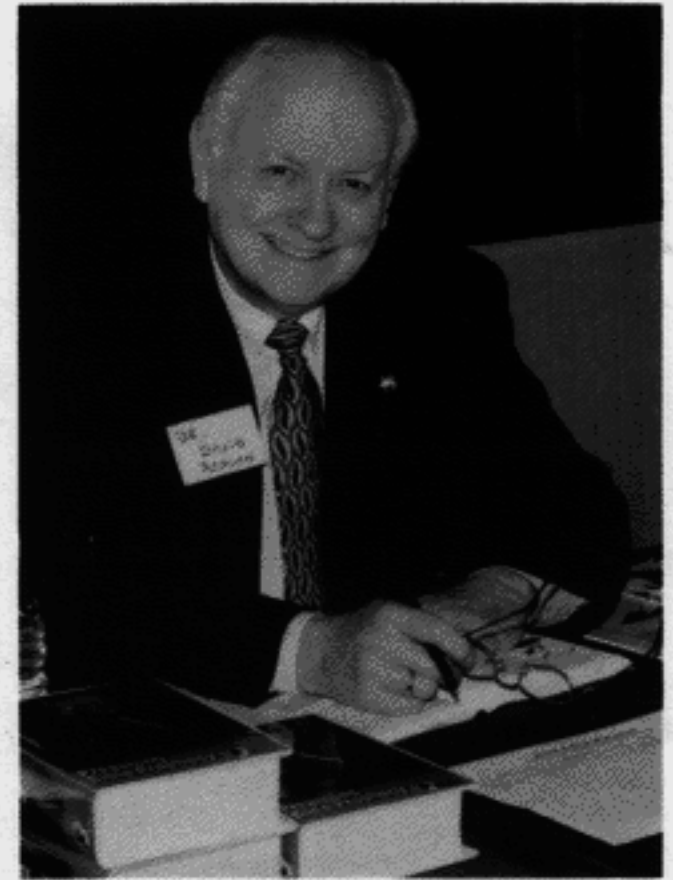
The book of Revelation can be understood, and it needs to be, because it contains many messages that are very relevant to us at the beginning of the 21st Century.

That's why I wrote my new book entitled, *Wrath & Glory: Unveiling the Majestic Book of Revelation*. The first chapter of the book attempts to destroy the myth that has kept so many people from reading and enjoying the promises of Revelation. The introductory essay in this issue is a highly condensed excerpt from that chapter.

#### The Cover

The dramatic picture on the cover of this month's issue was painted by a very gifted Christian artist named Pat Marvenko Smith. She has a ministry located in Pennsylvania called "Revelation Productions." (See page 12.)

The cover picture is taken from Revelation chapter 4 where John is raptured to Heaven and sees the throne room of God. What he sees is dazzling light emanating from the throne. Before the throne was a "sea of glass like crystal" and on the sea were "four living creatures." Each of these creatures had six



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wings. One was like a lion in its appearance; another like a calf. The third had a face like a man, while the fourth resembled an eagle. These are most likely the special heavenly creatures called Seraphim which Isaiah saw when he was given a glimpse of God's throne room (Isaiah 6:1-8). Ezekiel saw similar creatures in his vision of Heaven (Ezekiel 1:4-14).

These creatures obviously represent all of God's creation. Their function seems to be to protect the Lord's throne and lead in worship.

In fact, John is overwhelmed by the majestic worship that he experiences. He mentions one song after another being sung to God's glory by the four living creatures, the 24 elders, and myriads of angels — all of whom are so beautifully portrayed by Mrs. Smith in her cover art. For more information about her ministry, see page 12.

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# UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Dr. David R. Reagan

*Note:* This article is highly condensed from the first chapter of Dr. Reagan's new book, *Wrath & Glory: Unveiling the Majestic Book of Revelation*. Most of the illustrations of Dr. Reagan's points have been omitted. For more information about the book, see page 10.

"The book of Revelation is a Chinese puzzle that no one can understand!" I must have heard those words a hundred times when I was growing up in the Church.

Guess what? I wrote the book off as a lost cause and ignored it for 30 years. Why waste time trying to decipher a mysterious book that even biblical scholars could not understand?

For the past 20 years I have been teaching Bible prophecy all across America and around the world. As I have talked with Christians from all denominations, I have discovered that most are ignorant of the book of Revelation, and many are downright afraid of it.

## The Significance of Revelation

This is a sad state of affairs for the Church as a whole as well as for individual Christians. It's like reading a great novel, but never reading the last chapter to see how the story comes out. Reading and understanding the book of Revelation is vitally important to Christendom because it tells us that *we are going to win in the end!* It is a book of victory that is designed to encourage Christians as they try to cope with and overcome this pagan world.

Studying the book of Revelation today, at the beginning of the 21st Century, is particularly important because Christians are faced with two great challenges — the decay of society and growing apostasy in the Church. As we face these grim realities, we need the encouragement that is contained in the book of Revelation.

There is another reason we should be focusing on the book of Revelation at the beginning of the 21st

Century. The signs of the times clearly indicate that we are living in the last days — that Jesus is at the very gates of Heaven waiting for His Father's command to return. The state of Israel has been re-established. The Jews are back in Jerusalem. Europe has united. And modern technology has given meaning to numerous prophecies that we never understood before . . .

### Glory or Wrath?

**J**esus is returning soon, and that fact makes the book of Revelation relevant to our lives. The book begins and ends with the promise that Jesus will return. It is the book's theme.

The return of Jesus will be the climactic event of history. For some, it will be the most glorious day of their lives, for Jesus will come as their glory — as their "blessed hope" (Titus 2:13). For others, His return will be a terrifying experience, for He will come as their holy terror, pouring out the wrath of God upon all those who have rejected God's gift of love, grace and mercy (Revelation 19:11).

The Bible says that every person on the face of this earth is under either the wrath of God or His grace: "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36). It is glory to be under the grace of God. It is terror to be under His wrath.

The return of Jesus will mean glory or wrath for each of us. It will mean both for Jesus. When He returns to this earth, He will come in wrath to judge and make war against the enemies of God (Revelation 19:11). But the wrath will be followed by glory as He is crowned the King of kings and Lord of lords and begins His majestic reign from Mt. Zion as the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). He will manifest His glory before the nations (Isaiah 24:21-23), and He will receive the honor and praise which He was denied when He came the first time (2 Thessalonians 1:10).

Wrath and glory — these two words sum up the meaning of the Lord's return for you and me and Him.

God in His unfathomable grace does not desire that any should perish, but that all should be brought to repentance and salvation (2 Peter 3:9). God has therefore given us the magnificent book of Revelation to warn us of His wrath and to call us to His glory. When we stand before Him, we will have no excuses. He has spelled it all out for us in advance and in detail in the book of Revelation . . .

### A Book for Theologians or Fanatics?

In most churches, either the book of Revelation has been ignored completely or people have been convinced that it is an enigma that nobody can understand unless maybe you have a Ph.D. in hermeneutics, whatever that is. Perhaps if you have that, or a vivid imagination, you might understand the book.

The general attitude in Christendom seems to be that the book of Revelation is something for only two types of people. It's for the doctor of theology, who has degrees piled on top of degrees. It's for him to toy with in an attempt to decipher the deep and hidden spiritual meanings. Or, it's for the fanatic to play with as he searches for the Antichrist under every rock.

The result is a tremendous psychological barrier against reading and understanding this marvelous book. And you know what? Satan really loves that.

### Satanic Deceptions

Satan does not want anybody to read the book of Revelation. You know why? Because the book tells how everything is going to come out in the end. Satan wants to keep you in suspense. Satan wants to keep you guessing. Satan wants to keep your eyes focused on the wicked world in which we live so that you will think evil is going to triumph. His hope is that you will give up hope and decide to cast your lot with wickedness.

Satan doesn't want anybody reading the book of Revelation because the book states in no uncertain terms that Satan is going to be totally defeated and Jesus Christ is going to be completely victorious. The book reveals that the great cosmic battle of the universe that has gone on since the beginning of time is going to be won by God the Father, the Creator of the universe. And the book proclaims that those who have cast their lot with God by accepting His Son as Lord and Savior

are going to reign with Him eternally . . .

### A Personal Victory

Let me tell you how I achieved my breakthrough in understanding the book of Revelation. As I said before, for thirty years I thought it was a Chinese puzzle. For thirty years I avoided it like the plague. For thirty years I considered it to be a bunch of mumbo-jumbo.

And then one day . . . I discovered Revelation 1:3. Look what it says: "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near." Now, that really caught my eye. It



jumped off the page at me. It witnessed to my spirit. "Blessed is he who reads the book or hears it read" . . .

You know what I did? I stopped reading, bowed my head, and claimed the blessing of Revelation 1:3 in advance in prayer. I said, "Lord God, the blessing that I want is the blessing of understanding this 'Chinese puzzle.'"

### An Answered Prayer

I then read the book. You know what? I got some insights as I read it. I then got another version, and I prayed, "Lord, I claim Revelation 1:3 in prayer. And the blessing that I want, dear Lord, is the blessing of understanding." I read it all the way through. I got some more insights. I sought out another translation. I began to get excited because I was starting to understand what I was reading. I didn't understand everything, but some things were beginning to come together . . .

Well, I've read the book of Revelation hundreds of times since then, and every time I still pray, "Oh, Dear God, give me the blessing of Revelation 1:3. Help me to understand more this time than I have ever understood before." Every time God has been faithful to His promise. There are still things in the book of Revelation I do not understand. There are probably some things that nobody understands . . .

Don't let that discourage you. Just keep in mind that there is a whole lot more in the book of Revelation that you can understand than will ever be a mystery to you once you achieve the fundamental psychological breakthrough of believing that God wants you to understand it.

### Keys to Understanding

The psychological breakthrough that I achieved is the first of several keys to understanding Revelation . . . You must believe with all your heart that God wants you to understand the book. I put this key first because you must approach the book with the right attitude if you hope to get anything out of it . . .

Let me just reason with you here for a moment. Why would God write a book to you that He didn't want you to understand? Every book in the Bible is like a personal letter that God has written to you and me. He wants to communicate with us. He desires fellowship. He seeks communion. How do you have fellowship with somebody? The bottom line is that you've got to communicate with them.

God desires to talk with us. He wants us to communicate with Him through prayer and through the reading of His Word. God is not playing games with us. He didn't write the Bible for doctoral students at seminaries. You don't have to have degrees

piled on top of degrees. In fact, you don't have to have any degrees. The indispensable element is the indwelling power of God's Spirit.

### The Necessity of the Holy Spirit

In this regard, the book of Revelation is not a book for unbelievers. Not at all. You know why? Because the book of Revelation is written in such a way that it cannot be understood unless the reader has the gift of the Holy Spirit. The only way you'll understand the book of Revelation is to lean upon the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Let the Holy Spirit be your teacher, and then you will understand it. Since only Christians have the Holy Spirit, the unbeliever simply looks at the book of

Revelation and considers it to be a bunch of gobbledygook. It is beyond his grasp.

But I'm saying to you that every person on the face of this earth who has truly been born again and thus has the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit can understand the book . . .

Think of it this way. The Holy Spirit is the one who wrote the Bible. Every book of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation was written by the same person — by the Holy Spirit of God. Who better can teach you than the Spirit who wrote the book? So lean on the Holy Spirit within you and rely upon the Spirit to teach you what God's Word means.

### Deciphering Symbols

And please don't be deceived by those people who come along and say, "But the book of Revelation is apocalyptic; therefore, you can't understand it." That's a bunch of nonsense — just nonsense. I heard that for years. "It's apocalyptic! It's apocalyptic!" The word scared me to death. It sounded like a disease.

All the term means is that the book of Revelation is a type of prophetic literature that uses a lot of symbols. Because it contains so many symbols, some people teach the book

as if it were a sort of Alice-in-Wonderland story for adults. Part of that approach is to explain away the vivid picture images by spiritualizing them to mean anything the teacher desires. The only limit is the imagination. This is an unsound approach.

Keep in mind that symbols are used for a specific purpose. They stand for something. They have a literal meaning behind them. They were not selected pell-mell by the Holy Spirit when He inspired the book, and they do not stand for just anything we may desire . . .

### Accepting the Plain Sense

Another key to understanding the book of Revelation, a very important key, is to accept the plain sense meaning of each pas-



sage. Even if you don't understand it, the best rule of thumb is to just accept the plain sense meaning. My "Golden Rule of Interpretation" that I use throughout the Bible from beginning to end, whether it's prophecy or not, is this: "If the plain sense makes sense, don't look for any other sense, or you will end up with nonsense."

Because I realize that prophetic literature contains symbols, I don't like to use the term, "literal interpretation." I prefer the term, "plain sense interpretation." Yes, there are symbols, but symbols have meaning. And when symbols are used, I look for the meaning of them.

Remember, God doesn't write in riddles to purposefully confuse us. He knows how to communicate. Normally, He says what He means, and He means what He says. Try always to accept the plain sense meaning. If you don't understand it, don't worry about it. Put aside what is confusing and hang on to what you do understand. Don't give in to the temptation to spiritualize a passage to death or allegorize it. It is a serious thing to play loose with God's Word.

The spiritualization of Scripture is actually a blasphemous act. The reason is that when you start spiritualizing God's Word, you start playing god, for you can make the Scriptures mean whatever you want, rather than what God intended . . .

#### A Review

Okay, we have covered four keys to understanding the prophecies of Revelation. First, believe God wants you to understand. Second, rely on the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. Third, remember that symbols stand for something literal. Fourth, accept the plain sense meaning, even if it is not fully understandable to you.

#### Following the Table of Contents

The fifth key to understanding relates to the book's table of contents. Yes, Revelation has a table of contents! This is a crucial point that many people have overlooked. Consulting the table of contents is essential to making sense out of the book.

Let's take a look at the table of contents. It's in Revelation 1:19. Jesus instructs John to do something: "Write therefore the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall take place after these things."

Notice that Jesus told John to write down three things: first, the things which he had seen; second, the things which existed at that time; and third, the things which would take place in the future. That is the table of contents of the book of Revelation.

Now, let's relate these three sections to the book itself. The

things which John had seen are recorded in chapter 1. He saw the astonishing appearance of the risen Lord on the Island of Patmos. John saw Jesus in all of His resurrection glory. Chapter 1 is the first section of the book referred to in Revelation 1:19. It is "the things which you have seen."

The second section of the table of contents is "the things which are" — that is, the things that existed in that day and time. That corresponds to chapters 2 and 3, the letters to the seven churches of Asia. Those seven letters represent the Church as it existed at the end of the First Century.

From chapter 4 through the end of the book you have the future, "the things which shall take place after these things." Consider chapter 4, verse 1: "After these things I looked, and

behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what *must take place after these things*'" . . .

#### Watching the Time Frame

The sixth key is to watch the time frame of what you are reading. This is probably the most ignored key to understanding the book. Yet, it is vitally important.

Watching the time frame is important when reading any type of literature. The book of Revelation in this regard is no different from a novel. When you are reading a novel, you always have to be aware of the time frame of the passage that you are reading. Is it in the past, the present or the future?

For example, you might come across a flashback as you are reading a novel. Suddenly, you are transported back in time to something that happened years ago. Then, you might be propelled right back to the present and read some events that are just occurring in the storyline of the book. The book might even contain a flash-forward.

Flash-forwards are not as common in regular secular literature as they are in spiritual literature. The Bible is full of flash-forwards because God knows what's going to happen in the future and, through the revelation of His Holy Spirit, He gives supernatural knowledge to His prophets concerning future events.

The flash-forward is a very common literary device in the book of Revelation. Although the book of Revelation is set up in chronological order in the sense that the major events it portrays occur one after the other, nevertheless, there are many places in its storyline where it flashes forward to events that are going to occur in the future. You must be very sensitive to this if you are to understand what is going on in the book . . .

For example, chapters 8 and 9 describe in vivid, horrifying



detail how one-third of humanity is going to die in the second set of judgments (the trumpet judgments) that will be poured out during the first half of the Tribulation. By the time the reader gets to the end of chapter 9, the scene on earth is so terrible that some encouragement is needed. That encouragement is supplied by chapter 10 which is a flash-forward to the Second Coming of Jesus who is portrayed as a "strong angel." Through the testimony of chapter 10 the reader is assured that everything is going to turn out all right when Jesus returns.

### Another Review

**L**et's review our keys to understanding the book of Revelation once again. First, believe God wants you to understand. Second, rely on the Holy Spirit. Third, look for the literal meaning of symbols. Fourth, accept the plain sense meaning of what you are reading. Fifth, follow the table of contents outlined in Revelation 1:19. Sixth, watch the time frame of what you are reading — is it past, present or future?

### Studying the Old Testament

The seventh key is the study of the Old Testament. I grew up in a church which, like most Protestant churches, just studied the New Testament. We rarely ever even read the Old Testament, much less studied it.

After thirty years of faithful church attendance, I was biblically ignorant concerning the Old Testament. I couldn't have found the book of Zephaniah without an index if my life had depended on it. I would have been embarrassed to discover that there was no book of Hezekiah. I had been told over and over again that "the Old Testament was nailed to the Cross." Accordingly, I considered the Old Testament to be irrelevant.

In view of such ignorance of the Old Testament — a condition that is common throughout Christendom — it is no wonder that the average Christian has so much difficulty understanding New Testament prophecy like the book of Revelation. We don't know Old Testament prophecy, yet it is the key to understanding the prophecies in the New Testament. Old Testament prophecy fits together with New Testament prophecy like a hand in a glove. There is no way, for example, that you will ever understand Revelation if you are not thoroughly familiar with Daniel.

I finally got to a point in my study of the book of Revelation where I just could not advance in my understanding until I went back to the Old Testament and began to study the Major and Minor Prophets. As I began to absorb the writings of these prophets, I began to understand the book of Revelation like I had never understood it before . . .

### Paying a Price

That means you are going to have to pay a price to under-

stand Bible prophecy. The price is study. But this is no different from any other area of spiritual growth. God never zaps anybody with spiritual maturity. You always have to pay a price. The price is worn out Bibles and calluses on the knees. You've got to get into God's Word — *all of it*. You've also got to spend a lot of time in prayer.

Getting into the Old Testament is particularly important when it comes to understanding the book of Revelation. The reason is that Revelation has over three hundred quotations in it from the Old Testament, more than any other book in the New Testament. Revelation is saturated with Old Testament thought and quotes. But the amazing thing is that not one of those quotations is specifically mentioned! . . .

### Focusing on Jesus

The eighth and final key is to keep your eyes on Jesus. This is a point that I simply can't emphasize enough. Look again at the very first verse of Revelation: "This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ." From beginning to end, it is the revelation of Jesus.

There are so many prophecy teachers who ignore this truth. You've seen their ads in the newspaper. The ads are usually decorated with weird pictures of beasts with seven heads. And the ads are full of tantalizing questions. "Does Bill Clinton's name add up to 666? Is Henry Kissinger the False Prophet? Is there a computer beast in Belgium? Are the vultures gathering in Jerusalem?" Such teachers specialize in the sensational. They focus on anything but Jesus Christ.

It's no wonder so many people have washed their hands of Bible prophecy, having decided it's a playground for fanatics. Unfortunately, it is a playground for a lot of fanatics, but it doesn't have to

be that. It can be green pastures for disciples, if you keep your eyes on Jesus.

When you read the book of Revelation, look for Jesus. Remember that — *look for Jesus!* The more you look for Him, the more you're going to see Him. And if you will keep your eyes focused on Jesus, you will understand the book of Revelation. Again, Revelation 19:10 says point blank, "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" . . . ✚



# How well do you know the book of Revelation?

**D**r. Reagan designed this test for the students at Ecola Bible School in Cannon Beach, Oregon. The course was taught at a freshman level.

## Testing Your Knowledge

Dr. Reagan covered the book of Revelation in a general, survey manner. At the end of the course, he gave this examination to help the students determine how well they had grasped the fundamental concepts that had been covered.

How about testing yourself to see how well you know the book? Each question is worth 4 points. You will find the answers on page 19. If you score 100 points or more, you are a

candidate for walking on water! A score of 85 or higher makes you a candidate for sainthood. You are a good disciple if you score 68 or higher. A score lower than that indicates that you are rusty on Revelation.

Dr. Reagan has produced a cassette album on the book of Revelation that contains 12 one-hour tapes. It covers the book verse by verse. The album can be purchased from the ministry for \$35. Send a check with your order to Lamb & Lion Ministries, P.O. Box 919, McKinney, TX 75070 — or call the toll free sales number at 1-800-705-8316. ♣

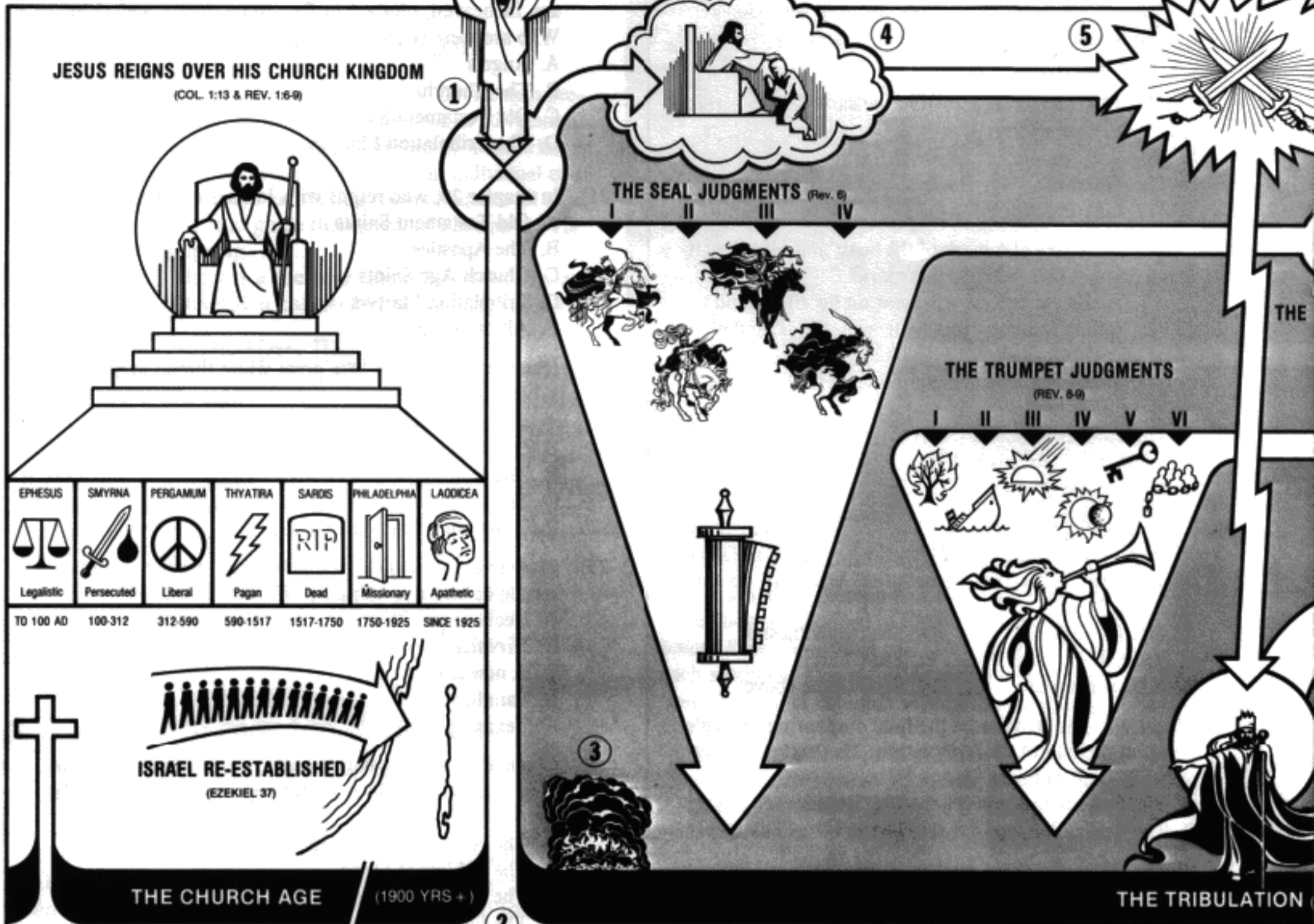
- 1) In Revelation 1, the theme of the book is stated to be:
  - A. The need for repentance in the Church
  - B. The return of Jesus
  - C. The fall of Babylon
  - D. The defeat of Satan
  - E. None of the above
- 2) In chapters 2 & 3, thirteen promises are made to overcomers. Those promises include:
  - A. A new name
  - B. Immunity from the second death
  - C. A white garment
  - D. Some of the hidden manna
  - E. All of the above
  - F. None of the above
- 3) The overcomers mentioned in chapters 2 and 3 are defined in 1 John 5:1-5 as persons who:
  - A. Overcome sin
  - B. Overcome death
  - C. Place their faith in Jesus as the Son of God
  - D. Remain faithful to the end
- 4) In Revelation 4 and 5, the scene shifts from earth to heaven. John finds himself in God's throne room. He sees:
  - A. The prophet Elijah
  - B. The patriarch Job
  - C. A bloody lion
  - D. Twenty-four elders
  - E. All the above
- 5) In chapter 5, John notices a scroll or book in the right hand of God. The book contains:
  - A. The Ten Commandments
  - B. The title deed to the earth
  - C. The contents of Revelation
  - D. The names of the saved
  - E. None of the above
- 6) In chapter 6, a person is portrayed riding forth on a white horse. This person is:
  - A. The Antichrist
  - B. Jesus Christ
  - C. The prophet Elijah
  - D. Paul Revere
  - E. The archangel Michael
- 7) In chapter 7, 144,000 persons are portrayed as "bond-servants of God" who have been "sealed" and who are immune to the judgments of the Tribulation. Who are these 144,000?
  - A. The Jehovah's Witnesses
  - B. The Church
  - C. A special host of angels
  - D. The Tribulation martyrs
  - E. None of the above
- 8) In chapters 8 and 9, a series of Tribulation judgments called the Trumpet Judgments are presented. Included in these judgments are the following events: (Sorry, but every exam has to have one tough question!)
  - A. A great earthquake
  - B. A plague of locusts
  - C. An extended period of total darkness
  - D. All of the above
- 9) Chapter 10 presents a flash-forward to the end of the Tribulation. It portrays a "mighty angel" coming to earth. This figure stands with one foot in the sea and the other on the land and roars like a lion to deliver a message of God. Who is this person?
  - A. Gabriel
  - B. Michael
  - C. Jesus
  - D. Lucifer
  - E. Elvis
- 10) Chapter 11 presents two witnesses of God who preach for 3½ years and then are killed by the Antichrist. They are not identified, but they are most likely:
  - A. Peter and Paul
  - B. Amos and Andy
  - C. Elijah and Elisha
  - D. Elijah and Enoch
  - E. The Smothers Brothers
- 11) Chapter 12 presents a rationale for the cosmic battle between God and Satan. Many symbols are used in this explanation. One of them is "a woman clothed with the sun" who gives birth to a "male child." Who is this woman?
  - A. Mary, the mother of Jesus
  - B. The Church
  - C. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist
  - D. Israel



- 12) Chapter 12 also introduces the reader to "a dragon." Who is this dragon?  
 A. Satan  
 B. The Antichrist  
 C. The False Prophet  
 D. The Loch Ness Monster  
 E. Judas Iscariot
- 13) Chapter 13 reveals a "beast out of the earth." Who is this beast?  
 A. Satan  
 B. The Antichrist  
 C. The False Prophet  
 D. Bill Clinton  
 E. Judas Iscariot
- 14) Chapter 13 speaks of a mark of the beast and identifies it as the number 666. What is this mark?  
 A. A tattoo the Antichrist will wear on his right hand  
 B. The lottery number that will win the Tribulation jackpot  
 C. The number of apostate church leaders who will endorse the Antichrist  
 D. The number of demons who will be used by the Antichrist to enforce his orders  
 E. None of the above
- 15) Chapter 14 states that the Gospel will be preached to every person on earth right before the final pouring out of God's wrath at the end of the Tribulation. Who will do this preaching?  
 A. The 144,000  
 B. The 666  
 C. A special angel  
 D. The two witnesses  
 E. The Church  
 F. None of the above
- 16) Chapters 15 and 16 describe the final outpouring of God's wrath at the end of the Tribulation. This series of judgments is referred to as:  
 A. The Bowl Judgments  
 B. The Seal Judgments  
 C. The Thunder Judgments  
 D. The Babylon Judgments
- 17) Chapter 17 introduces a woman sitting on a scarlet beast clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones. Who is this woman?  
 A. Jezebel  
 B. Hillary Clinton  
 C. The apostate church of the Antichrist  
 D. Imelda Marcos  
 E. The wife of the Antichrist
- 18) Chapter 18 presents God's destruction of Babylon. Based on clues in the text of chapters 17 and 18, this Babylon is most likely:  
 A. Modern day Babylon  
 B. Modern day Rome  
 C. The United States  
 D. Las Vegas, Nevada  
 E. Jerusalem
- 19) Chapter 19 begins with all of Heaven shouting "Hallelujah!" Why is the "multitude in heaven" shouting this praise?  
 A. Because God is avenging the blood of His bond-servants  
 B. Because Babylon has been destroyed  
 C. Because the time has come for the marriage feast of the Lamb  
 D. All of the above  
 E. None of the above
- 20) In chapter 19 when Jesus breaks from the heavens to return to earth, He is accompanied by "the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Who are these people?  
 A. Angels  
 B. The Church  
 C. Old Testament Saints  
 D. The Tribulation Martyrs
- 21) In chapter 20, who reigns with Jesus over the earth?  
 A. Old Testament Saints  
 B. The Apostles  
 C. Church Age Saints  
 D. Tribulation Martyrs  
 E. All of the above
- 22) Chapter 20 presents "the great white throne judgment." Who is judged?  
 A. All of humanity  
 B. Old Testament Saints  
 C. The lost  
 D. The saved  
 E. Tribulation Martyrs
- 23) Chapter 21 portrays the eternal state and reveals where the redeemed will live eternally. Where will that be?  
 A. Heaven  
 B. Nirvana  
 C. A new earth  
 D. Paradise  
 E. Texas
- 24) Chapter 22 reveals that the redeemed residing inside the New Jerusalem will see something very special. What is it?  
 A. The Ark of the Covenant  
 B. The Tablets of Stone  
 C. The Temple of God  
 D. The Face of God
- 25) Complete these words of Jesus taken from Revelation 1:17-18: "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."
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- Bonus Questions:** (Add two points for each one answered correctly.)
- 1) Where does Revelation say the last battle of the Tribulation will take place? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Revelation says that when Jesus returns, He will reign in a certain way — specifically, with \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers to the Revelation Quiz can be found on page 19.**

# AN OVERVIEW OF



1. The Appearing of Jesus (John 14:1-3)

2. The Rapture of the Saints. The dead in Christ will rise first. The living in Christ will be translated. (I Thess. 4:13-18 and I Cor. 15:51-55)

3. The Russian Invasion of Israel. Russia will be supernaturally destroyed on the hills of Israel. (Ezek. 38 and 39)

4. The Judgment of Believers. The Believers will be judged to degrees of reward (II Cor. 5:10) ment of Believers for their sins occurred at the cross. (See: John 5:24; Gals. 3:13; and Isa. 5)

5. The War in Heaven. Satan will earth. (Rev. 12:7-12)

### A Disclaimer

Any chart of end time events is, at best, an educated guess, and this chart is no exception to that rule. It is not meant to be dogmatic. It is not carved in stone. It is designed to promote and aid the study of end time prophecy.

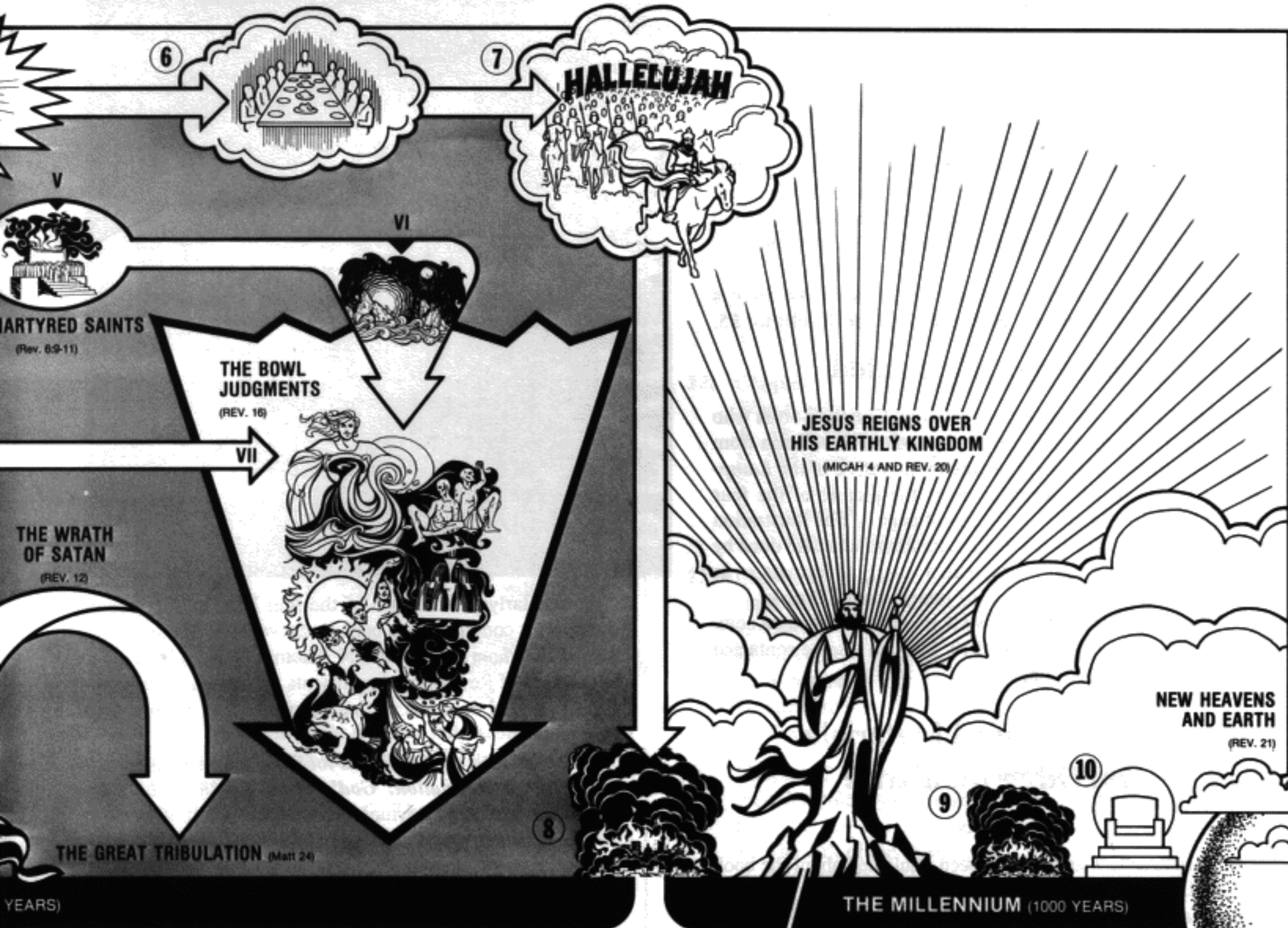
### The Flow of End Time Events

The chart is based upon the conviction that the book of Revelation presents the events of the Tribulation in chronologi-

cal order, with a few exceptions where flash-backs and flash-forwards are inserted.

The chart indicates that the prime signaling event of the end times is the regathering of the Jews to Israel, a prophecy that began to be fulfilled in the 20th Century. The Hebrew prophets make it very clear that the end times will be marked by the return of the Jews to Israel in unbelief. The Messiah is always pictured as returning at a time when the Jews are back in their land and in the city of Jerusalem.

# END-TIME EVENTS



6. The Marriage of Jesus and his Bride. (Rev. 19:7-9)
7. The Return of Jesus in Glory. (Rev. 19:11-16)
8. The Battle of Armageddon. (Joel 3:13-16 and Rev. 19:17-21)
9. The Battle of Gog and Magog. (Rev. 20:7-10)
10. The White Throne Judgment. (Rev. 20:11-15)



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Dedicated to Stencil and Alice Bynum

## Flash-Forwards

Flash-forwards are indicated in this chart by the arrows that point from the Seal and Trumpet Judgments to the end of the Tribulation. Flash-forwards are not very common in secular story telling (the movie, "Back to the Future" is an example of the technique). But they occur frequently in the book of Revelation because the author, Almighty God, knows the future. The most common purpose of these flash-forwards in Revelation is to assure the reader that everything is going to turn out okay,

with the ultimate triumph of Jesus.

Chapter 6 is a good example of this phenomenon. It portrays the Seal Judgments that mark the beginning of the Tribulation. The Antichrist goes forth as a conqueror, and war, famine, and death follow in his wake. One-fourth of humanity dies (1.5 billion in today's terms!). At this point the reader needs encouragement, and it is given in the form of a flash-forward to the end of the Tribulation, showing Jesus returning in glory and power to pour out the wrath of God (Revelation 6:12-17). ✚

# Revelation Resources

## Overview of Revelation

An album of 12 one-hour cassette tapes by Dr. Reagan presents a verse-by-verse survey of the entire book of Revelation. The interpretive approach is to accept the book to mean what it says. This is a great study resource for either an individual or a group. Home study groups and Sunday School classes all over the world are using it to guide their study of Revelation. The cost is \$35 plus shipping.

Dr. Reagan also has a one hour tape in which he surveys the whole book of Revelation, chapter by chapter. It sells for \$5.

## Revelation Illustrated

Pat Marvenko Smith is a very gifted Christian artist who has painted 35 pictures to illustrate the book of Revelation from beginning to end. The cover picture on this issue of the *Lamp-lighter* is one of her paintings, as is the picture of the four horsemen of the apocalypse at the top of page 3. The illustration on the cover of Dr. Reagan's Revelation album was also done by her. All the pictures are available in a variety of formats — as posters, slides, and as jpeg and tiff images on a CD disk.

Her website is located at [www.revelationillustrated.com](http://www.revelationillustrated.com). Her phone number is 724/864-1118. She can also be contacted by email at [revill@aol.com](mailto:revill@aol.com).

## Recommended Materials by Other Ministries

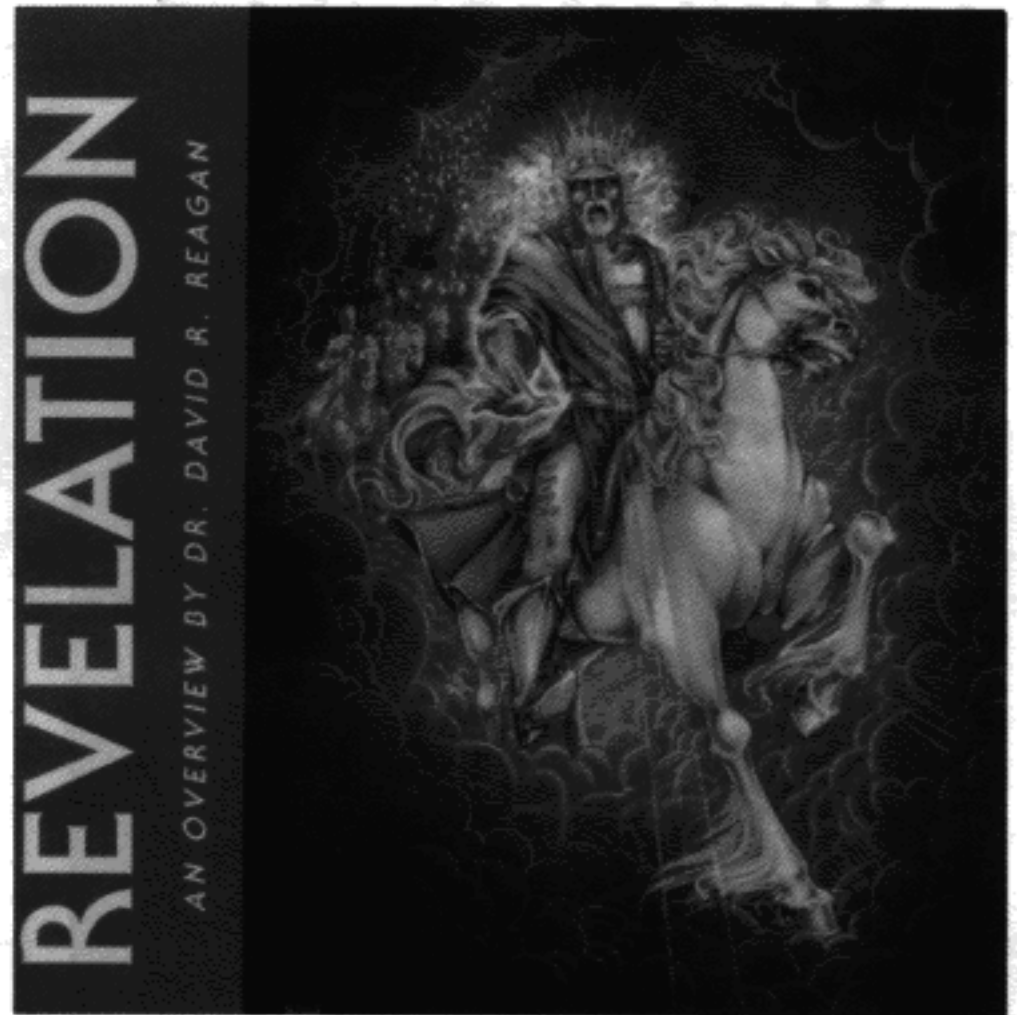
### Books

Many excellent studies have been published about the book of Revelation. For the general reader, the two best are *Revelation Illustrated and Made Plain* by Tim LaHaye (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1973) and *There's a New World Coming* by Hal Lindsey (Santa Ana, CA: Vision House, 1973). Lindsey's book is the best one he has ever written.

For those who desire to dig deeper, *The Revelation Record* (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1983) by Henry Morris presents a detailed verse by verse analysis. Dr. Morris is the distinguished founder of the Institute for Creation Research. This is Dr. Reagan's favorite commentary on Revelation.

A very unique study of Revelation is the one produced by Salem Kirban, a born again Arab. The book utilizes hundreds of photos, charts and drawings to visually present the message of Revelation. It is titled, *Revelation Visualized* (Huntingdon, Valley, PA: Salem Kirban, Inc., 1978). What makes it even more unusual is that it is co-authored by Gary Cohen, a born again Jew!

An outstanding introduction to Revelation and the various methods of interpreting it is supplied by Merrill Tenney in his remarkably balanced volume, *Interpreting Revelation* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1957). Another excellent book that helps sort out the various ways of interpreting Revelation is *The Last Days Handbook* by Robert Lightner (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1990).



A scholarly presentation of the four basic viewpoints of Revelation is contained in a book by Steve Gregg called *Revelation: Four Views* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1997). For each section of Revelation, he presents the various interpretations in parallel columns so that the views can be compared side-by-side.

The best book on Revelation for those who are "prophecy challenged" is *Revelation: God's Word for the Biblically-Inept*. It was written by Daymond R. Duck. It is full of cartoons and special reading guides. It is fun and easy to read.

### Charts, Cassettes, Videos & the Internet

Perhaps the most unusual book ever published on Revelation is *Dispensational Truth* by Clarence Larkin (Philadelphia, PA: Reverend Clarence Larkin Estate, 1920). Larkin was a draftsman who devoted his talents to illustrating prophetic concepts with fascinating charts and diagrams. This is a classic that will keep you up all night!

Chuck Missler's *Revelation Commentary* (Koinonia Ministries) consists of three albums with eight cassette tapes each. Jack Van Impe has produced an excellent series of video commentaries on Revelation called *Revelation Revealed* (Jack Van Impe Ministries).

Another outstanding video has been produced by Pat Marvenko Smith's ministry, Revelation Productions. It utilizes all of her pictures of Revelation scenes, combining them with narration straight from the biblical text, with no interpretation. (See the details in the left hand column above under "Revelation Illustrated").

Ray Stedman's outstanding commentary on Revelation can be found posted on the Internet in 23 messages at [www.pbc.org/stedman](http://www.pbc.org/stedman) (Peninsula Bible Church).

## Dr. Reagan's New Book on Revelation

The publisher, New Leaf Press, has dubbed it, "A Layman's Guide to the Bible's Most Mysterious Book."

Here's how the book is described in the publisher's Fall 2001 catalogue:

There are commentaries on the Book of Revelation, but none like this one, designed for the layman. In his down-to-earth, readable style, prophecy teacher David Reagan strips away the mystery and intellectual jargon from this book that has so puzzled Christians for generations.

Giving a sensible overview of the book, then giving brief summaries of the different schools of thought, Reagan lets the book speak for itself, emphasizing the spiritual riches waiting for the discerning reader. In fitting with Reagan's style, the book is meant as much for mainline denominations as for evangelicals.

The book is divided into five chapters: 1) Understanding Revelation, 2) Interpreting Revelation, 3) Systematizing Revelation, 4) Probing Revelation, and 5) Applying Revelation.

In the chapter, Interpreting Revelation, Dr. Reagan presents an interpretation of the entire book, covering it chapter by chapter. In the Probing chapter, he considers the most frequently asked questions about the book. In the concluding chapter, he shows in detail how the book applies to Christian living in the 21st Century.

The book runs 240 pages in length. It sells for \$12 in the bookstores. Our price is the same (\$10 plus \$2 for mailing).



## A Guide to Bible Prophecy, Including Revelation

The revised edition of Dr. Reagan's popular guide to all the Messianic prophecies in the Bible has finally been completed, and the finished product is ready for distribution. It presents all the First and Second Coming prophecies in the Bible in analytical form, meaning that they are grouped by category and then listed in chronological order.

The guide is spiral bound so that it will lay flat when opened. It is printed in a large format (8½ x 11 inches). There is adequate room on each page for writing notes. It runs 150 pages in length. The front and back covers are printed on heavy, durable card stock.

The guide contains both a topical index and a very detailed scripture index. It is appropriate for either individual or group study.

The cost is \$15 plus \$5 for mailing, making a total of \$20.

To order any of the study resources produced by Lamb & Lion Ministries, send a check to the ministry at P.O. Box 919, McKinney, TX 75070, or call 1-800-705-8316 between 8am and 5pm (Central time), Monday through Friday. In most cases your order will be shipped the day it is placed. ✚



## An Angry God

Dennis Pollock

**W**hen I was a boy (many, many years ago) I saw a circus movie containing a brief dialogue that I have never forgotten. The lion tamer was complaining to someone about how few people appreciated the trick of getting a lion to jump through a hoop of fire.

He explained that lions hate fire and consider it an enemy to be avoided at all times. Because of this, he pointed out that it takes extraordinary patience and training to get a lion to overcome its powerful, deep-seated instincts and jump through a burning ring. The trainer then observed that because people had seen this feat numerous times, they were coming to consider it quite routine, and nothing at all spectacular.

### Taking God for Granted

Since becoming a Christian I have often wondered if there weren't parallels to that concept in the way that Christians take God's mercy and grace for granted. Most of us church kids have grown up hearing terms like mercy, grace, and forgiveness constantly. We have been told over and over about God's love to the point that we sometimes forget what an incredible "feat" it was for God to be able to forgive us at all.

Today's church often seems to fail to recognize the just and terrible anger of God against sin, and those who commit sin. We do not see that God's every divine "instinct" recoils at the very notion of sin, and that God's justice is so exact that no sin can ever be committed that does not receive a full and perfect recompense of judgment.

There is a rumor going around that God doesn't get angry anymore. We are told that since the Cross, God accepts us, sins and all. In fact some even go so far as to suggest that God cannot see sin. According to this myth, when we try to apologize for sin, God doesn't even know what we are talking about. He may have once hated sin, but that was then; this is now. The Almighty has exchanged the rod of His wrath for cotton candy, His blood stained robes for a pastel colored leisure suit.

### Putting God into Proper Perspective

The book of Revelation puts all this to rest. Throughout the bulk of the book we find the Almighty is not very pleased with His creation. To paraphrase Jonathan Edwards, we might title the book "Earth in the Hands of an Angry God."

During the terrible time of tribulation described by John, we find such declarations as:

"For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6:17)

"So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God." (Revelation 14:19)

"Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, 'Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.'" (Revelation 16:1)



Many people are bothered by the notion of a God who gets angry. In our age of tolerance of almost anything, the God of the Bible seems remarkably intolerant when it comes to our breaking His laws. But the Bible makes it clear that even after the Cross, God continues to abhor sin. The God who hated murder, sexual immorality, and lying under the old covenant doesn't seem to have warmed up to these things much under the new.

One of the outstanding theological truths emphasized by the book of Revelation is that God can and does get angry. At the end that anger will be expressed in a great flood of wrath that will be poured out upon a defiant and lawless generation.

### Remembering God's Mercy

Praise God, this is not the only aspect of God revealed by the marvelous book of Revelation. We also find the wondrous love of God. We see it in the fact that huge numbers of people will find forgiveness and eternal life even during the horrific time of the Tribulation. John sees an innumerable multitude of worshipers, and he is told that "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

Yes, even in the midst of judgment God remembers to have mercy on those who will confess and forsake their sin, and trust in Christ as their only Savior. As it turns out, all this talk of God's grace, mercy, and love was absolutely right. God truly *does* love this world; He *is* willing to forgive all who come to Him.

But as we exult in God's love, let us not forget His awesome holiness. That's what puts the amazing in grace. ✚

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*Dennis Pollock is available to conduct meetings and conferences. To talk with him about coming to your church, please call 972-736-3567.*



Dave Reagan, Dennis Pollock, Gary Fisher, and Don Perkins (left to right)

## First Prophecy Partner Weekend A Great Success

### A Weekend of Sweet Fellowship in the Lord

**D**uring the last week of June, this ministry conducted its first Prophecy Partner Weekend. The idea was suggested to Dr. Reagan a couple of years ago by a Prophecy Partner in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, by the name of Tim Moore. He thought it would be a good way for the ministry's supporters to get better acquainted with the ministry — and he was right. It also proved to be a wonderful way for the ministry's staff to get better acquainted with their key supporters.

The people who came were very enthusiastic about the ministry. They blessed and encouraged us beyond words. We had people from Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Florida, Tennessee, and Rhode Island.

We began Friday evening with a 45 minute concert by Jack Hollingsworth of Acts 29 Ministries. He also shared his great personal testimony. After a break, we then conducted our first video taping session before a live audience. Dennis Pollock presented his infamous "mad dog" sermon! Dennis had prepared a wonderful PowerPoint presentation to go along with his sermon (this was one of his Sabbatical projects). The slides will be incorporated into the finished video, and the video will be offered to the public.

Saturday morning Dr. Reagan spoke about the history of the ministry and Don Gordon gave an update on our developing video outreach. Following a break, we then did our second video session, which consisted of a 90 minute question and answer session. Dave and Dennis were joined on the panel by Gary Fisher and Don Perkins. This proved to be the most popular session of the weekend.

Following a great barbeque lunch, Mike and Brenda Witte who have a worship ministry called Heart of David, presented a concert. We then gave each member of the Lamb & Lion staff an opportunity to speak. Each one told about his or her family and their duties here at Lamb & Lion. They also expressed their appreciation to the Partners for their support. Our office manager, Gary Byers, even sang a song! He chanted the Shema in Hebrew.

Our final session featured Gary Fisher speaking about how we are to live in anticipation of the Lord's soon return. The video of his presentation will also be made available in the future when the editing of it is completed.

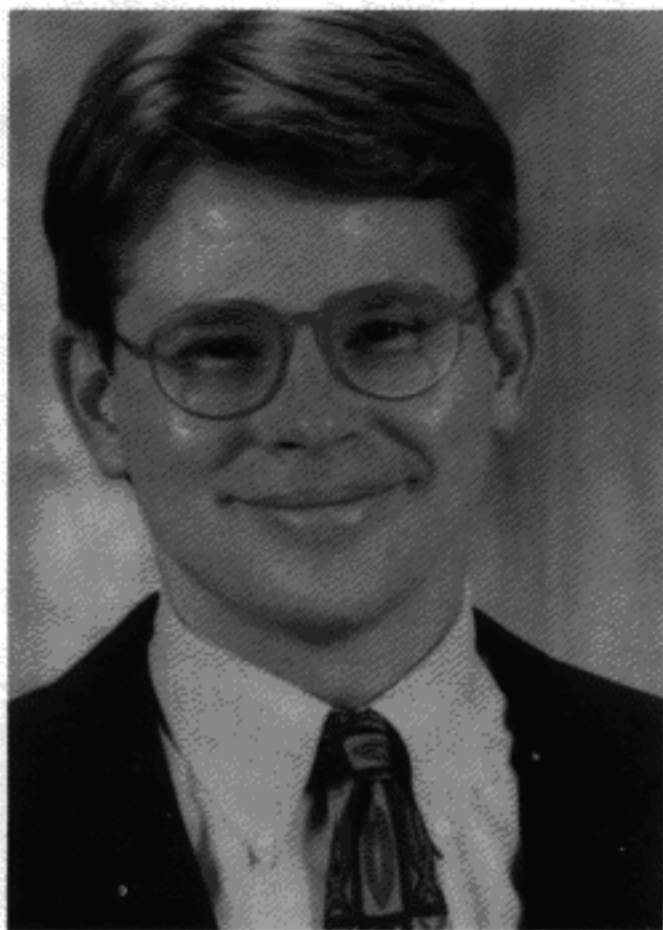
Our 1200 Prophecy Partners provide the financial base for our whole ministry. We could not exist without them. Prophecy Partners pledge a minimum of \$15 a month for one year. Most make a commitment of \$30, or one dollar per day. Some contribute much more. Dr. Reagan sends an update report each month to our Prophecy Partners, together with a special gift. If you are interested in becoming a Prophecy Partner, call 1-800-705-8316 and ask to speak to Kay, Gary, or George.

### Panel Discussion Video

The video of the 90 minute discussion of Bible prophecy that took place at our Prophecy Partner Weekend is now available for distribution. It features Dave Reagan as moderator. He is joined by his colleague, Dennis Pollock, and by two guest evangelists, Gary Fisher of Lion of Judah Ministries in Franklin, Tennessee, and Don Perkins of According to Prophecy Ministries in San Diego, California.

The video sells for \$10. To order, call 1-800-705-8316. ✦

## Meet Our Staff Members



**Don Gordoni**

**Birth Place & Date:** Lubbock, Texas in 1964.

**Wife's Name & Years Married:** Lori, 10 years.

**Names & Ages of Children:** Michael (12), Nathan (7), Noah (5), Michaela (3), Janna Jo (1), and Hannah (newborn).

**Education:** B.A. in Psychology at the University of Oklahoma (1985). M.A. in Christian Education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1997).

**Lamb & Lion Position:** Media Minister.

**Duties:** Video production.

**Number of Years on Staff:** 2.

**Number of Years a Christian:** 25.

**Church Membership:** Lucas Christian Church in Lucas, TX.

**Church Activities:** Adult Sunday School teacher, drama ministry, and deacon.

**Spiritual Gifts:** Teaching and mercy.

**Favorite Scriptures:** Psalm 37:4-5, John 3:16, & 1 John 3:16.

**Favorite Bible Character:** Joseph.

**Favorite Christian Book:** *Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis.

**Favorite Christian Hymn:** "Trust and Obey."

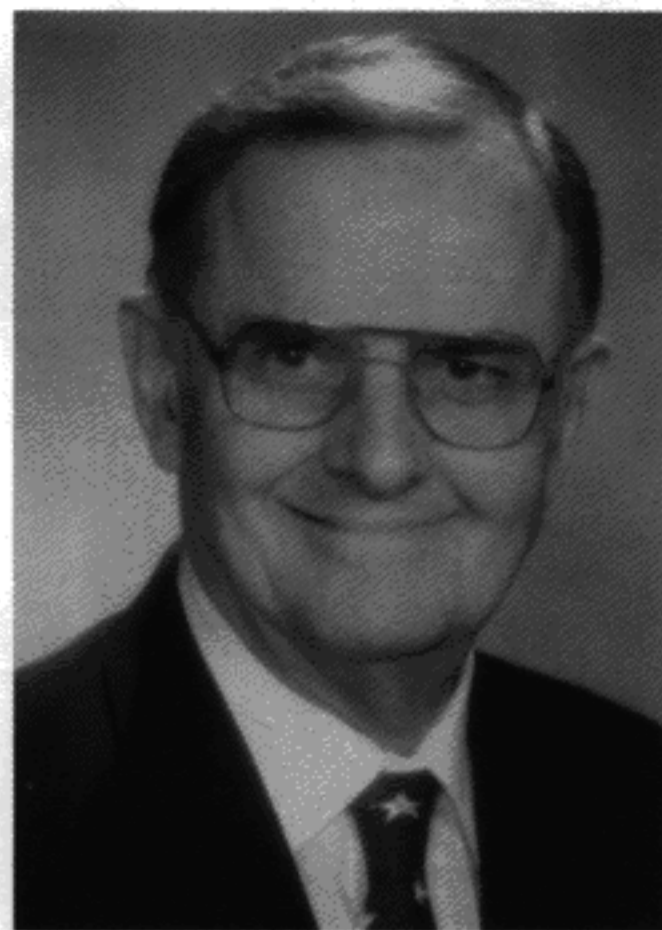
**Favorite Contemporary Christian Song:** "Measure of a Man" by 4Him.

**Favorite Christian Singers:** Wayne Watson & Michael Card.

**Favorite Bible Version:** New American Standard.

**Favorite Pastime:** Spending time with wife and children.

## Meet Our Trustees



**Ed Bennett**

**Birth Place & Date:** San Antonio, Texas in 1932.

**Wife's Name & Years Married:** Bettysu, 27 years.

**Number of Children:** 2.

**Number of Grandchildren:** 2.

**Education:** B.S. in Engineering from Texas A & M. M.S. in Engineering from the University of Texas in Austin.

**Occupation:** Air conditioning contractor.

**Number of Years a Christian:** 34.

**Years on Lamb & Lion Board:** 21 (founding trustee).

**Church Membership:** Holly Tree Chapel in Holly Lake Ranch.

**Spiritual Gifts:** Knowledge, discernment between spirits, leadership, and hope.

**Church Activities:** Trustee.

**Favorite Scriptures:** Lamentations 3:21-24 and Galatians 2:20.

**Favorite Bible Character:** Daniel.

**Favorite Christian Book:** *The Pursuit of God* by A. W. Tozer.

**Favorite Christian Hymns:** "Amazing Grace" and "I'll Fly Away."

**Favorite Contemporary Christian Song:** "Midnight Cry."

**Favorite Christian Musician:** John G. Elliott (pianist).

**Favorite Bible Version:** The New International Version.

**Favorite Pastime:** Reading books by Christian authors.

**Special Note:** Served for six years as a trustee of the Harmony Independent School District in East Texas.



## A New Bible Prophecy Ministry Worthy of Your Consideration

**A**s the new Millennium recently began, the Lord raised up a new ministry to proclaim the soon return of Jesus. Located in Southwest Louisiana, it is called, appropriately, Maranatha Evangelistic Ministries.

The founder and evangelist is a humble man of God named Al Gist. Al is a man with a fervent passion for lost souls. Beginning in 1985, Al served for 15 years as a pastor of Southern Baptist churches in Louisiana. During that time, the Holy Spirit drew him into an intense study of Bible prophecy. The more he studied prophecy, the more he came to understand how it could be used as a tool of evangelism. He also became convinced that we are living in the end of the end times, and he felt called to proclaim that truth.

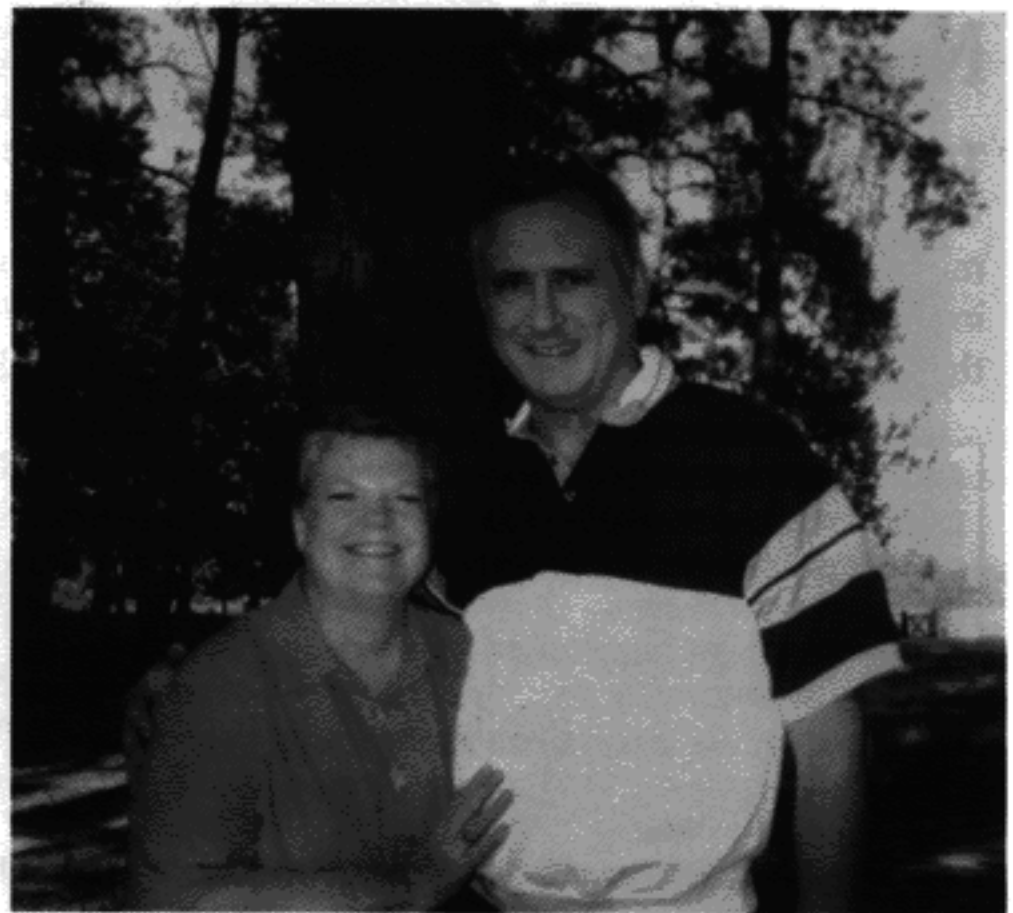
### A Prodigal Experience

Although Al was raised in a Christian home, he strayed from the Lord as he became obsessed with developing his career as an engineer with a large oil field company. He became convinced that the Church was full of hypocrites and "that the whole of modern-day Christianity was a farce."

But when he and his family (wife and four children) moved from Houston to Southern Louisiana in 1981, Al came in contact with a patient and loving Baptist pastor who genuinely evidenced the love of Christ. Through this man God touched Al's heart, and at age 27, God began to do a great, new work in Al's life, giving him an "insatiable appetite for the Word."

### Evidence of Renewal

Al was soon busy in his church serving as a Sunday School teacher, youth worker, and eventually, minister of music. The more he immersed himself in God's Word the more he realized that he had never had a true personal relationship with Jesus. "I had trusted Him for my salvation, but I had never sought to



**Al Gist and his wife, Sandy.**

really know Him."

His spiritual growth led to his being called to serve as the pastor of Cypress Creek Baptist Church in DeRidder, Louisiana in July 1985.

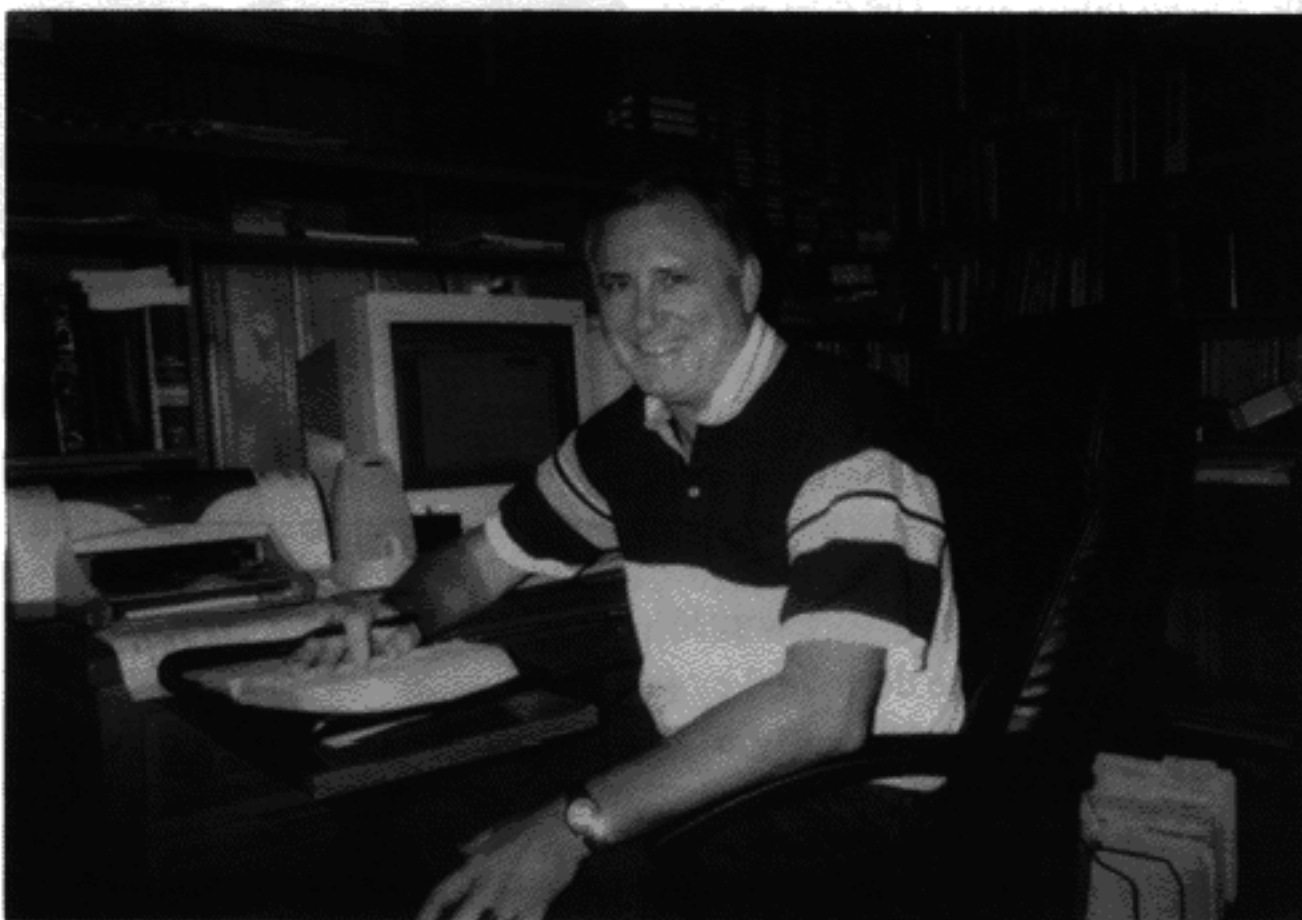
"As I look back on my walk with my Lord Jesus, I'm amazed at His patience with me. It is easy to recognize His guiding hand in bringing me to where I am today. I often tell people I'm just like a turtle on top of a fence! The point is that when you see a turtle on top of a fence, you know he didn't get there by himself. Surely, whatever good there is in me, it is because Jesus made it so."

### Contact with Lamb & Lion

Dave Reagan first encountered Al and his wife, Sandy, two years ago at a prophecy conference in Jennings, Louisiana. Since that time, Al has been in constant contact with Lamb & Lion. He recently participated in several panel discussions on Bible prophecy which Lamb & Lion conducted in Crowley, Louisiana.

Al is a knowledgeable and articulate spokesman of God's Prophetic Word. He publishes a monthly newsletter that contains insightful essays on current events that relate to Bible prophecy. He is available to conduct Bible prophecy meetings that have a definite evangelistic thrust.

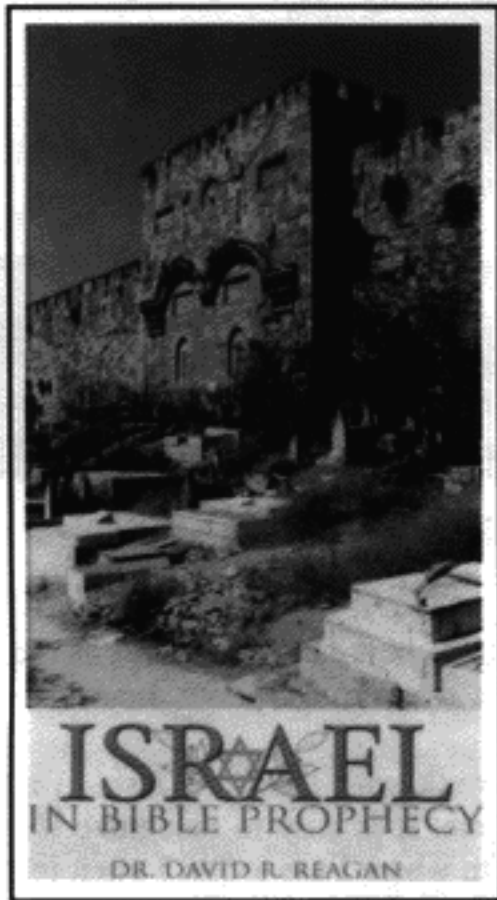
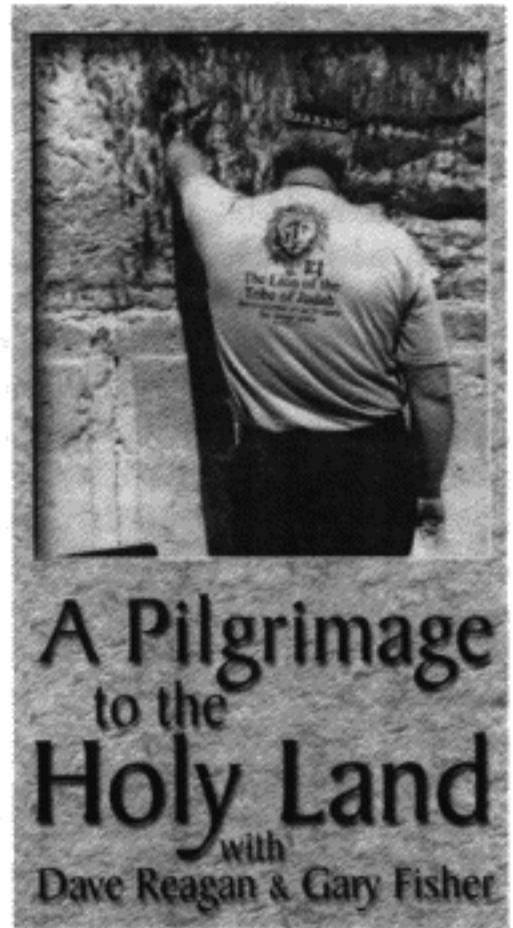
We encourage you to get on his mailing list and to consider inviting him to hold a conference at your church. You can contact him by writing to 224 Al Gist Road, Longville, Louisiana 70652 or by calling 337/725-6209. You can also contact him by email at [al\\_gist@hotmail.com](mailto:al_gist@hotmail.com). ✚



**Al Gist at his home office near DeRidder, Louisiana.**

# New Video Programs

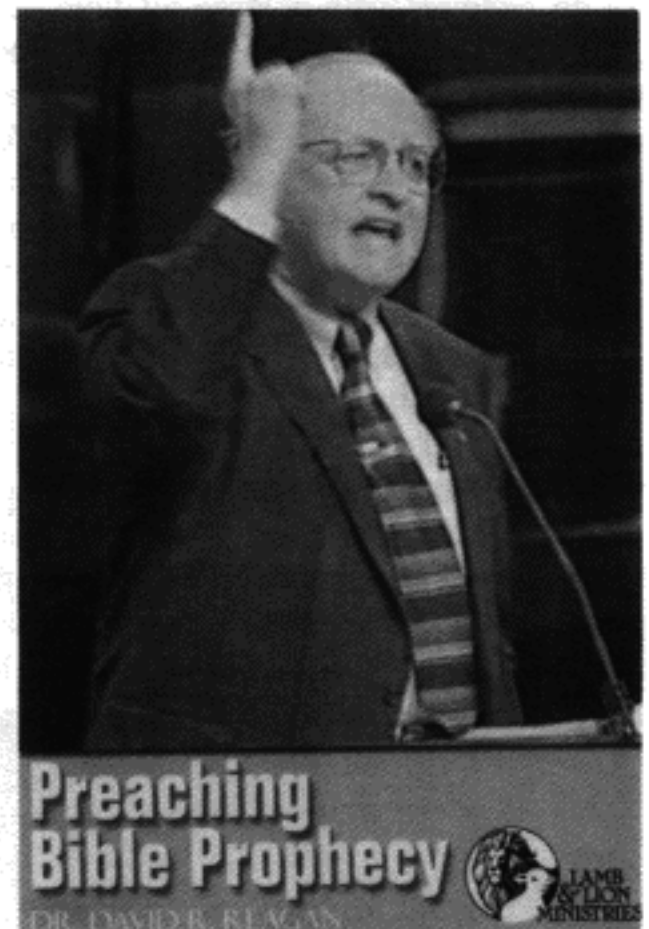
**The Pilgrimage Video** was shot in June of 2000 while Dave Reagan and Gary Fisher were leading a group of pilgrims through the Holy Land. It is a spontaneous, fast-moving day-by-day account of what is seen on a pilgrimage to Israel. You will be introduced to all the major sites that relate to both the First and Second Comings of the Lord. The running time is 75 minutes. The cost is \$18 plus \$2 for shipping.



**The Israel in Bible Prophecy Video** was shot in September of 2000, right before the outbreak of the Arab uprising. It is a remake of the ministry's very popular 1987 video by the same name. It covers seven prophecies being fulfilled in Israel today, all of which point to the soon return of Jesus. The running time is 65 minutes. The cost is \$18 plus \$2 for shipping.

**Special Offer: Both Israel videos for \$30 plus \$3 for shipping — a savings of \$7. To order, call 1-800-705-8316.**

**Preaching Bible Prophecy** — This video album contains two video tapes with four sermons presented by Dr. Reagan at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. The sermons cover a variety of topics related to Bible prophecy. An excellent resource for either individual or group study. The cost is \$25 plus \$2 for shipping.



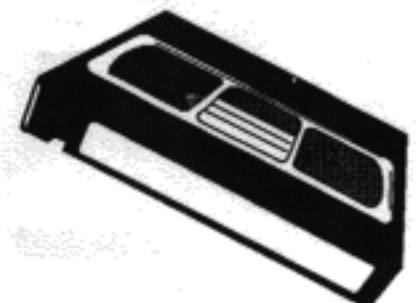
## Other Videos:

**The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective** — This is a 45 minute video program in which Dr. Reagan discusses all aspects of the current crisis in Israel. It will help you understand that the problems in the Middle East are spiritual in nature and therefore cannot be solved politically. The cost is \$10 plus \$2 for mailing.

**A Panel Discussion of Bible Prophecy** — This is the ministry's newest video production. It features four prophecy teachers responding to questions from a studio audience. Some of the questions covered include the following:

- ✱ What is the most important sign that Jesus is returning soon? ✱ What signs are unique to our day?
- ✱ Will there be one or two future comings of the Lord? ✱ What prophecies must be fulfilled before the Lord returns? ✱ When is the Rapture most likely to occur?
- ✱ What is the most convincing argument for a pre-Tribulation Rapture? ✱ Does the Church need to go through the Tribulation in order to be purged of sin? ✱ Is the concept of the Rapture too new to be true?
- ✱ How do you explain the lack of mention of the Rapture in Matthew 24 and in the book of Revelation?
- ✱ Why do you believe Jesus is returning to reign on this earth? ✱ If Jesus is coming to reign, why does 2 Peter 3 say that the earth will be destroyed by fire when Jesus returns? ✱ If the reign of Jesus is so important, why is it mentioned in only one chapter of one book of the Bible?
- ✱ Where is Europe in Bible prophecy? ✱ Where is the United States?

This video program runs 80 minutes. The cost is \$10 plus \$2 for shipping.



# Ministry News

**India Outreach** — Dennis Pollock and one of the ministry's trustees, Ronnie Jones, will be in India the first ten days of September where they will conduct two prophecy conferences in the Bangalore area. The conferences will be for pastors and evangelists. Approximately 120 are expected to attend each conference. The host ministry in India is called Revival Literature. It is headed up by John Ishmael. The ministry has recently published several essays by Dr. Reagan in booklet form under the title: "The Signs of the Times." The booklet has been published in three languages: English, Hindi, and Tagulu. The titles in Hindi (top) and Tagulu (bottom) are reproduced below:

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**Meeting Schedule** — During October, Dave Reagan will be ministering at New Life Church of Christ in Bellville, OH (6-7) and at Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, CA (17). Dennis Pollock will be conducting meetings at Gulf Coast Four-square Church in Hitchcock, TX (7-10), First Baptist Church in Hawkins, TX (14-17), and Victory Baptist Church in Ovalo, TX (27-28). In November Dave will be at Parkview Church of

### I've Read the Back of the Book

song by Roger Bennett

I've been reading in the Bible  
About the ending of the age.  
One thing that's for certain —  
It grows closer every day.  
But I am not concerned  
About the way it's gonna end,  
'Cause I've read the back of the Book,  
And we win!

Chorus:

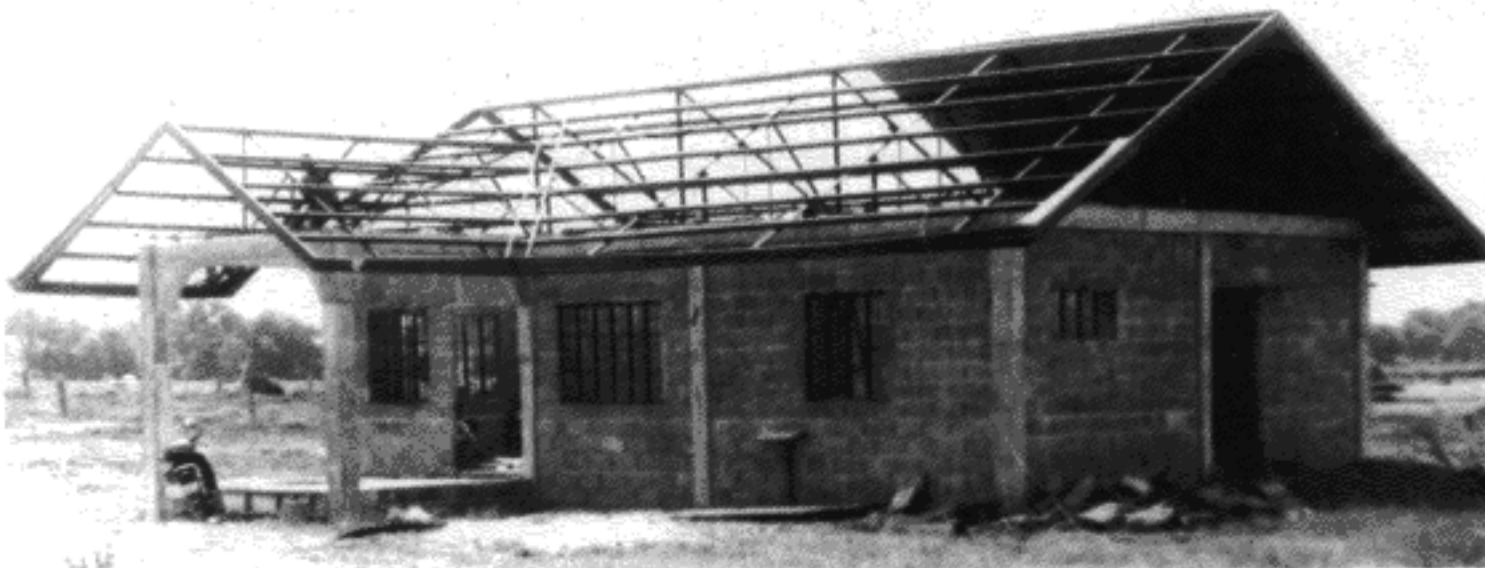
I've read the back of the Book,  
And we win!  
No more living in darkness,  
We'll be living at home with Him.  
There ain't no need to worry about it  
If you're born again.  
I've read the back of the Book,  
And we win!

Christ in Findlay, OH (2-4) and Dennis will be at Lakewood Christian Church in McAlester, OK (18). In September, while Dennis was in India, Dave spoke at Arlington Christian Church in Arlington, TX; Shepherd's Pasture Retreat Center in Jefferson, TX; Aliceton Camp Meeting in Gravel Switch, KY; Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY; Harvester Christian Church in St. Charles, MO; and First Christian Church in Fountain Valley, CA. Dennis joined Dave for the meeting in Fountain Valley.

**Revelation Quiz Answers** — 1) B; 2) E; 3) C; 4) D; 5) B; 6) A; 7) E; 8) B; 9) C; 10) D; 11) D; 12) A; 13) C; 14) E; 15) C; 16) A; 17) C; 18) B; 19) D; 20) B; 21) E; 22) C; 23) C; 24) D; 25) death and Hades. Extra credit: 1) The Valley of Armageddon; and 2) A rod of iron.

#### Pastor Blanco's Home —

The picture at the left shows the home we are providing in the Philippines for Pastor Remegio Blanco and his wife. They currently live in a bamboo hut. The home is costing a total of \$8,000 which we raised earlier in the year. However, the church could not get a clear title to the land it thought it owned, so another piece of land had to be bought. It cost \$3,000. That means we must raise an additional \$3,000 to complete the job. ✝



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