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A man wearing a black kippah and a white tallit with black stripes is covering his eyes with his hands. He is holding an open book in his left hand. The background is blurred, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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

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for Israel?**



# Observations by the Editor

## Our Cover

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**Dr. Reagan in Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, Israel.**

When an Orthodox Jew prays, he is required to wear two black leather boxes, one on his forehead and the other on his upper arm. These two boxes are called *tefillin* (pronounced Tfee-LEEN). In English, they are referred to as phylacteries (Matthew 23:5).

an Orthodox Jew when he prays is a prayer shawl, called in Hebrew a *tallit* (pronounced ta-LEET). It has special twined and knotted fringes known as *tzitzit* (pronounced TSIT-sis) attached to its four corners. This is in obedience to the command in Numbers 15:38 which says: "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, that they shall make themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and they shall put on the tassel of each corner a blue thread." This command is repeated in Deuteronomy 22:12.

The arm-tefillin is placed on the biceps of the left arm, two finger breadths away from the elbow joint, with the box facing inward towards the heart. Left-handed people place the arm-tefillin on their right arm. The arm-tefillin is held in place by a long strap that is wrapped around the hand and arm.

The Hebrew Scriptures state that the purpose of the tallit is to serve as a visual reminder to remember and obey all the commandments of God (Numbers 15:39-40).

The head-tefillin is placed on top of the head, "between the eyes," but not lower than the hairline (or where one's hairline was in his youth). It is held in place by a strap that is tied at the back of the head.

The flag of Israel is modeled after a prayer shawl.



Each of the boxes contain several scriptures. The key verse is taken from Deuteronomy 6:4. In Hebrew this verse is called "The Shema." *Shema* is the Hebrew word for "hear." The verse reads as follows: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!" The following verse is also included: "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." This is the commandment that Jesus identified as the most important of all the commandments in the Hebrew Scriptures (Matthew 22:33-40).

Like a prayer shawl, it has a white background, and it contains two blue stripes, reminiscent of the blue threads on the corners of each shawl. In the center of the flag is the Star of David, in fulfillment of a prophecy in Isaiah 11:10 which states that in the end times a banner will be lifted up that will bear the symbol of the "root of Jesse." David's father was Jesse. ✨

Tefillin are worn in obedience to four commands in the Hebrew Scriptures. They are found in Exodus 13:9, Exodus 13:16, Deuteronomy 6:8, and Deuteronomy 11:18. The latter passage reads: "And you shall bind them [scriptures] as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead."

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# IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR ISRAEL?

Dr. David R. Reagan

The answer from the viewpoint of world politics is, "None whatsoever!" And the reasons are painfully obvious:

- Israel is a tiny country the size of New Jersey with a Jewish population of less than 6 million. It is surrounded by 22 Arab countries with a population in excess of 320 million, all of whom are dedicated to the annihilation of Israel.
- The Arab military forces adjacent to Israel now have sophisticated missiles which they are willing to use indiscriminately.
- Iran (a non-Arab neighbor) has missiles capable of reaching Israel and is developing nuclear capacity. Its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has announced that as soon as his country produces a nuclear bomb he will use it to annihilate Israel.
- The world's major international organizations (the United Nations, the European Union, and the Vatican) are all committed to forcing Israel to surrender her heartland to the Arabs, leaving the country only 19 miles wide at its narrowest point.
- The same organizations are demanding that Israel surrender all or half of her capital city of Jerusalem.
- The world's two superpowers, the United States and Russia, have joined the rest of the world in demanding the creation of a Palestinian state in the heartland of Israel, a state that would become a terrorist launching pad for the take-over of all of Israel.
- The people of Israel have grown war-weary after 60 years of never-ending hostilities.
- The current leaders of Israel have grown corrupt and have lost the Zionist vision.
- Both the people of Israel and their leaders have embraced a policy of appeasement that only whets the appetite of the Arabs and encourages them to press harder for more and more Israeli capitulations.



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the President of Iran, is shown above trying to push the hands of the doomsday clock toward midnight.

In the first article on the following pages, Rachel Neuwirth presents a brilliant analysis of the overwhelming threat that confronts Israel today, both external and internal. When you finish reading it, you will truly wonder if there really is any hope for Israel. Neuwirth is a Jewish columnist who specializes in writing about the Middle East.



Rachel Neuwirth

Our second article this month directly addresses the issue of whether or not Israel has any hope of surviving as a nation. It was written by Bill Salus, a new voice on the Bible prophecy scene. He argues convincingly that the war of Psalm 83 will be the next war in the Middle East, followed by a period of peace for Israel before the Russians and Iranians form a coalition of nations that will invade Israel, fulfilling the prophecies of Ezekiel 38. He points out that Israel will win both of these wars and will emerge from them as the super-power of the Middle East.

The third article by Loren Jacobs tells about the third and final war that faces Israel in the future. It is the war that will occur during the Great Tribulation when the Antichrist will invade the land and attempt to exterminate the Jews. Once again, the Jewish people will emerge victorious, not only physically, but also spiritually.

So, the bottom line is that in the natural, there is no hope for Israel, but in the supernatural, there is great hope. The Bible tells us that "He who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps" (Psalm 121:4). ☆



Suicide bombers parade through the streets of Gaza.

# ON THE PRESENT DANGER FACING ISRAEL AND ALL JEWS

Rachel Neuwirth

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The entire body of the Jewish people today — in Israel, in Europe, in America, in Australia and New Zealand, and throughout the world — is in grave danger. Our very existence as a people and as a faith is in jeopardy. The threat to our survival has two components to it: the external siege being waged against Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world by the international jihadist movement, its sympathizers and appeasers; and the internal siege that we Jews, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, including the United States, are waging against ourselves.

We will look first at the external siege — war that is being waged against us. It has its military, diplomatic, and ideological-propaganda aspects.

## The Military Threat

On the “military” front (if that is the right word for the front of violence and terror) we have been under constant assault since the signing of the Oslo Accords between Israel and the PLO in 1993.

During the past 14 and a half years the Palestinian Arab terrorists have murdered over 1,800 Israelis, two thirds of them civilians. This is more than the total number of Israelis murdered by the Palestinian Arabs in the 44 years preceding the “peace accords.” Many of the killers have been members of the Palestinian Arab “police force” established with Israel’s consent in Gaza, Judea and Samaria under the Oslo accords. Indeed, Palestinian “police” have murdered three Israelis just over the past month.

For the past seven years, Israeli towns and villages near the border with Gaza have been subjected to rocket attacks; during the past two years, the city of Sderot, with a population of some 23,000, has been bombarded with rockets nearly every day. Its residents have about 20 seconds whenever a warning siren sounds to duck into a shelter. The missiles have killed some people; many more have been wounded; and thousands, including Sderot’s children, have suffered shock and trauma.

Egypt, supposedly at peace with Israel, has enabled the Hamas terrorists who control Gaza to move vast amounts of armaments, money and soldiers into this territory, and to transform themselves from a guerilla force into an army able to

fight Israel on near-equal terms. The Israelis have even captured on videotape Egyptian “border guards” helping to smuggle in terrorists.

Then there are the Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon, who killed about 140 Israeli soldiers and 43 civilians in 2006, many of them with long range rockets that struck deep inside the Galilee, including Israel’s third largest city, Haifa. Hezbollah recently struck again with rockets at kibbutz Shlomi. Since the 2006 Lebanon war, Hezbollah has completely rearmed, and now has missiles that can strike at the heart of Tel Aviv.

Standing behind Hezbollah are Syria and Iran. Both of these hateful regimes make no bones about their desire to destroy Israel. Both are armed with chemical and biological weapons, missiles that can reach every inch of Israeli territory, the most advanced fighter jets, and numerous other ultramodern weapons. Both regimes are working at break-neck speed to develop nuclear weapons. This has been thoroughly documented, despite the attempts of the recent “National Intelligence Estimate” to deny this reality.

## The Threat to the Diaspora

The campaign of violence against Jews has been extended to the Diaspora. There has been a massive increase in anti-Semitic incidents throughout Europe. In London, Paris, and Brussels, Jews are routinely assaulted on the street and on public transportation facilities. Many synagogues have been vandalized, and some burned to the ground. Desecrations of Jewish cemeteries are so common that they have ceased to be news. In “peaceful” Switzerland, a rabbi was gunned down recently in the street simply because he was wearing traditional Jewish garb.

Nor should we American Jews think that we have been immune to the spreading hatred. According to FBI statistics, of some 1,500 hate crimes connected with the religion of the victims last year, over 1,000 were directed at Jews -- more than five times the number of crimes directed at the next most vulnerable group, Muslims, and more than ten times the number of hate crimes directed against Christians. On March 1, 1994, a Lebanese Muslim murdered a Jewish boy and seriously injured several others on the Brooklyn Bridge, simply because they were Jews. On July 4, 2002, at the El Al terminal of Los Angeles Airport, two Jews were killed and four wounded by an Egyptian gunman, simply because they were Jews seeking to board a plane for Israel. On July 28, 2007 an Arab Muslim man walked into a Jewish center in Seattle, murdered a Jewish woman and injured five other women simply because they were Jews.

Even more troubling, perhaps, is the strange insensitivity often displayed by our own government toward many of these hate crimes. For example, the FBI described the murder of the



Jewish boy on the Brooklyn Bridge as a case of “road rage,” even when the political and religious motives of the assassin were attested to by many witnesses. And when the Egyptian, Muslim fundamentalist gunman mowed down Jews at the Los Angeles El Al terminal, the FBI investigating officer asserted, “there is no evidence that this was terrorism.”



Arabs who have been taught to hate her from birth. But it also would be very difficult to absorb half a million Jews forced from their homes. They would have good reason to hate their own country.

Yet the United States has given Israel little encouragement to resist these demands of the Palestinian Arabs.

### The Diplomatic Threat

On the diplomatic front, Israel has been under relentless pressure from the international community, including, sad to say, our own beloved United States, to make unilateral concessions to the Palestinian terrorists that place Israel in deadly peril. The so-called “Quartet” of great powers, consisting of the United States, the European Community, the United Nations, and Russia, has bludgeoned Israel into accepting the so-called “Road Map” plan, which requires Israel to withdraw more or less to its June 4, 1967 borders. The late Israeli Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, once aptly called these lines “the Auschwitz frontiers.”

Pressure to implement the “road map” has continued relentlessly through the Annapolis Conference last month and during President Bush’s recent visit to Israel. The United States has also put relentless pressure on Israel to withdraw security checkpoints that are vital to preventing the movement of terrorists and their weapons into Israel, to end all construction of Jewish housing outside the 1967 borders, including those neighborhoods of Jerusalem outside of this “green line,” to acquiesce in the partition of Jerusalem, and to evacuate Jewish residents from the so-called “unauthorized settlements” or “illegal outposts” — many of them on land legally owned by Jews, in some cases owned by Jews for decades.



The Palestinian Arab leadership, for its part, has demanded that Israel accept within its borders all four million Arabs who claim that they are descended from refugees who left Israel sixty years ago, during her War of Independence. They also want Israel to evict the roughly 450,000 Jews who live in areas outside the 1967 lines, which would require Israel to resettle these unfortunate people, too, within its now-truncated territory. Obviously, Israel could not survive the importation of millions of

### The Propaganda Threat

But by far the most insidious and dangerous front in the war against Israel is the propaganda war. In the Arab countries and Iran, this takes the form of the crudest lies and stereotypes derived from Nazi propaganda and the notorious anti-Semitic forgery, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion. But it is also being waged in a more subtle way by the media throughout Europe, the United States, and even within Israel itself; and by the academic and educational establishments of all of these countries as well. The Western media and academic “experts” portray Israel as a Western colonial implant into the Middle East that has uprooted and dispossessed the “indigenous” Arab population and stolen their land. Israelis are portrayed as religious fanatics intent on seizing other people’s land in order to fulfill Biblical promises.

Nor should we overlook that the hate propaganda and libels directed against Israel are directed against the Jews of the Diaspora as well, especially American Jews. Professors Stephen Walt and John Mearsheimer and former President Jimmy Carter claim that American Jews exert excessive power over American foreign policy; that they use this power on behalf of a foreign country, Israel, to the disadvantage and injury of the United States; and that we silence anyone who criticizes Israel with threats, unfair criticism or dismissal from their jobs.

All of these allegations, both those against Israel itself and those against its Jewish supporters in the United States and elsewhere, are lies. But through constant repetition, they have been bought into by hundreds of millions of people throughout the world, including Europe, the United States, and saddest of all, within Israel itself. This is the ultimate fulfillment of Hitler’s observation in Mein Kampf that the bigger the lie is, if it is repeated often enough, the more likely it is to be believed.

### The Internal Threat

But it is we Jews’ siege of ourselves from within our own communities that presents the gravest danger to our survival as a people and as a faith community: our self-doubts; our demoralization; our loss of confidence in the righteousness of our own cause; our lack of unity; the loss of our religious beliefs, and of what is an essential part of our religion, our mission as a people.

Because so many of us have lost faith in the righteousness of our own struggle for survival, and have accepted the lies of our enemies, the government and people of Israel have been increasingly yielding to the demands of our enemies and false friends without even putting up a struggle. In order to survive, we must win a victory over the sickness of our enemies; but before we can do that, we must heal ourselves.

For some Jews, their psychological sickness has progressed

to the point of outright identification with the enemies of our people, and active participation in their ideological, propaganda and political assault on us. These Jews have actively taken sides with the enemy, at least on the level of ideology, communications and propaganda — perhaps in the belief that “if you can’t beat them, join them.” These Jews constitute an internal Jewish fifth column that threatens us more severely than all our external enemies combined. The anti-Israel and anti-Jewish Jews among us are like a dagger pointed directly at the heart of Israel and the Jewish people.

Thousands of Jewish journalists, academics, filmmakers, artists and “intellectuals” in the United States, Canada, Europe, and within Israel itself have actively participated in the campaign of vilification and lies against Israel. There is even a “minyan” of Jewish reporters working for the notorious al-Qaeda mouthpiece al-Jazeera. These Jewish haters of Zion have a greater impact and credibility than any other group of anti-Israel propagandists. Who, after all, would believe that Jews would lie about their own people and institutions? And their impact is greatest on their fellow Jews, of course; they have sapped the will of Israelis to resist the demands of their enemies, and the will of the American and other Diaspora Jews to stand behind Israel, by persuading them that Israel’s cause is not just.

But our internal propagandist fifth column, disastrous though its impact has been on our morale, is only one of the negative influences contributing to the collapse of the Jewish will to resist the relentless pressure of our enemies.

### Two Key Factors

A tremendous, and humanly understandable, war-weariness has gripped Israelis. Prime Minister Olmert gave voice to this terrible war fatigue when he said,

We are tired of fighting, we are tired of being courageous, we are tired of winning, we are tired of defeating our enemies, we want to be able to live in an entirely different environment of relations with our enemies.

We must remember that a man or woman struggling to walk to safety through numbing cold may become very tired indeed, to the point of wishing to lie down in the snow and fall asleep. But then he or she will not wake up.

Loss of faith in God and in the truths of our religion is yet another reason for our spreading defeatism and our failure to resist the assault on us as Jews. It is our religion that teaches us that we are a distinct people with a land of our own. It is our religion that teaches us that we have a unique destiny, and that we must survive as a people if we are to fulfill our mission to be



“a light unto the nations.” Once we forget our faith, the temptation to assimilate into our environment completely and forget about what happens to our fellow Jews becomes very great.

### The Homefront in America

And for us, the Jews of the golden American Diaspora, our very comfort, prosperity and seeming security have concealed the common danger from us — much as they concealed from the Jews of Germany and elsewhere in Europe the grave danger that they faced from Nazism, until it was too late to do anything. They think, “What has all this got to do with me? I am leading a perfectly contented and prosperous life here in America with my family. I am very comfortable. Why should I care about what is happening to other Jewish people 6,000 miles away?”

The answer to this understandable human reaction is the answer that Mordecai sent to Esther when she expressed her fear of approaching

King Achashverosh to appeal for the life of her fellow Jews: “Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king’s palace. On the contrary... you and your father’s house will perish” (Esther 4:12). If Israel should fall, do not imagine that we American Jews shall escape persecution by enemies who see our vulnerability.

Our lethargy and indifference are grave mistakes that will come back to haunt us. While World War II was going on, few Jews in America even knew about, or much less reacted to, the genocide being committed against our brethren in Europe, even though the essential facts about their fate were known to American Jewish leaders as early as 1942. It was only after the war ended and photographs of the bodies of the victims appeared in the newspapers that the enormity of what had happened began to sink in with American Jews. Serious discussion and study of the Holocaust did not even begin among us until the 1960s.

This time, we will not have the luxury of a slow response to the dangers facing not only the Jews of Israel, but also ourselves.

### A Call for Christian Concern

Nor should Christians and other non-Jews in America and throughout the Western world be indifferent to what is happening. The international jihad waged by the radical Islamists targets not only Jews, but all Christians (referred to by the jihadists as “Crusaders”) and all of Western civilization as well. The Jews are the first on the list of groups targeted for extinction by the radical jihadis, but they are by no means the last on this list. In our vulnerability to the poisonous ideological winds sweeping in from the Middle East and South Asia, we Jews are the proverbial “canary in the coal mine” — the first to suffer the lethal effects of the poison, but not the last. ✧

# PSALM 83 OR EZEKIEL 38:

## WHICH IS THE NEXT MIDDLE EAST NEWS HEADLINE?

Bill Salus

These days there is much talk centered upon the future timing of the Russian and Iranian led invasion of Israel, foretold in the Bible prophecies of Ezekiel 38 and 39. Due to the newsworthy events that are presently occurring, whereby Russian and Iranian relationships are ever strengthening, prophecy buffs are appropriately attempting with god-speed, to connect the prophetic dots.

For those of you who are not familiar with today's most prevalent prophetic news pervading the Christian and Jewish scholarly communities, you should study Ezekiel 38 and 39, with the understanding that these chapters allude to a nuclear equipped Russian-Iranian led confederacy, which forms to invade the nation of Israel in the end times.

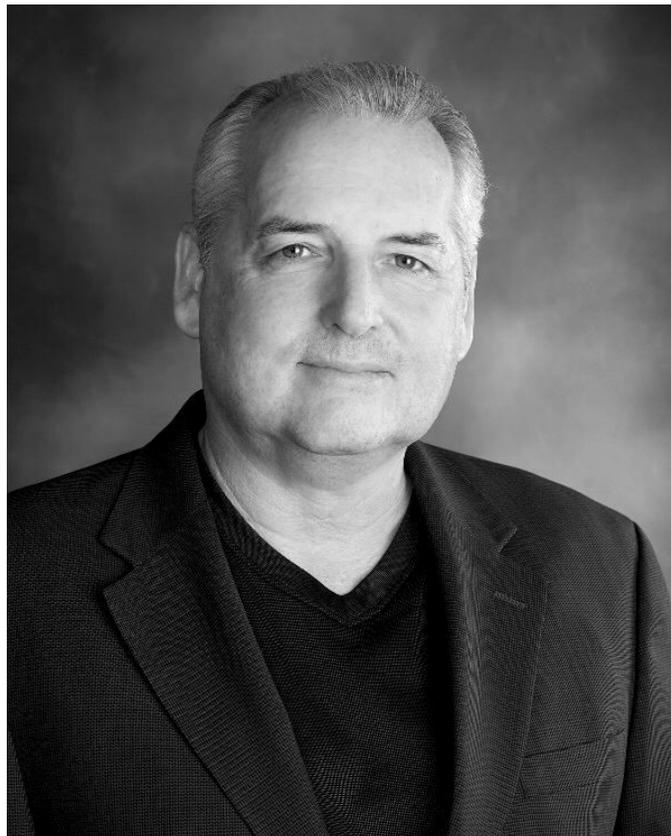
Although scholars are somewhat split as to who all the other coalition member nations are, they all tend to agree that no explicit reference is made to the inclusion of Palestinians, Syrians, Egyptians, Lebanese, or Jordanians. Furthermore Saudi Arabians apparently abstain from enlisting themselves in the fight alongside Russia, Iran, Turkey, and the additional consortia of nations. The absence of these above listed predominately Arab populations tends to perplex the scholars, often causing them to postulate, rather than promulgate as to the reasons why.

### A Question Concerning the Arabs

However, in their zeal have the prophecy buffs managed to put the colloquial cart before the proverbial horse? Certainly the events described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 are slated to arrive soon, but are they indeed scheduled next? There exists a litany of questions that should be appropriately answered before any scholar dare flip the pages of the prophetic calendar forward to the date of this Goliath-like Ezekiel event. Newspaper exegesis makes for sensational reporting, but has no inherent ability to accelerate the final fulfillment of a Bible prophecy.



Before we list the flurry of questions, let's ponder the most obvious one, which is: Why are the Palestinians, and their Arab neighbors from Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and Jordan, not declared by Ezekiel to be enlisted members in the Russian-Iranian led coalition? These are the nations that have proven to be the most observable opponents of the Jewish State since its inception in 1948. It is through much of their Arab soil that Russia, Iran, and their cohorts intend to travel in order to invade Israel. This question will be answered further on in this article, but for now let's explore the following additional questions.



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### Questions Concerning Israel

Is Israel:

1. A people dwelling securely? (Ezekiel 38:8)
2. A people dwelling without walls? (Ezekiel 38:11)
3. A nation at peace in the Middle East? (Ezekiel 38:11)
4. One of the wealthiest nations in the world? (Ezekiel 38:13)
5. A people who have acquired "great plunder"? (Ezekiel 38:13)
6. Recognized as a sovereign nation, by the international community? (Ezekiel 38:8)

These questions address some of the prerequisite conditions required for the stage to be appropriately set for the Russian-Iranian led nuclear equipped invasion of Israel. Furthermore Ezekiel 38:8 describes the Jewish people as being regathered from the nations of the world and returning to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. Though the Jewish people are being restored back to their ancient promised land, the honest answers to the above questions are, in each case No!

## The Fulfillment of Prophecy

Israel is not dwelling securely. They presently have rockets being launched daily, almost hourly, into the town of Sderot, from the Hamas in the Gaza area. In the summer of 2006, they had over 4,000 rockets fired upon Haifa and other northern locations out of Lebanon from the Hizbullah. Then of course there were the wars of 1948, 1956, 1967, and 1973. Likewise, Israel is not a people dwelling without walls. To the contrary, they have constructed a huge 25 foot high, soon to be 403 miles long, wall in the midst of their land, intended to partition Palestinian terrorists away from Israel proper.

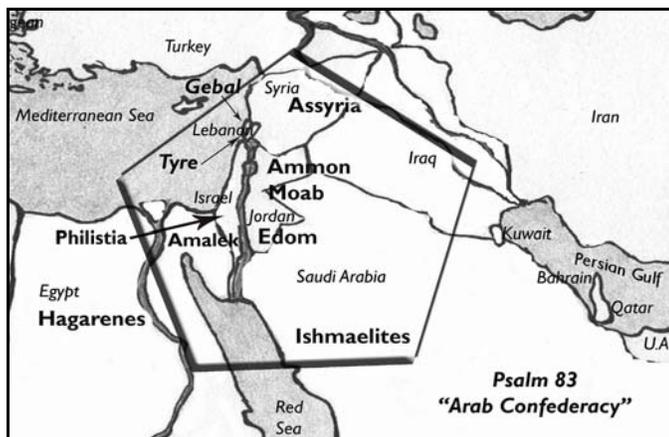
No, it does not appear as though Israel is presently a nation at peace in the Middle East, whose sovereignty is officially recognized by all their Arab neighbors. Neither has Israel become one of the wealthiest nations in the world, as a result of acquiring “great plunder,” which biblically alludes to the spoils obtained as the result of a war. In fact, Israel continues to forfeit land, their most valuable asset, in an attempt to obtain peace with their Arab neighbors.

### What’s Next in the Middle East?

So then, if the prerequisite conditions have not yet come into alignment for the final fulfillment of the Ezekiel 38 and 39 prophecies, what is the next major ground shaking prophetic event foretold to unfold in the Middle East? What does the Bible say will happen in the most perplexing region on planet Earth? Will it be an event that serves to bring Israel into appropriate alignment with the stage-setting requirements that facilitate the fulfillment of Ezekiel’s Russian–Iranian led invasion?

Yes, now we have some Yes answers to introduce. Yes, something else of epic proportion is foretold in the Bible to occur in the Middle East! Yes, its conclusion will bring forth the announcement that the world theater is now readied for the nuclear equipped advance of the Russian–Iranian led invasion. Yes, it does adequately answer the fundamental question of why the Arab populations listed above are nowhere to be found in the Russian–Iranian coalition. Are you ready?

There is destined to be an Arab–Israeli war as per Psalm 83. An Arab confederacy consisting of Palestinians, Syrians, Saudi Arabians, Lebanese, Egyptians, Jordanians, and all their associated terrorist bedfellows, is destined to form with the explicit mandate of, and I quote; “They have said, ‘Come, and let us [Arabs] cut them [Jews] off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more’” (Psalm 83:4, NKJV).



(Map by Lani Harmony of [www.gallery3nine.com](http://www.gallery3nine.com).)

These Arab peoples, referred to by their ancient territorial names in Psalm 83, will come together in one last crazed attempt to destroy the Jewish state of Israel. This will prove to be a fatal mistake for these Arab confederates. They will meet up with the technologically advanced arsenal of weapons possessed by the powerful army of Israel. It will be a matter of Israel’s survival, and their army will prevail. In victory, Israel will find itself fulfilling numerous prophecies such as:

1. They will have become an “exceedingly great army” (Ezekiel 37:10).
2. They will have executed judgments on those who despise them (Ezekiel 28:25).
3. They will be dwelling securely (Ezekiel 28:26).
4. They will have acquired Arab lands and great plunder (Obadiah 1:19 and Jeremiah 49:2).
5. They will receive sovereign international acclaim as “My People Israel” (Ezekiel 25:14, 38:14,16).
6. They will have become one of the wealthiest nations on earth (Zephaniah 2:7,9 NRSV).



These and many more prophecies find their fulfillment as a result of the Arab–Israeli war, which is certain to come, and is most likely the next major Middle East headline event according to Scripture. The result will be a greatly expanded state of Israel, which I refer to as Isralestine.

In this post war condition, the Jewish state will appropriately resemble the nation of Israel described in the prophecy of Ezekiel 38:8-13. They will be a peaceful people gathered back into their ancient homeland of Israel, in the latter days. They will dwell prosperously and securely. This is a prerequisite for the stage-setting of the Russian–Iranian led coalition described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 that comes to destroy Israel and take over Isralestine.

### Further Questions

Why are the Palestinians and their Arab cohorts not enjoined in the Ezekiel 38 and 39 prophecies?

- Today’s most observable Arab opponents to the restoration of the nation Israel collectively abstain due to the fact that they are soon to be decimated by the might of the Israeli



# ISRAEL'S FINAL GREAT SALVATION

## Loren Jacobs

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Loren & Martha Jacobs

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One of the parts of the Word of God that has much detailed information about where we Jews are going is found in Zechariah 12-14. It begins this way: "This is the word of the Lord concerning Israel." The focus of this revelation, like the focus of many of the prophecies of the last days, is our nation — the nation of Israel. As Messianic believers, we want to know everything that the Lord has revealed about Israel, because we are part of Israel and because the future of Israel will impact the entire world.

### The Promise of Pressure in the End Times

Here is what the All Powerful, All Wise Creator God — who is in control of every force in the universe and who is the sovereign Lord over human history — says He will do in the last days: "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling" (Zechariah 12:2).

At the end of this age — the time that immediately precedes the return of our wonderful King and Savior and Messiah to planet earth — the Lord's plan is not to make peace for Israel in the Middle East, but trouble and difficulty and increasing amounts of pressure that will result in the greatest war in human history. That is what is going to happen, and that is what we should expect.

### Why the Pressure?

Why will the Lord bring us under increasing amounts of pressure? Why will the fires of anti-Semitism burn their hottest? Why will the nations of the world turn against us and attempt to destroy us? Because the Lord hates us? No. It's the exact opposite. We need this pressure to bring us to the place where we need to get to in order for the salvation of our nation and the subsequent blessing of the world to be accomplished.

For centuries the Jewish people have been disobedient to the Lord. We have broken our covenants with Him, including the Sinai Covenant and the Messiah Covenant — the New Covenant. Our people did not recognize the day of our visitation,

when the eternal Son of God humbled Himself, left the honor and glories and powers He had in Heaven, and came to earth and became a man. He came to His own, but the majority of His own didn't recognize Him or receive Him, but tragically rejected and crucified Him.

### An End Time Regathering Rejected by the World

Our people have, as a result, been exiled among the nations for 2,000 years, where life has been for the most part very difficult and often painful. Yet, in spite of our blindness and sin, we Jewish people will be graciously restored to our special land and to our special city, Jerusalem. And, Zechariah and other prophets make it crystal clear that we will be there in the last days prior to the return of King Messiah.

But this partial regathering of the Jewish people to our ancient land that God repeatedly promised to give to us forever as part of an everlasting, unbreakable covenant (the Abrahamic covenant — see Psalm 105:8-15) will not be appreciated by the surrounding peoples. They will not be supportive of a partially regathered Israel.

It won't be only our capital city of Jerusalem that will be hated and attacked by the irrational peoples who surround us. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2). The enemies who surround us will want more than a Jew-free Jerusalem to control. They will be intent on destroying the entire regathered nation in all of our cities and land. The long tried, many-times-attempted destruction of the Chosen People in the Holy Land will be their goal.

What will little Israel be able to do against the combined forces of a united world? On our own, depending on ourselves, our resources, our strength, our intelligence, our weapons, we won't be able to do enough to survive. But, because it is the gracious plan of the Almighty and All-Gracious God to save our nation, with His saving help we will be able to do enough!

### God's Plan for Protecting Israel

First, the Lord will make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. After that has had the desired effect and drawn the united nations into the final battle, it is the Lord's predetermined plan to supernaturally strengthen and empower the Jewish nation to enable us to stand firm against the onslaught of a God-despising, Jew-hating, Bible-rejecting, truth-suppressing world.

On that day, when all the nations of the Earth are gathered against her, "I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations" (Zechariah 12:3). The Almighty will make us like a solid rock that is rooted deep within the earth. No matter how hard the nations try to move us out of our God-given, oath-sworn, unconditional-covenant-provided Holy Land, they will be unable to do so! And just as a man, if he keeps on pushing and pushing harder and harder against a rock that can't be moved, eventually hurts himself, so will any nation, any army, any coalition of armies that tries to destroy Israel or move the Jewish people out of our Creator-willed, God-ordained place. All who try to move it will injure themselves (Zechariah 12:3).

Then the Lord, who prefers to save by the few, rather than by

the many, so that He is glorified and not puny, weak human beings . . . will intervene in our most desperate moment, with the united nations of the world invading us, intent on destroying us.

“On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness,” declares the Lord” (Zechariah 12:4). The Lord will cause panic, fear, and irrational thinking to overcome our enemies, just as He did with Gideon and his 300 (Judges 6-7), and just as He did in the time of good King Yehoshaphat when he faced a coalition of armies (2 Chronicles 20). He will confuse our enemies while protecting us from any confusion, and He will supernaturally empower us, especially those who are in our capital city. He promises: “I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, ‘The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord of Armies is their God’” (Zechariah 12:4-5).

### Divine Empowerment

The people of Jerusalem, and especially the leaders, will be divinely empowered to fight and have amazing victories: “On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place” (Zechariah 12:6).

Our deadly, satanically inspired, Antichrist-led enemies, vastly superior in numbers and weapons, will be destroyed; and

the Jewish soldiers who fight for us will be strong and invincible, so that Jerusalem will remain unmoved. Wow! How cool is that?

And it won't be just the people of Jerusalem and our leaders who will be supernaturally strong like Samson, but so will all of the Jewish people living in Israel, from the leaders to the weakest of the people. “On that day the Lord will shield [supernaturally protect and empower] those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David” — like David who fought the giant Goliath and won, like David who was one of our greatest soldiers and generals of all time — “and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the Lord going before them” (Zechariah 12:8).

If the weak and feeble Jews will be as strong as David the mighty giant killer, then the royal line of David will be even more powerful — not even like mortals, but like the *Malach Adonai*, the very special and very powerful Angel of the Lord, and like *Elohim*, the Mighty God.

The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, prophetically informs us that it is His plan to utterly defeat this united nations invasion. “On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem” (Zechariah 12:9). This is His plan for the proud, arrogant, anti-Zionist, Israel-hating, anti-Semitic, God-rejecting, Messiah-resisting, Antichrist-accepting united nations of the last days.



All the nations of the world will come against Jerusalem at the end of the Great Tribulation (Zechariah 12:1-3).

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At the end of the Great Tribulation, Yeshua returns to the Mount of Olives. The Jewish people recognize Him as their Messiah. They repent and are saved (Zechariah 14:1-9 and 12:10-14). Illustration by Larissa Lando. Used by permission of TheGalileeExperience.com.

### National Repentance

We have experienced and celebrated quite a few miraculous victories in our long history. Following this greatest victory of our people from the most desperate circumstances, where the end of our nation was certain, one would think that the greatest relief, the most joy and the best celebration ever would follow. Not so. What follows this greatest of salvations is the greatest of outpourings of the Spirit, which results in the greatest of recognitions and repentances and mournings over our sins. The Lord will have saved us from physical and national destruction; now He finally, after so many prayers from so many righteous men and women over so many centuries, will save us spiritually as well.

The Lord will pour out His Spirit on our nation, enabling us to come closer to Him than we ever have before been as a people. “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication” (Zechariah 12:10). The result of the outpouring of the Spirit of God will be a new ability to fully receive all the good and gracious things that God has done and wants to do for us. Accompanying this greatest of national outpourings of the Spirit is the recognition of the Suffering Messiah and our responsibility for His suffering. “They will look on Me, the one they have pierced” (Zechariah 12:10).

### The Salvation of a Great Remnant

In the pouring out of the Spirit, King Messiah will suddenly be recognized by His own as the source of the salvation we just experienced. We will have a supernatural revelation that the Messiah, the anointed Prophet, Priest and King, already came,

and it is Yeshua of Nazareth, the One whom God the Father used to stretch out the heavens, who laid the foundation of the Earth, and who formed the spirit of man within him. He is the Messiah whom we rejected, helped to crucify and have despised for 2,000 years!

The Chosen People will recognize that we made the very greatest mistake in human history, a history that includes many great mistakes, and we will be so terribly sorry and repentant to the core of our national being. We will go into a time of unprecedented national mourning, the deepest and most profound kind of national mourning. “And they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son” (Zechariah 12:10).

### National Blessing

This greatest threat, followed by the greatest salvation, followed by the greatest outpouring of the Spirit, followed by the greatest recognition of saving truth and the greatest repentance, is followed by the greatest national cleansing and the elimination of all false religion and false teachings among the Jewish people, within Judaism, even within Messianic Judaism.

True religion will be established on earth, centered in a new Temple in Jerusalem. Israel and the nations of the world will come under the wonderful administration of Messiah Yeshua, the Lord who will have returned to earth on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:1-9).

**Baruch Haba Bashem Adonai!** “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Matthew 23:39). ✨

# A SUMMARY OF THE JEWS IN END TIME BIBLE PROPHECY

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

We are living in exciting times when we can witness Bible prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes. Many of these prophecies relate to the Jewish people and their nation. Below is a summary of prophecies concerning the Jews that are currently being fulfilled and those that are yet to be fulfilled.

## Prophecies Currently Being Fulfilled

The Jewish people will be regathered in unbelief from the four corners of the earth (Isaiah 11:11-12). Fulfillment: 20<sup>th</sup> Century and continuing.

The state of Israel will be re-established (Isaiah 66:7-8 & Ezekiel 37:21-22). Fulfillment: May 14, 1948.

The Jews will once again re-occupy the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 8:4-8), Fulfillment: June 7, 1967.

The land of Israel will be reclaimed from its desolation, becoming once again a land of agricultural abundance (Ezekiel 36:34-35). Fulfillment: 20<sup>th</sup> Century and continuing.

The Hebrew language will be revived from the dead (Zephaniah 3:9). Fulfillment: 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

All the nations of the world will come together against Israel over the issue of the control of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-3). Fulfillment: Currently occurring.

## Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled

The Arab nations of the world will attack Israel in a coordinated effort to annihilate the state (Psalm 83).

Israel will soundly defeat the Arab alliance (Zechariah 12:6).

Israel will dwell in security and prosperity (Ezekiel 38:11).

A Russian coalition consisting mainly of Muslim nations will invade Israel (Ezekiel 38:1-17).

The Russian coalition will be destroyed supernaturally by God (Ezekiel 38:18-23 & 39:1-8).

The Antichrist will intervene and guarantee the security of Israel, enabling the Jews to rebuild their Temple (Daniel 9:27).

At the end of three and a half years, the Antichrist will enter the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and declare himself to be God (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15-18, & 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

The Jews will reject the Antichrist, and he will respond with an attempt to annihilate them, killing two-thirds of them in the process (Revelation 12:13-17 & Zechariah 13:8-9).

At the end of the Tribulation, when the Jews have come to the end of themselves, they will turn to God and receive Yeshua as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10, Romans 9:27-28, & Romans 11:25-27).

Jesus will return and regather all believing Jews to Israel (Deuteronomy 30:1-9).

Israel will be established as the prime nation in the world (Isaiah 2:1-4 & Micah 4:1-7).

The Lord will bless the Jewish remnant by fulfilling all the promises He has made to Israel (Isaiah 60:1-62:7).

The blessings of God will flow out to all the nations through the Jewish people during the Millennial rule of Jesus (Zechariah 8:22-23).

## Prophecies Concerning the Church

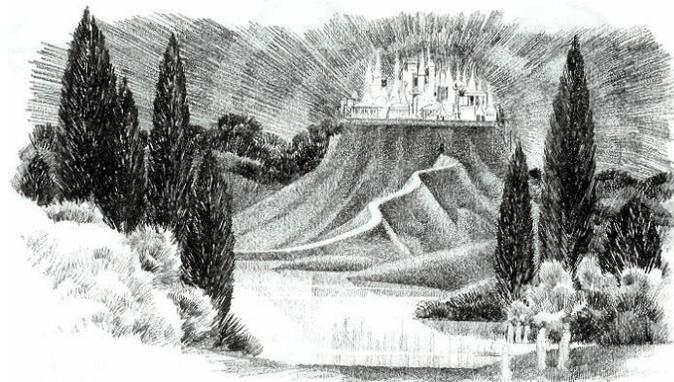
Christians should find the fulfillment of these prophecies very encouraging because God has also made a lot of promises through Bible prophecy to the Church. As we see the Lord fulfilling every promise He has made to the Jews, we can be assured that He will fulfill all the promises He has made to the Church through His Prophetic Word.

He has promised that one day very soon, His Son will appear in the Heavens. There will be the shout of an archangel and the blowing of a shofar, and all the dead in Christ will be resurrected to meet Him in the sky. And those of us who are alive will be taken up also, not even experiencing death (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). We will receive glorified, perfected bodies (Isaiah 35:5-6 & Philippians 3:21). We will return to Heaven with the Lord to await the end of the Tribulation (John 14:1-4). While in Heaven, we will be judged to receive our degrees of rewards (2 Corinthians 5:10) and we will celebrate our union with the Lord at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7-9).

We will then return with the Lord to this earth (Revelation 19:14), and we will reign with Him for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-6). During that glorious reign, we will see the earth flooded with peace, righteousness and justice, as the waters cover the seas (Isaiah 11:1-9).

At the end of the Millennium, we will be removed from this earth to the New Jerusalem the Lord has been preparing for us, and from that vantage point, we will witness the greatest fireworks display in history as God envelops this earth in fire, burning away the pollution of Satan's last revolt (2 Peter 3:10-13). Out of that fiery inferno will come new heavens and a new earth where we will live forever in the New Jerusalem in the presence of Almighty God and His Son (Revelation 21:1-7).

**Maranatha!** Come quickly, Lord Jesus! ✚



# OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ISRAEL TODAY

## Jack Kemp —

“To be historically accurate, instead of celebrating 60 years, we should be calling this the ‘3,000 plus 60’ celebration, as the Jews were the original inhabitants of that ancient land and were displaced by the Romans who were among the first colonial powers in decimating the Jewish population, thus leading to the Jewish Diaspora of these 3,000 years plus.

“Worldwide Jewry never lost their identity with Israel, however, and prayed daily ‘next year in Jerusalem,’ even when incarcerated in Nazi death camps or the Soviet Gulag.”



**Jack Kemp** served nine terms as a Congressman representing Western New York before becoming Secretary of Housing under President Bush. In 1966 he was selected to be Bob Dole’s vice presidential running mate.

## Barbara Tuchman —

“Israel is the only nation in the world that is governing itself in the same territory, under the same name, and with the same religion and same language as it did 3,000 years ago.” (Barbara Tuchman [1912 – 1989] was an American historian and author, and became best known for *The Guns of August*, a history of the prelude and first month of World War I.)

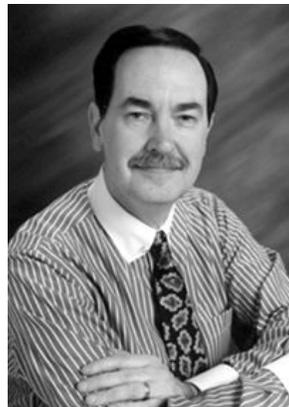
## Cal Thomas —

“[Peace Conferences] never bring peace between Israel and the Palestinians. That’s because only one side wants peace. The other wants pieces of Israel, chipping away at its borders until it can gobble up what remains of the country.

“Liken it to a neighborhood plagued by gang violence. After repeated assaults on the residents and a rash of home burglaries, the gangs propose a deal. If homeowners remove their burglar alarms, dispose of any weapons they have for protection, and vacate their houses, allowing the gang members to move in, the gangs promise not to engage in any more violence. Who would make such a deal?”

“. . . If the Palestinian side were applying for a bank loan, they would be turned down for defaulting on prior loans. Only in the twisted logic of Middle East ‘diplomacy’ is their credit undamaged . . .

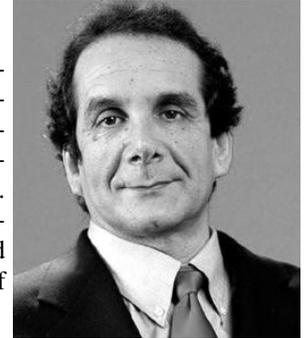
“It is Israel — and Israel alone — that receives pressure to make concessions. The only pressure on the Palestinian side is to show up at these road shows in order to be handed another pound of Israeli flesh. It isn’t a piece of land that the Palestinians want. It is all the land. They say so.”



**Cal Thomas** is a syndicated columnist and author.

## Charles Krauthammer —

“Look at Gaza today. No Israeli occupation, no settlements, not a single Jew left. The Palestinian response? Unremitting rocket fire killing and maiming Israeli civilians. The declared *casus belli* of the Palestinian government in Gaza behind these rockets? The very existence of the Jewish state.



“Israel’s crime is not its policies but its insistence on living. On the day particular — make a collective decision to accept the Jewish state, there will be peace, as Israel proved with its treaties with Egypt and Jordan. Until that day, there will be nothing but war. And every ‘peace process,’ however cynical or well-meaning, will come to nothing.”

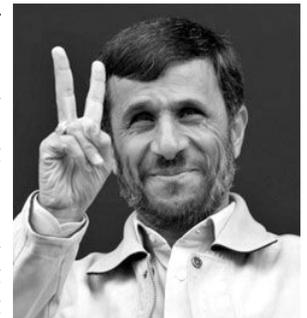
**Charles Krauthammer** is a Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist.

## Sharon Sanders —

“Israel is a tiny bone in the throat of Islam.” (Sharon Sanders and her husband, Ray, are the founders and directors of Christian Friends of Israel.)

## Mahmoud Ahmadinejad —

On Israel’s Independence Day, which this year was celebrated on May 8th, the President of Iran declared that Israel is “a stinking corpse” on its way to “annihilation.” Specifically, he stated, “Those who think they can revive the stinking corpse of the usurping and fake Israeli regime by throwing a birthday party are seriously mistaken . . . Today, the reason for the Zionist regime’s existence is questioned, and this regime is on its way to annihilation.”



## Ha’aretz Editorial —

[Note: *Ha’aretz* is Israel’s far-left daily newspaper that strongly demanded the nation’s withdrawal from Gaza.]

“The 2005 withdrawal from the Gaza Strip was a mistake that has made life worse for both Gazan Arabs and Israelis living within rocket range of the territory . . . As uncomfortable as it is to admit, the data suggests that the Israeli occupation did well by Gaza [whereas] the pullout helped propel Hamas into power, emboldened Palestinian terrorist rocket crews, and opened the gates for far greater Iranian influence and an influx of sophisticated arms.” (Dr. Reagan’s response: “Duh!”)

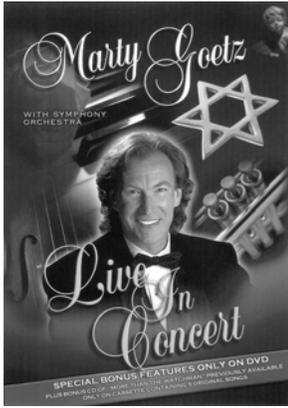
## God’s Word —

“Oh that my people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways! I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn My hand against their adversaries.” Psalm 81:13-14. ☆

# Television Update

## Praise the Lord!

We are praising God for a gift of \$150,000 we received recently from a Houston-based foundation to enable us to purchase new high-definition, wide-screen video equipment. This will enable us to be ready for the change in television broadcasting that is scheduled for February of 2009. At that time all TV broadcasting in the United States must be done in wide-screen digital format.



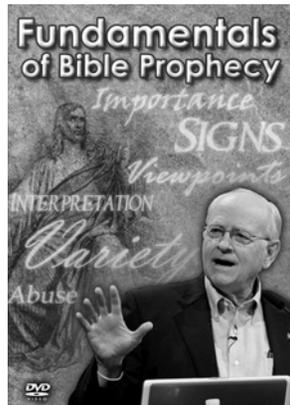
We are also praising the Lord for the fact that in June we received the highest viewer response in the history of our television program. The program that generated the record response was one about the life and ministry of Marty Goetz, a Messianic musician. We received hundreds of requests for copies of his anointed DVD album, "Live in Concert." The album contains 12 songs recorded in a concert with a symphony orchestra. The running time is 90 minutes. Additionally, as

a bonus, the album contains four other songs, and it also contains an audio CD with five songs. The album sells for \$20 and can be obtained by calling **1-800-705-8316** between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday.

Another reason we are praising the Lord is that the Marty Goetz program was our 300th broadcast since our television program began in September of 2002. The week following the Goetz program we aired a special program celebrating our 300th broadcast. It was a delightful program that surveyed the variety of programs we have produced since our 200th broadcast in July of 2006. It featured two songs by Jack Hollingsworth and the humor of Dennis Pollock. You can get a DVD copy of that program for \$5 by calling our toll-free number mentioned above.

### New Video Albums in Production

We are currently editing two video albums that will soon be released. One will be entitled "Fundamentals of Bible Prophecy." It will contain six video segments running 25 minutes each, showing Dr. Reagan teaching before live audiences. It will also contain a teacher's manual and study guides for students. All the material in the album will be contained on two DVDs. The album will sell for \$25.



The second album will contain three programs we shot recently in Israel and will be entitled "Profiles in Righteousness." The programs will focus on the lives of the Roman soldier Cornelius, the Old Testament prophet Elijah, and King David. The album will sell for \$15 and will be available in DVD format only.

You can call now to reserve copies of these albums. ✚

# "Christ in Prophecy" Broadcast Schedule

## National Networks

DayStar Network				
DirecTV Channel 369			DISH Channel 263	
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Wed. 4:00pm	Wed. 5:00pm	Wed. 6:00pm	Wed. 7:00pm

Inspiration Network				
Available on cable networks				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Tues. 5:30pm	Tues. 6:30pm	Tues. 7:30pm	Tues. 8:30pm
	Wed. 8:00am	Wed. 9:00am	Wed. 10:00am	Wed. 11:00am

FaithTV Network				
SkyAngel IPTV Channel 110				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Sun. 10:00am	Sun. 11:00am	Sun. 12:00pm	Sun. 1:00pm

National Religious Broadcasters TV Network				
DirectTV Channel 378				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day & Time	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm

## Regional Networks



"Christ in Prophecy" is broadcast throughout southern Louisiana on the **Family Vision Network**: Sunday at 6:30pm; Monday at 8:30am; and Wednesday at 7:00pm.

FamilyVision TV can be seen on 11 cable systems throughout South Louisiana. For specific broadcast information, see: [www.kajn.com/familyvision](http://www.kajn.com/familyvision).



**God's Learning Channel** broadcasts our program on Wednesday at 6:00pm throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah via cable. It can also be picked up nationally via Direct Broadcast Satellite. For more information, see: [www.godslearningchannel.com](http://www.godslearningchannel.com).

## AIDS Epidemic —

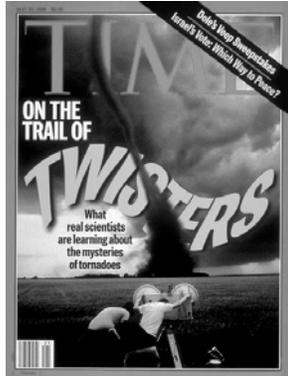
The most recent report from the International Red Cross concerning the HIV/AIDS epidemic is that it has become a global disaster. It is estimated that there have been 25 million deaths and that there are 33 million people living with the virus. It is believed that seven thousand new people are infected with the virus each day.

*“ . . . there will be earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.” — Luke 21:11*

## Natural Disasters —

According to a report released recently by a British charity called Oxfam, the number of natural disasters around the world has increased by more than four times in the last 20 years. The data was assembled from the records of the Red Cross, the United Nations, and research done at Louvain University in Belgium. The report concluded that the earth is currently experiencing approximately 500 natural disasters per year, compared with 120 per year in the early 1980s. Between 1985 and 1994, 174 million people were affected by natural disasters each year. In the following decade, this figure increased by 70 percent to 254 million people per year.

*“ . . . and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.” Matthew 24:7-8*



## Animal Rights —

The Socialist government of Spain is set to enact legislation that will grant human rights to apes. The Spanish action will be in accordance with The Great Apes Project, a 15-year-old campaign to grant the right of life, freedom and not torture to chimps, gorillas, orangutans, chimpanzees and other species of apes. The project is the brainchild of Peter Singer, an ethics professor at Princeton University. The goal is not to just improve conditions for apes, but “to demote human beings from the uniquely valuable species into merely another animal in the forest.” In a similar action, animal rights advocates are appealing to the European Court of Human Rights to declare a 26-year-old chimpanzee named Matthew to be a legal person.

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness . . . Professing to be wise, they became fools . . . For they . . . served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” Romans 1:18, 22, & 25*

# TIMES and Seasons

## Apostasy —

In June the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) voted to overturn the church's ban on the ordination of homosexuals. In 1997 and 2000 similar motions failed.

The vote this time passed with a 54% majority. Technically, the delegates voted to drop the church's rule that “fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, or chastity in singleness” is an absolute requirement for ordination. It will take another year for the church's 173 presbyteries to vote individually to approve or disapprove the change to the church's constitution. But as of right now, a congregation may on a case-by-case basis ignore the ban and ordain gays and lesbians.

*“The time will come when they [church members] will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth . . .” — 2 Timothy 4:3-4*

The United Church of Christ, to which Barak Obama belongs, was the first denomination to approve both homosexual ordination and same sex marriage. Eighty per cent of its governing body approved this change in doctrine in 2005.

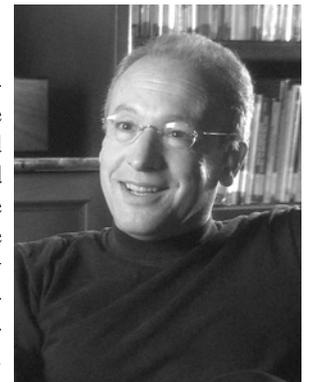
At the United Methodist General Conference, held recently in Ft. Worth, Texas, the delegates spent most of their time bemoaning the fact that their denomination has lost membership every year since 1970. Among them was Drew Phoenix who pastors St. John's United Methodist Church in Baltimore. He was a woman named Ann Gordon before she had a sex-change operation.

Meanwhile, the first openly gay Episcopal bishop, Gene Robinson, was recently married to his partner of 20 years in a civil ceremony in New Hampshire.

*“The Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons . . .” — 1 Timothy 4:1*

## An Ominous Sign —

According to an eminent psychiatrist, Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, there has been only one time in recorded history when a society recognized marriage between persons of the same sex, and that was in the time of Noah. Although homosexuality was rampant in many ancient societies like Greece and Rome, homosexual marriage was not allowed. This observation was recently endorsed by Rabbi Aryeh Spero who explained that the Talmud reveals that the issuance of marriage contracts between men was the sin that provoked God to destroy the earth with a great flood.



**Dr. Jeffrey Satinover**

*“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.” — Matthew 24:37 (NIV)*

## The Paganization of England —

During the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, England was the center of Christianity, sending out missionaries all over the world and translating the Scriptures into many different languages. Today, the nation's Christian heritage is a dim memory. Consider:

- Only 7% of the people attend church on Sunday.
- Heterosexual married couples are no longer regarded as the “norm.”
- Marriage is seen by two-thirds of the British as being virtually indistinguishable from cohabitation.
- At the Church of England's General Synod this year the delegates complained about the lack of Bibles available at their churches.
- There are now more Islamic mosques than there are Methodist churches.
- The number of Muslims worshiping at mosques will overtake the numbers of Catholics attending Sunday Mass by the year 2020.
- The most popular boy's name given to new-born babies during 2007 was Mohammed.
- The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, recently argued that Muslim Sharia law should be given a place of recognition in the British legal system.
- Four departments of the British government recently announced that they will start giving welfare benefits to the second, third, and fourth wives of Muslim men.

Perhaps this segment should have been entitled “The Islamization of England.”

*“When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” — Luke 18:8*

## A Prophetic Voice —

A Church of England Bishop named Michael Nazir-Ali recently caused a furor by boldly asserting that Britain is “a collapsed Christian nation” existing in a moral vacuum. Specifically, he observed that the marginalization of Christianity as the recognized rudder for British life has created a loss of sustainable moral values, and that a radical form of Islam is threatening to fill the gap.



**Bishop Nazir-Ali**

Dr. Nazir-Ali is the only Church of England bishop from an Asian background. He was born in Pakistan and raised as a Catholic before becoming an Anglican.

He further asserted that England is gripped by the doctrine of “endless self-indulgence” which has led to rising crime and the decline of the traditional family. The Bishop is also an outspoken critic of the gay rights movement.

# TIMES and Seasons

## Confused Evangelicals —

A major survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life has revealed a shocking degree of biblical ignorance among people claiming to be Evangelical Christians. The poll surveyed over 35,000 Americans, and

when asked if they believed there is more than one way to Heaven, the results were as follows:

Hindu	89%	Orthodox	72%
Buddhist	86%	Muslim	56%
Mainline Protestant	83%	<b>Evangelical Protestant</b>	<b>57%</b>
Jewish	82%	Mormon	39%
Catholic	79%	Jehovah Witnesses	16%

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas said he was “shocked and appalled” over the fact that the majority of self-identified Evangelical Christians believe there are many roads to Heaven. He attributed the attitude to biblical illiteracy and to political correctness. He concluded with the observation that “if there are many paths to heaven, Jesus suffered and died for nothing.”

*“Jesus said to him [Thomas] ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’” — John 14:6*

Jesus said: *“Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.” — Matthew 7:13-14*

Peter said: *“By the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene . . . there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.” — Acts 4:10 & 12*

## “Poisonous Liberalism” —

J. I. Packer, one the world's most renowned Evangelical theologians, announced recently that he was leaving the Anglican Church of Canada because it is infected with “poisonous liberalism.” Packer, 81, is best known for his best-selling book, *Knowing God*. The Oxford-trained theologian said he could no longer serve under the church's Vancouver-area bishop who in 2002 sanctioned same-sex marriage. Packer told the press that his decision was prompted by “the fundamental question of how we derive any kind of Christian truth.” He described the Bible as “absolute authority” on divine truth, and he said it clearly describes homosexuality as a “grave sin.”



**J. I. Packer**

An Anglican spokesman responded by labeling Packer a “literalist.” He added, “It is important for people to understand that the Bible is a very nuanced document. I think we need to allow people room to come to a new understanding.” ✚

## Missions Outreach

# Church Building Dedicated

In June we sent Dennis Pollock to South Africa to dedicate a new church building that was financed through this ministry. Dennis also held a conference for pastors and conducted an evangelistic crusade.



**Dennis Pollock and Pastor Louw cut the ribbon to formally open the new building.**



**The new all-brick church building in Kimberley, South Africa. The church previously met in a corrugated iron shed.**

The local pastor, Abraham Louw, is a humble man of God who has been associated with our ministry for twenty years.

Pastor Louw is a retired civil servant who serves his congregation without pay. He is an ardent student of the Word, including God's Prophetic Word. Most of the people in his congregation are unemployed and live a marginal existence.

Dennis Pollock, who served with our ministry for 12 years, now has his own ministry, called Spirit of Grace. It is an evangelistic, healing, and teaching ministry that focuses on Africa. You can contact him through his website at [www.sogmin.org](http://www.sogmin.org).

About \$3,000 is still needed to finish the ceiling in the church and to provide it with permanent seating. ✚

# Bible Prophecy Conference Blessed

For several years our ministry has held an annual Bible prophecy conference during the last weekend in June that has been open only to our Prophecy Partners. This year we decided to expand it to the general public, and we were besieged with reservations. In fact, we had to turn people away.

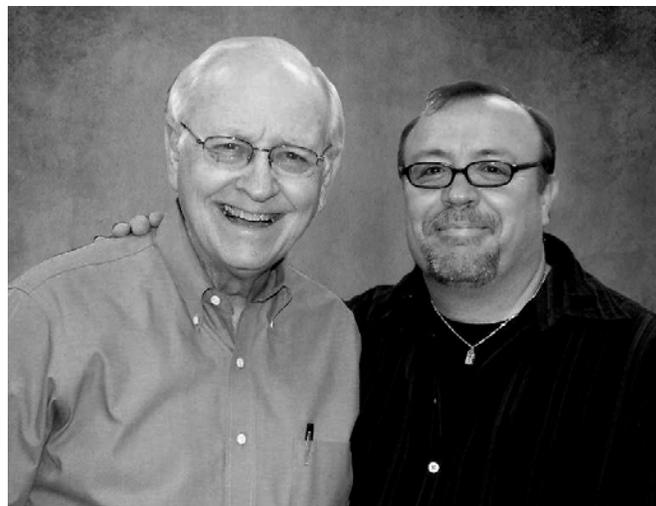
Our featured musicians this year were Ted Pearce and Jack Hollingsworth. Ted is one of the world's leading Messianic song writers and singers. Jack is the featured vocalist on our TV program. Our featured guest speaker was Gary Fisher, founder and director of Lion of Judah Ministries in Franklin, Tennessee.

One of Gary's presentations, "Ezekiel's End Time Prophecies About the Jews," is being made available on an audio CD for \$5. Dr. Reagan also spoke, and his two presentations are available on video. One is in the form of a 30 minute TV program entitled "The Miracle of Israel" (DVD, \$10). The other, on anti-Semitism, is available on a 50 minute video program entitled "Israel in the Last Days" (DVD, \$10). Any or all of these may be ordered by calling 1-800-705-8316.



We also have available copies of Ted Pearce's great audio album entitled, "Hallelu et Adonai." It contains 19 of his songs and sells for \$20.

Next year we plan to move the conference to a new location that will accommodate at least 500 people.



**Dr. Reagan and Ted Pearce.**

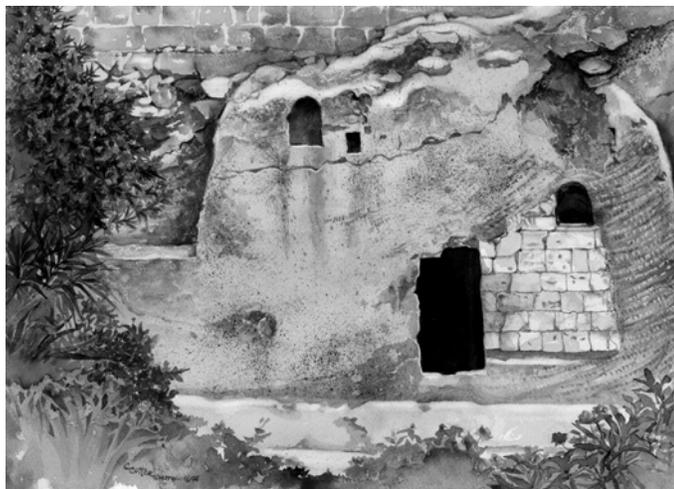
We have already arranged the program for the 2009 conference. Our special musician on Friday evening will be the "Messianic psalmist," Marty Goetz. Jack Hollingsworth will once again be our featured singer all day Saturday. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Ron Carlson who is considered to be the foremost expert in all of Christendom on both cults and world religions. Dr. Reagan will also be speaking.

The conference in 2009 will once again be held during the last weekend of June (June 26 & 27), so please mark it on your calendar and plan to be with us. ✚

# Ministry News

**Speaking Schedule** — Dr. Reagan will begin the month of **September** speaking at Rose Heights Church of God in Tyler, Texas (7). In the middle of the month he will be one of several speakers at the 10th anniversary celebration of Don Perkins' According to Prophecy Ministry in San Diego, California (14-16). He will conclude the month with a presentation at Jan Markell's annual Olive Tree Ministries Conference in Eden Prairie, Minnesota (26-27). In **October**, Dr. Reagan is scheduled to speak at the Steeling the Mind Conference in Kennewick, Washington (18). In **November**, Dr. Reagan will be in the Los Angeles area at the Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, California (8-9).

**Calendar** — The ministry is preparing a very special calendar for 2009. It is scheduled to be distributed during the month of November. It will be sent free of charge to all the ministry's Prophecy Partners. Others can purchase it for \$5. The calendar will be printed in full color and will feature 12 watercolors of Holy Land scenes by Cathy Smith who accompanied our video crew to Israel in March. She did on-site sketches while she traveled around the land of Israel. A limited supply of the calendars will be printed. If you would like to reserve one or more, please call 1-800-705-8316. One of the pictures is reproduced below. It shows the Garden Tomb.



**Apology** — It has come to our attention that we unknowingly have used photos in the past that were copyrighted by an Israeli photographer. We regret that, and we apologize for it. The outstanding photos of this photographer can be found at the following website: [www.israelimage.net](http://www.israelimage.net).

**Thanks** — We want to express our appreciation to Mr. Eric Morey, founder of the Galilee Experience in Tiberias, Israel, for allowing us to use the illustrations on pages 11 and 12 of this issue. They are two of nine original oil paintings that Mr. Morey commissioned by a Russian-born artist, Larissa Lando. The Galilee Experience offers a great variety of Jewish items for sale over their website at [TheGalileeExperience.com](http://TheGalileeExperience.com).

**Food for Thought** — "I myself have little doubt that in England it was [uniformitarian] geology and the theory of evolution that changed us from a Christian to a pagan nation." — F. Sherwood Taylor in *Ideas and Beliefs of the Victorians* (1949).



**Holy Land Tours** — Our next regular tour of the Holy Land is scheduled for early June of next year. It will be limited to two buses, and one bus is already filled. If you are interested in this tour, give us a call at 1-800-705-8316, and we will send you a brochure.

We were hoping to conduct an advanced tour in November called "Focus on Jerusalem," but we were unable to secure sufficient hotel rooms, so we are now trying to reschedule it for next March. Let us know if you are interested in this tour, and we will put you on a list to receive a brochure when one is ready. This tour is limited to people who have already made the basic tour of the whole land.



Laura Ligon of Dallas, Texas, rejoices over her baptism in the Jordan River as her mom, Bonnie, looks on.

**Prophecy Partners** — The fundamental message of this ministry is that "Jesus is coming soon!" If you believe in that message and desire to see it proclaimed to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, please consider becoming a Prophecy Partner. Our Prophecy Partners provide the prayers and finances necessary to keep this ministry going and expanding.

To become a Prophecy Partner, you must make a commitment of \$20 or more per month for one year. We ask people to aim at a dollar a day, or \$30 per month. Many give much more than that. In return, you will receive a monthly letter from Dr. Reagan informing you in detail about the ministry's activities and prayer needs. You will also receive a monthly gift, which is usually a DVD containing one of the ministry's TV programs.



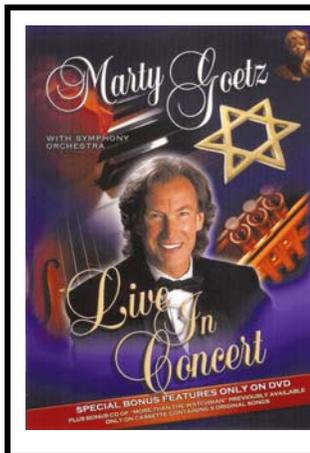
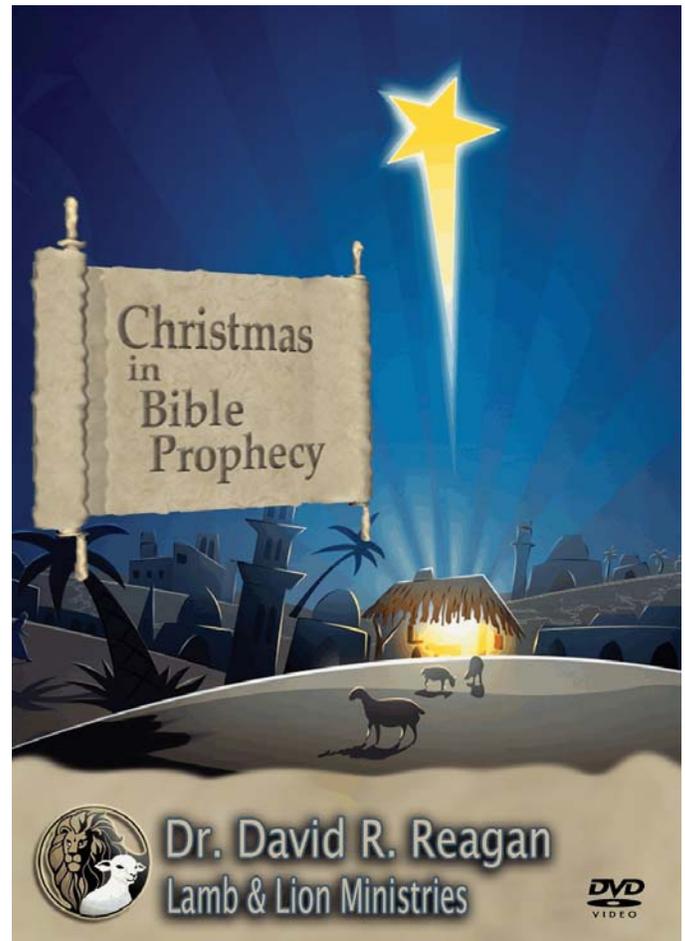
Mike and Josy Comfort are Prophecy Partners from Richardson, Texas.

# New Video Album

This video album contains three Christmas programs produced for the “Christ in Prophecy” television program that is broadcast nationwide over six networks (DayStar, Inspiration, FaithTV, FamilyVision, God’s Learning Channel, and The National Religious Broadcaster’s Network). These programs have also been broadcast as TV specials over the SkyAngel network. Dr. David Reagan, founder and director of Lamb & Lion Ministries is the host of the programs.

The first program concerns the Virgin Birth and presents solid evidence from the Gospel of Luke for the validity of this basic doctrine of the Christian faith. The second program focuses on the 108 prophecies fulfilled in the life of Christ, including those related to His birth. The third program takes a look at what Dr. Reagan calls, “the forgotten promises of Christmas.” These relate to the promises that Gabriel gave to Mary at the time she was informed that she would be the mother of the Messiah.

Each program runs approximately 25 minutes, for a total running time of 75 minutes. The album is available in DVD format only. The cost is \$12.



This album by Marty Goetz was recently featured on our TV program. It contains a DVD with 16 of Marty’s songs performed with a symphony orchestra. Additionally, the album contains a CD with five songs. The album sells for \$20. You can order it by calling 1-800-705-8316. This album would make a great Christmas present.

These would be excellent programs to use for study, teaching, and inspiration during the time leading up to Christmas.

To order the album, call **1-800-705-8316** between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday.

And when you call, consider making a donation to help with the cost of this magazine and the cost of producing and broadcasting our television program. We need your financial support. Thank you! ✚



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