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# Observations by the Editor

## Armageddon

Its ancient biblical name is the valley of Jezreel (Joshua 17:16), meaning "God sows." That is what modern day Israelis still call it. The Greeks gave it the name, "the plain of Esdraelon," which was the Greek rendering of Jezreel. It is referred to in Joel 3:2 as the valley of Jehoshaphat, meaning the "valley of Judgment."

When I take pilgrim groups to Israel, their first sight of the valley occurs on the second day of touring when we go to the traditional site on Mount Carmel where the prophet Elijah confronted the prophets of Baal. We climb some steep stairs that lead to the flat-top roof of a monastery, and as soon as people arrive on the roof and turn around to face the valley, there is always a tremendous shout of "WOW!" That's because the size and sweep of the valley is truly breathtaking.

Even Napoleon Bonaparte was overwhelmed when he first laid eyes on it. He proclaimed it to be the greatest battlefield he had ever seen. He added, "All the armies of the world could maneuver their forces on this vast plain." He proceeded to defeat the Turkish armies on the battlefield, but was later forced to retreat from the Middle East when he failed to conquer the city of Akko.

The valley was literally the crossroads of the world in biblical times. Israel was the land bridge between Asia, Africa, and Europe, and the valley of Jezreel was the route all the caravans and armies crossed as they passed through the land.

The first mention of the valley in the Bible can be found in Joshua 17:16. In biblical times it was the site of several major battles. Perhaps the most dramatic was the defeat of the Canaanites by Barak under the direction of the prophetess named Deborah (Judges 4 and 5). Gideon later defeated the Midianites and the Amalekites in the valley of Jezreel. Saul met his defeat at the hands of the Philistines in this valley and committed suicide on the battlefield (1 Samuel 31). And it was in this valley that Pharaoh Necho of Egypt defeated and killed King Josiah of Judah (2 Kings 23 and 2 Chronicles 35).

In modern times, it was in the valley of Armageddon that General Edmund Allenby defeated a combined German-



**Ann Reagan overlooking the valley of Armageddon from the roof of the Mount Carmel Monastery.**

Turkish army in September 1918, completing his conquest of the Middle East for the Allied Forces in World War I.

As early as 1891 the man who would later be known as the "Redeemer of the Valley," Yehoshua Hankin, began negotiating for the purchase of 40,000 acres. The deal fell through and the sale was delayed until 1909. The first parcel of land purchased was 2,375 acres, and it was used to establish Merhaviva, the first Jewish settlement in the valley, in 1911.

At that time, much of the land was malaria-infested swamps. The Jewish settlers drained the swamps and converted the area into the major agricultural production center of the nation.

### Our Cover Photograph

The photograph on the cover of this issue was taken by David Bivin on April 6, 1967, two months before the Six Day War began. David Bivin (born July 20, 1939 in Cleveland, Oklahoma) is a biblical scholar, member of the Jerusalem School of Synoptic Research and author of *New Light on the Difficult Words of Jesus: Insights from His Jewish Context*.

In the early 1960s, David Bivin went to study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Armed with a Yashica-D medium-format camera, Bivin traveled the land of Israel and the surrounding regions taking photographs of biblical sites, archaeological excavations, and everyday scenes. Today these photographs provide a window on a land that has changed radically. Seven hundred of his photos can be purchased on a CD album for \$30 at [www.lifeintheholylnd.com](http://www.lifeintheholylnd.com). The producer of the album, Todd Bolen, supplied the high-definition file used for the cover photo. ✚

# THE WARS OF THE END TIMES



The Valley of Armageddon as seen from the top of Mount Carmel, looking east. Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the Transfiguration, is the dome top hill on the left at the horizon. An underground Israeli air force base is located in the center of the valley. (Photo by Todd Bolen)

## Observations by Dr. David R. Reagan

Every time a war breaks out in the Middle East, I receive a flurry of phone calls and email messages asking if it could be the War of Armageddon. This question is prompted by the fact that most people are familiar with only one end time war — the one that has been popularized in movies and novels as the “Battle of Armageddon.”

The concept comes from the book of Revelation where it says that armies will gather in the end times at a place “which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon” (Revelation 16:16). This term literally means the Mount of Megiddo and refers to the ancient fortress of Megiddo that controlled the Valley of Jezreel. In English the word was transliterated as Armageddon, and the term came to be applied to the Valley of Jezreel which lies in front of Har-Magedon, running diagonally across Israel from Haifa to the Jordan River.

Most people are surprised to discover that there is no reference in the book of Revelation, or any other place in the Bible to the “Valley of Armageddon,” nor is there any reference to the “Battle of Armageddon” — but more about that later. People are even more surprised to learn that Bible prophecy reveals nine wars in the end times and that Armageddon relates to only one of these.

## The Next Prophetic War

Most prophetic scholars have long believed that the next great end time war will be the War of Gog & Magog that is described in Ezekiel 38 and 39. This, for example is the stated position of

Joel Rosenberg in his popular book, *Epicenter*. This war will start when Russia invades Israel with certain specified allies, all of whom are Muslim nations today.

But I seriously doubt that the conflict described in Ezekiel 38 and 39 will be the next war of end time Bible prophecy. There are two reasons why I feel this way.

First, there is a condition for the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39 that has not been met. Three times in Ezekiel 38 — in verses 8, 11, and 14 — it states that the war described in that chapter will not occur until the people of Israel are living “securely” in “unwalled villages.”

Israel is not living in security today. It is bombarded daily by missiles from Gaza, and it is constantly under the threat of missile attacks from Hezbollah in Lebanon. There is also the ever present threat of terrorist attacks, a threat that has forced Israel to construct a 400 mile long wall down the center of the country. In short, it is laughable today to even think of the Jewish people of Israel as living “securely” in “unwalled villages.”

The second reason I doubt that the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39 will be the next end time war of Bible prophecy is because the nations mentioned in Ezekiel 38:5-6 as the allies of Russia do not include a single Arab state with a border adjacent to Israel. The nations identified are Persia (Iran), Cush (most likely modern day Sudan), Put (Libya and possibly Algeria and Tunisia), and two regions that lie within modern day Turkey (Gomer and Beth-togarmah). There is no mention of the nations that share a common border with Israel — namely, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Gaza.



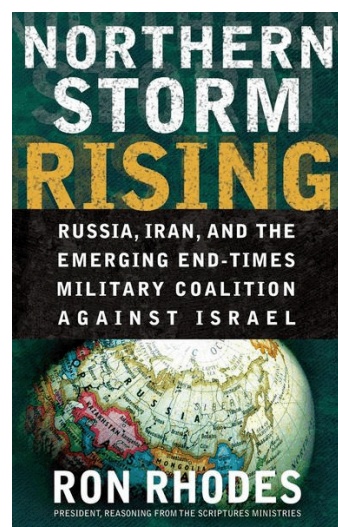
## 2 THE FIRST WAR OF GOG & MAGOG — EZEKIEL 38 AND 39

But the security provided by the Psalm 83 war will not last long. The Arab nations will turn to their natural ally, Russia, and cry out for help.

And the Russians will be very happy to respond, for they have always dreamed of taking the oil fields of the Middle East. They will, therefore, launch an invasion for the stated purpose of helping the Muslims destroy Israel, but their unstated agenda will be to use the Arab invitation as an excuse to expand their sovereignty over all the Middle East. This ulterior motive is described in Ezekiel 38:12 where it says the Russians will come “to capture spoil and to seize plunder.”

The invading armies will be supernaturally destroyed by God “on the mountains of Israel” (Ezekiel 39:4). The Lord will accomplish this destruction through earthquakes, pestilence, hail storms, fire, brimstone, and battlefield confusion (Ezekiel 38:19-22). Even the Jewish people will recognize that the victory belongs to the Lord, and many will open their hearts to the Lord (Ezekiel 38:23). In fact, this event could mark the occasion when the 144,000 Jews of Revelation 7:1-8 accept Yeshua as their Messiah and are sealed by the Lord for special service throughout the seven year period of the Tribulation.

The greatest mystery concerning this war is its timing. Most have placed it at the beginning of the Tribulation. Others delay its start to the middle of the Tribulation. Increasingly in recent years, the tendency has been to place it before the beginning of the Tribulation.



The best discussion of timing that has yet been written can be found in Ron Rhodes' book, *Northern Storm Rising*. He concludes that it is most likely to occur 3½ years prior to the Tribulation. One of his most important reasons for this conclusion is that Ezekiel 39:9 says the Jews will spend seven years burning the weapons captured in the war, and the book of Revelation says they will be run out of the land in the middle of the Tribulation (Revelation 12:13-17). Since the middle of the Tribulation will occur 3½ years into that

seven year period, that means the only way the Jews could spend seven years burning the weapons is for the war to start at least 3½ years before the Tribulation begins. (Note: The “burning of weapons” could refer to captured nuclear fuel.)

Does this mean the wars of Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38 and 39 must occur before the Rapture? Not at all. The Rapture could occur anytime before, during, or after these wars. Keep in mind that the Rapture is not what marks the beginning of the Tribulation. The Tribulation will begin when the Antichrist signs a security treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27). There could be a period of several years between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation.



The Valley of Jezreel (also known as the Valley of Armageddon) runs diagonally across the northern part of Israel, from Haifa on the Mediterranean seacoast to the Jordan River south of the Sea of Galilee. (Map by Teach All Nations, Inc.)

Why are the nations located next to Israel not mentioned as allies of Russia? I believe the best explanation of this mystery is the one supplied by Bill Salus in his book, *Israelestine*. He proposes that the next end time prophetic war will be the one described in Psalm 83, a war between Israel and its neighbors. He believes this war will produce the conditions that are necessary for the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39, and I agree with that conclusion.

With that point clarified, let's now take an overview of the end time prophetic wars in their likely chronological sequence.

## 1 THE WAR OF EXTERMINATION — PSALM 83

The psalm states that the immediate neighbors of Israel will launch a war for the purpose of “wiping out Israel as a nation” (verse 4). The nations described as being a part of this nefarious effort are those with a common border with Israel today (verses 6-8). The rest of the psalm is a prayer for the victory of Israel (verses 9-18).

The outcome of the war is not stated, but we know from other scriptures that Israel will be victorious. For example, in Zechariah 12:6 we are told that in the end times Israel will be like “a firepot among pieces of wood and a flaming torch among sheaves, so they will consume on the right hand and on the left all the surrounding peoples . . .” Also, in Amos 9:15 we are told that once the Jews are re-established in their land, “they will not again be rooted out from their land.”

Bill Salus believes this war will result in an overwhelming victory for Israel, resulting in great territorial expansion and enhanced national resources. It will also produce the security spoken of in Ezekiel 38.

### **3 THE CONVENTIONAL WAR OF THE TRIBULATION — REVELATION 6**

The book of Revelation states that a major world war will break out soon after the Tribulation begins. This war is described in Revelation 6.



**Revelation 6 portrays the first war of the Tribulation with the symbolism of four horsemen representing the Antichrist, war, famine, and death.** (Illustration by Pat Marvenko Smith of Revelation Illustrated.com.)

Although the Antichrist will rise to world power in Europe through cunning, deception, and intrigue (Daniel 8:23), he will have to resort to military power to conquer the world. Asia, Africa, and South America have spent too long casting off the shackles of European colonialism for them to suddenly surrender their sovereignty peacefully to a new European dictator — regardless of how brilliant and charismatic he may be.

We are told in Revelation 13:7 that the Antichrist will ultimately achieve “authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation.” This authority will be achieved through war. Revelation 6 records the outbreak of this world war. It results in the death of one-fourth of humanity, or 1.5 billion in today’s terms (Revelation 6:8).

The War of Psalm 83 results in the destruction of the inner ring of Muslim states around Israel. The War of Ezekiel 38 and 39 produces the defeat of the immediate outer ring of Muslim states.

But the vast majority of all Muslims live outside the Middle East, the largest Muslim nations being Indonesia (201 million), India (144 million), Pakistan (140 million), and Bangladesh (115 million). These nations are the ones who are most likely to produce the strongest resistance to a Western, non-Muslim dictator, and they will be destroyed either in this war or the one that follows it.

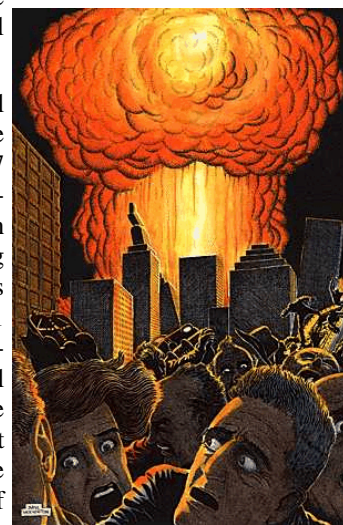
In other words, I believe God is going to use the Antichrist as His hammer of wrath to destroy Islam.

But many other nations in the world will also have to be subdued, and that leads us to the next war of the end times.

### **4 THE NUCLEAR WAR OF THE TRIBULATION — REVELATION 8 & 9**

At some point, the book of Revelation indicates that the conventional war will morph into a nuclear holocaust, resulting in the deaths of another one-third of Mankind, or another 1.5 billion people (Revelation 9:15). This means that in the first two wars of the Tribulation, more than one half of humanity will die.

A hint that the conventional war will become a nuclear one is found in Revelation 8:7 where it states that the escalation of the war will result in one-third of the earth being burned up. Another hint is found in Revelation 16:2 & 11 where we are told that “loathsome and malignant” sores will afflict people at the end of the Tribulation, something that would be a natural consequence of radiation from the use of nuclear weapons.



(Illustration by Basil Wolverton.)

It could very well be that this nuclear holocaust could be what Jesus had in mind when He stated that in the end times men will faint from fear over the expectation of the things coming upon the world, “for the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Luke 21:26).

This war is portrayed in the book of Revelation in chapters 8 & 9 as a series of “Trumpet Judgments.”

### **5 THE WAR IN THE HEAVENS — REVELATION 12**

The next end time war is totally different in nature from all the rest. It is a supernatural one that will occur in the heavens in the middle of the Tribulation. It is most likely prompted by an attempt of Satan to once again take the throne of God.



**An unknown artist’s depiction of Revelation 12:7-11 showing the Archangel Michael overcoming Satan by the power of the blood of the Lamb.**



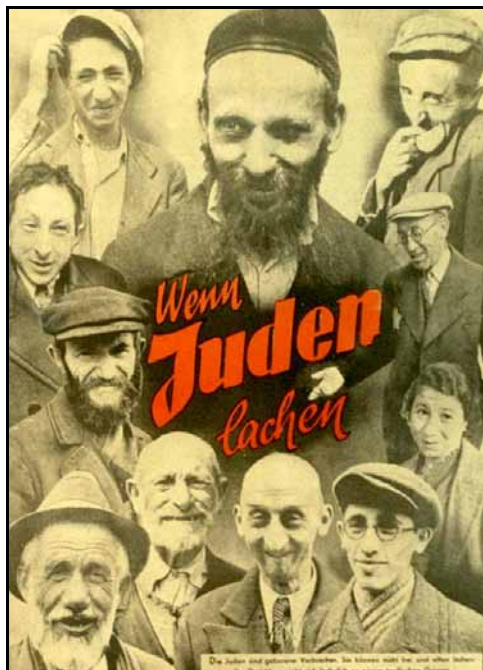
Satan and his angels are opposed in this war by Michael and his angels. Michael is an archangel who is pictured in the Hebrew Scriptures as the commander-in-chief of the armies of God (Daniel 10:13, 21 and 12:1). Michael and his angels prevail in this war, and Satan is cast down to earth. His access to God's throne is cut off (Revelation 12:9-10).

When this happens, Satan realizes that his time is short because he knows Bible prophecy (Revelation 12:12). In his rage, Satan decides to destroy the Jewish people, and this decision leads to the next war.

## 6 THE WAR AGAINST THE JEWS AND THE SAINTS — REVELATION 12

Satan hates the Jews with a passion for several reasons:

- 1) They are the Chosen People of God.
- 2) God used them to provide the Scriptures to the world.
- 3) It was through them that the Messiah came.
- 4) God has promised that He will bring a great remnant of them to faith in His Son at the end of the Tribulation.



A Nazi propaganda poster. It says, "the Jews are our misfortune." (Suffolk Holocaust Center)

There is going to be another holocaust during the latter half of the Tribulation. When Satan is cast down to earth, he will possess the Antichrist (Revelation 13:2) and inspire him to annihilate all the Jews. This is the reason that Jesus referred to the last half of the Tribulation as "the great tribulation" (Matthew 24: 21) — not because this half will be worse than the first half, but because the wrath of Satan will be focused on the Jews.

Some of the Jews of Israel will flee to a place in the "wilderness" where they will be supernaturally protected by God (Revelation 12:13-14). Many believe this hiding place will be the ancient city of Petra, located inside a box canyon in modern Jordan. There is good reason for this assumption because Daniel 11:41 says the Antichrist will be prevented from conquering Jordan when it is part of an end time rebellion.

But Zechariah 13:8 indicates that two-thirds of the Jewish people will be killed by the Antichrist during this time, and Revelation 12:17 says the Antichrist will also war against the "offspring" of Israel — namely, those "who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." I believe this is a reference to all those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior during the Tribulation, both Jews and Gentiles.



It is no wonder that Revelation 7:9-14 pictures a great multitude of martyrs in Heaven, so great that it cannot be counted. They are identified as "the ones who are coming out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

So the Antichrist will be very successful in his war against the Jews and the Saints, but he will fail in his ultimate goal of annihilating all the Jews. For we are told repeatedly throughout the Scriptures that a great remnant of the Jews will live to the end of the Tribulation at which time they will receive Yeshua as their Messiah. (See: Isaiah 10:20-23; Zechariah 12:10; Romans 9:27-28; and Romans 11:25-26.)

## 7 THE MIDDLE EAST CAMPAIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST — DANIEL 11

Daniel 11:40-45 describes a military campaign of the Antichrist in the Middle East that occurs at the end of the Tribulation.

These verses and related verses in Revelation could very well indicate that when the Antichrist becomes insanely obsessed with destroying the Jews and the Saints, the nations of the world will see an opportunity to rebel against him. The nations in the Middle East will be led by the "king of the North" (most likely Syria) and the "king of the South" (Egypt). The Antichrist responds by invading "the Beautiful Land" and subduing all the area except Jordan.

But just as he seems to be completely victorious, he hears "rumors from the East and from the North" that deeply disturb him. He retreats with his armies to the area "between the seas" where "he will come to his end." The geographical description here of a location between the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee corresponds to the Valley of Armageddon.

I believe the rumors that frighten him are, in part, the news that "the kings from the East" (Revelation 16:12) who are bringing huge armies from Asia have arrived at the Euphrates River and are ready to cross into Israel to challenge him. The rumors from the North could relate to a reconstituted rebellious army from Russia.

## 8 THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON — JOEL 3, ZECHARIAH 14, AND REVELATION 19

It appears that just as the armies from the East and the North start arriving in the Valley of Armageddon to challenge the Anti-christ, the Lord breaks from the heavens, returns to the Mount of Olives, speaks a supernatural word, and all the armies are instantly destroyed.



(R. B. Thieme Ministries)

In other words, there really is no such thing as the “Battle of Armageddon.” The armies are assembled to do battle, but the Lord annihilates all of them in a microsecond “with the breath of His mouth” (2 Thessalonians 2:8).

Joel 3:16 says the Lord will “roar from Zion” and “utter His voice from Jerusalem.” Isaiah 10:16 says the result will be “a wasting disease.” Zechariah 14:12 says it will be a plague that will cause the flesh of the soldiers “to rot while they stand on their feet.” Their eyes

will rot in their sockets and their tongues will rot in their mouths. It will be like the explosion of a neutron bomb.

## 9 THE SECOND BATTLE OF GOG & MAGOG — REVELATION 20

Mercifully and joyfully, the “battle” of Armageddon will be followed by one thousand years of peace as the reign of Jesus from Jerusalem results in the world being filled with righteousness and justice (Isaiah 11:4-5,9). Swords will be beat into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, and “nation will not lift up sword against nation . . .” (Isaiah 2:4). All the money that is spent today on armaments will be spent on agricultural implements. The world will be flooded with agricultural abundance (Amos 9:13). There will be no homeless or hungry people. Every man will have his own vineyard and orchard (Micah 4:4).

Satan will be bound (Revelation 20:1-3). Sin and crime will be greatly reduced. But there will be seething rebellion in the hearts of many, if not most, that are born during that time.

This is hard for most people to understand. Why would there be resentment in the hearts of people in the midst of such a perfect reign of Jesus?

The initial population of the Millennium will be all those, both Jew and Gentile, who live to the end of the Tribulation and who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. All others will be consigned to death when the Lord returns. So, the Millennium will begin with only believers. But they will begin to propagate, and since death will be curtailed and life spans will be greatly extended (Isaiah 65:20), the population of the world will grow exponentially.

Those born during this time will still have the old sin nature. They will desire all the things of the flesh — booze, drugs, gambling, and promiscuous sex. But they will see that any violation of the Law of God results in swift and certain justice. Immediate arrest will be followed by an immediate trial and an

immediate judgment. There will be no appeal, for all judges will be Saints in glorified bodies who will make perfect decisions. So, the average person in the flesh will say, “I love you Jesus!” but he or she will do so with clinched teeth.

The Bible states repeatedly that Jesus will rule with “a rod of iron” (Psalm 2:9 and Revelation 2:26-27). And despite the fact that His reign will produce righteousness, fairness, and perfect justice (Isaiah 11:4-5), most of those living in the flesh will deeply resent the fact that they cannot freely pursue their worldly lusts.

It is no wonder that when Satan is released at the end of the Lord’s millennial reign (Revelation 20:7), the majority of those in the flesh will unite in one last rebellion against God that is pictured in Revelation 20:7-9. Led once again by Gog & Magog, this war is often confused with the war of Ezekiel 38 and 39. But the two are very different. The Ezekiel war pictures Russia coming against the nation of Israel with certain specified allies. In Revelation 20 Russia is portrayed as leading all the nations of the world against Jesus Christ.

History is going to end as it began. It started out with two people living in a perfect society, but deciding to rebel against their Creator. It ends with all of humanity living in a perfect society, and the majority making the same decision to rebel against God.

One of the many purposes of the Millennium is for God to prove that Mankind’s inherent sin defect can be remedied only by the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The religion of Satan has always been Humanism — the belief in Man. This philosophy teaches that Man is inherently good and is capable of perfection through education and social justice. Humanists therefore believe that if society can be perfected by supplying each person with a guaranteed job and income, Mankind will be transformed.

But the Bible teaches that Mankind is fatally flawed with a sin nature that makes people naturally evil (Jeremiah 17:9). And the Bible teaches that the only solution to the problem is the transformation of the Holy Spirit that begins when a person accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior.

God will prove this beyond doubt when He puts all of Mankind into a perfect society for one thousand years and Mankind responds in rebellion.

### The Abolition of War

The Second War of Gog & Magog will be the final war of history. Following it, God will take the Redeemed off the earth and place them in the New Jerusalem He is now preparing. He will then consume the earth with fire to burn away the pollution of Satan’s last revolt. Out of that fiery inferno will come new heavens and a new earth — this earth redeemed and perfected (2 Peter 3:10-13). He will then lower the Redeemed down to this earth inside the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-7), and He will come to earth to live in their presence eternally (Revelation 22:1-4).

Eternal peace is coming. War is going to be gone forever. This hope of Mankind will not be achieved by diplomats. It will be a gift of God through Jesus Christ who died to redeem Mankind and all the Cosmos. ✚



# THE JUDGMENTS OF THE TRIBULATION

(Editor's Note: I often received calls, even from pastors, asking if we are currently in the Tribulation. Such calls reflect a great ignorance of Bible prophecy because the book of Revelation makes it clear that the seven year period called the Tribulation will be a time of unparalleled horror on planet earth. For example, one half of humanity will die during the first three and a half years! Once the Tribulation begins, no one will have to call anyone and ask if we are in the Tribulation. The unimaginable terror of these seven years is well demonstrated in the insightful summary below prepared by the renowned Bible prophecy teacher, Jack Van Impe.)

**Jack Van Impe**

**T**here are a total of twenty-one special judgments that will fall upon the earth during the Tribulation period. They are in three series of sevens described as Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments. A summary is presented below:

**The Seal Judgments:** This is the beginning of the program of God to pour out judgments upon the earth. I encourage you to open your Bible and read each judgment carefully to understand the finality of God's pronouncements. These include:

1. The world's greatest dictator (Rev. 6:1-2)
2. The world's greatest war (Rev. 6:3-4)
3. The world's greatest famine (Rev. 6:5-6)
4. The world's greatest death blow (Rev. 6:7-8)
5. The world's greatest persecution (Rev. 6:9-11)
6. The world's greatest ecological disaster (Rev. 6:12-17)
7. The world's greatest hour of fear . . . actually, the lull before the storm (Rev. 8:1)



The famine of the Seal Judgments as illustrated by Basil Wolverton.

**The Trumpet Judgments:** The trumpets of Heaven sound an alarm throughout the world announcing the continuing judgments of God. Each blast ushers in an added judgment.

8. The world's greatest fire (Rev. 8:7)
9. The world's greatest oceanic disturbance (Rev. 8:8-9)
10. The world's greatest pollution of water (Rev. 8:10-11)



An illustration of the Bowl Judgments of Revelation 16 by Pat Marvenko Smith.  
(www.RevelationIllustrated.com)

11. The world's greatest darkness (Rev. 8:12-13)
12. The world's greatest pestilential invasion (Rev. 9:1-6)
13. The world's greatest army (Rev. 9:16)
14. The world's greatest storm (Rev. 11:19)

**The Vial or Bowl Judgments:** The Tribulation ends with a final pouring out of God's wrath in the form of bowl or vial judgments:

15. The world's greatest epidemic (Rev. 16:2)
16. The world's greatest contamination by blood (Rev. 16:3)
17. The world's greatest contamination by blood, continued (Rev. 16:4-7)
18. The world's greatest scorching (Rev. 16:8-9)
19. The world's greatest plague (Rev. 16:10-11)
20. The world's greatest invasion (Rev. 16:12)
21. The world's greatest earthquake (Rev. 16:18)



One hundred pound hail stones  
(Rev. 16:21) (Basil Wolverton)

These 21 judgments unleash unbelievable war, ecological disasters, and atomic catastrophe on our earth. Note this judgment in particular: "And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles" (Rev. 14:20). That's a river of blood almost as long as the nation of Israel. Think of it! An entire nation saturated and soaked with blood.

As believers, we can be grateful that the Rapture is coming before the Tribulation begins because it means we — the Church of Jesus Christ — will not be present to endure this terrible suffering. ✚



## Hamas Has A Great Gig!

Bill Wilson

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The Palestinian terrorists in Gaza have a great gig. Hamas picks a fight with one of the world's most advanced militaries. Hamas uses women and children as shields when the Israeli military comes after them after years of the terrorists shelling innocent Israeli men, women and children. They fire back at the Israelis from positions close to schools so that when retaliation occurs, the schools are fired upon with great fanfare from a very biased media. And after their entire infrastructure is destroyed, they look to the United Nations and other countries playing the role of “humanitarians” to rebuild their system of terror. Only this time, another terror group, the Palestinian Authority, will oversee the money.



Bill Wilson in Israel.

Since the hostilities have somewhat ended — as they never really do with these terrorists — the United States government, the United Nations and a host of other victims of this international shell game have rushed to send money to the poor terrorists to rebuild what the nasty Israelis destroyed. There are homes to be rebuilt. There are roads to be rebuilt. There are businesses to be rebuilt. After all, the world wouldn't want these terrorists to strike again because they live in such poverty that it angers them to become violent. It is a sure fire bet that much of the money will be diverted to rebuild infrastructure of a different kind — underground weapons smuggling tunnels, grenades, AK-47s, missiles and more.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton says the US plans to give \$900 million to the more moderate terrorist organization — the Palestinian Authority — to rebuild Gaza-this at a time when the debt-strapped America has been hit with its own economic problems and law abiding people are losing their jobs by the millions. The UN is asking donor nations to give another \$700 million and Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Algeria have pledged another \$1.5 billion as the Palestinian Authority is asking for nearly \$3 billion to rebuild Gaza — roughly \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in Gaza, over four years worth of average income.



With all the billions of dollars the “humanitarian” West and the UN have poured into Gaza and other Palestinian areas over just the last decade, the Palestinians ought to all be wealthy. But one thing for sure, they have their automatic weapons and missiles, and they have plans to use them against the “evil occupiers” the rest of the world calls Israel.

And this behavior is encouraged because every time the Palestinians make war on Israel, the world bails them out with more money. Jesus said in Matthew 7:6, “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and tear you to pieces.” ☆

### Other Insights from Bill Wilson

“Diplomats pounding Israel on giving up land for peace and setting up a democratically elected Palestinian state in the traditional biblical lands of Judea and Samaria — the so-called West Bank — need look no further than Gaza to see the type of peace that would be established if such a state were allowed.” ☆

“The White House is working on a project that may well prove to be the destruction of America as we know it. Zechariah 12:3 says, “And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it.” The Palestinian Media Center reports that President Obama has assured the Palestinian Authority that the US will advocate that East Jerusalem become the capital of a new Palestinian state. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed “A united Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. Jerusalem was and will always be ours. It shall never be divided and disunited again.” The lines of prophecy are being drawn in the sands of the Middle East and America is crossing them.” ☆

# The “Israeli-Occupied Arab West Bank”

**Stan Goodenough**



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**T**he Land of Israel is the biblical, historic and exclusive homeland of the Jewish people. It is Israel’s country. Although swallowed and made part of other empires through the ages, it has never been the na-

tional homeland of any other people.

At the heart of the Land of Israel lie the mountains of Israel, known since ancient days as Samaria and Judea. Today all who reject Jewish ownership of, and sovereignty over, these lands call them the “West Bank” or, more particularly, the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”

In all of history the land was only known as “the West Bank” for 19 brief years (1948 to 1967). But the name has stuck — and has been successfully employed to deaden awareness and resistance from Bible-believing people.

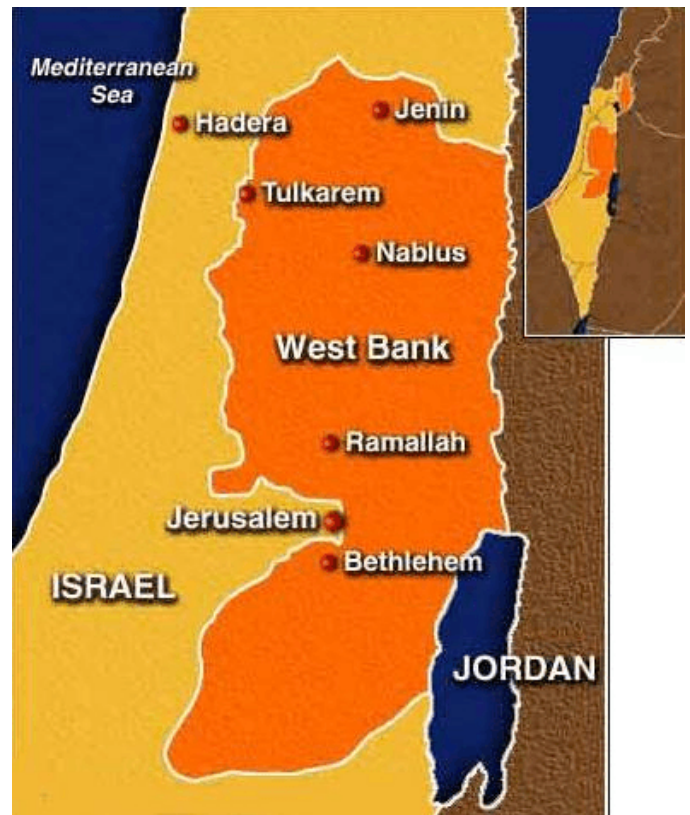
This land constitutes the bulk of what the world wants to give to the Arabs for the creation of a Palestinian state. For decades, the small nation of Israel has been under relentless international pressure to surrender it. Today . . . it increasingly looks like this land will indeed be taken from the Jews to appease the Arabs. And this as Jews and Christians look largely disinterestedly on.

Jewish and Christian readers, let me tell you a little about this “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”

- The “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” is the very cradle of Jewish civilization.
- In the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” Israel’s founding fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, lie buried. Their wives lie with them or, as in the case of Jacob’s wife Rachel, in Bethlehem - in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.” Rachel’s Joseph is also buried in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” — in Shechem.
- It was on the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” that Abraham stood when God told him to look to the north, to the south, to the east and to the west, promising that all the land he could see would be given to his descendants, “forever.”
- Jacob was traveling through the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” when he lay down to sleep, and dreamed of a staircase reaching into heaven, with angels descending and ascending as God spoke from on high saying: “Jacob, the land on which you are lying is the land I am giving to you and your descendants after you as an everlasting

possession.” That place is called Bethel, or Beit El. It is in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”

- Joshua, Moses’ successor and that great Israeli conqueror is buried in the Mountains of Ephraim, in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”
- For close on 400 years the nation of Israel worshiped God in the Tabernacle at Shiloh, in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”
- Gideon was threshing wheat in Ophrah, in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” when the Angel of the Lord called him to judge the Israelites. Other judges, including the famous Deborah, lived in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”
- Ruth met Boaz, who wooed and married her in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”
- Their grandson, the Shepherd King David, was born in Bethlehem, in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.” For the first seven-and-a-half years of his reign he ruled in Hebron — or Hebron — in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”
- Ancient Jerusalem, which David then established as the capital of his kingdom, is in the heart of the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”
- The heart of Jerusalem is the Temple Mount. Site of Solomon’s splendid first Temple and the Exiles-rebuilt





second Temple, it is in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”

- And here, in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank” God’s shekinah glory rested visibly on the only place the Almighty calls “holy.”

Is it clear yet? Can it possibly be any more so? Indeed it is clear. Those who do not see it simply don’t want to.

I want to tell you something, dear Christians and Jews. The roots of Am Yisrael (the nation of Israel) are planted deeply and irremovably in the “Israeli-occupied Arab West Bank.”



Time Magazine, April 12, 1982

Judea and Samaria is the cradle of Jewish nationhood. Permitting these territories to be given to another people (who, as every historian must testify, have never had a national homeland there or anywhere else) is to allow the Jews’ roots to be cut off. This nation — which has survived two millennia of dispersion precisely because its roots have been in these lands, and because their hope never died of one day returning to that land as their ancient prophets repeatedly reminded them they would — will not survive the severing of those roots.

Cut the Jewish people off from the place where they began and they will be left withering, then rendered extinct. No nation can live without its roots . . .

The gentile nations have rejected the Jews’ claim to these lands. They have rejected their historic ties and insist on treating Israel as a modern-day, 60-year-old democracy, and nothing more. In so doing, they have rejected Israel’s God.

All who worship the God of Israel must oppose them, or join them in opposing Him. ☆

## Thoughts About The West Bank

Dr. David R. Reagan

Every time I think of the West Bank, I am reminded of a conversation I had one time on an international flight with an American fellow sitting next to me. He asked me why I was wearing a cap with the word, Israel, on it. I explained that I take groups to Israel and that I strongly support the sovereignty of the state of Israel.

He responded by saying that he had a real problem with the Israelis. When I asked him what it was, he said, “I just don’t understand why they are so stubborn about holding on to the West Bank. Why don’t they just give it up so that they can have peace?”

I sensed that the man had absolutely no idea what he was talking about, so I responded to his question with a question: “Tell me, where is the West Bank?”

“Oh, you know,” he said.

“Yes, I know, but do you?”

“Of course!” he responded, a little irritated.

“Okay then, tell me where it is.”

He thought for a moment and then he said. “It’s the west bank of the Nile River.”

The west bank of the Nile River happens to be in Egypt. But I was not surprised at his geographical ignorance. It is endemic among Americans. I learned many years ago when I taught college that the average American college student could not identify Africa or Asia on a blank world map.

So, here was a man pontificating about what Israel should do with its heartland, not even knowing where it was located. And this attitude is characteristic of most of the world.

The fact of the matter is that Israel is one of the world’s smallest nations. It is about the size of the state of New Jersey. It is 75 miles wide and 300 miles long (yes, you read that correctly!). If the West Bank (the ancient biblical areas of Judea and Samaria) were to be given to the Arabs, Israel would be only 19 miles wide at its narrowest point. It would not have any defensible borders. Yet, the nations of the world are demanding that Israel surrender its heartland when not a single one of them would consider doing the same thing if they were in the same situation as Israel. It is hypocrisy gone to seed.

Some demand that Israel must surrender the West Bank because they acquired it through a war. If all the nations making such a demand (including our own) would follow their own advice, the world map would be altered drastically overnight. For example, we would have to surrender all the territory we won in the Mexican War of 1846-1848 (California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, and parts of Colorado and New Mexico). And, tragically, we would have to surrender Texas which was wrested from Mexico in the Texas War of Independence in 1835-1836!

The Six Day War of 1967 was a defensive war, and under international law, Israel has a right to keep every square inch of the land it won in that war. Furthermore, the land it won was given to it long ago in perpetuity by Almighty God. ☆

## **An Amazing Evangelist to the Muslim World**

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**Joel Rosenberg**

**Y**ou have probably never heard of Father Zakaria Botros. But you need to know his story.

He is far and away the most-watched and most-effective Arab evangelist reaching the Muslim world, and by far the most controversial. The Rush Limbaugh of the Revivalists, he is funny, feisty, brilliant, opinionated, and provocative. But rather than preaching the gospel of conservatism, he is preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. And his enemies do not simply want to silence him. They want to assassinate him.

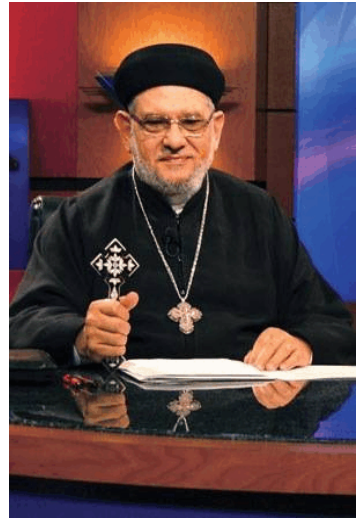
Recently I had the honor of interviewing Botros by phone. He told me that he had just learned that an al Qaeda website had posted his photograph and named him one of the “most wanted” infidels in the world. The radicals have even put a bounty on his head. The Christian Broadcasting Network reported the figure was as high as \$60 million. Botros does not know for certain. But just to put that in context, the U.S. bounty on Osama bin Laden’s head is “only” \$25 million.

Why are the radicals so enraged by an elderly Coptic priest from Egypt who is in his 70s? Because Botros is waging an air war against them, and he is winning.

Using state-of-the-art satellite technology to bypass the efforts of Islamic governments to keep the gospel out of their countries, Botros is directly challenging the claims of Muhammad to be a prophet, and the claims of the Qu’ran to be God’s word. He systematically deconstructs Muhammad’s life, story by story, pointing out character flaws and sinful behavior. He carefully deconstructs the Qu’ran, verse by verse, citing contradictions and inconsistencies. And not only does he explain without apology what he believes is wrong with Islam, he goes on to teach Muslims from the Bible why Jesus loves them and why He is so ready to forgive them and adopt them into His family, no matter who they are or what they have done.

If Botros was doing this in a corner, or on some cable access channel where no one saw him or cared, that would be one thing. But his ninety-minute program — a combination of preaching, teaching and answering questions from (often irate) callers all over the world — has become “must see TV” throughout the

Muslim world. It is replayed four times a week in Arabic, his native language, on a satellite television network called Al Hayat (“Life TV”). It can be seen in every country in North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, as well as all throughout North America, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. And not only can it be seen in so many places, it is seen — by an estimated fifty million Muslims a day.



**Father Zakaria Botros**

At the same time, Botros is getting millions of hits on his multiple web sites in multiple languages. There, Muslims can read his sermons and study through an archive of answers to frequently asked questions. They can also enter a live chat room called “Pal Chat” where they are not only permitted but encouraged to ask their toughest questions to trained on-line counselors, many of whom are Muslim converts to Christianity who understand exactly where the questioners are coming from and the struggles they are having.

As a result, Botros — on the air only since 2003 — has practically become a household word in the Muslim world. An Arabic newspaper has named him “Islam’s Public Enemy #1.” Millions hate him, to be sure, but they are watching. They are listening. They are processing what he is saying and they are talking about him with their friends and family.

When Botros challenges radical clerics to answer his many refutations of Islam and defend the Qu’ran, millions wait to see how the fundamentalists will respond. But they rarely do. They prefer to attack Botros than answer him. Yet, the more the radicals attack him, the more well-known he becomes. The more well-known he becomes, the more Muslims feel compelled to tune in. And as more Muslims tune in, more are coming to the conclusion that Botros is right and in turn are choosing to become followers of Jesus Christ.

Botros estimates that at least 1,000 Muslims a month pray to receive Christ with his telephone counselors. Some of them pray to receive Christ live on the air with Botros. And this surely is only the tip of the iceberg, as it represents only those who are able to get through on the jammed phone lines. There simply are not currently enough trained counselors to handle each call.

Many leading Arab evangelists I have interviewed say God is using Botros to help bring in the greatest harvest of Muslim converts to Christianity in the history of Christendom. Botros refuses to take any credit, saying he is just one voice in a movement of millions. But he is certainly excited by the trend lines. He does see more Muslims turning to Christ than ever before . . . What’s more, he vows to keep preaching the gospel so long as the Lord Jesus gives him breath.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son [Jesus], that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” That verse — John 3:16 — is the verse that drives Botros. He believes passionately God loves the whole



world, including each and every Muslim. He believes that “whosoever” believes in the Lordship of Jesus Christ — Jew or Muslim — will, in fact, receive eternal life.

He does not believe all Muslims are radicals, but he does believe all Muslims are spiritually lost, and he wants desperately to help them find their way to forgiveness and reconciliation with the God who made them and loves them. “I believe this is the hand of God,” Botros told me. “He is directing me. He shows me what to say. He shows me what to write on the web sites. He is showing me more and more how to use the technology to reach people with his message of redemption.” ✚

## An Interview with Father Botros

(Editor’s Note: The following interview was conducted by Front PageMag.com in June of 2009. The full interview can be found at <http://frontpagemag.com/readArticle.aspx?ARTID=35073>.)

**FrontPage:** Let’s begin with your own personal story, in terms of Islam and Christianity.

**Botros:** I am a Copt. In my early 20s, I became a priest. Of course, in predominantly Muslim Egypt, Christians—priests or otherwise—do not talk about religion with Muslims. My older brother, a passionate Christian learned that lesson too late: after preaching to Muslims, he was eventually ambushed by Muslims who cut out his tongue and murdered him. Far from being deterred or hating Muslims, I eventually felt more compelled to share the Good News with them. Naturally, this created many problems: I was constantly harassed, threatened, and eventually imprisoned and tortured for one year, simply for preaching to Muslims. Egyptian officials charged me with abetting “apostasy,” that is, for being responsible for the conversion of Muslims to Christianity. Another time I was arrested while boarding a plane out of Egypt. Eventually, however, I managed to flee my native country and resided for a time in Australia and England.

**FP:** I apologize for asking this, but what were some of the tortures you endured when you were imprisoned?

**Botros:** Due to my preaching the Gospel, Egyptian soldiers broke into my home putting their guns to my head. Without telling me why, they arrested me and placed me in an extremely small prison cell (1.8 x 1.5 x 1.8 meters, which was further problematic, since I am 1.83 meters tall!). To make matters worse, other inmates were in the cell with me. Temperatures were well over 100 degrees with, no windows, and no light. No beds of course. We slept on the floor — in shifts, as there was not enough room for all of us to lie down. Due to the lack of oxygen, we used to also take shifts lying with our noses under the crack of the cell door to get air. As a result, I developed a kidney infection (receiving, of course, no medical attention). Mosquitoes plagued us. Food was delivered in buckets; we rarely even knew what the gruel was. The prison guards would often spit in the bucket in front of us, as well as fling their nose pickings in it.

**FP:** My heart goes out to you in terms of this terrible suffering you endured. What is your primary purpose in what you do?

**Botros:** Simple: the salvation of souls. As I always say, inasmuch as I may reject Islam, I love Muslims. Thus, to save the latter, I have no choice but to expose the former for the false religion it is. Christ commanded us to spread the Good News.

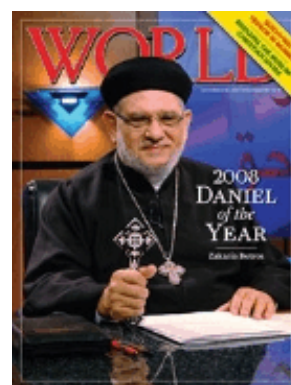
There is no rule that says Christians should proselytize the world — except for Muslims! Of course, trying to convert the latter is more dangerous. But we cannot forsake them. This is more important considering that many Muslims are “religious” and truly seek to please God; yet they are misdirected. So I want to take their sincerity and piety and direct it to the True Light.

**FP:** In what way can you summarize for us why you think that Islam is a “false” religion?

**Botros:** Theologically, as I am a Christian priest, I believe that only Christianity offers the truth. Based on my faith in Christ, I reject all other religious systems as man-made and thus not reflective of divine truths. Moreover, one of the greatest crimes committed by Muhammad — a crime which he shall surely never be forgiven for — is that he denied the grace and mercy that Christ brought, and took humanity back to the age of the law.

But faith aside, common sense alone makes it clear that, of all the world’s major religions, Islam is most certainly false. After all, while I may not believe in, say, Buddhism, still, it obviously offers a good philosophical system and people follow it apparently for its own intrinsic worth. The same cannot be said about Islam. **Of all the religions it is the only one that has to threaten its adherents with death if they try to break away.** It is also the only religion that, from its inception, in order to “buy” followers, has been dedicated to fulfilling some of the worst impulses of man — for conquest, sex, plunder, and pride. History demonstrates all this. While Christianity was spread far and wide by Christians who altruistically gave up their lives, simply because they believed in Christ, **Islam spread by force, by the edge of the sword, by fear, threats, and lurid enticements to the basest desires of man. Islam is by far the falsest religion** — an assertion that is at once theologically, philosophically, and historically demonstrable . . . ***Islam is less a faith and more a vehicle for empowerment.***

The bottom line is, many Muslims think of Islam less as a spiritual system dedicated to ascertaining and putting one on the course of the truth, and more a way of life — first and foremost not to be questioned — that if followed closely, will result, not only in future paradise, but earthly success, honor, and power. ✚



Father Zakaria Botros was named *World Magazine's* 2008 “Daniel of the Year,” something of a Christian equivalent to *Time Magazine's* “Person of the Year.”

You can find his website on the Internet at <http://fatherzakaria.net>.

Please pray for Father Zakaria’s safety and continued effectiveness as a minister of the gospel.

A final thought: President Bush constantly referred to Islam as “a religion of peace.” In his Cairo speech, President Obama said “throughout history Islam has demonstrated through words and deeds the possibilities of religious tolerance and racial equality.” These politically correct statements are a complete lie. As Mark Gabriel has so succinctly put it: “The history of Islam is a river of blood.”

## Obama's Obsession with Promoting Immorality —



President Obama has long been obsessed with providing legitimacy to sexual immorality, and this has not been one of his hidden agendas. Repeatedly during his presidential campaign, he promised to do everything possible to advance the homosexual agenda. For example, in August of 2008, he made the following statement:

ment:

I believe that we can achieve equality for the millions of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered) people in this country, and with this team [leaders of his LGBT team of advisors] I know that the LGBT community will play a major role in our campaign to bring change to Washington.

This is a campaign promise he has kept. He has appointed several members of the LGBT community to high offices in his administration. In fact, he has bragged openly about being the first president “to appoint openly LGBT candidates to Senate-confirmed positions in the first 100 days of an administration.” As an example, he recently appointed Kevin Jennings to be his Assistant Secretary of Education in charge of the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools. Jennings is the former head of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network whose primary purpose is to create “gay-straight alliance clubs” in junior high and high schools around the country. These organizations are designed to promote the idea that homosexuality is normal behavior.



Kevin Jennings

The President decided to declare June of 2009 to be “LGBT Pride Month.” At the White House reception to honor his proclamation, the President made an astounding statement:

There are unjust laws to overturn and unfair practices to stop. And though we've made progress, there are still fellow citizens — perhaps neighbors or even family members and loved ones — who still hold fast to worn arguments and old attitudes, who fail to see your families like their families and who would deny you the rights that most Americans take for granted.

“Worn arguments and old attitudes”? He is, of course, speaking of Christian values based on the Word of God. He is determined to force acceptance of deviant sexual behavior, and one of his vehicles for doing so will be the strengthening of hate crime legislation, trying to make it a crime to even speak out against homosexuality and other forms of deviant sexuality.

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It is very easy to express your opinion to the President. All you have to do is go to the White House website at [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov) and click on “Contact Us” in the upper right-hand corner of the home page. You will be supplied with a form you can use to express your thoughts to the President.

Dr. Reagan recently utilized this service to send the following message to the President:

Mr. President, I am outraged over your proclamation designating June as “LGBT Pride Month.” Why should any American take pride in sexual perversion? And why did you decide to discriminate against pedophiles by not including them in the proclamation — or will that be the proclamation for next month? What about a “Bestiality Pride Month” or a “Prostitution Pride Month”? Mr. President, you are inviting the wrath of God to fall on your Administration.

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness . . .” Romans 1:18*

### Apostasy —

The presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Schori continues to spout apostasy every time she opens her mouth. Her latest shocker was in the speech she delivered at the opening of the church's General Conference in June. She said that the “great Western heresy” is the idea “that we can be saved as individuals, that any of us alone can be in right relationship with God.” She blasted the concept of praying to be saved and argued that to do so is a form of idolatry because it is an “individualist focus” that “puts me and my words in the place that only God can occupy.” The bishop either has not read or does not believe Romans 10:9-10 which says,



Katharine Jefferts Schori

*If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved, for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

### The Pope Paves the Way for the Antichrist —



Pope Benedict XVI

In a papal encyclical issued in July, Pope Benedict called for the creation of a “world political authority” to manage the global economy. He emphasized that this political entity would have to have “teeth” in the form of “the authority to ensure compliance with its decisions from all parties.” The Bible clearly prophesies in the book of Revelation that the Antichrist will create a world government with the cooperation of a world religious leader. ✚



## One-Liners —

“A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take away everything you have.”  
— Thomas Jefferson

“Most Americans are too Christian really to enjoy sinning and too fond of sinning to enjoy Christianity.”  
— Peter Marshall, Scottish-American pastor and Senate Chaplain (1947-1949).

“In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.” — C. S. Lewis, the 20th Century’s foremost defender of the Christian faith.

“Sin takes you farther than you want to go and keeps you longer than you want to stay.” — Pam Burton, founder and director of Holy Highway, a ministry for errant girls located in Pickton, Texas.

“Isn’t it strange that we put people in prison for fighting dogs, but not for killing babies?” — David Barton, founder and director of Wall Builders, an organization devoted to proclaiming the Christian heritage of the United States.

“I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle; I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much!” — Bob Clyburn, Christian layman in Forney, Texas.

“There are only two religions in the world — one is spelled DO, the other is spelled DONE.” — Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

“The seeker-sensitive, market-driven agenda is driving Evangelicals to the Catholic Church in search of reverence for God.” — Mike Gendron, founder and director of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries in Garland, Texas.



Rachel Barkay

“The Gospel is not just a ticket to Heaven, it is a whole way of living.” — Rachel Barkay, a Christian wife and mother whose testimony about her struggle with cancer touched the hearts of people worldwide. A video of her testimony can be found on the Internet at <http://deathisnotdying.com/fullvideo>. She went home to be with her Lord on July 2nd.

“Deliver us, O God, from the God-helps-those-who-help-themselves philosophy, which is really a cloak for sheer unbelief in Thy ability and willingness to take care of us and our affairs.” — From a prayer by Peter Marshall, delivered before the United States Senate on April 21, 1947.

“It is not our trust that keeps us, but the God in whom we trust who keeps us.” — Oswald Chambers (1874-1917), a Scottish Christian minister and teacher, best known as the author of the widely-read devotional book, *My Utmost for His Highest*.

“Prayer — secret, fervent, believing prayer — lies at the root of all personal godliness.” — William Carey (1761-1834), pioneer Christian missionary to India who translated the Bible into Bengali, Sanskrit, and numerous other languages and dialects.

“If your knees are shaking, kneel on them.” — Charles Allen, (1913-2005) renowned Methodist pastor.



## Food for Thought

## Who Are You Looking For? —

**They Missed Him**  
(Author Unknown)

They were looking for a Lion, He came as a Lamb, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a Warrior, He came as a Peace Maker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a King, He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a Liberator from Rome, He submitted to a Roman cross, and they missed Him.

They were looking for a fit to their mold, He was the Mold Maker, and they missed Him.

They were looking for their temporal needs to be met. He came to meet their eternal needs, and they missed Him.

He came as a Lamb to be sacrificed for your sin. Will you miss Him?

He came to make peace between God and man. Will you miss Him?

He came to model servanthood for all mankind. Will you miss Him?

He came that we might have true liberty. Will you miss Him?

He came to give you eternal life. Will you miss Him?

What are you looking for? Lion? Warrior? King? Liberator? What are you looking for?

When we submit to the Lamb we will meet the Lion. Join with the Peacemaker and we will meet the Warrior. Work with the Servant and we will meet the King. Walk with the Submitted and we will meet the Liberator. Concern ourselves with the eternal and we will have the temporal.

If Jesus is not fitting into the mold you have, then come to the Mold Maker and get His new one. Submit to His plan for your life and you will see the eternal need met first, then all the other things you have need of will be taken care of as well.

## Socialism —

“You cannot legislate the poor into freedom by legislating the wealthy out of freedom. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea they do not have to work because the other half is

going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that, my dear friend is about the end of any nation. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it.” — Adrian Rogers (1931-2005), former pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. ✚



# Daystar Continues to Extend Its Outreach

The Daystar Television Network continues to be the fastest growing Christian network in the world. It recently announced that it has been granted a license by the state of Israel to broadcast on both direct-to-home-satellite and cable platforms. Daystar has thus become the only full time Christian television network broadcasting in every city in Israel. When Dr. Reagan was in Jerusalem recently, he watched "Christ in Prophecy" on the TV set in his hotel room.



Daystar has also signed a contract to start broadcasting over the largest single cable system in America — Cablevision in New York City with 2.7 million digital homes. Daystar is the first Christian television network in history to be included on this cable system.

Internationally, Daystar has increased its outreach by over 16 million homes, including systems in Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, and Hong Kong — with 1.7 million more homes pending in the United Kingdom. Daystar is the first and only Christian network on CanalSat in France, reaching 4 million homes. Likewise, Daystar is the first and only Christian network broadcasting on all three of the largest systems in Germany, with access to over 5 million homes.

These additions to the Daystar system brings the network's coverage to over **71 million** homes in the United States and **451 million** homes internationally, for a worldwide total of **525 million** homes, representing 1.5 billion people!

### New Programs

In late September we will begin broadcasting a series of four new programs with Dr. Jobe Martin, a renowned expert on Creationism and Evolution. You can find out more about his ministry at [www.biblicaldiscipleship.org](http://www.biblicaldiscipleship.org). We will be featuring his book called *The Evolution of a Creationist*. You can order the book through us by calling 800-705-8316. It sells for \$15 including the cost of mailing.



Donna Nelson of Shawano, Wisconsin sent this photo of Dr. Reagan on her TV screen in the living room of her house. She commented that his red tie complimented the red accents of her room!

## "Christ in Prophecy" Broadcast Schedule

### National Networks

Daystar Network DirecTV Channel 369      DISH Channel 263 On cable networks throughout the nation.				
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 DirecTV Channel 364      DISH Channel 259				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Fri. 9:00am	Fri. 10:00am	Fri. 11:00am	Fri. Noon

The Church Channel DirecTV Channel 371				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sat. 6:30pm	Sat. 7:30pm	Sat. 8:30pm	Sat. 9:30pm

National Religious Broadcasters Network DirecTV 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** at various times. See: [www.kajm.com/familyvision](http://www.kajm.com/familyvision).



**New Mexico Family Stations** is a network consisting of two stations in Albuquerque: KAZQ, Channel 32 and KTVM, Channel 36. Our program is broadcast on Thursday at 11:00pm and on Saturday at 3:00pm.

### The Internet

You can access our weekly television program through our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). Go to the home page, scroll down to the bottom, and click on "Current TV Show." You can also watch our TV programs on the Tangle website at [www.tangle.com/lamblion](http://www.tangle.com/lamblion). ♦



# A Blessed Bible Conference!

Our 2009 Bible Conference, held the last weekend in June, was packed out with more than 650 people present. Because many who wanted to attend had to be turned away, we have scheduled next year's conference to be held at the new Marriott Hotel in Allen, Texas (a suburb of Dallas) where we can seat 1,200 people.

The conference opened on Friday evening with an anointed time of worship led by Marty Goetz, a very gifted Messianic musician. He was followed by the first teaching lesson which was presented by Dr. Ron Carlson, founder of Christian Ministries International. Dr. Carlson spoke on the topic, "Are There Many Roads to God?"

The next morning Dr. Reagan began the day by speaking on "Spiritual Apostasy in the End Times." He was followed by Dr. Robert Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas. His topic was "Absolute Truth."

After lunch on Saturday, the conference was treated to a concert of Christian songs presented by Jack Hollingsworth, the featured singer on our "Christ in Prophecy" TV program. The next speaker was Mike Gendron, renowned authority on Christian doctrine, whose presentation was entitled, "The Bible Driven Church." The day ended with another presentation by Dr. Carlson about the danger of cults.

## An Emotional Moment

One of the highlights of the conference occurred when Jack Hollingsworth told about the 20 years he spent living on the streets as a homeless person before he found the Lord. He mentioned that he tried to commit suicide several times and that one of those times he had jumped off the Mississippi River bridge at Memphis. He was saved because of a drought. The river had receded, and when he jumped, he missed the water and landed in soft mud. He was still in bad shape but alive.

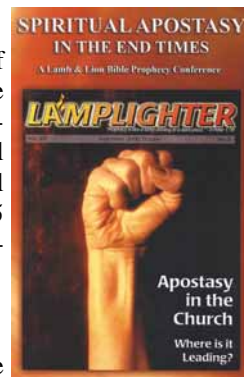
At that point, Jack choked up with tears and said he had a very special announcement. He called on Dr. Jim Pearson from Johnson City, Tennessee to come forward. Dr. Pearson said he had heard Jack give his testimony a couple of years ago and that it had brought back a memory. He went back home, checked out his records, and confirmed that he was on the medical staff the night that Jack was brought to the emergency room at the hospital in Memphis!



Jack Hollingsworth on the left with Dr. Jim Pearson from Johnson City, Tennessee.

## The Conference Album

A DVD album containing all five of the conference presentations is available for \$20 plus \$5 for packaging and shipping. Ask for the album titled, "Spiritual Apostasy in the End Times." Individual presentations can be purchased for \$5 each plus \$3.50 for packaging and shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567.



## Next Year's Conference

The theme of our 2010 conference will be "Defending the Faith." The dates are June 25-26. It will begin on Friday evening with a musical presentation by Larry McCoy from Gallatin, Tennessee. He is the talented musician who has put the entire book of Revelation to music. He has been featured in two of our television programs. Larry and his associates will present an abbreviated version of their musical. Their presentation will be followed by the first teaching which will be presented by Gary Frazier of Discovery Ministries. He will speak on "The Truth of Bible Prophecy."

The next day our series of speakers will include the following:

- Mike Gendron — "The Truth of the Bible"
- Jobe Martin — "The Truth of Creation"
- Dave Reagan — "The Truth of the Virgin Birth"
- Eric Barger — "The Truth of the Divinity of Jesus"
- Ron Rhodes — "The Truth of the Resurrection"



Conference attendees enjoy fellowship with one another during a conference break.

Next year's conference will be free of charge. On Saturday evening, following the conclusion of the conference, there will be a banquet to celebrate the ministry's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be a charge of \$30 per person for those attending it. Jack Hollingsworth will be the featured singer, and Ed Hindson has tentatively agreed to be the featured speaker. Tables for ten can be purchased for \$300 each.

To register for the conference and/or the banquet, call 972-736-3567. ✦

# Ministry News

## Holy Land Pilgrimages —

Dr. Reagan has tentatively scheduled two pilgrimages to Israel for next year, depending on the availability of air seats and hotel rooms.

The first will be a “Focus on Jerusalem” trip designed for those who have already made the basic tour of the land. It is scheduled for April 1 through April 10. The group will fly to Frankfurt, Germany where they will spend a half day touring and a night before they proceed on to Tel Aviv. There will be six full days of touring in Jerusalem, including one free day. On the return trip to the States, the group will stopover again in Frankfurt for a night in order to break up the long trip back home. The tour will focus on visiting places in Jerusalem that are not seen on the usual basic tour. One of the highlights will be a full day at the Bible Learning Center in Ein Kerem, a suburb of Jerusalem.

The second pilgrimage will be a full tour of Israel with two nights in Tel Aviv, two nights in Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, and five nights in Jerusalem. We are trying to schedule it for November.

For detailed information regarding either one of the tours, please call our office at 972-736-3567.

## Schedule of Engagements —

Dr. Reagan will begin the month of **September** at Nineveh Christian Church in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky (12-13). Dave will speak next at a Steeling the Mind Conference in Denver, Colorado (19). It will be held at Calvary Chapel in Littleton. George Collich will accompany Dave to this conference. Dave will conclude the month by attending the NRB Media Summit in Washington, D.C. (23-24).

On the first day of **October** the ministry’s video crew will shoot two television programs with Pat Marvenko Smith, the talented illustrator of the book of Revelation. You can find her website at RevelationIllustrated.com. Dr. Reagan’s first speaking engagement in October will be at a Feast of Tabernacles celebration being hosted by Woodland Heights Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas (2-4). In the middle of the month Dave will fly to Canada to speak at a prophecy conference to be conducted at Erindale Alliance Church in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (16-18). This conference is being hosted by The Berean Watchmen Ministry.

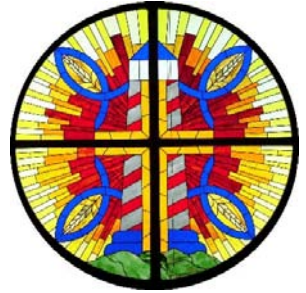
In **November** Lamb & Lion Ministries will host a prophecy conference that will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Farmersville, Texas (6-7). In mid-November Dr. Reagan will conduct a weekend conference at Crossroads Christian Church in Evansville, Indiana (14-15). George Collich will travel with Dave to this conference, and he will also assist Dave the end of the month when he will be speaking at three Code Blue Rallies in Rockford, Moline and Peoria, Illinois (20-22). For more information about the Code Blue Rallies, see [www.worldviewweekendrally.com](http://www.worldviewweekendrally.com).



## Bethlehem Baptist Conference —

The pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Farmersville, Texas, David Meeks, has a real heart for Bible prophecy and a zeal for the Lord’s soon return. He recently invited Dr. Reagan to host a conference at his church. Dr. Reagan accepted the invitation, and the conference has been set for November 6-7.

The theme of the conference will be “Prophecy in the News.” It will begin on Friday evening with a concert by Jack Hollingsworth, the featured singer on the ministry’s TV program. That evening Dennis Pollock, Dr. Reagan’s former associate evangelist, will speak. The conference will continue all day Saturday with the following speakers: Nathan Jones, Don McGee, Al Gist, and Dave Reagan.



Conference seating is limited to 300. To register, call 972-736-3567. Farmersville is located about 40 miles northeast of Dallas. You can find detailed information about the church at the following website: [www.lighthouseinthecountry.org](http://www.lighthouseinthecountry.org).

The beautiful stain glass window pictured above is in the sanctuary of Bethlehem Baptist Church. It features a lighthouse with a cross and four signs of the fish, representing an outreach of the Gospel to the four corners of the world. The church’s nickname is “God’s Lighthouse in the Country.”

## A Message to President Obama —

In early June Dr. Reagan took 71 pilgrims on a tour of Israel. While they were in Jerusalem, the advertisement below appeared in the *Jerusalem Post*:

-advertisement-

### To the President of the United States Barack Hussein Obama:

You were elected by a democratic majority and therefore:

- You have the right to adulate Islam and to bow to its despots
- You have the right to appease terror
- You have the right to relinquish America’s role as the standard bearer of freedom and justice in the world
- You even have the right to drag America into a foreign policy doomed to failure and defeat

However, you were not elected in Israel and therefore:

- You have no right to steal the Jewish homeland from the Jewish People
- You have no right to trample the sovereignty of the State of Israel by issuing dictates that threaten our survival
- You have no right to disregard the democratic choice of Israel’s citizens
- You have no right to force upon Israel a racist policy of ethnically cleansing Jews from the biblical heart of Israel

We, the Jews who returned to our historic heartland, will not cooperate in our destruction:

- We will not leave our land
- We will not cease building it
- We will oppose with every ounce of our strength any Israeli leadership that surrenders to policies that will only bring war and destruction

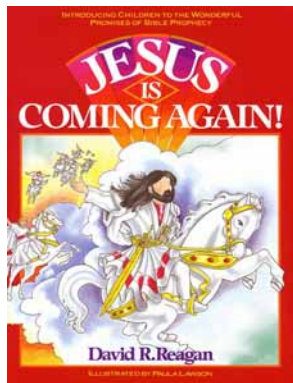
**Remember:**  
**Throughout history, many have arisen against us, but the Jewish People have outlived them all!**

The Action Committees of Judea and Samaria



# Communications

**Children's Book** — "I purchased your children's book on the Second Coming of Jesus at the Worldview Weekend Conference in Branson, Missouri. I have two boys, ages 2 and 5. My husband and I have been reading your book to our five year old, Kian, on a regular basis. A week ago, he made a trumpet sound during dinner and announced that we needed to practice for the Rapture! So, we all raised our hands to Heaven and had big smiles on our faces. I thought you might enjoy how you inspired a young child to encourage his family to practice for the Rapture. We lovingly call it 'The Rapture Drill.'" — Kim Wentzlaff of Lakeville, Minnesota.



[Dr. Reagan's book for children about end time Bible prophecy is titled, *Jesus is Coming Again!* It is designed for pre-school and elementary age children. It focuses on the blessing God has promised the world when Jesus returns. The book is beautifully illustrated in full color by a gifted Christian artist. It has a large format (8½ x 11"). It is 28 pages in length and has a durable cover. It sells for \$10.]

**Television Program** — "I want you to know how much I enjoy the Lamb & Lion TV programs. Dr. Reagan is really a great speaker and interviewer, and I have gotten in the habit of listening to the programs while working in my art studio. I have never been so excited about the Rapture as after listening to your programs. End times stuff can be so scary and depressing (depending on the source you listen to), and your program puts the whole subject into a hopeful perspective. I am a small group leader at my church, and we are studying Revelation. Lamb & Lion has been a great resource to help me prepare for this study." — Alessandra White, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

**Website** — "Christian greetings from the church in Dar es Salaam. We are a so-called Talitha Outreach Evangelism Ministry, aiming at proclaiming the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth. We got to know you through your website. Your magazine articles have been very helpful to us." — Pastor Mathias M. Kissimby in Tanzania, East Africa.

**Videos** — "I'm 83 years old, and I am using Dr. Reagan's videos to teach Bible prophecy. God has blessed me with an average of 22 people from 5 different denominations, including two pastors. Dr. Reagan's messages have created so much excitement. I want to start a second group for a senior community of people who cannot come to the church building. I'm also Campus Minister to the students at De Pauw University, and I am going to use Dr. Reagan's video series, "The Fundamentals of Bible Prophecy," to introduce the college kids to the study of Bible prophecy. The kids on campus have given me the name, "Brother Charles." It's such a privilege to be accepted as a mentor to these young people." — Pastor Charles Lukenbill in Greencastle, Indiana.

**Prophecy Partner** — [Editor's note: Each day the Lamb & Lion staff members pray specifically for ten Prophecy Partners and their families. Each family is then notified of our prayer for them through a post card.]

"I feel a great need to let you and your staff know how important the work is that your ministry accomplishes. You may be wondering what prompted this need to write to you. Quite simply, nothing more than a post card from your ministry with the words, "We

prayed for you today." That was the best news I had received all week. It knocks me to my knees just to think about it — people I've never met (strangers, really) a thousand miles away praying for me. No! That is not correct; we aren't strangers . . . we are all brothers and sisters in Christ!

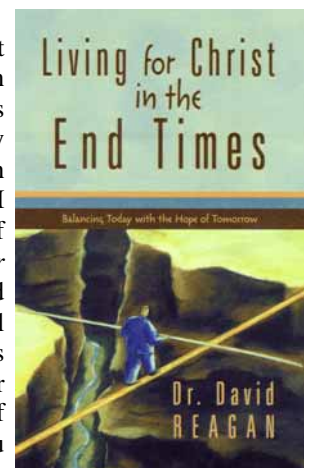
There is not enough paper and ink in North Carolina for me to express all my feelings and emotions or to outline the changes that have occurred in my life since I opened my heart to God and His Son, Jesus Christ. It is true that from an early age I was taught many of God's lessons. But, for whatever reason, I just never really embraced those teachings. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit never gave up on me, and through your ministry I re-discovered Jesus and fell in love with Him!

Knowing the person that I was before and the person that I am today — the transformation that has taken place is really beyond my understanding. All I can say is that we serve a truly magnificent God!

I'm sure that much like myself, you and your staff have days when the whole world gets turned upside down, and it is easy to get frustrated and discouraged. But please know this — I'm living proof of God's love and amazing grace, and I will forever be grateful to your ministry." — Anthony T. Helms in Scotland Neck, North Carolina.

**Books and Meetings** — "I'm a 91 year old woman who drove alone recently to Lexington, Kentucky on a Sunday morning just to hear you preach once again. My home is in Georgetown, Kentucky. (No, my home is in Heaven; my residence is in Georgetown!)

When you spoke at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville on four consecutive Wednesday nights back in 1999, I was there every night. I cannot tell you how much those sermons meant to me. Also, I cannot begin to count the number of copies of your book, *Living for Christ in the End Times*, I've shared with other people. Such a powerful book! You are quoted many times in my Bible study and prayer groups, and I have every copy of the *Lamplighter* since 1999. You are a blessing, and I thank God for your ministry." — Jane Hope Fields in Georgetown, Kentucky.



[Dr. Reagan's book, *Living for Christ in the End Times*, sells for \$15. It runs 264 pages in length.]



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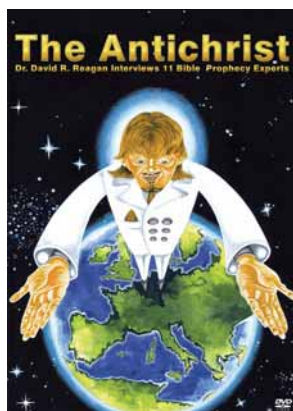
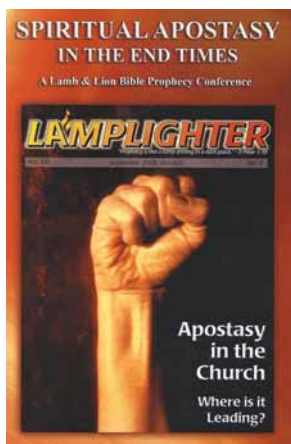
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## New Videos Issued

### 2009 Conference Album —

This multiple DVD album contains all five of the presentations made by our four speakers: Ron Carlson, Mike Gendron, Robert Jeffress, and Dave Reagan. The running time is approximately 250 minutes. \$20 plus \$5 for shipping and handling. The presentations cover a variety of apostasies, including Universalism, the Emergent Church Movement, Cultic Heresies, and Relativism.



**The Antichrist** — This album contains four video programs in which Dr. David Reagan interviews 11 Bible prophecy experts regarding what the Bible reveals about the origin, nature, and rule of the Antichrist during the Great Tribulation.

Discussion questions include the following:

- Will the Antichrist be a Jew?
- Will the Antichrist be a Muslim?
- Will the Antichrist be killed and resurrected from the dead?
- Is the Antichrist alive today?
- Where will the Antichrist's headquarters be located?

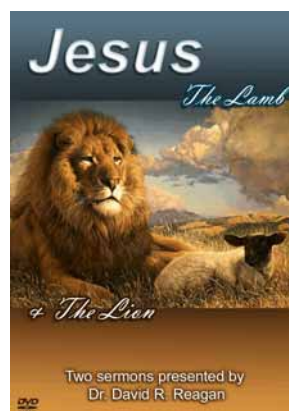
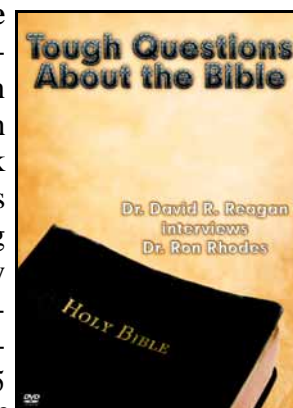
The Bible prophecy experts who appear in the programs include Daymond Duck, Al Gist, Don Perkins, Phillip Goodman, Nathan Jones, Don McGee, Todd Strandberg, Ray Gano, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Mark

Hitchcock, and Ed Hindson. A variety of viewpoints are presented, and they should motivate any viewer to search the Scriptures.

The running time for each program is approximately 25 minutes, for an overall time of 100 minutes. \$12 plus the cost of shipping and handling.

### Tough Questions About the Bible —

Dr. Reagan and Nathan Jones interview Dr. Ron Rhodes concerning tough questions that people ask about the Bible. Dr. Rhodes is the founder of Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministry and is a highly respected expert in the field of Apologetics. Running time is about 75 minutes. \$12 plus the cost of shipping and handling.



**Jesus, the Lamb and the Lion** — This album contains two sermons by Dr. Reagan concerning the Bible's symbolic imagery of the Messiah as a lamb and a lion. Dr. Reagan explains how Jesus came the first time as a suffering lamb and how He will return as a conquering lion.

Both sermons were videotaped live at Rose Heights Church of God in Tyler, Texas. Running time is 50 minutes. \$12 plus the cost of shipping and handling.

To order any or all of these videos, call 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday. For a complete listing of all our videos, go to our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). ✚