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Observations by the Editor

Calling for Judgment

I believe that America's number one sin is abortion. We have the blood of the innocent on our hands, and we are literally crying out for the judgment of God to fall on our nation.

The cry of "freedom of choice" is a cry for the freedom to commit murder. No such freedom exists under God's Law. Abortion may have been legalized, but that does not make it moral.

We are a people obsessed with sex and with sexual freedom. In the process, we are ignoring the clear teaching of God's Word that the only moral sex is that between a man and a woman in a marriage relationship.

And we are suffering the consequences of our irresponsibility in the form of sexual diseases, unwanted babies and broken relationships. The message is clear: God cannot be mocked.

Our national rebellion against God has happened so quickly. It began in earnest with the social rebellion that occurred in the 1960's, with its rallying cry of "Free Love and Drugs." In the 50 years since that time, we have witnessed the breakdown of our society as we have done everything possible to evict God from our national consciousness.

Today, we are a society reeling out of control and headed for a major crash. Our god is money, and the true God of this universe is going to destroy that idol.

A Manifesto

That's what my newly published booklet, *A Prophetic Manifesto*, is all about. It is a warning cry that our nation has passed the point of no return and that God is now in the process of withdrawing His protection, allowing us to implode.

In the booklet I point out that we have been following in the footsteps of ancient Judah. I provide many parallels, both positive and negative, and I conclude by declaring:

Like ancient Judah, our fate is sealed. Our collapse will be just as sudden and overwhelming. Why should God treat us any differently? We can be assured that He will not.



Dr. David R. Reagan

The second half of the manifesto focuses on the signs that clearly indicate that we are at the end of the Church Age. Based on those signs that God's Word tells us to watch for, I assert that Jesus is at the very gates of Heaven, waiting for His Father's command to return.

But is that message being urgently proclaimed from our pulpits? No! The Church is asleep. Pastors are more concerned with attending church growth conferences and trying to catch up with the latest fad in worship entertainment.

Even worse are those who mock the signs and scoff at the idea of the Lord's return anytime in the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile, our society continues to secularize and paganize at breathtaking speed, and true Christianity is coming under increasing attack.

Is there any hope for our nation? I do not think so. Our only hope is Jesus, and thus we have no hope, because our nation has rejected Him.

But there is, of course, individual hope for those of us who know Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and I conclude the manifesto by talking about that hope. For detailed information about the manifesto and how you can get a copy, see page 18. ✚

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The Abomination of Abortion



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In January of 1973 the Supreme Court of the United States made one of its most momentous decisions. It has since proved to be its most infamous decision.

The Court ruled in the case of *Roe v. Wade* that states could not outlaw abortion. In effect, the Court authorized abortion on demand.

The Legal Grounds

Since there was no Constitutional basis for the decision, the justices invented a justification by proclaiming that they had discovered an implied “right of privacy.” They argued that this newly discovered right was sufficient to guarantee a pregnant woman freedom of choice regarding the destiny of the baby in her womb.

This incredible decision flew in the face of 4,000 years of Western civilization. It violated the fundamental tenets of America’s Judeo-Christian heritage. It contradicted the Hippocratic Oath that has guided the medical profession for centuries.

The decision also violated the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. That amendment specifies that “no person shall be denied life, liberty or property without due process of law.”

The justices got around this prohibition by declaring a baby in the womb to be a non-person, just as the Court ruled in 1856 in the notorious *Dred Scott* decision that Negroes were non-persons.

The Slaughter of the Innocent

The Court’s decision unleashed a holocaust of unprecedented proportions — a holocaust of babies.

Since 1973 Americans have been killing their babies at the rate of 4,000 per day, or 1½ million per year. The 40th anniversary of the Court’s decision in 2013 will mark a total slaughter of almost 60 million babies. That’s ten times the death count of Hitler who murdered 6 million Jews.

In all the wars the United States has fought since the Revolutionary War — including the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — the number of Americans killed totals 848,163. We kill almost twice that many babies in America every year in the name “of freedom of choice for women.”

How many Beethovens have died? How many Shakespeares have been killed? How many Billy Grahams, Jonas Salks and Martin Luther Kings have been murdered in their mothers’ wombs?

The Nature of the Crime

Yes, I said, “murdered,” because the Word of God makes it clear that abortion is murder.

The Bible says that we are to “choose life” (Deuteronomy 30: 19). The abortionists choose death. The Bible says that God hates “hands that shed innocent blood” (Proverbs 6:17). The abortionists shed the blood of the innocent.

The abortionists say that the baby in the womb is not a

human being. They dehumanize it by calling it a fetus or a “protoplasmic blob.” But God said to Jeremiah, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations” (Jeremiah 1:5).

These passages from God’s Word clearly teach that the baby in the womb is a human being from the moment of conception.

A Significant Confirmation

The humanity of the baby in the womb is confirmed in the New Testament in a story related to the birth of Jesus.

We are told in Luke 1:39-44 that when Mary became pregnant with Jesus, she went to see her relative Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist. When Mary came into the presence of Elizabeth, the Word says that the baby in Elizabeth’s womb leaped with joy over the presence of the Christ child who was yet to be born! Was Jesus a human being in His mother’s womb? Was John the Baptist?

God’s Word tells of a baby leaping with joy in his mother’s womb. All across America today we have babies writhing in agony as they burn to death in their mothers’ wombs from injected saline solutions.

A Perverted Value System

Our society has reached the same despicable level of degradation that characterized the ancient nation of Judah when God poured out His wrath upon them. The prophet Isaiah wrote of that nation: “Men call evil good and good evil” (Isa. 5:20). That’s where we are today.

Our nation is characterized by many grievous sins. For example, we are the moral polluter of planet earth through the exportation of our violent, immoral and blasphemous television programs and movies. We are also encouraging a plague of homosexuality worldwide. But our most horrible sin by far is the seal of approval that we have placed on the murder of babies in their mothers’ wombs. We have the blood of the innocent on our hands, and that blood is crying out for revenge.

As we have rejected God’s laws in favor of Man’s philosophical meanderings, we have perverted and distorted the Judeo-Christian value system that made this country so great. Our Humanistic values now reflect a perverse sense of priorities.

For example, we require parental consent for a girl to get her ears pierced. But she can get birth control pills and an abortion without anyone’s consent. We protect bald eagles and their eggs with stiff fines and prison sentences while we encourage people to kill their unborn babies. We weep over the killing of whales and rejoice over the slaughter of human babies.

Like the Nazis who dehumanized the Jews by calling them “vermin” and “parasites,” the abortion advocates have dehumanized the baby in the womb by calling it anything except a baby. To them the unborn child is “a chunk of tissue,” “gametic materials,” “fetal tissue,” or “protoplasmic rubbish.”



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The widespread practice of abortion is desensitizing the American people to the value and dignity of life. This, in turn, is preparing us to accept the same atrocities which the Nazis committed — namely, infanticide and euthanasia. Both practices are becoming more common in this country and both are being advocated more and more openly.

After all, what is the difference in killing a baby in the womb a week before its scheduled delivery and killing it a week after it has been delivered? Why not give the parents a waiting period after delivery to decide if the baby

should live? That way they could order it killed if it was the wrong sex, or had the wrong color of hair, or had a handicap of some sort.

And shouldn’t the same standard be applied to the elderly? Why should they be allowed to live if their “quality of life” becomes low due to illness or feebleness. Why should they be allowed to become a burden on the taxpayer?

It is certain that the acceptance of abortion will ultimately lead to the widespread practice of euthanasia. If parents can pay doctors to kill their unwanted children, then children will pay the same doctors to kill their unwanted parents. We reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7).

The Pros and Cons

I realize there are many sincere people, even professing Christians, who believe abortion should be a matter of personal choice. These people have developed many sophisticated arguments in behalf of abortion. But those arguments do not stand the test of Scripture or logic or experience.

1 “Is it fair,” the abortionists ask, **“to bring a baby into the world who is unwanted?”** This argument is an emotional deception. There is no such thing as an unwanted baby because there are hundreds of thousands of couples in America today who ardently desire to adopt a child.

2 “But what about rape victims?” the abortionists scream. Again, this argument is an emotional manipulation. Less than one percent of rape victims ever conceive, due probably to the trauma involved. But even in those situations where conception does occur, should the baby be killed for its father’s crime?

3 “But we must provide for the protection of the mother’s life,” argue the abortionists. But is this a valid issue? Consider these words by the former Surgeon-General of the U.S., Dr. C. Everett Koop:

Protection of the life of the mother as an excuse for an abortion is a smoke screen. In my 36 years of pediatric surgery, I have never known of one instance where the child had to be aborted to save the mother’s life. If toward the end of the pregnancy complications arise that threaten the mother’s health, the doctor will either induce labor or perform a Caesarian section. His intention is to save the life of both the mother and the baby. The baby’s life is never willfully destroyed because the

mother's life is in danger.

4 “But what about a deformed or retarded child? Shouldn't it be aborted?” What about a child who becomes mentally retarded or blind at age six due to an illness or accident? Should that child be killed? How perfect must a person be in order to live? And who is to play God by making the decisions as to who lives and who dies?

5 “If abortion is outlawed again, tens of thousands will die from back-alley abortions performed by medically unqualified people.” In 1972, the year before the Court legalized abortion, it is estimated that there were about 500 abortions nationwide, resulting in 39 recorded deaths (see Dr. Bernard Nathanson's book, *Aborting America*). We are killing 1½ million babies per year right now, and hundreds of women die from the complications.

6 “But what about a woman's right to privacy?” What about the baby's right to life? Which right is more important? The right to privacy is a selfish right. The right to life is a God-given right. And if the privacy argument is going to prevail, should we then prohibit police from violating the privacy of a home to stop parents from abusing their children?



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The Crucial Issue

The bottom line in all these arguments is whether or not the baby in the womb is a human being. If it is, as God's Word teaches, then it should be accorded the full protection of our Constitution.

Why is an eagle in the egg considered to be an eagle, but a baby in the womb is not considered to be a human being? Even logic demands that we recognize the humanity of the unborn child.

Political Cowardice

President Reagan spoke out strongly against abortion, but he was never willing to expend his political energy to fight against it. President Bush also spoke out strongly against abortion in his first campaign, but he too refused to follow up his words with strong actions — and by the time of his second campaign, he was waffling on the issue. President Clinton became the first president in history to openly endorse the right of a woman to get an abortion on demand.

But President Clinton — the epitome of the slick politician — took the coward's way out. He said he opposed abortion but

believed in freedom of choice. Politicians all over the country jumped on that bandwagon, hoping it would placate both sides. This position of being anti-abortion but pro-choice is the ultimate cop-out.

The Slavery Parallel

It is equivalent to saying, “I am opposed to slavery, but I believe in the freedom of people to own slaves if they so desire.” I think it is interesting to note that this is exactly the position that most politicians took in this nation prior to the Civil War.

Lincoln stood above the run-of-the-mill politicians of his day precisely because he was willing to take a moral stand on the issue of slavery. On March 6, 1860, during the presidential campaign, he delivered a speech in New Haven, Connecticut in which he taunted those who claimed to be opposed to slavery but who believed in free choice:

Let us apply a few tests. You say that you think slavery is wrong, but you denounce all attempts to restrain it. Is there anything else that you think is wrong, that you are not willing to deal with as wrong?

You will not let us do a single thing as if it [slavery] is wrong . . . We must not call it wrong in politics because that is bringing morality into politics, and we must not call it wrong in the pulpit because that is bringing politics into religion . . . There is no single place, according to you, where this wrong thing can properly be called wrong.

Go back and substitute the word “abortion” for “slavery,” and you will have the current debate. Where among our political leaders is there a Lincoln who is willing to take a stand for what is right and then fight for it?



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The Obama Administration

President Obama wasted no time making his position on abortion crystal clear. The day after his inauguration, he issued a statement affirming his support of the *Roe v. Wade* decision. The next day he rescinded the Mexico City Policy instituted by President Reagan, a policy that disallowed government funding to any non-government organization that promotes or performs abortions in foreign countries.

Since that time, Obama has done everything possible to promote abortion, including several attempts to overturn all conscience protections instituted by President Bush to make sure

that medical staff and centers are not forced to do abortions.

None of these actions by Obama should have surprised anyone since he opposed all limitations on abortion when he was a state senator in Illinois. In 1997 he opposed a bill that would have prevented the horrible procedure known as “partial-birth abortion.” And in 2001 he was the only Illinois senator who spoke against a bill that was designed to protect babies born alive after botched abortions.



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What Are We to Do?

First, we as Christians need to take a stand for righteousness. Our Savior has called us to be light and salt in the world (Matt. 5:13-14). We cannot stand by passively and allow the innocent to be murdered. Proverbs 24:11 says, “Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don’t stand back and let them die” (TLB).

Psalms 82:4 says, “Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.” What could possibly be weaker than a baby in its mother’s womb? What could be more wicked than a medical doctor who perverts his life-saving skills by using them to kill babies?

Proverbs 31:8 says that we are to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves, for those who are unfortunate. Amos 5:15 admonishes us to “hate evil, love good, and establish justice.”

Christians cannot be neutral about abortion. We must speak out against it. Some of us will be called of God to do more than that. God does not call all of us to do the same thing.

He may call you to be a soldier on the front lines who sits in the abortuary and risks going to jail. He may call you to be a sidewalk counselor or an on-the-scene prayer warrior. He may call you to walk in a picket line or write letters to politicians or to newspapers. He may call you to adopt a child or to help establish or run a crisis pregnancy center. You do what God calls you to do.

A Word of Caution

God cannot be mocked (Gal. 6:7). He is going to deal with our sin of abortion. The Word says He is “slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished” (Nahum 1:3).

We are already experiencing the consequences of abortion.

They include a depreciation in the value of life and a corresponding increase in violent crime. Another consequence is a generation of women burdened with guilt and depression for their abortions. We are also missing a whole generation of young people who were aborted and who could now be living productive lives, paying the Social Security taxes necessary to support the very parents who killed them.

But the ultimate consequence is going to be the wrath of God, if we refuse to repent. This nation is crying out for judgment. We are kindling the wrath of God.

As in the days of Isaiah, “God looks for justice, but He sees bloodshed; He looks for righteousness, but He hears cries of distress” (Isa. 5:7). Therefore, “because we have rejected the law of the Lord Almighty and have despised the Word of the Holy One of Israel, the Lord’s anger burns against us and His hand will strike us down” (Isa. 5:24-25).

The hand of God can be stayed only by our repentance. We must roll back the abominable decision of the Supreme Court. It must be overturned, just as the Dred Scott decision was ultimately invalidated. So, speak out, pray, and write to your political representatives. Choose life!



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A Word of Comfort

I want to conclude with a word of comfort for those who have had an abortion. God hates what you did, but He loves you. He is willing to forgive and forget if you will repent of your sin and receive His Son as your Savior.

In a remarkable passage in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Paul says that the church in Corinth was full of former fornicators, idolaters, homosexuals, drunkards and swindlers. But, Paul proclaims that they had been washed, sanctified and justified before God through their repentance and acceptance of Jesus as their Savior. Read this passage and then turn to Romans 8:1 and rejoice in the promise that “there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” ♦

Absolute Truth

Does it exist?

Dr. David R. Reagan

Whenever an issue like abortion is raised, those who believe in it always start arguing that there is no right or wrong concerning the issue. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, and their particular opinion is that a woman should have “freedom of choice.” The right of a woman to kill the baby in her womb is considered to be a morally neutral action.

The mantra of the Post-Modern Era is the statement, “There is no such thing as absolute truth.” Truth is viewed as being relative. You have your truth, and I have mine, and neither of us have the right to declare that our truth is the absolute truth.

This mantra is a lie. First of all, it is hypocritical. Think about it: When a person asserts there is no absolute truth, he is uttering an absolute truth statement! He is saying, “It is an absolute truth that there is no such thing as absolute truth.” The statement is self-contradictory.

Absolute Truths

Everyone — and I mean *everyone* — believes in absolute truth. For example, here are some absolute truths that all would agree with:

- If you step off the roof of a ten story building, you will fall to the ground.
- If you are shot through the heart, you will die.
- If an airplane runs out of fuel in flight, it will fall to the ground.
- If you stick your hand in a fire, you will be burned.
- $2 + 2 = 4$
- If you try to walk on water, you will sink.
- If the electricity is cut off to your home, you will be unable to turn on a light.
- If you do not turn on your computer, you will not be able to operate it.
- If you do not know the Japanese language, you will not be able to read Japanese signs.

The list could go on and on, ad infinitum.

If you still do not believe in absolute truth, let me ask you some questions:

- Would you be willing to fly on an airplane whose pilot did not believe in absolute truth?
- Would you hire an architect and engineer to design a building for you if they did not believe in absolute truth?
- Would you want a surgeon to operate on you if he denied the existence of absolute truth?

An Absolute Fact

The reality regarding absolute truth is that those who insist it does not exist, really believe that it does not exist in only two

areas of life — namely, sexual morality and religion.

They reject absolute truth regarding sexual activity because they desire to be promiscuous and do not want to be held accountable. But absolute truth applies to sex. The Word of God proclaims that the only sex that is acceptable to our Creator is between a husband and wife. All other forms, whether fornication, adultery, bestiality, pedophilia, etc — all are immoral and thus a sin against God. That applies also to same-sex marriage.



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The rejection of absolute truth regarding religion has become a modern day fad that is often expressed as, “There are many roads to God.” This statement is not only biblically untrue, it is also logically nonsensical.

Let’s take Islam and Christianity as an example. Christianity affirms that Jesus was the Son of God, that He was God in the flesh. Islam denies that. Christianity teaches that there is one God in three persons. Islam denies that. Christianity teaches that salvation comes by grace through faith as a gift of God. Islam teaches that salvation must be earned through good works. Islam teaches that Jesus did not die on a cross, nor was He resurrected from the dead. Christianity affirms both of these events as historical fact.

Now it is logically true that both Christianity and Islam could be wrong, but it is logically impossible to assert that both are true.

We know, of course, that Christianity is the only way to God because Jesus Himself declared, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6). What Jesus said here is either a lie or the truth. If He truly was God in the flesh, then what He said is true. And we know for certain He was God in the flesh because He fulfilled over 100 Bible prophecies, because He was resurrected from the dead, and because He continues today to radically transform the lives of those who put their faith in Him.

A Distinction

There is a distinction between absolute truths in the physical realm and those that apply to morals. It has to do with what happens when the truths are violated.

In the physical realm a violation of the laws of nature will produce immediate results. Again, if you step off a roof, you will immediately fall to the ground.

The situation is different with respect to moral laws. If they are violated in secret, the only immediate result will be a feeling of guilt, unless the conscience has been seared. More drastic results may be delayed, but those results are inevitable. For example, an adultery may be discovered immediately, but on the other hand, it may continue for years without detection. But

when detected, whether immediately or later, there will be painful consequences that those involved must face because an absolute law has been violated.

Higher Law

When it comes to the absolute moral laws of the universe — what are often referred to as Natural Law — they cannot be changed or overridden by man-made law. Men may pass legislation to legalize abortion or homosexuality, but that does not make either one moral or legal in the eyes of God.

At the Nuremberg War Crime Trials in 1945-1946, when we tried the Nazi leaders of World War II, each of them pleaded innocent on the grounds that they were simply following the orders of their government. We rejected that defense because we argued that national law cannot invalidate Natural Law. To kill innocent people simply because they were Jews was morally unjustifiable, even if the murders were ordered by the state and were therefore legal.

Our prosecutors at Nuremberg stood for the absolute truth of a Higher Law — what Man calls Natural Law, but is in reality the Law of God. We convicted the Nazi leaders of war crimes, and we executed them for violating the absolute truth, given by God, that murder is an anathema.

The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are an expression of absolute spiritual and moral truths. They were given to Man by God, not to enslave us with rules, but to liberate us from sinful consequences that can make our lives miserable.

The Commandments tell us that there is only one God, and that we are to worship Him, and Him only. Hindus worship thousands of gods — all of which are false gods — and the result is that their societies are characterized by superstition, fear, social injustice and extreme poverty.

The Commandments warn us about coveting. Our society has ignored this warning. The result is that we have become a materialistic people driven by greed. The more we get, the more we want. We are never satisfied with what we have. The results are discontent, white collar crime, addiction to gambling, and mental illness, among other dysfunctions.



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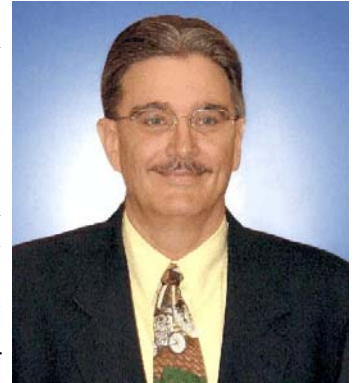
The Bible makes it clear that it is an absolute truth that there are absolute truths. And the Bible makes it equally clear that those who violate those absolute truths will suffer painful consequences, for God cannot be mocked (Galatians 6:7). ❖

Guest Editorial

The Determination of What is Right

Freeman Weems

(Editors' note: Freeman Weems is the pastor of First Baptist Church in Atoka, Tennessee. He is a regular commentator on national and international events from a biblical perspective.)



Freeman Weems

Our forefathers believed and penned it in the Declaration of Independence that our rights come from God. If this is so, and I believe it is, and our country functions with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution as final arbiters, then what is morally right trumps what we might claim as a right. Rights must have a moral basis, not just a philosophical one.

America is at a tipping point in how we determine what is right regarding issues of morality. I contend that the same God who had endowed us with "inalienable rights" has also set boundaries of what is morally right. No one can deny that there has been mistreatment of different ethnic groups in our country in bygone years. The American Indians and the black people were woefully mistreated in the past. We fought a war to forever settle the issue about every man's freedom in America.

The civil rights movement was based on the fact, a moral fact, that every man, regardless of his skin color, was as much a man as any other. That is a moral and biblical fact. Somehow though, there are those who are trying to tie the moral truth of equality of the races to the movement for same-sex marriage, which is immoral.

Man's Will or God's?

God sets the bounds of what is right and wrong, not the government nor the President of the United States.

If we are going to be a society that governs upon the whims of men, then literally there is no foreseeable limit to what men and women will claim as a right. If we are going to be a moral society, as the founders of the country intended, then there are going to be lines that must be drawn regardless of who disagrees with them.

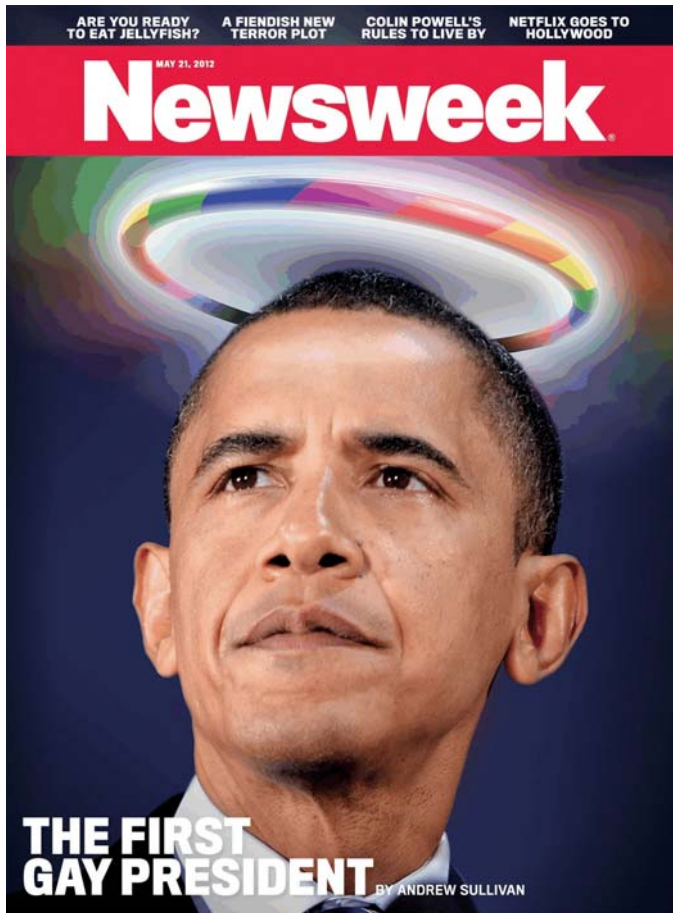
The Bible demands our allegiance to it or our rejection of it. We cannot pick and choose what we will accept in the Bible and what we will reject. It is truly an all or nothing proposition. We are not to hate those with whom we disagree. That is wrong as well. Homosexuals are invited to trust Christ just like every other sinner is.

I know there are those who will cry foul as soon as the Bible or Christianity is mentioned, but they are what is responsible for the lofty position the United States holds in the world. Atheism

has built, and is building nothing. Find Atheist Memorial Hospital, if you can. I can point to Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Jewish hospitals all across our country.

The sin of sodomy (Homosexuality) is just that, a sin. We have set moral boundaries in the past, such as laws against incest and prostitution. No one is telling two homosexuals what they can and cannot do in the privacy of their home. They are demanding a special right — the right to marry someone of the same sex. It is morally wrong for two people of the same sex to marry, and the President is wrong for endorsing it. He is not in the position of determining what is right and what is wrong. The Lord God Almighty has reserved that right to Himself and will not share His glory with another. ✚

Responses to Obama's Endorsement of Same-Sex Marriage



Anthony Evans, president of the National Black Church Initiative, denounced both the NAACP and President Obama for supporting same-gender marriage. He stated that the churches in his association will “put their faith ahead of support for black leaders every single time.” He further stated: “We love our gay brothers and sisters, but the black church will never support gay marriage.” He added, “Homosexual marriage is and always will be against the ethics and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Robert Knight, columnist for *The Washington Times*, wrote: “With this wicked move, Mr. Obama is insisting that we bow down and worship the false idol of sexual anarchy. That’s what

his wealthy supporters in Hollywood demand. They ponied up a reported \$15 million to his campaign at George Clooney’s pool party. When you accord more respect to liberal film stars and gay billionaires than you do to the Creator of the universe, you’re not leaving much doubt about what you really worship.”

Franklin Graham, president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association: “The President of the United States has shaken his fist at God.”

William Ownes, Sr., president of the Coalition of African-American Pastors: “We are really tired of the homosexual community trying to hijack the civil rights movement. I did not choose to be black, and you did not choose to be white, but homosexuals choose to be homosexual. So why compare what we went through with their situation? It’s not the same thing; there’s no comparison . . . There is no civil right to do what God calls wrong.”

Billy Graham — “I believe the home and marriage is the foundation of our society and must be protected. At 93, I never thought we would have to debate the definition of marriage. The Bible is clear — marriage is between a man and a woman.”

Harry Jackson, Jr., senior pastor of Hope Christian Church in Baltimore, Maryland, one of the nation’s most outspoken black pastors: “Obama laid down the gauntlet to black leaders. The question we are being forced to address is, ‘Are you going to be black or be godly.’”

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops: “Deeply saddening . . . I pray for the President every day, and will continue to pray that he and his Administration will act justly to uphold and protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman.”

Sam Rodriguez of the California-based National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference: “This is about government saying we are going to hijack a religious doctrine and change it for you.”

The Assemblies of God issued the following statement: “The Bible clearly teaches that marriage should be life-long commitment between one man and one woman.”

Joel Hunter, senior pastor of Northland Church in Orlando, Florida and one of the President’s personal religious advisors: “The Golden Rule [to which Obama appealed to justify his decision] is in the Bible, but it cannot be used to contradict God’s marriage pattern which was reaffirmed by Jesus in Matthew 19:4-5 . . . Christians have different ways of interpreting the Bible. Some think human love or struggle should take precedence over the plain meaning of the text. Others (like us Evangelicals) try to follow what the moral laws throughout the Scriptures says, no matter how uncomfortable that is. We believe the Bible is centered on God, not man.”

Patrick Wooden, the black senior pastor of The Upper Room Church of God in Christ in Raleigh, North Carolina: “This particular decision I find appalling, and I could not disagree with the President more on it.”

Jerry Newcombe, host of *Truth that Transforms*: “It is one thing for President Obama to call for the legalization of same-sex marriage. But it is quite another to say that ‘Jesus made him do it.’ There’s a flaw in the Theologian-in-Chief’s understanding.” ✚

The Election Dilemma

Dr. David R. Reagan

Over the past few months we have been inundated with inquiries about the presidential election. All of these have expressed a great sense of frustration about the choice we are faced with. And that is understandable when you consider the fact that neither of the two main candidates is a Christian.

Mitt Romney

Mitt Romney certainly is not a Christian. He has been spiritually deceived into giving his heart to a false religion that masquerades as Christian.

Since its founding back in the 1830's, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons) has taken the position that it is the one and only true church and that all the rest of Christendom, both Catholic and Protestant, is apostate.

The Mormons teach and preach a false Jesus who is not God in the flesh. Instead, He is portrayed as one of thousands of subordinate gods who were created by the super god of this planet, who is an exalted man.

The Mormons thus deny the trinitarian concept of God that is revealed in the Scriptures. They reject the truth that Jesus was God in the flesh, and they view the Holy Spirit as an impersonal force.

The Mormons teach salvation by good works, in direct contradiction to the Bible's teaching that salvation is by grace through faith, and not by works (Ephesians 2:8-10). And the Mormons teach that their most faithful followers will become gods themselves with their own planets to populate and rule. In short, Mormons are polytheists.

Mormonism thus presents "another gospel" that is foreign to the gospel of the Bible. And the Apostle Paul declared that all non-biblical gospels are an anathema and that those who proclaim them are to be "accursed" (Galatians 1:8-9).

Barack Obama

President Barack Obama is also not a Christian, despite his claims to be one. I proved this conclusively in the third edition of my book, *America the Beautiful?* (2009).

In an interview he gave in 2004, Obama stated point-blank, "I believe there are many paths to the same place [Heaven]." To the contrary, Jesus said there was only one, and He was it (John 14:6).

When Obama was asked, "Who's Jesus to you?" he responded that Jesus was an "historical figure," "a bridge between God and Man," and a "wonderful teacher." There was no expression of Jesus as God in the flesh, the Savior who died for our sins.

Obama shocked his interviewer by saying that there was one thing in particular about Christianity that he had difficulty dealing with — and that is the tendency of many Christians to engage in evangelism! He said he believed the desire to prosely-



tize was based on a belief that if "people haven't embraced Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, that they're going to Hell." Obama has obviously never heard of Jesus' Great Commandment to preach the Gospel to all the world (Mark 16:15-16).

Because of highly unorthodox comments like these about Christianity, and because of his obvious enthusiasm for Islam, many have concluded that Obama is a closet Muslim. I don't think so. Based on his statements and his policies, I have concluded that Obama is a classic Humanist, meaning that he is a person who believes in the essential goodness of Man and his ability to achieve fulfillment on his own through the power of reason.

Remedial Judgments

One of the main points I made in my book, *America the Beautiful?*, is that when a nation blessed by God turns its back on its Benefactor, God will place remedial judgments upon the nation in order to call it to repentance. And one of those judgments can be that of giving the nation the kind of leaders it deserves.

That was certainly the case in 2008 when Barack Obama was elected president.

The continuing judgment of God upon our nation can be seen in the choice for President we are now presented with. For the first time in U.S. history, neither candidate is a Christian.

A Clear Choice

But despite that fact, we are confronted with a real choice. It is not a matter of Tweedledee and Tweedledum.

On one hand, we have a candidate who is a non-Christian Mormon. He believes in traditional family and moral values, he respects the heritage of America, he supports Israel, he recognizes Islam as our nation's enemy, and he believes in Capitalism.

On the other hand, we have a candidate who is a non-Christian Humanist. He rejects traditional family and moral values, he despises our nation's heritage, he holds Israel in contempt, he loves Islam, and he believes in Socialism.

The choice is not an ideal one. But there is a clear choice.

May God have mercy on our nation. ✚

A Crucial Election

Dr. David R. Reagan

I believe the upcoming presidential election is the most important one in the seven decades of my lifetime.

When I was growing up, the two political parties were agreed on the kind of nation they wanted — one based on the Judeo-Christian principles of God's Word, with a Capitalist economy and equal opportunity for all. What they disagreed about was the best way to achieve these goals. One party, the Democrats, believed that government intervention and direction was the best approach. The other party, the Republicans, believed that maximized individual freedom was the best approach.

Today, the political process has changed radically. No longer are the two parties agreed on the kind of nation they desire.

The Struggle Between Left and Right

The party on the Left, the Democrat, wants a secular society with a Socialist economy based on the principle of egalitarianism.

The party on the Right, the Republican, desires to hold to a society grounded in Judeo-Christian principles and Capitalism, based on the principle of equal opportunity.

With regard to moral values, the Left wants to remove religion from the public arena, suppressing it to the privacy of the home. The Left desires absolute freedom of abortion, special rights for homosexuals, same-sex marriage, and limitation of conservative freedom of speech through the passage of so-called "hate crime" legislation and the implementation of the "fairness doctrine" in broadcasting. The Left is also determined to prohibit the teaching of Creationism as an alternative to Evolution.

The Right opposes unlimited abortion and special rights for any group. The Right also believes in the freedom to speak out on any issue, trusting that truth will prevail when there is an open market place of ideas.

The Left desires to require public education and then use of the public school system as a propaganda forum for its secularist agenda. The Right believes that parents should have the freedom to educate their children at home, enroll them in private schools, or send them to public schools. And the Right believes that a school, whatever its nature, should be a place of education and not propaganda.

The Left has a vision of transforming the Supreme Court through the appointment of judges who will interpret the Constitution to mean whatever is convenient for the advancement of a secular, socialist society. The Right desires justices who will faithfully interpret the Constitution to mean what the Founding Fathers intended.

In foreign affairs, the Left seeks to diffuse nationalism in favor of regional and international integration. The Left admires the secular European values produced by the French Revolution. And with regard to national security, the Left has placed its hope

in diplomacy rather than armaments.

The Right believes in preserving the integrity of American values and identity. It believes that a strong military is the nation's best defense and hope for peace. It resists the multiculturalism that is so attractive to the Left.

The Reality of a Cultural War

The bottom line is that we are in the midst of a fierce cultural war to determine the nature of our nation. That is the reason that Washington politics has become so mean-spirited, and it is the reason it will remain so. It is the reason that Jewish columnist Dennis Prager has said, "calls for unity among Americans that transcend Left and Right are either naive or disingenuous."

Former president George W. Bush had to learn this the hard way. When he was governor of Texas, he was overwhelmingly successful in his efforts to work with Democrat leaders, but that was because the political leaders of Texas, both Democrat and Republican, were agreed on basic values.

When President Bush arrived on the national scene, he reached out to the Democrats, seeking bi-partisan support. He invited Ted Kennedy to the White House to watch movies. He tried to be a pal to the Democrats. He even refused to exercise his veto when they presented him with offensive legislation. But the Democrats rejected all his overtures because on the national level their values were diametrically opposed to the President's.

Again, we are in the midst of a cultural war. Barack Obama understands that, and he is determined to win it. His emphasis on change is no accident. He is serious about change — major, radical change.

When John McCain ran against Obama in 2008, he never seemed to have grasped the seriousness of the situation. From the beginning of the campaign he talked incessantly about "putting partisanship aside" and "reaching across the aisle." It sounds good, but it really is not possible. As Dennis Prager has pointed out, "unity in this nation will be restored only when either the Right or the Left wins the cultural war." The Left understands this. Most on the Right do not.

A Call to Action

If the Right does not start standing up and speaking out boldly in behalf of Judeo-Christian values, Capitalism, and equality of opportunity, we will soon find ourselves living in a nation like Great Britain. It was once the center of world Christianity. Today, only 7% of Britains attend church in what has become a thoroughly secular, socialistic society where individual freedom is severely curtailed in behalf of "the common good."

As we approach the national election, I urge you to pray earnestly for our nation and the outcome of the election. Pray as you have never prayed before. Use the prayer of Daniel in Daniel 9:4-19 as your model. Pray that we will not receive the kind of political leadership that we deserve because of our nation's rebellion against God and His Word. Pray that God, in his grace and mercy, will provide us with leaders who are committed to the principles that made this country great.

Pray, pray and pray some more — and then vote! ❖

Celebrating Sin —

For the fourth year in a row, President Obama proclaimed the month of June to be “LGBT Pride Month.” The acronym stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender. Each year Dr. Reagan has written the President to protest this abominable celebration of sin. This year Dr. Reagan decided to file a sarcastic protest which read as follows: “Mr. President: With regard to your designation of June as ‘LGBT Pride Month,’ why did you decide to discriminate against Prostitutes, Pedophiles, Polygamists, Adulterers, Fornicators, and Zoophiles (persons who practice sex with animals)? If you are going to celebrate sexual immorality, you might as well include everyone who is involved in immoral sex.”

“Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators . . . nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God.” — 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Prayer Banned —

In May of this year, a U.S. district court judge in Delaware ruled that a local city council could no longer begin its proceedings with a recitation of the Lord’s Prayer, something they had been doing for years. The judge ruled that the prayer was distinctly Christian in nature and that its recitation gave Christianity an unconstitutionally preferred status.” One of the councilmen responded by asking, “Whatever happened to freedom of speech?” He then added, “I don’t know how we’re gonna get around it, but we’re gonna have to find a way.”

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” — Psalm 33:12

Another example of the suppression of prayer can be found in a recent federal court decision regarding a high school in Cranston, Rhode Island. In 1963, the school’s first graduating class gave a banner to the school that has been hanging in the gymnasium for 49 years. A 16 year old self-described atheist took offense at the banner and sued to have it removed. The ACLU supported her law suit. The banner that offended her so mightily read as follows:

Our Heavenly Father,
Grant us each day the desire to do our best,
To grow mentally and morally as well as physically,
To be kind and helpful to our classmates and teachers,
To be honest with ourselves as well as with others.
Help us to be good sports and smile when we lose
as well as when we win.
Teach us the value of true friendship.
Help us always to conduct ourselves so as to bring
credit to Cranston High School West.
Amen.

That’s what one observer called “a menu of admirable aspirations.” Yet, it was forcibly removed by a federal court because it offended one person. When are Americans going to rise up in righteous indignation over the trampling of their religious freedoms? As Elwood McQuaid has put it, “One by one, decisions are being made surrendering this once great land to radical, militant minorities pushing their no-God-left-standing agenda.”

TIMES and Seasons

Prophecy in Israel —

Israel Today magazine recently reported that one of Israel’s largest websites, *Ynet*, recently featured a yellow banner proclaiming the soon coming of the Messiah. Clicking on the banner took the browser to a religious

website whose unknown creators warned about the end of the world and declared that the current government of Israel would be the last one. “The next leader will be the Messiah Ben David. The situation in the country is getting worse and the government will become more incapable. Only the Messiah can save Israel during the war of *Gog and Magog*. In the near future the world will witness terrible disasters, like earthquakes and tsunamis. Cities in Europe and the United States will disappear in the sea. The world’s financial system will collapse, and God will destroy the *Mammon* (Yiddish slang for ‘money’). Anti-Semitism in the world will get worse, just like on the eve of World War II. For every inch of land that the government abandons, the people of Israel will be punished for, because this is a rebellion against God. Solely because the two-state solution was discussed in Israel, we must pay a high price. This land was promised to the people of Israel for eternity, and anyone who negotiates about the God-given land will not experience the redemption.”

Joel 3:2 states that God will pour out His judgment upon all who try to divide up the land of Israel in the end times.

Excusing Sin —

The nation of Greece has added pedophilia to its list of government recognized “disabilities.” *The Friday Church News* called it “an act worthy of ancient Sodom and Canaan.” Exhibitionists and kleptomaniacs also won a place on the list, joining fetishists and sadomasochists. David Clark, an Independent Baptist minister observed: “This is a product of humanistic psychology which has thumbed its nose at Almighty God and His holy laws by redefining sin as disease.” Here in the United States some sexual activists are going much farther. They are demanding that pedophilia be recognized by the American Psychiatric Association as another “alternative lifestyle,” and they have even come up with a new name for this terrible sin — “minor-attracted people.”

Egypt’s New President —



Mohamed Morsi

Mohamed Morsi, the newly elected president of Egypt, is an Islamic radical who poses a grave threat to Israel, the United States, and the 2.5 million Christians of Egypt. In a speech he gave at Cairo University in May he said, “The Quran is our constitution, the Prophet is our leader, jihad is our path, and death in the name of Allah is our goal.” In another campaign speech he declared: “Our capital shall not be Cairo, Mecca or Medina. It shall be Jerusalem, Allah willing. Our cry

shall be ‘Millions of martyrs march toward Jerusalem.’” And martyrs they will become, because “He who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps” (Psalm 121:4). ✚

Hating God —

“That God is now the prime target for every form of man’s mockery, scorn and contempt is undeniable. It used to be that Christians and the Bible were the only visible objects of disdain, with any reviling for God Himself being cautiously harbored deep in the rancid confines of human hearts. But since the ridicule of His people and His Word has not drawn lightening strikes, the God-rejecters have become much bolder. Like noisy, irritating Chihuahuas whose courage is in direct proportion to the length of the big dog’s chain, they now have no inhibitions about publicly blaspheming God personally. They are from all segments of society, even from those we have historically thought to be above such behavior.

“Insolent man sees God’s patient love for all humanity as proof that He is really a cream-puff, impotent deity with a lot of bark, but no bite. They err greatly. They choose to ignore the fact that the God who presently endures their incessant yapping is the same God that turned Korah and 250 of his consorts into fertilizer, and the sodomites of Abram’s day into ash. The lesson is that God’s love and patience do not nullify His judgment. The pouring out of God’s wrath upon a vile and depraved world is just as much a part of His redemptive character as was His judgment upon Jesus who carried the sin of all humanity on the cross.” — Don McGee, founder and director of Crown and Sickle Ministries in Amite, Louisiana.

Thinking about Government —

“In reality, calling Obama a ‘Muslim’ gives him too much credit . . . He is a moral relativist, a position which is the antithesis of any absolutist faith. Inherent in Islam is a belief that Allah, not man, has authored right and wrong and that, consequently, it isn’t a matter of opinion. Thus Obama cannot truly believe in Islam — or in Christianity or Judaism, for that matter.” — Selwyn Duke, syndicated columnist.

“When people fear the government there is tyranny; when the government fears the people there is liberty.” — Thomas Jefferson.

“There is no worse tyranny than to force a man to pay for what he does not want merely because you think it would be good for him.” — Robert Heinlein, an American science fiction writer.

“One of the sad signs of our times is that we have demonized those who produce, subsidized those who refuse to produce, and canonized those who complain.” — Thomas Sowell, economist and syndicated columnist.

“As an American I am not so shocked that Obama was given the Nobel Peace Prize without any accomplishments to his name, because America gave him the White House based on the same credentials.” — Newt Gingrich.

“A court can make abortion legal, but it cannot make it moral. Show me your laws, and I will show you your God.” — Erwin Lutzer, pastor of Moody Bible Church in Chicago.

“The problems we face today exist because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living.”



Food for Thought

The Bottom Line —

“In spite of his towering intellect, theologian Karl Barth understood that faith is not dependent on one’s intellectual prowess. Beneath all the evidences and arguments for the truth of God and His Word is a simplicity of truth that both intellectuals and the most uneducated Christian can hold with confidence. To illustrate, it is said of Barth that while speaking at Princeton University on a 1962 lecture tour, he was asked to summarize the millions of words contained in his *Church Dogmatics*. Thinking for a moment, he replied, ‘Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.’” — From David Jeremiah’s book, *I Never Thought I’d See The Day*.

Other quotes from David Jeremiah’s book:

“Atheists claim to believe that God does not exist, and yet, according to empirical studies, they tend to be the people most angry at Him.”

“We are currently in the interim period between Satan’s death sentence and his execution.”

“Mercy is not getting something bad we deserve. Grace is getting something good we don’t deserve.”

Jewish Thoughts —

“Jews should not only accept the basic Christian nature of this nation, but thank God for it. Jews have never been welcomed anywhere as we are welcomed here, and it is only the religiosity of Christian Americans that can ensure that this warm welcome continues . . . I am convinced that Jewish safety and prosperity in our nation is due to the uniquely American combination of firm Christian belief without a specific church’s reigning hand . . . I am worried that my grandchildren may not have the same freedoms — not because of Christians but because of a removal of Judeo-Christian values from this country. This is why, as an Orthodox rabbi, I have no trepidation in noting that America is based on the Christian faith of its founders. As a Jew living in America, I need it to remain that way.” — Rabbi Daniel Lapin, president of Toward Tradition, a Jewish educational foundation and a founder of the Pacific Jewish Center in Venice, California.



Daniel Lapin

The Church —

“One of the great reasons the Church is so confused in this day, and saying so little to the world of true significance, is because it has laid aside, by and large, the hope of the coming of the Lord. There are very few sermons preached on it, very little is said about it. There is no time given to a consideration of what it means, and why it is set forth so frequently, and so clearly, in the Scriptures. Great sections of the Scriptures that deal with this matter are simply ignored among Christians. As a result, our thinking is muddled and confused . . . We need to remind ourselves frequently of the coming of the Lord.” — Ray Stedman (1917-1992) in a 1965 sermon. ✚

Abortion —

In February a federal court ruled that pharmacists in Washington state have the right to refuse to dispense “emergency contraception” drugs that could take the life of a pre-born baby. The court said that pharmacists could not be forced to violate their religious or moral values.

In March the state of Virginia became the seventh state to enact a law requiring women to obtain an ultrasound before having an abortion. Incredibly, pro-abortion advocates called the bill “State-required rape,” but pro-life advocates applauded it as a “gold standard” in medical care.

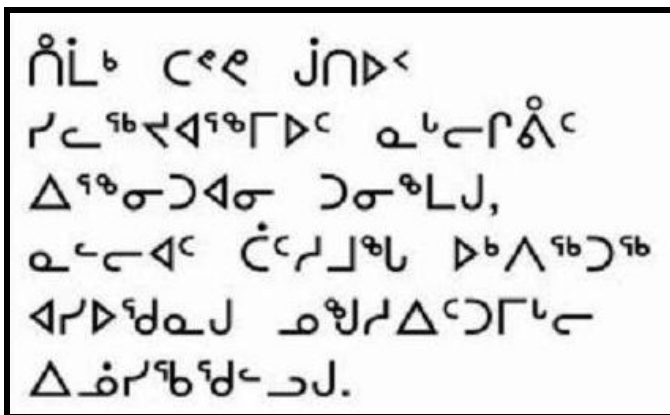
In April, Arizona became the seventh state to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, except in cases of medical emergency. The legislature also passed a law requiring the state to maintain a website depicting fetuses at different stages of development and presenting women with alternatives to abortion.

Bible Translations —

Significant progress continues to be made toward the goal of getting some part of the Bible translated and published in all the world’s 6,909 languages. About 2,200 languages currently do not have any written Scriptures. This number, however, is somewhat misleading because these languages represent small tribal groups. The complete Bible is available in 471 languages, representing over 90% of the world’s population. Also, there are 1,223 language groups that have the entire New Testament in written form.

The largest of all the translation ministries is Wycliffe Bible Translators. They were recently given a \$50 million donation, and they are using it to try to provide at least some of the Scriptures in all the world’s languages within the next 15 years. A Wycliffe spokesman recently said, “We’re in the greatest period of acceleration in 20 centuries of Bible translation.” He added, “Portable computers and satellites have helped speed up the translation process by about 125 years.”

In May the first translation of the entire Bible in the Inuktitut language was completed and dedicated at an igloo-shaped church in Nunavut, an autonomous region located in the Northwest Territories of Canada. This project took 34 years.



Good News

The Inuktitut language is part of the Eskimo Aleut family of languages. It is spoken by 33,000 people. One distinctive feature of this translation is that it was produced by native speakers of the language rather than missionaries. The translation presented many major challenges since there are no words in Inuktitut for “goat,” “sheep” or “camel.” These words had to be written phonetically. Or, consider the fact that the Bible mentions more than 30 specific types of trees, and there are no trees whatsoever in the Arctic where Nunavut is located. A generic word for tree was utilized, without specifying the exact type. Also, there is no word in Inuktitut for “shepherd.” So the translators used the word for a person who tends a dog team.

The Bible in Public Schools —

The state of Arizona continues to blaze a legislative path of common sense aimed at preserving traditional American values. In April, Governor Jan Brewer signed into law a bill allowing the establishment of elective classes in public schools in grades nine through twelve that will focus on the Bible and its influence on Western civilization. The elective would teach students, among other things, the contents and history of the Old and New Testaments and their influence on “laws, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values and culture.” Arizona is the sixth state to pass such a law, joining Georgia, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and South Carolina.

Archaeology —

A Hebrew University archaeologist, Yosef Garfinkel, has announced that a town he is excavating near Jerusalem, called Khirbet Qeiyafa, backs up the biblical narrative that an Israelite kingdom centered in Jerusalem around 1,000 BC truly existed. That would, of course have been the kingdom of David and Solomon. Garfinkel stated, “For the first time in history, we have actual objects from the time of David . . . and various suggestions that completely deny the biblical tradition regarding King David and argue that he was a mythological figure, or just a leader of a small tribe, are now shown to be wrong.”

Standing for the Scriptures —

In May, nearly 1,000 delegates assembled in Tampa, Florida, for the General Conference of the United Methodist Church. And despite organized protests and fierce lobbying by gay rights groups, the delegates voted to affirm that homosexuality is “incompatible with Christian teaching.” The key to this vote was the fact that the United Methodist Church is declining in membership in the United States but growing in Africa and Asia. Consequently, nearly 40 percent of the delegates were from Africa and Asia where the Scriptures are still revered as the Church’s guide.

Boy Scouts Stand Firm —

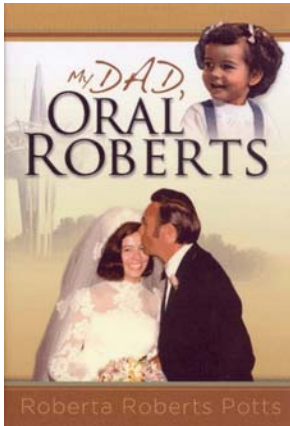
Despite enormous pressure from gay rights groups, the leadership of the Boy Scouts of America has made it clear that they will not allow openly gay people to serve in Scouting in any capacity. Praise the Lord! ❖

John 3:16 in the Inuktitut language.

Fascinating New Programs Related to Oral Roberts

Dr. David R. Reagan

About four or five years ago I met a remarkable woman at a Bible prophecy conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her name was Roberta Roberts Potts. I soon discovered that she is the youngest of the four children of Oral Roberts, one of the most famous and controversial evangelists of the 20th Century.



This year Roberta published a fascinating book of memoirs about her father, called, *My Dad, Oral Roberts*. I picked up a copy of it at the Tulsa prophecy conference, and started reading it on the way back home. It proved to be one of those exceptional books that you just can't put down. I found it to be fascinating, insightful, inspirational and heart-warming. And it is illustrated from start to finish with many wonderful photographs.

Some of her dad's doctrines I never agreed with, and still don't — such as his teachings about financial prosperity — but I have always been an admirer of his remarkable story, his great faith, and his evangelistic-healing ministry.



The picture above was taken around 1930 when Oral Roberts was 12 to 13 years old. No, he is not the confident looking boy on the left. He is the downcast boy on the right.



Roberta Roberts Potts practices law in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Oral Roberts was a half-Indian boy who grew up in abject poverty and who was constantly teased for his stammering speech. He contracted TB when he was a teenager and was written off as dead, but his mom took him to a healing crusade where he was miraculously healed.

In 1947 when he was a frustrated Pentecostal Holiness pastor, he decided to resign his pastorate, rent the largest auditorium in Enid, Oklahoma, and hold a healing meeting. He put out three fleeces before the Lord: 1) That every seat be filled; 2) That he would receive an offering sufficient to cover the cost of the auditorium; and 3) That there would be at least one legitimate, miraculous healing. If those conditions were met, he would devote his life to an evangelistic-healing ministry. If not, he had arranged a job selling clothes at a men's store in Enid.

The conditions were met, the ministry was launched, and the Enid store lost a great salesman. Within two years, it required 300 secretaries to answer his voluminous mail. And through his ministry, God acquainted the Church once more with the truth that He was still healing people in response to faith and prayers.

One thing that always impressed me about Oral Roberts' ministry is that he required people to hear the Gospel before he would pray for their healing. He was truly an evangelist who had a zeal for lost souls. Something about his ministry that surprised me was the discovery that he was a powerful preacher of Bible prophecy. One of his best known sermons was titled "The Coming of Christ." You can find it on YouTube. He also preached about the Rapture, and that sermon is also available on YouTube. Both present exactly what the Bible says about the end times. He was obviously a Bible student who was concerned about what God's Word said about topics other than salvation and healing.

An interesting thing I learned in Roberta's book that I did not know was the fact that she has been a student of Bible prophecy since she was a teenager. We shot two programs with Roberta, and the first one was about her views of Bible prophecy. The second focused on her book and the remarkable story of her dad, his ministry, and their family. The programs will be broadcast during the last week of September and the first week of October.

Roberta's book can be purchased from us for a cost of \$20 plus the cost of shipping. It is hardbound and runs 302 pages. And it is lavishly illustrated throughout. ❖

“Christ in Prophecy” Broadcast Schedule

National Networks

Daystar Network DirectTV 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 DirectTV Channel 364 DISH Channel 259				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm	Sun. 6:00pm

The Church Channel DirectTV 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 DirectTV Channel 378				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm

Golden Eagle Broadcasting Network DirectTV Channel 363				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Tues. 4:00pm	Tues. 5:00pm	Tues. 6:00pm	Tues. 7:00pm

Regional Networks



“Christ in Prophecy” is broadcast throughout southern Louisiana on the **Family Vision Network** at various times. See: www.kajn.com/familyvision.



New Mexico Family Stations is a network consisting of two stations in Albuquerque. Our program is broadcast on Thursday at 11:00pm and on Saturday at 3:00pm.

A Blessed Conference

Dr. David R. Reagan

Our annual Bible conference, held the last weekend in June, was greatly blessed by the Lord. We had almost 900 people present. We needed \$30,000 to cover all the costs, and the two offerings produced over \$33,000. Additionally, we received several thousand dollars in donations to cover the mailing of our new “Prophecy Manifesto” publication to over 5,000 pastors.

Messianic song writer, worship leader, and recording artist, Ted Pearce, presented a very anointed concert on the opening night of the conference. The attendees were blessed by the presentations of the speakers which focused on the theme, “Israel in the End Times.”



Dr. Reagan with Arnold Fruchtenbaum

The conference album is ready for distribution. It contains six presentations on three DVDs. The presentations are as follows:

- 1) Dave Reagan — “Israel in Bible Prophecy: Past & Present”
- 2) Reagan — “The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective”
- 3) Bill Koenig — “The United States and Israel”
- 4) Mark Hitchcock — “Israel in the Tribulation”
- 5) Arnold Fruchtenbaum — “Israel in the Millennium”
- 6) Gary Frazier — “The Salvation of Israel”

The album sells for \$25 plus the cost of shipping. You can order a copy by calling 972-736-3567.

Additionally, you can get a copy of Dr. Reagan’s banquet presentation, “The Evil of Replacement Theology,” for \$5 plus the cost of shipping.

Next year’s conference will be held the last weekend in June, and the theme will be “Living on Borrowed Time.” We are currently searching for a venue that will seat 1,500. Registration will open in January. ❖



Activities Around the World

Last month we featured five of the ministries we support on a monthly basis. They were located in Pakistan, India, China, Mexico and the Philippines. This month we are going to take a look at Israel, Northern Ireland, Nicaragua and Russia.

But first we want to thank all of you who supplied special donations in response to last month's report. One person even sent a donation of \$8,000 to make it possible for Pastor Blanco in the Philippines to purchase a small bus to use in taking people to his evangelistic crusades and Bible prophecy conferences. PTL!

Israel — For many years we have provided financial support to Dugit Ministries in Tel Aviv. Dugit is the Hebrew word for a small fishing boat, and that is a very appropriate symbol for this ministry because it is one that avidly fishes for the souls of men. The ministry is headed up by one of the most effective evangelists in all of Israel, a man named Avi Mizrahi. He also serves as the pastor of a Messianic congregation in Tel Aviv named Adonai Roi (The Lord is my Shepherd). The greatest need of these ministries is funds for a permanent location. This is due to the fact that every time they get settled in a rented location, the Orthodox Jews come down from Jerusalem and force the landlord to evict them. Their website: www.dugit.org.



Avi Mizrahi is shown above on the left with Dave & Ann Reagan



Ken Humphries

Northern Ireland — Ken Humphries is a dynamic Irish evangelist who heads up a ministry called Treasured Truth Today. He focuses on the preaching and teaching of Bible prophecy to evangelize the lost and to encourage the saved. His ministry is constantly under attack because most of the churches and pastors in Northern Ireland are Amillennial in nature, denying that Jesus will ever return to reign on this earth. Ken is also heavily involved in mission work in Eastern Europe. His greatest need is for regular, sustained support. People in Northern Ireland are not used to supplying financial support for independent ministries. This forces Ken to maintain an exhausting preaching schedule. His ministry's website can be found at www.treasuredtruthtoday.org.

Nicaragua — Our part-time staff member in Nicaragua is Donald Dolmus. He translates most of our articles into Spanish and posts them on his website at www.endefensadelafe.org. He also conducts Bible prophecy conferences. He has a great passion for proclaiming the soon return of Jesus, and he works every spare moment of his time to do so. His greatest desire is to develop sufficient monthly support to resign his job at a bank and devote full time to his ministry. That would require about \$500 per month of additional support.



Donald Dolmus is pictured above with his wife, his son and Nathan Jones at the international airport in Managua, Nicaragua.

Russia — Our contact in Russia is Vasily Lashtochkin. Dr. Reagan first met him while ministering in Moscow in the early 1990's, right after the collapse of Communism. Vasily is gifted in languages, and he served as Dr. Reagan's simultaneous translator during several mission trips which Lamb & Lion sponsored to Russia. Vasily is also gifted as an evangelist, and he uses that gift to minister to teenagers who are in prisons scattered throughout Russia. He is shown with a group of inmates in the picture below.



Vasily needs funds to help cover his travel expenses. His home base is in Moscow, but he travels extensively throughout Russia, including the Islamic republics. He has also requested prayer for his wife, Marina, who was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

In our next issue, space permitting, we will begin a review of the domestic ministries we support. ❖

Manifesto Issued

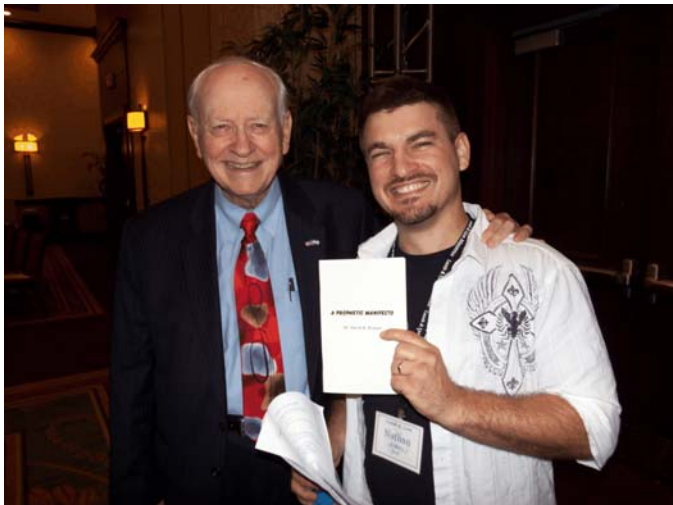
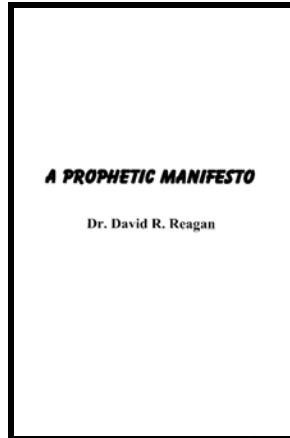
Dr. David R. Reagan

At our annual Bible conference the last weekend in June, we distributed the first copies of our newest publication, *A Prophetic Manifesto*.

A manifesto is a brief statement of principles, and that is a good description of our manifesto. It is only 40 pages long, and it contains a declaration of biblical principles concerning two issues: the fate of our nation and the return of Jesus.

The cover is stark in nature, printed in black and white, containing only the title and the name of the author. It is intended to set the tone for the hard-hitting message that the booklet contains.

The booklet is aimed primarily at pastors, calling them to a recognition of the terrible moral and spiritual condition of our nation. Its message is also designed to alert them to the fact that we are living on borrowed time and that they need to start preparing their congregations for the Lord's imminent return.



The Manifesto is dedicated to Nathan Jones, in appreciation of his passionate desire for the soon return of Jesus. Nathan was not informed of this dedication until Dr. Reagan handed him a copy of the Manifesto at the ministry's Bible conference.

In the introduction of the booklet, I pointed out that it is titled, "A Prophetic Manifesto," not "A Prophecy Manifesto," and I stated that the difference is important. My purpose was not to present a prophecy given to me by God. I have no such prophecy. Rather, my purpose was to share some sobering truths that are based on prophecies which God gave to biblical prophets thousands of years ago. They are also based on principles the Bible reveals about how God deals with nations. The Manifesto is a shout of warning to America and its pastors.

Copies sell for \$2 each plus the cost of shipping. Orders of 20 or more sell for \$1.50 each plus the cost of shipping. ✚

1,000th Article on the Lamb & Lion Blog!

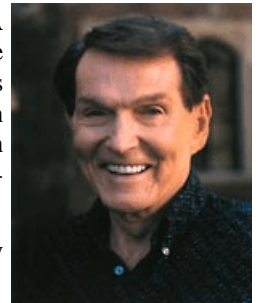
On July 20th our Web Minister, Nathan Jones, published the 1,000th article on our blog site at www.lamblion.us. The article was by Dr. Tim LaHaye, a great Bible prophecy teacher who has always been an enthusiastic supporter of this ministry and a great encourager to Dr. Reagan.

Dr. LaHaye began his article with a preface addressed to Nathan:

Nathan, congratulations on the great milestone of producing over 1,000 articles in your prophecy blog. I have long enjoyed your vision and faith to use every technology available as a vehicle to warn millions to prepare to meet their God before the Rapture so they will not be left behind . . . It is an honor to be your friend and colleague in spreading "the gospel of our great God" who has promised many times to return and take us to Heaven (John 14:1- 6).

The article was titled, "We Need A Sixth Fundamental in 2012." The title refers to a definition of the fundamentals of the Christian faith that was written in the 1920's by a Presbyterian theologian named J. Gresham Machen. His definition consisted of five points:

- 1) The inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible
- 2) The virgin birth of Jesus
- 3) The atoning work of Jesus' death
- 4) The physical resurrection of Jesus
- 5) The historical reality of Jesus' miracles



Tim LaHaye

The sixth fundamental of the faith that Dr. LaHaye advocates in his article is the Return of Jesus in two stages — first, the Rapture, and then the Second Coming. He argues for this sixth fundamental because he says this teaching was "an integral part of the cardinal doctrines of the early church."

Nathan had announced in advance that the first person to reply to the 1,000th article would be given a prize of selecting any two resource materials produced by Lamb & Lion. That person proved to be Jeremy Mowery of LaGrange, Georgia. He selected Dr. Reagan's books, *Jesus, the Lamb and the Lion* and *Eternity: Heaven or Hell?*

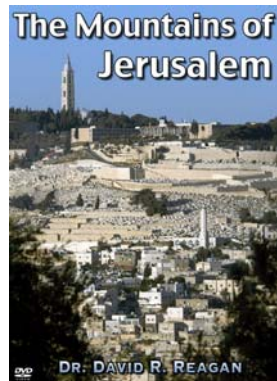
Other Bible prophecy experts who submitted special articles leading up to the 1,000th article celebration were Jack Kinsella, Donald Dolmus, Bill Salus, Don Koenig, Eric Barger, Caryl Matrisciana, Jan Markell, Mike Gendron and Terry James. During the week following the 1,000th article, additional special articles were posted by Jack Hollingsworth, Brian Thomas, Jim Tetlow and August Rosado. All the articles can be found on the Lamb & Lion Blog at www.lamblion.us. ✚

Ministry News

Schedule — In **September** Dr. Reagan will hold a conference at First Christian Church in Scottsburg, Indiana (8-9). Later in the month he will be one of the speakers at the Steeling the Mind Conference in Denver, Colorado (21-22). It will be held at the Denver Marriott South Hotel. For complete details, go to www.compass.org and click on conferences. In **October** Dr. Reagan is scheduled to travel to Cuba to spend a week teaching Bible prophecy at the Cuba Bible Institute in Havana (5-12). In **November** Dr. Reagan will be leading a pilgrimage tour to the Holy Land. (3-14)

Record Mailing Day

— In early June the Lamb & Lion mail room crew set a record for the most tubs of mail sent out in one day — a total of 29! Nearly all the packets contained copies of the video album, *The Mountains of Jerusalem*. All this mail was due to a record response to a series of four television programs we broadcast in May concerning the mountains that surround Jerusalem.



The album contains all four programs that we shot completely in Jerusalem, with Dr. Reagan explaining the biblical and prophetic significance of the Mount of Olives, the Temple Mount, Mount Zion, and Mount Herzl. The album sells for \$15 plus the cost of shipping. For an additional \$5 we will send you a DVD copy of another TV program we shot in Jerusalem, called “A Walk Through the Old City.” In that program, Dr. Reagan takes the viewer on a walking tour of the Old

City of Jerusalem.

Volunteer — We are very blessed to be assisted by a number of volunteers. Several of these are people who assist our Web Minister, Nathan Jones, with the Christ in Prophecy Facebook group. One of the moderators of that group is Dennis Tolar.

Dennis and his wife, Shirlene, have been married for 27 years and have three children and three grandchildren. They live in Scottsboro, Alabama, and he manages a jewelry store in Huntsville. He is an ordained minister in the Church of God (Cleveland, Tennessee). He is praying that the Lord will soon open a door of opportunity for him to minister full time in the Pacific Northwest. Meanwhile, he takes advantage of every opportunity to teach and preach. We are greatly blessed to have a number of volunteers like Dennis who help us with various aspects of the ministry.



Dennis Tolar

Israel Pilgrimages — We hope to host two pilgrimages to Israel next year, one in April and the other in November. The April tour is tentatively set for April 6-17. If you are interested, please call and ask to be put on a list to receive the brochure when it is printed.

Prophecy Partners — Our Prophecy Partners are the people God works through to supply spiritual and financial strength to the ministry. They pray for us regularly, and they commit to give \$20 a month or more for one year. Our goal is to acquire 3,000 partners as soon as possible. Each month, Dr. Reagan writes a special letter to our Partners in which he tells them about our hopes and challenges, our financial needs, and our prayer requests. Included with that mailing is a special gift — usually a DVD copy of one of our TV programs. We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming one of our Prophecy Partners. To sign up, just call our office at 800-705-8316. Thanks!



Carlton and Elvira Craig — Prophecy Partners from Spring, Texas where they head up Bible Teaching Fellowship Ministries.

Communications

Conference — “Thanks so much for your recent Bible conference. It was a turning point for me. I plan on going to every prophecy conference from now until I die — or the Lord comes. I am an architect, but I do some lay ministry.” — Brandon Criner of Carrollton, Texas.

Website — “Your entire website keeps me informed about what’s happening in our world and the things that concern, or should concern, Bible-reading Christians. I LOVE YOUR SITE! I also print your articles and re-read them. Thank you for your commitment to be a ‘watchman on the wall.’” — Louise (A message left on our blog site.)

Television — “I am enjoying your TV series on the Mountains of Jerusalem. I view them on the Daystar network every Thursday morning here in the Philippines.” — Richard Beaulac of Paranaque City in the Philippines.

Meetings — “Thanks for the terrific messages that Dave and Nathan delivered at Hilltop Bible Fellowship in Ashdown, Arkansas. Your ministry is touching lives. It has certainly built us up in our hope for our future with Christ. Your ‘plain sense’ teaching of Bible prophecy has been, and continues to be, a real blessing to us.” — Eric & Amber Halleran, founders of Mishkan Ministries in Livingston, Texas (www.mishkanmessage.org). ❖



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2012 Conference Album

Our 2012 Bible conference album is ready for distribution. It contains six presentations on three DVDs. The presentations are as follows:

- 1) Dave Reagan — “Israel in Bible Prophecy: Past & Present”
- 2) Dave Reagan — “The Middle East Crisis in Biblical Perspective”
- 3) Bill Koenig — “The United States and Israel”
- 4) Mark Hitchcock — “Israel in the Tribulation”
- 5) Arnold Fruchtenbaum — “Israel in the Millennium”
- 6) Gary Frazier — “The Salvation of Israel”

Dave Reagan is the founder of Lamb & Lion Ministries.

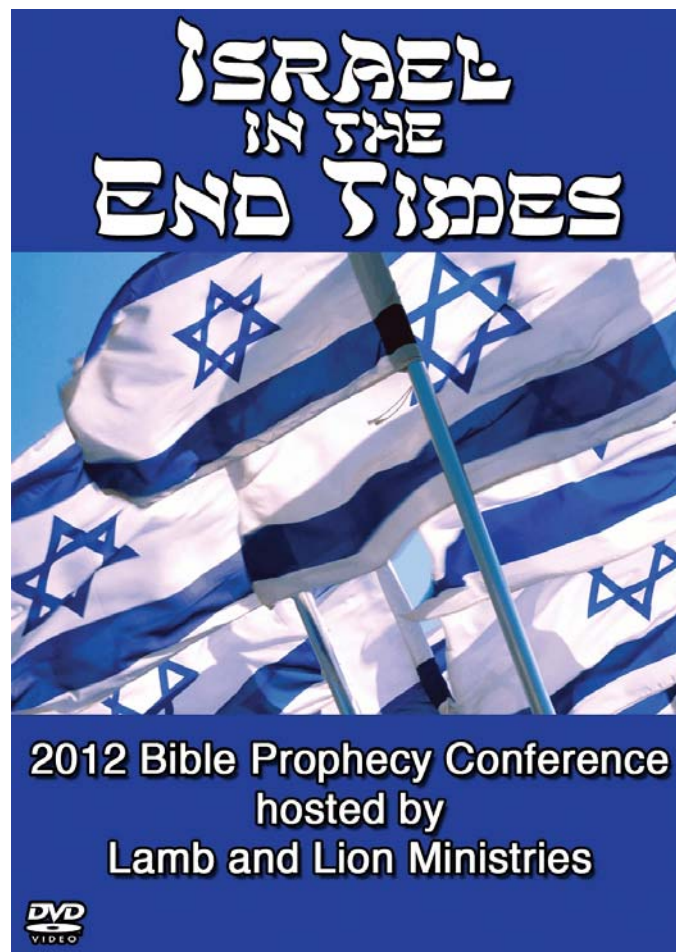
Bill Koenig is a White House correspondent. He provides a biblical perspective on national and international news events at his World Watch Daily website (<http://watch.org>).

Mark Hitchcock is a renowned popular writer on Bible prophecy topics. He serves as the pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Arnold Fruchtenbaum is a Messianic Jew who is a recognized scholar in the field of Bible prophecy. He heads up Ariel Ministries in San Antonio, Texas.

Gary Frazier is a Bible prophecy expert who has been to Israel more than 100 times. His ministry, called Discovery Worldwide Ministries, is located in Hurst, Texas.

At a special banquet following the conclusion of the conference, Dr. Reagan presented a very hard-hitting presentation about the evils of Replacement



Theology. That presentation is available on a separate DVD.

The album sells for \$25 plus the cost of shipping. You can order a copy by calling 800-705-8316.

Additionally, you can get a copy of Dr. Reagan's banquet presentation, “The Evil of Replacement Theology,” for \$5 plus the cost of shipping.

Call our office Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm Central time. ✚

