

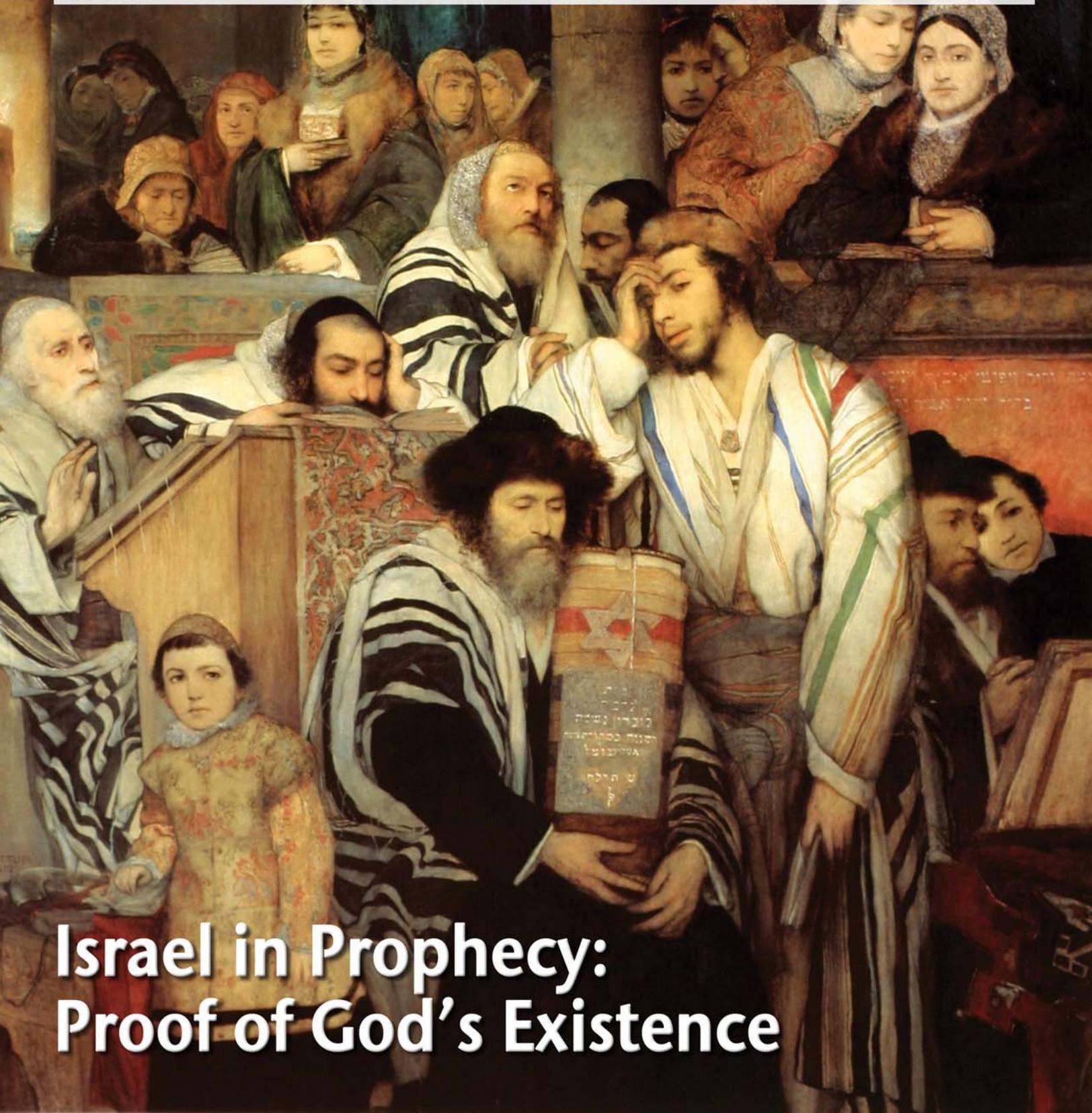
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"Prophecy is like a lamp shining in a dark place." - II Peter 1:19

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# Observations by the Editor

## Yearning

At the beginning of each new year, I always find myself experiencing a refreshed sense of yearning for the Lord's return. The prayer of my heart each New Year's Eve is, "Lord, let this be the year You will send Your Son for His Church!"

How about you? Do you ever find yourself yearning for the return of Jesus? Really yearning with all your heart? Yearning with a passion beyond words? Yearning like a lost man in the desert yearns for a sip of water?

I fear that most Christians have little, if any, desire for the Lord's return. It is a concept that has been shoved to the back of their consciousness — one they will claim to believe in, but one that has no impact on their daily living.

And this can be easily proved, for the fact of the matter is that if you truly believe in the return of Jesus, and if you believe this is an event that could occur any moment — as the Bible teaches — then you will be motivated to holy living and to evangelism. So, let me ask you: Are you making Jesus the Lord of every aspect of your life and are you sharing Him with as many people as possible?

Or, are you like most Christians — are you simply apathetic?

Which brings us to another crucial question: Why are so many professing Christians so apathetic about the Lord's return? For many, I'm sure it is due to ignorance. They simply have no idea what is going to happen when Jesus returns. Ignorance breeds apathy. You cannot get excited about an event you know nothing about.

But for others, if not most, I fear that the root of their apathy is that they are in love with the world. And that is very sad, for this world is corrupt to the core and is crying out for God's wrath. Furthermore, the Word of God specifically warns us about falling in love with this world:

Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not



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from the Father, but is from the world. (1 John 2:15-16)

Think of it this way: When you love someone, you want to be with them. I love my wife, and when I have to be away from her, I call her daily, and I yearn to return to her.

I love Jesus. I love to fellowship with Him in prayer, in the Word, and in worship. But it is no substitute for being with Him. I want to dwell in His presence. I want to look into His eyes and tell Him how much I love Him. I want to kiss His nail-printed hands. I want to thank Him personally for going to the Cross for me.

And I want to see this corrupt and perverted world transformed under His rule. I yearn for a world flooded with peace, righteousness and justice.

One other thing. Did you know the Bible promises a special reward for those who live yearning for the Lord's return? In 2 Timothy 4:8 the Apostle Paul states that there is a "crown of righteousness" that will be awarded "to all who have loved His appearing." Are you a candidate? ✦

**Cover:** The fantastic picture that graces the cover of our magazine this month is a painting by the Polish artist, Maurycy Gottlieb (1856-1879, yes, he died at the age of 23!). The painting is titled, "Jews Praying in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur." It was painted in 1878. It depicts Ashkenazi Jews praying in the synagogue on the Jewish day of atonement. Traditional elements shown include tallitot, kippot, the Torah, and the segregation of men and women in the synagogue. The artist has painted himself (to the right of the seated rabbi, looking outwards) among the people of his hometown of Drohobych. ✦

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# Israel as Proof of God's Existence

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In his book, "I Never Thought I Would See the Day," David Jeremiah devotes an entire chapter to the increasingly vehement assault of Atheism.

He talks about how Atheists have become bolder and more blatant and vicious in their denials of God, their attacks on Christianity, and their claims that Jesus was simply either a misguided man or a myth.

He says they have become characterized by their arrogance and their anger. As evidence of their arrogance, he points out that in their literature today, Atheists refer to themselves as "The Brights," and they dismiss believers as "The Dims."

As an example of their anger, Jeremiah quotes a sentence taken from the book, "The Divine Delusion," written by Richard Dawkins, one of Atheism's most vocal spokesmen:

The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control-freak; a vindictive, bloodthirsty ethnic cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully.

This rising anger among Atheists, and their increasingly virulent attacks on God and Jesus is what prompted me to write a book called "Jesus: The Lamb & The Lion." It is a study of Jesus in Bible prophecy and His fulfillment of it, proving that He really was who He claimed to be — namely, God in the flesh.

There is a certain sense in which these relentless attacks on God by the Atheists are downright amusing. That's because I find it ironic that the very people who deny God's existence are the very ones who are so obsessed with Him!

### Can God's Existence Be Proved?

When I was growing up in the Church, I was repeatedly told that the existence of God cannot be proved. Rather, I was told it must be accepted by blind faith.

There is no doubt that to accept something that cannot be seen requires faith. But an acceptance of God's existence does not require blind faith, because the evidence of His existence is simply overwhelming.

Christian philosophers and theologians have developed many arguments for the existence of God, and they have given



The tetragrammaton (from the Greek language, meaning "four letters") is the Hebrew name of God, commonly transliterated into Latin letters as YHWH. It is usually pronounced either Yahweh or Jehovah.

those arguments typical philosophical names, like:

- The Ontological Argument
- The Cosmological Argument
- The Teleological Argument

But I want to mention only three proofs of the existence of God — three that are down-to-earth and easy to understand, three that I think are very convincing. They are:

- 1) Changed Lives
- 2) Design in Nature and
- 3) Israel in Bible Prophecy

### Changed Lives

With regard to changed lives, I have in mind the way in which lives have been radically changed throughout history when they came in contact with God and put their faith in Him.

Consider, for example the lives of Abraham and Paul. Abraham was an idolater and Paul was an accomplice to murder when their lives were totally transformed when they encountered God and placed their faith in Him. And the Bible is full of many other examples.

### An Amazing Last Will and Testament

I encountered an example in September of 2012 when I received a letter from a law firm in Chicago informing me that Lamb & Lion Ministries had been named as a beneficiary in a will.

A copy of the will was enclosed with the letter. It began by stating that the testator had no living relatives. He then specified that he wanted gifts of \$30,000 each to be given to three friends whom he named. Next, he stated that he wanted \$2,500 to be spent on a party in his honor at a local bar, with drinks on the house!

It was at that point that I began to wonder how in the world our ministry could possibly be one of his beneficiaries!

My puzzlement became even greater when I turned to the next page. It contained a list of the groups who were to receive the remainder of his estate. Several Catholic charities were mentioned, followed by a long list of liberal organizations, from the ACLU to a Harvard Embryo Research Center.

At that point, I was really perplexed at how we could possibly be named in such a last will and testament.

Then, I turned the page — and there was a new will, dated three years later.

It began the same way, with gifts to the same three friends. But from that point on, the will was radically different. For, you

see, the next statement was a repudiation of the party at the bar. "Just forget about it," he wrote.

Then came the listing of the beneficiaries. There were only three — two Messianic ministries and our ministry.

I immediately realized that I was holding in my hands absolute evidence of the existence of God and His miracle working power. It was obvious that during the three years between the two wills, this man had met Jesus, and his life and values had been totally transformed.

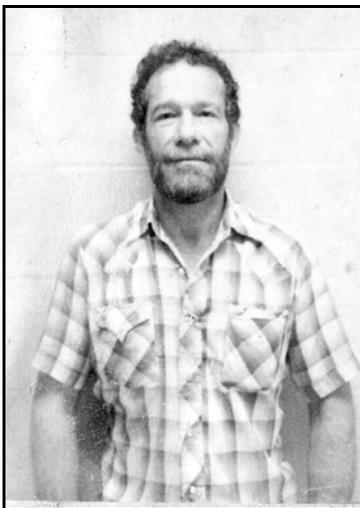
### Jack Hollingsworth

That was not the first time I had seen such a radical impact of God on a life. Let me share with you another example. I have in mind a man named Jack Hollingsworth who lived on the streets as a homeless alcoholic for 20 years.

In 1988 he wandered into a detox center in Lexington, Kentucky where he was confronted by a tough little lady named Sally. When he started trying to con her, she confronted him with his drunkenness and told him, "I declare to you in the name of Jesus that you will never be able to get drunk again." Jack laughed and wrote her off as nuts.

After all, he was a professional drunk, and he could get drunk any time he desired. But to his amazement, he discovered that he could no longer even get a buzz on, no matter how much he drank! Finally, he went back and asked Sally to tell him about Jesus. She did, and Jack put his faith in Him as his Lord and Savior.

His life was totally transformed, as you can see in these photographs.



Jack on the Streets



Jack today

Jack was instantly delivered from alcoholism. He and Sally later married, and they formed a ministry called Acts 29. And ever since 1993 they have been on the road together, with Jack teaching, preaching and singing. And in the process, Jack became the featured singer on our TV program.

What greater proof do you need that God exists?

But Atheists renounce such proof out of hand by declaring it to be "too subjective." "Show me something objective and tangible," they declare.

## Design in Nature

That challenge brings me to my second proof of God's existence: Design in Nature.



The Bible itself points us to this evidence:

Psalm 19:1-2

- 1) The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
- 2) Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night reveals knowledge.

In other words, the universe we exist in, and the planet that serves as our home, are both so complex and beautiful in their design that they literally shout the existence of a Designer.

Consider the Earth. Its size is perfect. If it were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If the Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter. Earth is the only known planet with an atmosphere composed of the right mixture of gases to sustain life.

Likewise, the Earth is located at precisely the right distance from the sun. If it were farther away, we would freeze. If it were closer, we would burn up.

The Earth's moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull to move the oceans and keep them from stagnating, while preventing them from spilling across the continents.

The Earth is the only object in the universe that we know of that contains water — an essential ingredient for life. And the Earth has a built in hydrological system whereby water evaporates from the oceans, leaving behind the salt content, and then is distributed as rainfall over the continents.

Design applies as well to the complexity of the human brain and the human eye — and to the complexity and beauty of animal and plant life.

Or, consider the fact that in every cell of our bodies there exists a very detailed instruction code that is like a miniature computer program. This DNA code is a three-billion-lettered program that tells each cell how to act. It is like an operational manual.

How could such complex designs be the result of chance? Or, the consequence of a “Big Bang” explosion? How many explosions have you ever heard of that produced order instead of chaos?

Yet, scientists with Ph.D.s piled on top of each other take a look at all this design and declare it to be an “accidental product of evolution.”



To me that’s equivalent to standing in front of Mt. Rushmore and declaring, “Wow! Isn’t it amazing what can be produced accidentally by erosion?” If I were to say that in front of a scientist, he would declare me to be a fool. Yet, scientists declare the same nonsense about our planet and the life that exists on it.

It’s no wonder that Ray Comfort gave his book about Atheism the title: “You Can Lead a Scientist to Evidence, But You Can’t Make Him Think”!

The Bible puts it this way (Psalm 53:1): “The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.””

### **Fulfilled Bible Prophecy**

One of the most decisive evidences of God’s existence can be found in Bible prophecy. I’m speaking of the fact that the Bible is full of hundreds of precise prophecies that have been fulfilled in detail in history.

In fulfilled Bible prophecy we find what I would call “conclusive evidence” that God exists and that the Bible is the Word of God.

Just consider for a moment the fact that no other book in the world contains fulfilled prophecies. There is not a single fulfilled prophecy in the Koran, the Hindu Vedras, the book of Mormon or the nonsensical, obfuscated ramblings of Nostradamus.

In contrast, the Bible contains hundreds of fulfilled prophecies concerning persons, cities, nations and empires.

### **Daniel’s Prophecy**

Take for example the incredible prophecy of Daniel that is recorded in Daniel chapter two. As most of you well know, in that chapter we are told about Daniel interpreting a dream of the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar.

Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of a great statue of a man with a golden head, a chest of silver, thighs of bronze and legs of iron.

Daniel explained that Nebuchadnezzar’s dream represented a succession of world empires, beginning with the Babylonian that was represented by the head of gold. It would be succeeded by the Medo-Persian Empire represented by the chest of silver. Next would come the Grecian Empire represented by the thighs of bronze.

Daniel did not specifically identify the fourth empire, but it was obviously the empire of Rome which followed the Grecian Empire and which split into two parts, represented by the two legs.

As one wag has put it, “Daniel wrote history in advance better than historians have done so after the fact.”

### **Messianic Prophecy**

And then, of course, there are the Messianic prophecies that Jesus fulfilled — a total of 109 separate and distinct prophecies.

It has been calculated that the odds of just 8 of those prophecies being fulfilled accidentally in the life of one person are 1 in 10 to the 17th power. That’s the number 1 with 17 zeros after it. So, the odds are one in 100 quadrillion! And that’s beyond the realm of probability.

The scientist who made these calculations was Peter Stoner. He illustrated the meaning of 1 in  $10^{17}$  by using the state of Texas.

He said to fill the state knee deep with silver dollars. Then fly over and drop out one silver dollar with a check mark on it. Next, let 10,000 bulldozers rampage around the state for ten years, getting the silver dollars mixed up real well. Then, turn a blind-folded man loose in this sea of silver dollars. The odds that the first coin he would pick up would be the one with the check mark on it is 1 in  $10^{17}$ .

### **Israel in Bible Prophecy**



But since Atheists claim the book of Daniel is a fraud that was written long after it claims to be, and since they write off Jesus as either a mythical being or just a man whose disciples conjured up so-called prophecies about Him, let’s consider some Bible prophecies that were written thousands of years ago that

have been definitely fulfilled in the modern history of the Jewish people.

These are prophetic fulfillments that cannot be discarded. As one person has put it, they have the thumbprint of God on them.

### **Dispersion Worldwide**

The first one I would point to is the dispersion of the Jewish people worldwide.

Thirty-four hundred years ago, as the Jewish people prepared to enter their Promised Land after their 40-year journey from Egypt, their leader, Moses, warned them to be faithful to God. He told them that if they were unfaithful, God would place curses upon them, and that if they refused to repent, His ultimate curse would be their expulsion from their homeland and their worldwide dispersion.

Deuteronomy 28:58-64

58) If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

59) then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

60) He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid . . .

63) It shall come about that . . . you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it.

64) Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

In this Scripture passage we have a very precise prophecy with a known date.

Its fulfillment began in 70 AD when God allowed the Romans to destroy the city of Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple because the Jews had rejected their Messiah, Yeshua of Nazareth. The dispersion of the Jews from their homeland was accelerated after the Second Jewish Revolt that lasted from 132 to 136 AD.

By the beginning of the 20th century, there were only 40,000 Jews left in the land of Israel. All the rest had been scattered throughout the world, with Jews existing on every continent. No group of people in all of history had been so widely dispersed.

And so we have a precise prophecy with a precise fulfillment.

### **The Persecution of the Jews**

The second prophecy I would point to is one that said that after their dispersion, the Jews would be persecuted wherever they went. Let's return to Deuteronomy and pick up reading where we left off:



Deuteronomy 28:65-67

65) Among those nations [where the Jews will be scattered] you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

66) So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67) In the morning you shall say, "Would that it were evening!" And at evening you shall say, "Would that it were morning!" because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see.

This is a graphic description of exactly what happened to the Jewish people after they were dispersed from their homeland. Everywhere they went, they were harassed, persecuted and targeted for annihilation — a process that climaxed with the Holocaust during World War II when 6 million Jews were exterminated.

Again, we have a precise prophecy with a precise fulfillment.

### **The Desolation of the Land**



The third prophecy I would like to emphasize is one that stated that the Jewish homeland would become a desolation after the Jews were ejected from it. Let's return to Moses' words in Deuteronomy, looking this time at chapter 29:

Deuteronomy 29:22-27

22) Now the generation to come . . . and the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has afflicted it, will say,

23) "All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah . . . which the LORD overthrew in His anger and in His wrath."

24) All the nations will say, "Why has the LORD done thus to this land? Why this great outburst of anger?"

25) Then men will say, "Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

26) "They went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they have not known and whom He had not allotted to them.

27) “Therefore, the anger of the LORD burned against that land, to bring upon it every curse which is written in this book . . .

Again, we find a very detailed and graphic prophecy that was spoken 1500 years before it began to be fulfilled when the Jews were forcefully expelled from their land, beginning in 70 AD.

By the beginning of the 20th Century the Jewish homeland was a complete desolation. Nearly all the trees had been cut down. Only 17,000 remained. All the previously cultivated valleys had become malaria-infested swamp lands.

Mark Twain, who visited the land in 1866, described it with these words in his book, *Innocents Abroad*:

“It is a blistering, naked, treeless land.”

“Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince. It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land.”

“Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes . . . It is desolate and unlovely.”

Again, we have a precise prophecy with a precise fulfillment.

### The Preservation of the People



The fourth prophecy I would like to single out is the preservation of the Jewish people.

The Hebrew prophets were very precise about this. They made it clear that despite the dispersion of the Jews and their persecution wherever they went, God would supernaturally preserve them as a nation.

Consider this symbolic prophecy of Isaiah who wrote 2,700 years ago, 700 years before the birth of Jesus:

Isaiah 49:14-16

14) But Zion [the Jewish people] said, “The LORD has forsaken me,  
And the Lord has forgotten me.”

15) [God responds] “Can a woman forget her nursing child  
And have no compassion on the son of her womb?  
Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

16) “Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands . . .”

Speaking more specifically in literal language, Isaiah wrote these words about the preservation of the Jews:

Isaiah 41:10-11

10) “Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

11) “Behold, all those who are angered at you will be shamed and dishonored; those who contend with you will be as nothing and will perish.”

Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah, who wrote 75 years after Isaiah, declared that God would preserve the Jewish people:

Jeremiah 30:11

“For I am with you,” declares the LORD, “to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you,  
Only I will not destroy you completely.  
But I will chasten you justly  
And will by no means leave you unpunished.”

A more graphic prophecy by Jeremiah concerning the preservation of the Jews can be found in Jeremiah 31:

Jeremiah 31:35-37

35) Thus says the LORD,  
Who gives the sun for light by day  
And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light  
by night,  
Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;  
The LORD of hosts is His name:

36) “If this fixed order departs  
From before Me,” declares the LORD,  
“Then the offspring of Israel also will cease  
From being a nation before Me forever.”

37) Thus says the LORD,  
“If the heavens above can be measured  
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,  
Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel  
For all that they have done,” declares the LORD.

So, when will the Jewish people cease to exist? When the sun stops coming up and going down, when the seasons of the year cease to come, and only after all the heavens and the depths of the oceans have been explored. In short, the Jewish people are here to stay.

Do I need to inform you that these prophecies have been fulfilled? Despite their dispersion, their persecution and the murderous pogroms leading up to the Holocaust, 6 million Jews live in Israel today, with another 7 million in other countries.

One of my spiritual mentors when I was in my 20's was a man named Carl Ketcherside. I heard him in a question and answer session one time when he was asked, “What do you think is the greatest evidence that the Bible came from God?”

His answer: “The Yellow Pages of the phone book.”

When the questioner asked what he meant, Carl said, “Look at the names of the banks, the names of the department stores,

the names of lawyers and doctors and accountants. You will see one Jewish name after another. God promised He would preserve the Jewish people, and He has.”

It's another example of precise prophecies being precisely fulfilled.

### The Regathering of the Jewish People



The fifth prophecy I would point to is the one that states that the Jewish people will one day be regathered from their world-wide dispersion back to their homeland.

This is one of the most prolific prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures, repeated over and over again. For example, consider the words of Isaiah which were written 700 years before the time of Jesus:

Isaiah 11:11-12

11) Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea.

12) And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

This great regathering began 2,600 years later in the 1890s. It was sparked by a booklet which was written by Theodor Herzl. He advocated that the time had come for the Jewish people to return to their homeland.

The booklet captured the imagination of Jews worldwide, and they began to return to their homeland, which was then called Palestine. At that time there were only 40,000 Jews in the land.

The gradual return became an overwhelming surge after World War II, and today over 6 million Jews have returned to their homeland.

Once again, we have a precise prophecy with a precise fulfillment.

And Jeremiah emphasizes this fulfillment in a startling

statement:

(Jeremiah 16:14-15)

14) “Therefore behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when it will no longer be said, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’

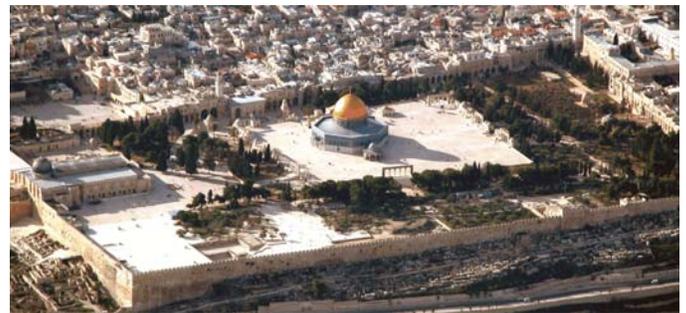
15) but, ‘As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them.’ For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers.”

This is an incredible statement. Jeremiah is saying here that one day the Jewish people will look back on the history of their nation and will conclude that the greatest miracle in their history was their regathering from the four corners of the world — a miracle greater than their deliverance from Egyptian captivity!

### The Reoccupation of Jerusalem

The sixth prophecy I want to identify is the one that states that when the Jewish people return to their homeland, they will reoccupy the city of Jerusalem, the ancient capital of their nation.

The Jews were dispossessed of their beloved capital city when the Romans destroyed it in 70 AD and took them into captivity. They briefly reoccupied the city during the Second Jewish Revolt that began in 132 AD, but after that, the city was never under their control again for century after century. Even after they declared the re-establishment of their state in 1948, they were unable to conquer the city in the War of Independence that followed.



But Bible prophecies had made it plain that the day would come when the city would be theirs once again. The prophet Zechariah spoke of that time:

Zechariah 8:4-8

4) Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age.

5) “And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets . . .”

7) Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west;

8) “and I will bring them back and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.”

These words were written 500 years before the time of

Jesus, and they were written after the Jews had returned from Babylonian captivity and had resettled themselves in Jerusalem. So, this is a prophecy about a future resettlement in the city.

Again, in the 12th chapter of Zechariah, the prophet spoke of the Jews being back in the city of Jerusalem in the end times:

Zechariah 12:2-3

2) "Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that causes reeling to all the peoples around; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.

3) "It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it."

Jesus Himself affirmed this prophecy in about 30 AD when He said:

Luke 21:24

"... and they [the Jewish people] will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."

In other words, Jesus said the Jews would be taken into captivity to all the nations of the world and Jerusalem would remain under Gentile control until the time comes for the domination of the Gentiles to end.

The first step in the fulfillment of this prophecy came on June 7, 1967 at the end of the Six Day War when the Jews conquered the city of Jerusalem and reoccupied it with sovereignty over it, for the first time in 1,897 years.



**Israeli soldiers praying at the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem at its capture in the Six Day War in June of 1967.**

It is no wonder that on that day, the chief rabbi of the Israeli army, Rabbi Shlomo Goren, came to the Western Wall, blew a shofar, and then proclaimed: "We have taken the City of God. We are entering the Messianic era for the Jewish people."

He said that because he knew that the prophecies say that when the Jews are back in their land and in their city, the Messiah will come.

Once again, we have precise prophecies being precisely fulfilled.

## The Reclamation of the Land

The seventh and final prophecy I would like to highlight is the reclamation of the land.



As I have already pointed out, the land became a desolation when the Jews were dispersed from it, in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. But the Bible also contains prophecies about what will happen to the land when the Jews return. Here's one from Ezekiel:

Ezekiel 36:24 & 33-35

24) "For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land . . ."

33) Thus says the Lord GOD, "... I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

34) "The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by.

35) "They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.'"

In other words, God promised that when the Jews returned to the land, it would be reclaimed from being a wasteland and would become like the Garden of Eden.

And that is exactly what has happened. The swamps were drained. Trees were planted. Water was conserved and channeled carefully to the agricultural regions.

The result was that by 1950 the land had been reclaimed, and by the end of the 20th Century, Israel had become the bread basket of the Middle East, growing every kind of crop imaginable.

During the 20th Century the Jews planted 250 million trees, and Israel ended the century as the only nation in the world with more trees than at the beginning of the century.

### Coincidence or Providence?

I could continue by giving you examples of many other specific prophecies concerning the Jewish people that have been precisely fulfilled in history, but I think these seven should be sufficient.

So, what are you going to do with this evidence? Dismiss it as a coincidence? Or, recognize it for what it is — and that is proof positive that God exists, that He has supernatural knowledge of the future, that He has the wisdom to proclaim the future, and He has the power to see to it that what He proclaims comes true.

God Himself points to fulfilled prophecy as proof of His existence:

Isaiah 46:9-11

- 9) “. . . For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me,
- 10) “Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, ‘My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure,’
- 11) “Calling a bird of prey from the east, The man of My purpose from a far country. Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it.”

### The Atheist’s Problem

Any fair-minded person should be willing to admit that the Jews in Bible prophecy are absolute proof of God’s existence.

The problem the Atheist has in accepting the existence of God is that he knows the moment he acknowledges God’s existence, it will mean that he is responsible to God, and the Atheist does not want to be responsible to anyone except himself.

C.S. Lewis summed up the Atheist’s problem very well when he wrote: “An Atheist cannot find God for the same reason that a burglar cannot find a policeman.”

Think about that profound statement for a moment. Why can’t a burglar find a policeman? Because he doesn’t want to find one!

Thus, in Jeremiah 29:13 we find God saying, “You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

### Conclusion

The attitude of Mankind today is summed up in Romans 1 where it says that:

Romans 1:18-25

- 18) [Men] suppress the truth in unrighteousness,
- 19) because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.
- 20) For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.
- 21) For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
- 22) Professing to be wise, they became fools,
- 23) and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God

for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24) Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

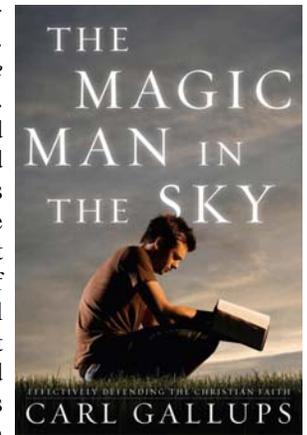
25) For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

What more can be said? God exists. He reigns, and He has the wisdom and power to orchestrate all the evil of Man and Satan to the triumph of His Son.

And thus, I cry out from the depths of my heart, “Maranatha! Maranatha! Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!” ✚

## A Great Defense of God’s Existence

Carl Gallups is a masterful defender of the Christian faith. His book, *The Magic Man in the Sky*, is highly recommended by Dr. Reagan. It is easy to read and understand, and you will be blessed by the irrefutable arguments he uses to prove the existence of God. The title of the book is the phrase that Atheists use to refer to the God of Christianity in their literature. Carl points out that God the Father is not a man, does not deal in magic, and does not live in the sky. The book is a hardcover that runs 223 pages in length. It retails for \$25 and sells on Amazon.com for \$20. We have a few copies left which we are selling for \$15 plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567.



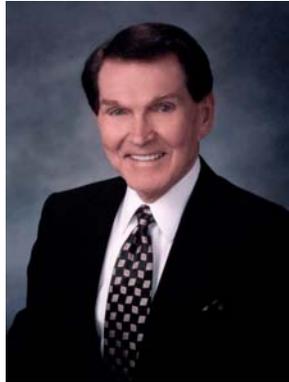
Dr. Reagan and Nathan Jones interviewed Carl Gallups in two television programs which have been put together on one DVD and is being made available in a video album entitled “The Existence of God.” The first program presents a discussion of competing worldviews and clearly defines the meaning of a Christian worldview. The second program focuses on Carl’s defense of the existence of God and his evidence that Evolution is anything but a proven scientific fact. This is a great resource for both individual and group study. And it is a program that is especially relevant to teens whose faith is constantly being challenged by our pagan educational systems. Running time is 50 minutes. Cost is \$12 plus the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567, or place your order through our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). ✚

# Tim LaHaye Changes His Mind About An Important Bible Prophecy Point

Dr. David R. Reagan

One of the hotly debated points among Bible prophecy experts with a Premillennial viewpoint is whether or not the fig tree parable in Matthew 24:32-35 refers to the rebirth of the state of Israel.

The parable is part of Jesus' Olivet Discourse that He delivered to His disciples during the last week of His life. The discourse, from start to finish, focused on the signs that would herald His return to earth. The specific passage reads as follows:



Tim LaHaye

- 32) "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;
- 33) so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door
- 34) Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.
- 35) Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."

## My Personal View



My own personal viewpoint has always been that the fig tree in this parable refers to Israel, and its reblossoming refers to the re-establishment of the state of Israel. And thus, the generation that witnesses that event is the one that will see all the signs come to pass and will also experience the return of Jesus. With regard to the word, generation, I have believed that it is used generically in this passage, like referring to "the Nixon generation," and does not refer to

any specific number of years.

One of the reasons I have believed this so strongly is because a few days before Jesus made this statement, He had put a curse on a fig tree as His disciples watched, and the tree had withered immediately. I believe this was a symbolic prophecy, indicating that because Israel (the fig tree) was going to reject Him as their Messiah, God would pour out His wrath upon them and set them aside for a period of time (the Church Age).



Then, a couple of days later, Jesus reminds His disciples of the fig tree and tells them to watch for it to blossom once again, marking the season of His return.

In my latest book, *Living on Borrowed Time*, I inserted a Prophecy Forum consisting of the views of 22 Bible prophecy experts. I asked them 11 questions about the signs of the times, and one of those questions was how they interpret the fig tree parable.

The majority viewpoint among my forum members was that the fig tree is a symbol of Israel, and in speaking of its putting forth leaves, Jesus was prophesying that the state of Israel would be re-established in the end times.

A total of 20 out of the 22 panel members responded to the question and 10 of them took this position. In doing so, most referenced Hosea 9:10 where Israel is pictured as a fig tree. Gary Fisher of "Lion of Judah Ministries" was one of the 10, and he explained his reasoning this way:



Note here that Jesus did not choose just any tree as a sign. He chose the fig tree. He could have chosen flowers, grass, or even other trees, but he chose the fig tree. Why? I believe it is because the fig tree is a national symbol of Israel as is revealed in Hosea 9:10.

## The Convergence of Signs

Five of the forum members, including Tim LaHaye took the position that the fig tree has no particular significance apart from merely providing an illustration from nature about the signs of the times. Thus, just as the blossoming of the fig tree points to the coming of summer, so also the fulfillment of the many end time signs Jesus had given before He told the parable will point to His soon return.

In dismissing the idea that Jesus was using the fig tree as a symbol of Israel, Jeremy Hall of "Berean Watch Ministries" pointed to the parallel passage in Luke 21:29-32 where Jesus is



**Jeremy Hall**

recorded as saying, “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near.” The inclusion of the phrase, “and all the trees,” makes Hall conclude “that we cannot read too much into the mentioning of the fig tree in Matthew 24.

Hall went on to conclude that the passage is simply talking about how we can draw conclusions from the observation of nature:

When I see that the days are getting longer, the snow begins to melt (for us Canadians), the trees bud, and the grass begins to green, I know that summer is near. Likewise, all these signs we are witnessing (right now and in this generation) are simply the signs that summer is coming.

Mark Hitchcock, Pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma, expressed a similar feeling. He wrote:

In the context of Matthew 24, I don’t believe the fig tree here has anything to do with the rebirth of Israel. Jesus is probably simply using a natural illustration that anyone could understand. He is simply saying that just as one can tell summer is near by the blossoming of the fig tree, so those alive in the Tribulation will be able to see that His coming is near when the signs predicted in Matthew 24 begin to happen.

The most surprising response came from Tim LaHaye. He said that he believed that one of the greatest mistakes he has ever made in interpreting prophecy was “to follow my friend Hal Lindsey” by accepting his interpretation that the fig tree is Israel and the generation that sees the state of Israel re-established will witness the coming of the Lord.

LaHaye proceeded to explain that he thinks the parable refers to those who “see worldwide Gospel preaching, the desecration of the Temple by the Antichrist during the Tribulation and many other events so mentioned for that seven year period ...”

### **Both Israel and a Convergence of Signs**



**Phillip Goodman**

The remaining 5 of our Bible prophecy experts said they felt like the parable of the fig tree referred to both the re-establishment of Israel and the convergence of signs.

Phillip Goodman of “Bible Prophecy As Written Ministries” went into considerable detail to explain why he feels the parable has both meanings. “It is not an either-or proposition,” he wrote. “It is a double reference prophecy.” He then explained that prophecies in the Bible often have more than one meaning. As an example, he cited

the last two verses in the Old Testament which prophesy the future return of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6). Jesus applied this prophecy to John the Baptist (Matthew 11:13-14) who came in the spirit of Elijah, but He also said it referred to the actual appearance of Elijah in the last days (Matthew 17:10-13).

In the same vein, Goodman pointed out that the prophecy instructing the Jews to flee Jerusalem has a double reference. It refers to the time of the Abomination of Desolation in the middle of the Tribulation (Matthew 24:15-21), but it also refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD as recorded in Luke 21:20-24.

Concluding his argument, Goodman wrote, “In like manner, Matthew 24:32 refers to both Israel and the last day signs. Since Israel is the center of these signs, it is a perfect picture of the metaphorical fig tree with its budding leaves depicting all of the other signs.”

### **A Change of Mind**

In a recent article published in the magazine of the Pre-Trib Study Center, Tim LaHaye announced that he has changed his mind about how the fig tree parable should be interpreted. He stated that he had been led in the past “to undervalue the significance of the fig tree being a clear symbol of Israel throughout scripture.” He said he had relied on Luke 21:29 where Jesus is recorded as having said, “Behold the fig tree and all the trees.” Like Jeremy Hall, LaHaye said that because Jesus mentioned “all the trees” in Luke’s version of his discourse, he felt like the fig tree was not to be singled out for any special importance.



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But LaHaye now emphasizes that Jesus most definitely singled out the fig tree in both Matthew and Luke’s versions of His speech, and the fig tree is a consistent symbol of Israel in the Scriptures. To prove this point, LaHaye points to Hosea 9:10, Joel 1:7, and Jeremiah 24:2-8. In the latter passage, figs — both good and bad — are used to refer to Judah and Israel according to their behavior.

I personally believe the reference to “all the trees” in Luke’s passage is a reference to a convergence of all the end time signs, but the singling out of the fig tree in both passages is a clear indication that the most important end time sign of all is the re-establishment of the state of Israel. ✚

Note: You can find many articles about Bible prophecy on the website of the Pre-Trib Research Center ([www.pre-trib.org](http://www.pre-trib.org)).



# The Blood Moon Mania

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

(Editor's note: For the reference notes to this article, see the copy of the article on our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com).)

In 2008 the pastor of a congregation in Tacoma, Washington, by the name of Mark Biltz, began to teach that the Second Coming of the Messiah might occur in the Fall of 2015. He based this prediction on the pattern of an astronomical phenomenon that he had discovered. His speculation was picked up immediately by the Bible prophecy sensationalists who specialize in playing around with such matters. The result was that Pastor Biltz's theory became an Internet sensation.

The basis of his theory — and not his conclusion — has now been given legitimacy by the publication of Pastor John Hagee's book, *Four Blood Moons*.<sup>1</sup>

## Red Flags

But is Mark Biltz's theory really legitimate? The first red flag of caution that must be considered is the source of the theory. Mark Biltz is involved in what is called the Hebrew Roots Movement.<sup>2</sup> This is an anti-Christian, Judaizing movement. Its members have done everything they can to de-legitimize the writings of the Apostle Paul because of his teaching that the Law of Moses was invalidated by the Cross.<sup>3</sup>



**Mark Biltz**

The second red flag is that Biltz is involved in date setting. Both Matthew 24:36 and Matthew 25:13 state that we cannot know the day or hour of the Lord's return. With regard to the parable of the wise and foolish virgins contained in Matthew 25:1-13, Biltz dismisses Jesus' warning in verse 13 that no one can know the day or hour of His return. He does this by arguing that it is directed at the foolish virgins, and not the wise ones.<sup>4</sup> Yet, there is nothing in the parable to substantiate this conclusion.

With regard to Jesus' similar statement in Matthew 24:36, Biltz tries to explain it away by saying it is a reference to the Feast of Trumpets because although there is a yearly date for this feast, no one knows for certain when it will actually begin because its beginning is dependent on the sighting of a new moon.<sup>5</sup> Again, there is no justification in the context of the this verse for such a bizarre interpretation.

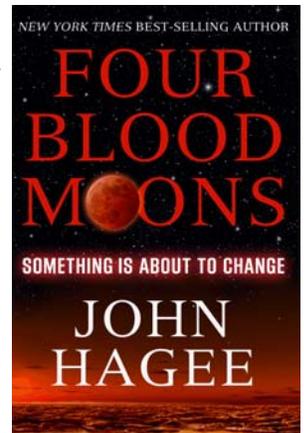
A third red flag is the fact that there is no way the Second Coming could occur in the Fall of 2015 because there are too many prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Lord's return. To name a few:

- The Rapture of the Church must occur.
- The seven year period called the Tribulation must take place.
- The Jewish Temple must be rebuilt.
- The Antichrist must be revealed.
- A second Jewish holocaust must occur.

To his credit, John Hagee does not set a date for the Lord's return in his excellent new book, *Four Blood Moons*. Instead, he simply takes Biltz's discovery and argues that it is an omen of a major development that will take place — a development that will most likely have a significant impact on the Jewish people.

## Red Moons

So, what is this omen that Biltz and Hagee have in mind and which they refer to as "the four blood moons"?



A "blood moon" is the name that has often been assigned to a complete lunar eclipse, which occurs when the earth comes between the sun and the moon, putting the moon into a complete shadow. Such a moon often (but not always) appears to be red in color because of the way light bends around the earth's atmosphere, scattering short wavelength light (green through violet) and leaving longer wavelength light (red, orange and yellow). It's why sunsets and sunrises generally are red.<sup>6</sup>

Complete or total lunar eclipses are relatively rare. During the 20th Century, there was a total of 229 lunar eclipses of all types, but only 81 of these were total eclipses (completely obscuring the moon in the earth's shadow). The rest were partial eclipses. In this century there will be 228 lunar eclipses of all types and 85 total eclipses.<sup>7</sup>

What is rarer is what is called a "tetrad." This is a series of four total lunar eclipses in a row over a two year period of time. Since the time of Christ there have been a total of 87 tetrads, including the last one that occurred in 2003-2004. In this century, we are scheduled to experience 8 tetrads, the most that can occur in a century's time (some centuries have had none at all).<sup>8</sup>

Even rarer is a phenomenon that Mark Biltz discovered. Of the 87 tetrads that have occurred since the time of Christ, only 7 have fallen on Jewish feast days. Those seven occurred in the

following years: 162-163, 795-796, 842-843, 860-861, 1493-1494, 1949-1950 and 1967-1968.<sup>9</sup>

For an example of what is meant by a tetrad falling on Jewish feast days, consider the tetrad of 1967-1968.<sup>10</sup>

- 1) Passover, April 24, 1967 — Blood Moon
- 2) Feast of Tabernacles, October 18, 1967 — Blood Moon  
(Total Solar Eclipse, November 2, 1967)
- 3) Passover, April 13, 1968 — Blood Moon
- 4) Feast of Tabernacles, October 6, 1968 — Blood Moon

Biltz and Hagee both make much of the fact that the last three tetrads that fell on Jewish feast days occurred at times when significant events were happening among the Jewish people:

- 1) 1493-1494 — This tetrad followed the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492.
- 2) 1949-1950 — This tetrad followed the re-establishment of the state of Israel in 1948.
- 3) 1967-1968 — The beginning of this tetrad occurred right before the beginning of the Six Day war in 1967.

Notice that two of these tetrads *followed* the significant events. Only one (1967-1968) served as a partial precursor of the event. And notice that there was no significant event in Jewish history that was related to the first four tetrads that fell on Jewish feast days.

#### A Legitimate Omen?



So, what about it? Is the tetrad of 2014-2015 the herald of some major event that will impact Israel in particular?

It could well be.<sup>11</sup> The Bible makes it clear that God speaks through signs of nature, including signs in the heavens. The very first chapter of the Bible affirms this fact: “Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years . . .’” (Genesis 1:14).

As for blood moons, the Bible refers to them several times. Some of the references only imply a blood moon when they speak of the moon being “darkened” (Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, Joel 3:15, and Matthew 24:29). Others specifically mention a moon “turned to blood” (Joel 2:31 and Revelation 6:12).

But the one thing all these verses have in common is that all of them refer to the Second Coming of the Messiah, and since that cannot occur in 2015, the tetrad of 2014-2015 — if it has any prophetic significance — cannot be a sign that the Messiah is going to return to earth at that time. It must have some other biblical significance, if any at all — as John Hagee argues in his book.

#### A Caution

I think we should be very cautious about emphasizing things like the Jewish feast tetrads. Such “signs” usually end up as prophetic embarrassments. Consider the mania that occurred in 1982 over the “Jupiter Effect.” This line up of the planets was supposed to cause giant earthquakes and tsunamis. The year came and passed with no such significant events. Since that time, we have had to deal with similar manias concerning the Hale-Bop Comet in 1997, the Y2K computer “crisis” of 2000, and the Mayan Calendar in 2012.

We should focus instead on the precise end time prophecies of the Bible that have been precisely fulfilled in our day and time — clearly indicating that we are living in the season of the Lord’s return.

One other thing — the signs in the heavens mentioned in the Bible that will accompany the Lord’s return may not be natural astronomical occurrences at all. Instead, they may prove to be supernatural in nature, provided by God to herald His Son’s return. ❖

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## A Response From Mark Biltz

When this article was released over the Internet, Pastor Mark Biltz wrote to me denying that he had ever set a date for the Lord’s return. Yet the Internet is full of statements of his that clearly indicate his belief that the Lord could possibly return in 2015 at the time of the last blood moon in the 2014-2015 tetrad.<sup>12</sup> One of those statements is in the form of a transcript of a television interview.<sup>13</sup> Another is a statement Mark posted on his website and then later removed.<sup>14</sup> And if he does not think the Lord’s return on that date is a possibility, why has he tried to explain away the warnings that no one can know the date of the Lord’s return?

Regarding his being anti-Christian, he states on the home page of his website that “We do not want to convert Jews to Christianity or Christians to Judaism.”<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, the pastor of another Hebrew Roots congregation states on his website: “Pastor Mark Biltz and I are both in agreement that the foolish virgins of Matthew 25 are ALL the Sunday churches.”<sup>16</sup> The same posting refers to the Apostle Paul as “the spouter of lies.”

Pastor Biltz also denied that he believes the basic doctrines of the Hebrew Roots Movement, but if that is true, then why does he identify with the movement? Furthermore, he has an article on his website that strongly endorses the cornerstone belief of the movement — namely, that Sabbath worship is obligatory.<sup>17</sup> There is nothing wrong with Sabbath worship or celebration of the Jewish feasts or following the Jewish kosher laws, as long as a person does so voluntarily. But when someone begins to teach that these things are obligatory in order to please God, and when they condemn others who do not observe them, that constitutes Judaizing, and that is a serious error — so serious, in fact, that Paul calls it a false Gospel in his Galatian letter.

Pastor Biltz says on his website that his goal is to make “non-Christian followers of Jesus.” As one of his critics put it, that’s like becoming a “vegetarian meat-eater.”<sup>18</sup> ❖

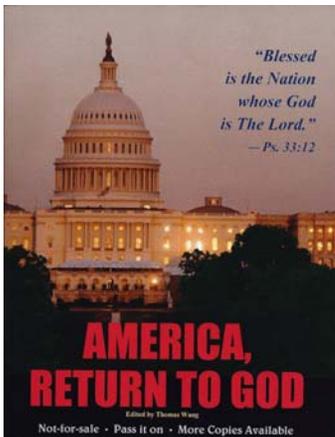
# The Death of America!

Dr. Thomas Wang

(Editor's Note: The author of this article is a remarkable person. He was born in 1925 into a third generation Christian family in Beijing, China. He received his theological training at the Presbyterian Seminary in Taiwan and began his ministry in 1953, serving as the pastor of a Methodist Church. He soon felt the call to international evangelism. He moved to Europe and started serving as an itinerant evangelist. In 1959 he came to the United States to study at Central Bible Seminary in Springfield, Missouri. After finishing his studies, he founded the Chinese Christian Mission in Detroit, Michigan in 1961.



In 1972 he led the way in organizing the North America Congress of Chinese Evangelicals for the purpose of calling Chinese pastors in North America to unity and evangelism. In 1976 he was commissioned to direct the first Chinese Congress on World Evangelization in Hong Kong. In 1989 he was selected to serve as the director of the Second Lausanne Congress in Manila. In 1989 he founded the Great Commission Center International in California where he continues to minister to this day. The purpose of the Center is to serve as an enabler in providing information, training materials and other resources to the churches of China. Dr. Wang is the recipient of three honorary doctorate degrees. He and his wife, Rachel, are the parents of one son. The ministry's website address is [www.gcciusa.org](http://www.gcciusa.org).



For several years now, Dr. Wang has been printing annually a magazine-type publication called "America, Return to God." Over 500,000 copies of the latest edition were printed and distributed free of charge. The publication contains insightful essays by a great variety of authors concerning America's spiritual crisis. You can secure a copy free of charge through the ministry's website.

Dr. Wang is currently in the process of translating my

Prophetic Manifesto into Chinese for publication and distribution among Chinese churches in the U.S. and China.

Recently, Dr. Wang wrote a powerful letter to President Obama and encouraged his readers to send the same letter to their Congressional representatives. That letter is reprinted here by special permission.)

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully write this letter to you about the Death of America! All is not well in our nation.

**1) America the Beautiful** — The early Pilgrims and Puritans, with their precious document, the Mayflower Compact, landed here in 1620 and built up this nation according to biblical principles.

**2) America the Mighty** — God blessed America and made her a strong, rich and missionary-sending nation to the world.

**3) America the Valiant** — In both World War I and World War II, America was the main force, together with other free nations, to overcome tyranny and subjugation. It was her finest hour!

**4) America the Prodigal** — After so many high adventures and successes, America began to let herself lose. The Sexual Revolution in the 1960s and the homosexual campaigns in the 80s and 90s have all contributed to her departure from the right path and the Christian faith.

**5) America the Rebel** — Ironically, the highest judicial office of America has now become a leading destroyer of the moral and biblical foundation of the land. The Supreme Court outlawed prayer in the public schools (1962), Bible reading in the public schools (1963), and the exhibition of the Ten Commandments (1980). It has also legalized abortion (1973), the teaching of atheism in the public schools (1997) and same-sex marriage (2013). Indeed, THE SUPREME COURT HAS BECOME THE SUPREME CURSE!

**6) America the Dead** — The tipping point happened on June 26, 2013, when the Supreme Court overturned Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act. With a 5 to 4 vote, nine black-robed men and women presided over the degradation of America to become a modern day Sodom and Gomorrah! We have glaringly shaken our fist in defiance to the Almighty. We may be sure that He will take up the challenge. America doomed?

**Is there any hope for America?** Humanly speaking there is none. We have forsaken God, the source of blessings and the fountain of life. Like the rebellious nation of Judah of old, God's judgment came upon them "until there was no remedy" (2 Chronicles 36:16).

**Our only hope is in Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, who died for our sins on the cross.** For God has said: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

May I humbly suggest that you, as the prime leader of our nation, come before the Lord Jesus Christ, truly receive Him as your Lord and Savior, and pray for His special mercies on the following supplications:

- 1) A spirit of personal and national repentance will sweep across America.
- 2) America will again be a God-fearing nation.
- 3) America will continue to be a channel of blessings to the peoples of the world.

Yours for the restoration of America. ✚



# Announcing the 2014 Lamb & Lion Bible Conference

**Theme:** *America's Spiritual Crisis*

**Dates:** July 11-12, 2014 (Friday evening through Saturday afternoon)

**Location:** The Eisemann Performing Arts Center in Richardson, Texas

**Host:** Dr. David Reagan and the Staff of Lamb & Lion Ministries

## Speakers

**Warren Smith** — A freelance writer and former community social worker who was previously involved in the New Age movement. He has emerged as one of Christendom's foremost experts on the New Age Movement and other aspects of the occult. One of his most acclaimed books is a biographical one titled, *The Light That Was Dark*.



**Eric Barger** — Former record producer, rock musician, drug addict, and New Ager, he is now a leading expert in Christian apologetics and discernment. His "Take A Stand! Ministries" confronts both the culture and the Church, focusing on the Cults, World Religions, the Occult and Spiritual Warfare. He is a very powerful communicator and has been a frequent Lamb & Lion TV guest.



**Jan Markell** — A Messianic Jew who heads up Olive Tree Ministries in Minnesota. She is the host of a nationally syndicated radio program called "Understanding the Times." She has authored eight books and has produced many video programs. She publishes a weekly commentary on national and international events, and she annually hosts one of the largest Bible conferences in America.



**Mike Gendron** — A devout Catholic for over 30 years before he discovered the truth of God's Word. During that time he was also conducting a very successful career in corporate management. In 1988 he surrendered his career to attend seminary, and has since devoted his life to preaching and teaching God's Word. He is considered an expert on Christian doctrine.



**Carl Gallups** — The Pastor of Hickory Hammock Baptist Church in Milton, Florida, and host of a conservative radio talk show with a large national audience. Author of the best-selling books, *The Magic Man in the Sky*, and *The Rabbi Who Found Messiah*. He is the founder of the PPSIMMONS YouTube ministry channel. An aggressive and staunch defender of the faith.



## Musicians

The conference will begin on Friday evening, July 11, with a concert by Janet Paschal. Janet has produced 16 solo albums and has received multiple Grammy and Dove award nominations. She won the Dove award in 2011 for Female Vocalist of the Year. She has had numerous radio hit singles, and she has performed at places like the Sydney Opera House, Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and the Grand Old Opry.



**Janet Paschal**

**Jack Hollingsworth** — Jack wandered the streets homeless for 20 years before his life was transformed by Jesus. For the past 20 years he and his wife, Sally, have traveled the nation speaking, teaching, and singing. He is the featured singer on the Lamb & Lion television program, "Christ in Prophecy."



## Banquet

There will be a banquet on Saturday evening following the conclusion of the conference. Dr. Reagan will be the featured speaker at the banquet, and Jack Hollingsworth will present a concert of Gospel songs. **Dr. Reagan will also be the keynote speaker on Friday evening at the conference.**



**Dave Reagan**

## Registration

The conference is free of charge, but seating is limited, so registration is required. To register, call 972-736-3567 between 8am and 5pm Central time, Monday through Friday, or register at our website: [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). **Registration will open in January 2014.** For those desiring to attend the Saturday night banquet, there is a charge that must be paid at the time of registration for the conference.

## Venue and Accommodations

The conference will be held at the beautiful Eisemann Performing Arts Center in Richardson, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. The official conference hotel, The Renaissance, is located adjacent to the Eisemann Center, and a special \$89 room rate has been arranged for the conference. Call 972/367-2000 and ask for the Lamb & Lion Conference rate. ❖

# Television Update

## New Viewers!

When our TV broadcast was added to the TBN Network at the first of September, we experienced a very significant increase in viewers. We have since been overwhelmed with enthusiastic responses to our programs.

It's hard to believe, but through the six networks we are now broadcasting on, we have access to 109 million homes in America. And through the satellite systems of some of these networks, we have access to every nation in the world.

When this ministry was established almost 34 years ago in 1980, our carefully defined goal was to reach as many people as possible, as quickly as possible, with the message that Jesus is returning soon. The Lord has now made that goal a reality, and we praise His name for it.

During September, October and November we worked hard to produce as many new programs as possible for the new year. We interviewed prophecy expert, Allan Walker about symbolic prophecy as manifested in the Tabernacle of Moses. We shot a couple of programs about the Rapture and the book of Revelation with a forum consisting of Dennis Pollock, Gary Fisher, and Nathan Jones. We did a couple of interviews with a Middle East expert, Jim Fletcher, about Replacement Theology and the current crisis in the Middle East. Best-selling author, Pastor Carl Gallups, was our guest for two programs, one on the spiritual crisis in our nation and the other about his newest book, *The Rabbi Who Found Messiah*. We shot a second prophecy forum featuring guests Dennis Pollock and Al Gist concerning the Tribulation and the Millennium. And we completed the year with an interview with Tommy Ice, the Director of the Pre-Trib Rapture Study Center. Whew!!



Carl Gallups



Jim Fletcher



Prophecy Forum with guests Al Gist and Dennis Pollock.

## “Christ in Prophecy” Broadcast Schedule

### National Networks

TBN Network				
DirecTV Channel 372		DISH Channel 260		
On broadcast stations and cable networks throughout the nation				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. Noon	Sun. 1:00pm	Sun. 2:00pm	Sun. 3:00pm

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

The Church Channel Network				
DirecTV Channel 371		DISH Channel 258		
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

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

The TCT Network				
DirecTV Channel 377				
Zone	Pacific	Mountain	Central	Eastern
Day Time	Sun. 4:00pm	Sun. 5:00pm	Sun. 6:00pm	Sun. 7:00pm

# New Videos



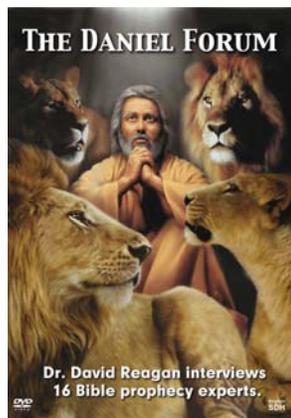
**2013 Conference Video** — Contains six outstanding presentations that were made at our annual Bible conference concerning the signs of the times that point to the Lord's imminent return. Each presentation runs approximately 50 minutes. The album contains 3 DVDs with two presentations on each disc. The featured speakers are Dave Reagan, Don McGee, Nathan Jones, Ron Rhodes, Alan Franklin and Robert Jeffress. \$25 plus the cost of shipping.

**Israeli Military** — This album contains the presentation Dr. Reagan made at the 2013 Bible Conference banquet. It is an exciting survey of God's fulfillment of several Bible prophecies which say that there will be a great resurgence in Israeli military power in the end times after the state of Israel is re-established. You will be inspired by the stories of miracles that God has performed in the wars of Israel. \$12 plus the cost of shipping. Contains details about the raid on Entebbe.



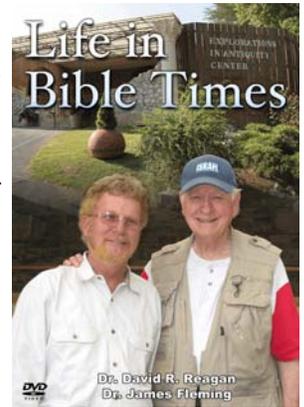
**Wars of the End Times** — Most people know about only one end time war that is prophesied in the Bible — namely, the War of Armageddon. In this fully illustrated presentation, Dr. Reagan presents a sweeping overview of nine wars that are prophesied for the end times. Presented before a live audience, this has proved to be one of Dr. Reagan's most popular talks about end time prophecy. \$12 plus the cost of shipping.

**The Daniel Forum** — Six television programs on two DVDs consisting of interviews with 16 Bible prophecy experts concerning questions about the book of Daniel. Those interviewed include Gary Fisher, Ed Hindson, Gary Frazier, Tom McCall, Randall Price, Nathan Jones, Andy Woods, Al Gist and Tim LaHaye — among others. Fascinating answers to intriguing questions. \$25 plus the cost of shipping.



**The New Age Movement** — Contains two fascinating and informative interviews of Warren Smith, a former New Age advocate who now heads up a ministry located in California. In the interviews Warren responds to questions about the meaning of the movement, its characteristics, and its impact on the Church. He also discusses how a Christian can guard against deception by the movement. \$12 plus the cost of shipping.

**Life in Bible Times** — Contains four television programs on two DVDs. The programs were all shot on location at the Explorations in Antiquity Center in LaGrange, GA. The programs vividly display how people lived in Israel in the time of Jesus. Some of the features include agricultural techniques, the importance of city gates, and crucifixion and burial methods. One of the most fascinating segments focuses on the Last Supper and how it was conducted. \$15 plus shipping.



**Insights from Jerusalem** — Contains three television programs that were shot on location in Jerusalem. The first program focuses on the Eastern Gate of the Old City. It is the only gate of the city that is sealed, and Dr. Reagan presents the fascinating story of why it was sealed and how its sealing was a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. He also uses the prophetic scriptures to explain when the gate will be opened. The second program features the amazing story of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the man who revived

the Hebrew language from the dead. Again, Dr. Reagan demonstrates how this accomplishment was a fulfillment of end time Bible prophecy. The third program is one of the most popular TV programs ever produced by the ministry. The camera follows Dr. Reagan as he walks from one side of the Old City to the other, describing the sites and relating them to the life of Jesus and Bible prophecy. You will see the Arab, Christian, Armenian and Jewish Quarters of the Old City. \$15 plus the cost of shipping.

**Special:** Order "Israeli Military," "Wars of the End Times," and "Insights from Jerusalem" for a cost of \$30 plus shipping — for a savings of \$9. Ask for offer #825.

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# Ministry News

**Schedule** — In **January** Dr. Reagan will be speaking at a prophecy conference hosted by the Hialeah Baptist Church in Hialeah, Florida (24-26). In **February** he is scheduled to teach on Bible prophecy in the Discipleship University of First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas (16). He will conclude the month at Summit Church in Wichita, Kansas (Feb. 28 - Mar. 2). In **March** Dr. Reagan will hold a weekend conference at Union Valley Baptist Church in Beebe, Arkansas (2). Later that month, he will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (14-25). In **April** Dr. Reagan will be one of several speakers at the Mid-America Prophecy Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma (10-12). He will conclude that month by speaking at a conference at Calvary Chapel in San Jacinto, California (26-27).

**Prophecy Partners** — *We need your support as a Prophecy Partner!* Our wonderful Prophecy Partners are the ones whom God works through to supply the financial base of our ministry. To become a Prophecy Partner, all you have to do is notify us of your commitment to pray for the ministry regularly and provide us with a donation of \$25 per month or more for a year. Once you have signed up, you will start receiving a month-



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ly letter from Dr. Reagan in which he will update you regarding all the developments in the ministry. Each letter will be accompanied with a gift. Every other month the gift will be a complimentary copy of this magazine. In the other months, you will usually receive a DVD with a video program related to Bible prophecy. The last month of each year you will receive a copy of our annual Holy Land calendar. Prophecy Partners also receive discounts on most of the resources produced by the ministry (books, videos, and audio programs). To sign up, just give us a call at 972-736-3567, or you can register via our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com).

**New Online Store** — In November we launched our new online resource center. You can access it by clicking on “Store” on the homepage of our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). And we have made the site accessible not only to standard desktop and laptop computers, but also to most mobile devices like smart phones and iPads. The direct address to the site is [www.bibleprophecyresources.com](http://www.bibleprophecyresources.com). We are praising God for our Media Minister, Nathan Jones, who worked for many months to get the new store up and working. President Obama should have used him!

# Quotes

**A Bold Statement** — When Rudyard Kipling confronted William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, with the observation that he was making a fool of himself, Booth replied, “I would be willing to stand on a street corner and play the tambourine with my toes, if it would win one person to Christ.”

## Miscellaneous Thoughts —

“The problem with common sense is that it is not very common.”  
Anonymous.

“Those who claim there is no absolute truth apply that only in the realm of personal ethics and morality.” Anonymous.

“The opposition to Christianity throughout most of history has been, ‘Christianity is untrue.’ In the last 50 years it has become, ‘Christianity is evil.’” — Frank Wright, former president of the National Religious Broadcasters.

“There is no such thing as simple life. If it is simple, it is not life.” — John Morris, president of the Institute for Creation Research.

“When modern man comes to the end of rationality, he will come to the end of reason and will turn to mysticism.” Francis Shaeffer (1912-1984), Christian theologian.

“Satan doesn’t care about other religions. He is interested only in opposing the truth of Christianity.” — Ed Hindson, Bible professor at Liberty University.



**Dr. Ed Hindson**

“We convince our children that they are nothing but animals who have evolved from slime, and then we are astonished when they behave like animals.” — Ed Hindson.

“People must have a God because it is in their nature. They must deify something and often it is the Creation.” — Ed Hindson.

“The book of Judges is a story of failures. The first generation of Jews born in the land began to drift into idolatry. That never happened in Egypt when they were slaves. It occurred only when they had been blessed with freedom.” — Ed Hindson.

“Whenever a nation looks to a man to be their savior, the nation is headed to damnation.” — Paul Wilbur, Messianic worship leader.

“In the 1600’s the Protestant Movement was biblically based in its challenge to a corrupt Catholic Church. But we have reached the stage in Christian history when the Protestant Movement has become more heretical than the Catholic Church. For example, it would be hard to find a Catholic author denying the virgin birth, the resurrection or the deity of Jesus. Yet we have Protestant leaders denying all these things, and even professing Evangelicals.” — Jacob Prasch, Messianic Bible teacher.

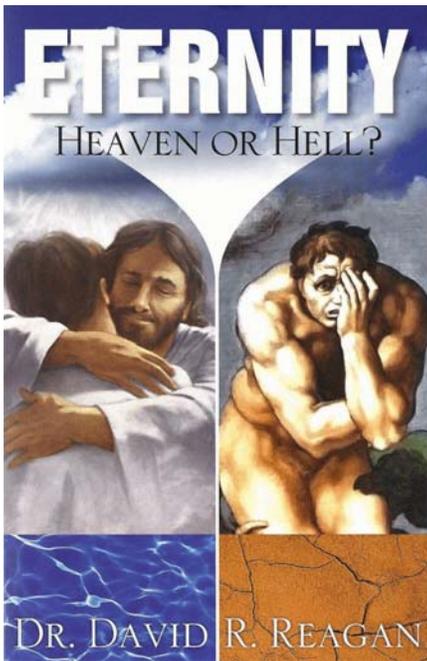
“In many of our churches today, instead of shepherds tending the sheep, we have clowns entertaining the goats.” — Jacob Prasch



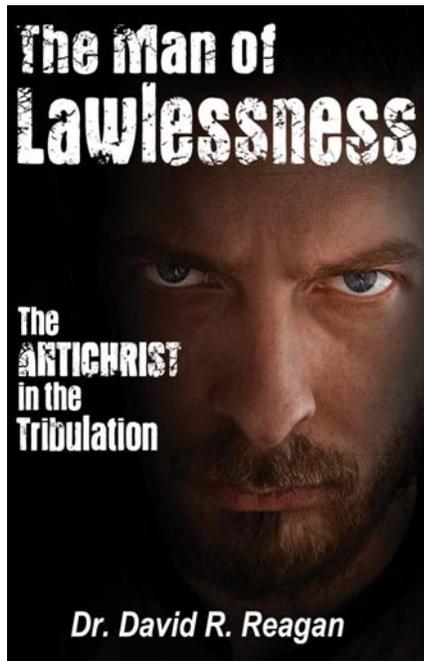
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