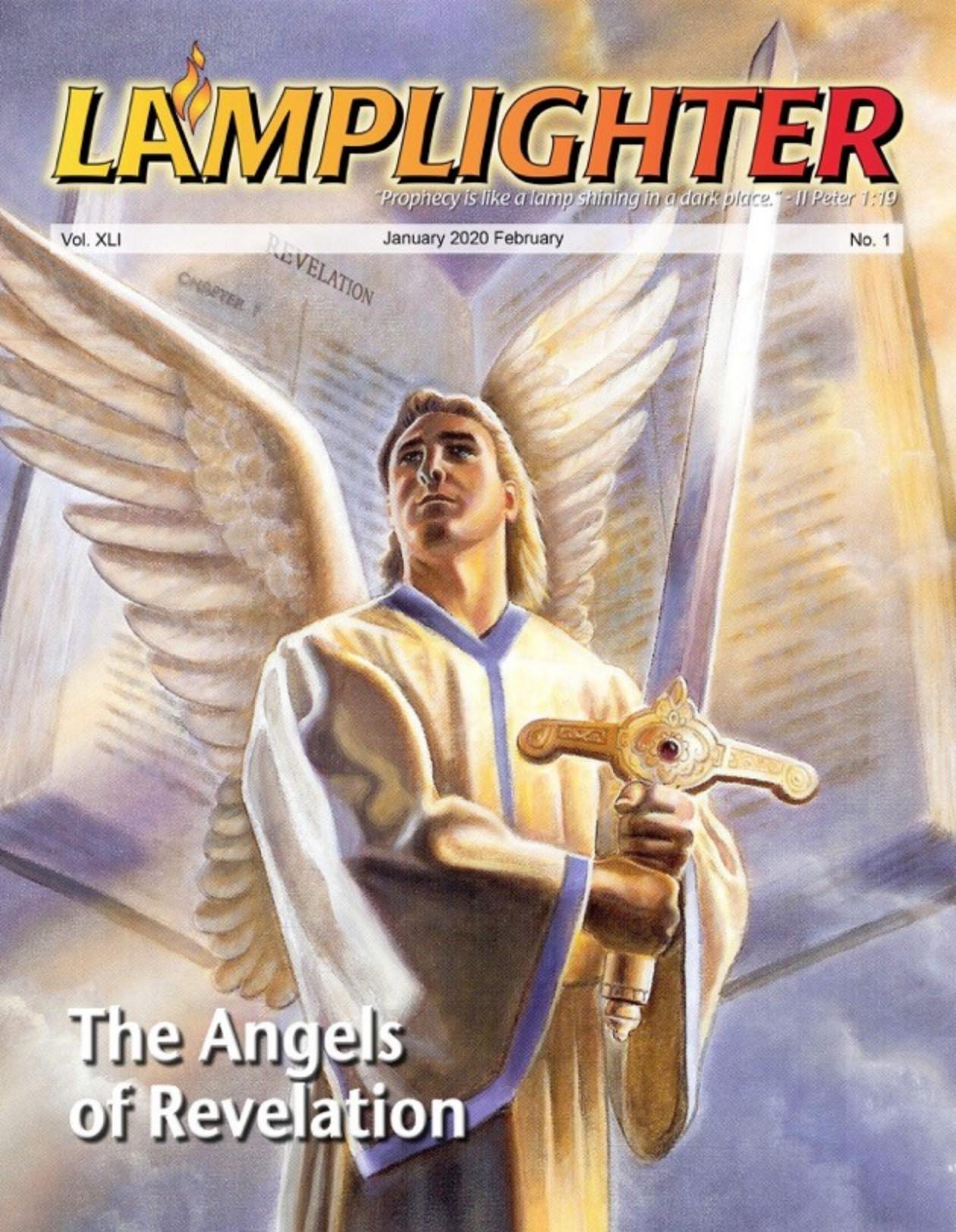


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40 Years!

Dr. David R. Reagan

On April 1st of this year we will celebrate the 40th year of this ministry.

Yes, I said April 1st — April Fools Day! There is a story behind that date.

In May of 1980 I was living in Enid, Oklahoma where I was serving as Vice President of Development for Phillips University. I had a very vivid experience with the Lord that I have described in detail in my book, *Trusting God: Learning to Walk by Faith*. As a result of that experience, I felt led of the Lord to resign my position, give up my academic career and step out in faith to start preaching the soon return of Jesus.

I went to the president of the university and told him that I had decided to resign. Before I could say anything else, he responded by offering to provide me with a new car and a country club membership! I proceeded to explain that my resignation had nothing to do with money or benefits. Rather, it was due to a call of God on my life. He understood because he was a former pastor.

“What church has called you to be its pastor?” he asked. I told him I had not been called to be a pastor. Instead, I was going to be a free lance evangelist specializing in the teaching of Bible prophecy. He asked what my message was going to be, and I replied, “Jesus is coming soon because we are living in the season of the Lord’s return.”

He asked me when I planned to resign. I told him I was going to give him two week’s notice and that meant my resignation would be effective on April 1st. He stared at his desk for a moment, and then he looked up at me and said, “All I can say in response is that you have selected a very appropriate date!” That was his nice way of calling me a fool.

One year later, I returned from a trip to Israel. My wife met me at the airport and handed me a box that was beautifully wrapped. I was puzzled. I told her it was not my birthday or our anniversary. She said, “You’re right, but it is an important anniversary. It’s the anniversary of our ministry.” I opened the present and found



Dave & Ann Reagan in 1982.

a framed certificate that my wife had hired a professional calligrapher to prepare for me. The ministry’s logo was at the top, and beneath it were these words: “Happy Anniversary to Lamb & Lion Ministries, April 1, 1980 to April 1, 1981.” And beneath those words there was the following scripture quotation: “We are fools for Christ’s sake . . .” (1 Corinthians 4:10). That plaque is one of my most treasured possessions.

As I look back on my life, one of my greatest regrets is that I did not yield to the Lord’s call on my life when I was 22 years old. If so, we would be celebrating the 60th anniversary of this ministry instead of its 40th.

I ran from the Lord for 20 years while I pursued an academic career. But later, when I finally yielded to His call, I realized that even while I was running away from Him, He was preparing me for this ministry. That’s because during those years I was teaching international politics, and the ministry he was preparing for me had to do with end time prophecy, which is all about international politics.

Those early years of the ministry (1980-1983) were very challenging. Nearly all the churches I spoke to were very small, and the donations were minimal. My salary for the first seven years was \$1,000 per month. We basically lived on my wife’s salary as a first grade teacher, which wasn’t much. During those years, the Lord developed my message and taught me how to live by faith. Again, all this is told in detail in my book, *Trusting God*, which is now in its third edition.

During the years since 1980, God has blessed me with great staff members and wonderful trustees. And now He has blessed all of us here at Lamb & Lion by raising up an exceptional successor for me — Colonel Tim Moore. Praise the Lord! ❖

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The Angels of Revelation

An Interview with Nathan Jones

(Note: Nathan Jones is the Internet Evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries. This article is an interview that Dr. Reagan conducted with Nathan about his newest book, *The Mighty Angels of Revelation*.)

I What led you to write a book about angels?

The impetus for writing the book came about due to a devastating car wreck that my parents barely survived. They were hit head-on by another vehicle, with the force of impact so powerful that their searing-hot engine was pushed through the firewall, pinning my mother to her seat. One side of her body became a painful collection of broken bones, lacerations and burn marks. She would end up needing major reconstructive surgery on various internal organs, and though she survived, she struggled to walk normally again.

My father, on the other hand, suffered from a body length bruise and three cracked ribs, but praise God, nothing more. He managed to crawl out of his window in the hopes of getting to the other side of the vehicle in order to help my mother out. But, he'd suffered a concussion, which quickly caused him to pass out in the middle of the road.

After a few moments, he awoke in a semi-conscious haze, and through the pain of his wounds, he felt, more than heard, the deep-throated sound that, as a motorcycle enthusiast, he instantly recognized as a Harley-Davidson. Through one swelling eye he viewed a gigantic, chromed wheel visibly inch up and stop right next to his head. The sound of a motor abruptly cutting off was replaced by the clack of steel-toed boots upon the roadway. Sky and ground traded places as he was lifted off the hot tarmac and gently laid onto the cool softness of the grassy roadside.

The biker, all clad in bandanas and a black leather jacket emblazoned with the words "Heaven's Angels," rose and approached the totaled car. The nails-on-chalkboard sound of metal being sheered from metal echoed off the hillsides as the passenger door was ripped asunder. The biker next checked on the other crumpled vehicle, then began directing traffic away from the scene of the accident.

By then my father had passed out once more, and when he awoke the next time his gurney was being loaded into a waiting

ambulance. After asking if everybody from both cars had survived, which praise God they had, he asked the paramedic to thank the biker for him. The problem, though, was that nobody but he could recollect the biker ever having been there. Their rescuer had mysteriously disappeared without a trace! My father was the only survivor who could remember the biker and so insisted they must have been rescued, not by a mere man, but by an actual angel sent from God.

When I received the dreadful call that my parents had almost died in a car accident and heard my father's story about the biker angel, I admit I was skeptical at first. After all, I'd spent years in classrooms earning a Bible degree. I had followed that up with some seminary courses, and was even working full-time in ministry as an evangelist. I'd taken whole classes in the doctrine of Angelology. And yet, here I was doubting that angels could be as active in our modern-day affairs as they clearly were in both the Old and New Testaments.

After all, there are nearly 300 different instances where the Bible describes fantastic encounters between God's celestial beings and His earthly creations. I certainly believed the accounts of angels from the Word of God, but still had doubts about their activities today because neither me nor anybody I'd ever known had knowingly encountered an angel.

I soon felt driven to learn all I could about God's mighty angels. I expressed my interest to my old friend, Vic Batista, who at the time was the pastor of a Calvary Chapel Church in Florida. He and I have been the co-hosts of his ongoing radio and podcast program, "The Truth Will Set You Free." Vic is from the Dominican Republic and was saved out of the Catholic Church. The Catholic churches of Latin America are steeped in the errant worship of angels, and so he had developed a healthy respect for the doctrine of Angelology.

Vic challenged me with a study idea he believed would help me in my new quest to learn more about God's mighty angels. He told me that the book of Revelation is THE place to go to learn about angels. After all, he pointed out, the book of Revelation, with its whopping 72 instances of angels, demons, and entire groups of angels and demons, stands out from the other 65 books of the Bible as the most prolific source in all of the world for the study of Angelology.

Vic had me hooked! And so, I accepted his Revelation chal-



Time magazine cover for December 27, 1993.

lenge. We then spent a year teaching Angelology through a verse-by-verse study of the book of Revelation, and blogged it on “The Christ in Prophecy Journal” (<https://christinprophecyblog.org>). I finally took all that we had learned and incorporated it into my new book, *The Mighty Angels of Revelation*.

2 What role do angels play in the book of Revelation?

The word “angel,” *malak* in the original Hebrew and *angeloi* in the Greek, actually means “messenger.” Certainly, angels perform other duties in their service to God Almighty — guardians, rescuers, warriors, worshipers, evangelists, enforcers, servants and even executioners — but they are actually named after their primary duty as God’s messengers. Angels often act as intermediaries between God and Man. And, that’s what we find these celestial beings doing all throughout the book of Revelation.

Bear in mind that not every messenger mentioned in Revelation is a celestial being. The Apostle John, for example, “who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw,” performed his scribal duty to the Seven Churches and the Church universal, but was a mere man. Another messenger mentioned is the “Angel of the Lord,” the pre-incarnate name of Jesus Christ, who is clearly divine and not a created angelic being. We also encounter the “Seven Spirits,” a name representative of the Holy Spirit. We even take a hard look at the 24 Elders in God’s throne room and conclude that none of them are angels, but they were all messengers.

The word “Revelation” derives from the Greek word *apokalypsis*. It is used 18 times in the Bible, and it is where we get our English word “apocalypse.” In the Greek, the word means “to unveil.” And that’s just what the book of Revelation does — it unveils the shrouded activities of God and His mighty angels. When reading Revelation, you will marvel at how Jesus Christ utilizes His faithful helpers to dole out His Apocalypse — His wrath — during the 21 judgments of the Tribulation.

Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation present the angels who guard and protect, such as the Angels of the Seven Churches. Then, in chapters 4 and 5, the scene moves to God’s throne room in Heaven where we witness some of the more extraordinary of all of God’s mighty angels. The multi-faced and multi-winged Seraphim sing unceasing praises to the One on the throne. The Cherubim transport God’s throne across the heavens. The multitudes of Choir Angels sing God’s praises.

Back on Earth, chapters 6 through 19 present the Servant Angels, such as the Branding Angel, who marks the 144,000 Jewish evangelists and the Four Wind Angels who control the weather, performing God’s divine will. The angels who enact God’s judgment, such as the Seven Trumpet Judgment Angels and the Seven Bowl Judgment Angels, deliver God’s wrath upon a rebellious world. The Executioner Angels, such as the Stone Angel who crushes the Antichrist’s capital flat and the Jailer Angel who locks Satan into the Bottomless Pit for a thousand years, carry out God’s judgments.

In the aftermath of the Tribulation, described in chapter 20, the Lamb of God sets up His throne over all of the Earth, and we are introduced to other angels such as the Good News Angel and the Guardians of the Twelve Gates who aid in ushering in the

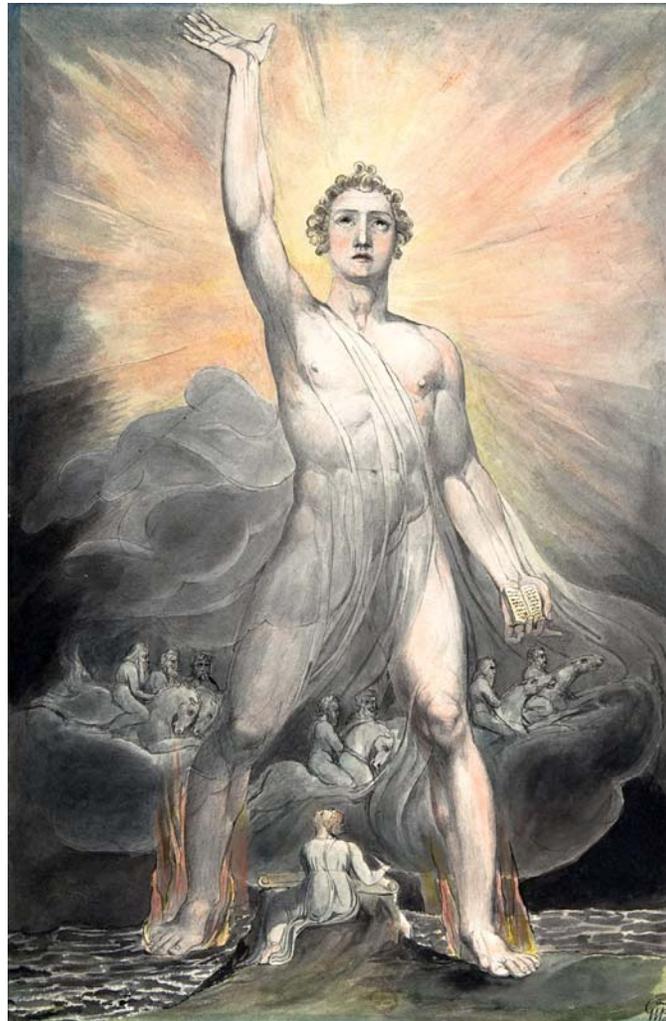
Eternal State of chapters 21 and 22. I could name many, many other angels and groups of angels busy at work in almost every paragraph in the book of Revelation, for there are so many.

3 Are demons for real, and if so, are they fallen angels?

Absolutely real! When we arrive at the Great Sign as described in Revelation 12, we are introduced to the villains of the Tribulation. That’s where we encounter the Red Dragon, a symbol of the lord of the demons himself — Satan. Too many people today have come to the conclusion that there is really no such thing as the Devil. They think he’s just a symbol for evil, or a force of nature. But, the Bible makes it crystal clear that Satan is a very real being.

The evil entity we call Satan today was once a good angel known as Lucifer long ago. He actually existed for the purpose of glorifying God. He was created extra special, imbued with great wisdom and sculpted perfectly in beauty. Lucifer was given a great honor, having been anointed to serve in the illustrious role as guardian over God’s throne.

Day and night Lucifer led the hosts of Heaven in singing the Almighty’s praises with his “timbrels and pipes.” But, it wasn’t too long before this superior chief among the angels believed someone as special as he should also get a share of the attention. Lucifer’s heart became lifted up in pride, and in his avarice, he committed the very first sin — he coveted God’s authority and position. The angel once considered perfect in all his ways was found to have iniquity seething in his heart. Where once beauty and brightness defined Lucifer’s virtues, now the blackness of greed and the lust for power corrupted his every thought.



“The Mighty Angel of Revelation Chapter 10” by British artist, William Blake (1757-1827).

Like all of God's sentient creatures, Lucifer enjoyed free will, and so he could have chosen to repent before his Creator, but he instead plotted to usurp his Liege. Lucifer convinced other angels with the likely promise that if they joined him in overthrowing God they themselves would become gods and so be worshiped by mankind. Sin is like a virus, spreading and infecting others very quickly, and it wasn't too long before a staggering third of the angels plotted alongside Lucifer.

Lucifer, as one of the "chief princes" along with the Archangel Michael, makes him one of the most powerful beings ever created; and yet, his power is nothing compared to the Creator. Therefore, Lucifer had zero chance of successfully pulling off his coup. He and his scheming co-conspirators easily lost out to the Almighty and His loyal angels. Banned from their celestial abode, the insurgents fell to the earth like falling stars. In their fall, the rebellious angels transformed into demons, and Lucifer became known as the Devil or Satan.

Revelation 12 also describes how Satan will lead his armies back to Heaven at the midpoint of the Tribulation in yet another attempt to overthrow God. But, he will again fail miserably, and he will then be permanently and forever locked out of God's abode. At that point God will allow the Red Dragon to muster his demonic hordes — Abaddon and the Locust Demons, the Four Horsemen of the Euphrates, the Chimera and the Frog Demons — who become judgments upon all of wicked humanity. Even in rebellion, Satan and the demons play a role in Christ's inevitable victory.

Revelation 20 provides the final details of Satan's last attempt to overthrow God during the Millennial Kingdom. The story will end joyously with Satan's and the demons' inevitable failure and eternal sentence to the Lake of Fire.

4 What are some of the most common or surprising misconceptions about angels?

When it comes to angels, I find most people really (really, really, really) do not understand angels very well. We each come at the subject with wildly different preconceptions. Angels, in truth, are not a bunch of blond, curly-haired dudes sporting white togas who sit around on clouds singing old hymns to God all day long. Actually, angels are very, very far from that children's book imagery.

Most have ideas like I once had when I leaned heavily upon



**The "Jailer Angel" sent by God at the end of the Tribulation to imprison Satan for a thousand years.
Illustration by Pat Marvenko Smith.**

the classically illustrated children's books from my parent's generation. They depicted these celestial beings as Caucasian men with curly blond hair, sporting two feathery white wings. They usually had a golden metal halo floating above their heads. They possessed tall and stoic demeanors, and were always clad in white robes of the ancient Roman toga fashion.

Likewise, whereas I grew up believing all angels to be of this description, I also pictured demons as they are popularly characterized as red-clad, goateed charlatans possessing long, pointy tails and carrying three-pronged pitchforks. As comic as this imagery is grim, I soon discovered that the true appearance of demons is far worse!

The more I studied the mighty angels of Revelation, the more I learned that angels come in many different shapes and sizes. They are far from stereotypical, nor are they uniform in appearance. While many can and do appear as humans, others exist as actual forces of nature, such as the Angel of the Waters, and still some are animalistic in appearance, such as the Vulture Angel. Some have wings, but not all, which is a surprise to many people. Some are even large enough to step across the seas. And, some

even appear to be made of fire!

Angels in their true forms appear nothing like what we tend to imagine. They are so wondrous that even John lost his head twice and was about to worship them. Fortunately, despite all of their massive power, the angels are incredibly humble and only seek worship to flow to God alone. Their abject humility was the most surprising thing I discovered about them.

5 Do you believe there is an active ministry of angels today?

After studying angels in-depth, I have to conclude that God continues to utilize His angelic forces in today's affairs. After all, why would God use them in both the Old and New Testaments, and again so prolifically in the future, and yet give them all a lunch break during the Church Age? Some theologians do claim that since Christians receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, angels have become superfluous in this age. But that runs counter to what the Bible says about them and to the teaching of many notable Christians.

Who, for example, can argue with famed preacher Charles H. Spurgeon? He taught: "Ministering spirits are abroad, protecting the princes of the blood royal. They cannot be discerned by any of our senses, but they are perceptible by faith, and they

have been made perceptible to holy men of old in vision.”

Or, consider what the late, famed mega-evangelist, Billy Graham had to say. He revealed something very personal about his own life in his classic book on angels titled, *Angels: God's Secret Agents*. He wrote: “I believe in angels because the Bible says there are angels; and I believe the Bible to be the true Word of God. I also believe in angels because I have sensed their presence in my life on special occasions.”

I'll never forget the day when my esteemed Missions professor brought in yet another guest to our classroom, this time from serving in the Pacific nation of Papua New Guinea. The look on our guest's face still haunts me to this day. Our spiritually sleepy class of Westerners awoke and listened wide-eyed as the missionary explained his team's spiritual battles with local shamans (witch-doctors) who kept their villagers in terror.

One possessed woman he prayed over thrashed around her bed convulsively. To his horror, he actually watched the tormented woman being dragged off her bed as if by invisible hands as she clawed madly to stay on the mattress. Once removed, she was then thrown around the room like a screaming rabbit cornered by a pack of dogs. Our classes' modern First World mindset, which disbelieves that demons are actively present in the affairs of mankind today, was certainly upended that day.

So, yes, I believe the evidence strongly and prolifically supports the fact that God continues to utilize both angels and even demons in the affairs of mankind, all to His own end.

6 How is your book laid out? And, why did you include twelve imagined stories and twelve full-page illustrations of angels?

I divided *The Mighty Angels of Revelation* based on the thematic sections found in the book of Revelation. The ten sections include:

- The Seven Churches (Revelation 1-3)
- The Throne Room (Revelation 4-5)
- The Seal Judgments (Revelation 6-8:6)
- The Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 8-11)
- The Tribulation Villains (Revelation 12-14)
- The Bowl Judgments (Revelation 15-16)
- Mystery Babylon (Revelation 17-18)

- The Second Coming (Revelation 19)
- The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20)
- The Eternal State (Revelation 21-22:5).

Each of these sections is further broken down into chapters dedicated to covering the bios and activities of each of the 72 angels or groups of angels found in Revelation.

These ten sections are complemented with a foreword by Terry James of the “Rapture Ready” website and an introduction that provides background information to the book of Revelation and the study of Angelology. The book also includes a concluding section, for Revelation 22 ends with the final message of Jesus Christ whereby He promises three times that He will indeed return and claim His inevitable victory, which He will then share with His children. In this section, Vic Batista pours out his heart for the lost, offering the readers an invitation to come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Each of these 12 sections (including the introduction and conclusion) begins with an illustration of an angel in order to help the imagination break those chains of preconception we all have about what angels look like. I couldn't draw a stick figure if my life depended on it, so I enlisted the talents of Shalis Stevens.

I had written a number of Bible colleges asking if they had any students they'd recommend to take on the project. Once I had gotten a few good candidates, I held a little art contest among my editorial team, and Shalis' art style clearly fit the direction Vic and I wanted to go. On top of that, we learned that Shalis was not just an art student, but holds a master's degree in painting and teaches students herself. She's been able to so vibrantly capture that which is beyond our human imagination, and she's just been wonderful to work with.



This is one of 12 full-page illustrations of angels drawn especially for Nathan's book by Christian artist, Shalis Stevens.

Along with starting each section with an angel illustration, I have also added a few pages of introductory story that revolves around two personages: the Revealing Angel and the Elder. The former serves as the angelic guide to the latter — the Apostle John.

Obviously, all of the introductory stories that begin each section are elaborations on Scripture, imagining scenarios that the text hints at but doesn't necessarily describe. I ask that the reader take these stories as intended — as imaginative fiction that illustrates the biblical narrative.

Facts About Angels



A Trumpet Angel.
(iStockphoto.com)

I wanted to use these introductory stories to help the reader better connect with the characters in Revelation, for while some angels command a great deal of text, many only garner one mere verse, as the Revealing Angel does in the very first verse. I desired to show the various angels' diverse backgrounds, their unusual settings, and their varied duties in the devoted service of their Sovereign in ways that would spark the reader's imagination.

7 What is the most important truth you want people to take away from this book?

Revelation contains the largest concentration of angels in the whole Bible. And what a variety! So, our approach to teaching Revelation comes from the many, many different angels' perspectives. Along this journey we end up teaching the reader both Eschatology and Angelology.

But, here's the true purpose in writing *The Mighty Angels of Revelation*. We want the reader to end up glorifying Jesus, the Son of God. **Jesus Christ victorious** is the total sum and focus of the book of Revelation. The angels are merely window-dressing. The real center, the true hero, is the King of kings.

We hope to excite Christians about Christ's present majesty and His coming victory as described by the various angels in the book of Revelation, and so bring God the praise He so richly deserves.

So, come, I invite you to travel along with a man called the Elder and his angelic guide as the end times are revealed throughout the book of Revelation in stunning detail. Along the way, you will meet 72 of God's mighty angels as they proclaim God's messages of warning and hope to a lost world. Together let us encounter . . . the Mighty Angels of Revelation!

Are they [the angels] not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:14 ✚

Note: To order Nathan Jones' new book about the angels of Revelation, see the ordering instructions on the back cover of this magazine.

- **Angels were created before humans.**

In fact, angels witnessed the creation of the earth (Job 38:4-7). Genesis 2:1 says God created the heavenly beings before the seventh day of creation.

- **Angels live forever.**

According to Luke 20:36 angels are immortal.

- **Angels do not marry.**

Matthew 22:30 states that angels never marry.

- **Angels have emotions.**

Angels can express great joy (Job 38:7 and Luke 15:10), and we are told that they yearn to know the meaning of all the Bible's prophecies (1 Peter 1:12).

- **Angels are not to be worshiped.**

Romans 1:18-19 and Colossians 2:18 warn us about any glorification or worship of angels. The book of Revelation reveals that when the Apostle John tried to worship an angel, he was rebuked and told to worship only God (Revelation 19:10).

- **Guardian angels really exist.**

The book of Daniel portrays the angel Michael as the protector of Israel (Daniel 12:1). In Matthew 18:10 Jesus refers to the guardian angels of children. See also: Exodus 23:20, Psalm 34:7 and Psalm 91:11-12.

- **The Bible mentions only two angels by name.**

Michael, the Archangel, is mentioned five times (Daniel 10:13, 21; Daniel 12:1; Jude 1:9 and Revelation 12:7). He is a powerful angel who serves as the commander of the heavenly armies. The other named angel is Gabriel who serves as a messenger of God. He is mentioned four times (Daniel 8:16; Daniel 9:21; Luke 1:19 and Luke 1:26). The apocryphal book of Tobit mentions an angel named Raphael.

- **There are too many angels to count.**

Psalm 68:17 asserts that there are "thousands upon thousands of angels." Hebrews 12:22 refers to the number of angels as "myriads," which Merriam-Webster defines as "innumerable."

- **Angels can take on human form.**

Abraham was visited by three angels who appeared as human beings (Genesis 18:1-22). Two of these men proceeded to visit Lot in Sodom (Genesis 19:1). In the Gospel of Mark we are told that when three women visited the tomb of Jesus, they were confronted by "a young man" who declared to them the resurrection (Mark 16:1-6). Matthew identifies this man as an angel (Matthew 28:1-7). In Hebrews 13:2 we are told that we should "show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it."

- **Angels are subject to Jesus.**

See Hebrews 1:1-13. ✚

Tim Moore Resigns from Kentucky Legislature

Dr. David R. Reagan

For the past six years Tim Moore has served as a volunteer evangelist for this ministry, speaking at churches and conferences on our behalf in his “spare time.” I put the term, spare time, in parentheses because during those years Tim was serving as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, working as a pilot and pilot instructor for UPS and serving as a legislator in the Kentucky State Legislature. (Whew!)

Tim retired from the Air Force in the summer of 2018, and he resigned from the Kentucky State Legislature in September of 2019, timing his resignation so that the state would not have to go to the expense of conducting a special election to provide his replacement. He will conclude his remaining commitment to UPS in August of 2021 and will take over the leadership of this ministry the next month.



Tim is shown above (second from the left) standing next to the Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. (Ron Dermer) while the Governor of Kentucky (Matt Bevin) signs a resolution of support for Israel.

While serving for 13 years in the Kentucky House of Representatives, Tim became one of the recognized leaders of the conservatives. He stood for fiscal responsibility and fought hard against abortion and the demands of the Sexual Perversion Movement. The week after his resignation announcement, his local hometown newspaper, *The News-Enterprise* of Elizabethtown, KY, published an editorial praising his service in the legislature. Below are some excerpts from that editorial.

The say-one-thing, do-another, flip-flop ways of many politicians often are bemoaned by voters and used by non-voters as an excuse for their indifference. But when someone seeking elected office comes along with deeply held convictions, the public doesn't know quite what to make of it.

Tim Moore, who resigned his position as state representative last week, is a person who stands for something. In fact, he's walking away from the legislature because he's becoming more deeply involved in his faith.

“I realized my attentions were leaning in another direc-

tion,” said Moore, who typically speaks in an exacting manner. Since 2013, he's acted as an associate evangelist with Lamb and Lion Ministries, a Texas-based organization that believes the last days foretold in biblical prophecy are at hand . . .

Moore has been a leading advocate of pro-life positions in the House and started a bicameral caucus committed to limiting abortions . . . Likewise, Moore also is known for his pro-family stands, including moral positions opposing same-sex marriage . . .

He employed rarely used parliamentary maneuvers which required legislators to go on the record on abortion issues and exposed political hypocrisy. He became a target in the process and legislative redistricting split his northern Hardin County district . . .

The new district seemed set up to defeat Moore, but his renowned campaign work ethic defeated a respected Leitchfield executive who later would win a multi-county Senate race . . .

At times, some locals thought Moore's stands alienated leadership to the point of harming his home district. But convictions cannot be turned on and off. The Tim Moore in Frankfort [the capital] was the same Tim Moore who campaigned locally.

During his tenure, Moore was recognized by several military and veterans organizations, pro-life groups and the Kentucky Nonprofit Network for his support of volunteer organizations. Among his honors was the Davy Crockett Legislator's Award from the Kentucky Patriots grassroots group based on his work in support of the founding documents of American government.

Moore played an influential role among local Republicans, including his GOP brethren serving in the General Assembly. He has a knack for finding the words to articulate his position, particularly when it's under attack.

In his resignation letter, Moore made note of his work as a defender of life and liberty. He vowed to continue to pursue those goals in the future.

As local party leaders look for [someone to replace him] . . . it's unlikely another Tim Moore will emerge. He was willing to push his point without regard to the fall out.

That made him an unusual voice in Frankfort. His convictions and devotion to them define him as unique throughout the modern political realm. ✚

Note: You can contact Tim at tmoore@lamblion.com.

12 Stones

Reflections on My Years as a Legislator

Colonel Tim Moore

Looking back over the past 13 years of my service in the Kentucky State Legislature, I am struck by the way the Lord has blessed and guided me. When first elected in 2006, I did not think my tenure would last so long. Yet even while I was there God was preparing me for this new call on my life to serve Lamb & Lion Ministries.

Enduring years of frustration and outrage while my political party was in the minority, I learned to wait upon the Lord. Interacting with people clamoring for policies and outcomes, I practiced being clear but tactful in proclaiming truth from a biblical perspective.

Through various political skirmishes I experienced firsthand the forces of darkness in this present age. I learned to rely upon the full armor of God to engage in battle as I lived out the Christian faith in a place of great spiritual darkness. The Lord used me in spite of my shortcomings, as He does with all who belong to Him. As I cross over into a new chapter of life, it seems appropriate to pick up a few memorial stones from the stream I have just crossed.

Israel's Transitional Memorial

What I am referring to is what the Children of Israel did in response to God's miraculous leading of them as they transitioned into the Promised Land. At Joshua's command, the priests leading the procession of tribes stepped into the Jordan River swollen to flood stage. The waters immediately backed up in a heap, allowing the Hebrew nation to cross over on dry ground—just as they had done when crossing the Red Sea under Moses' leadership. Once again, God manifested His providence for His people and showed His approval of the nation's leader.

To ensure that this historic transitional moment was not forgotten, Joshua commanded a man from each tribe to return to the riverbed and collect a stone. He placed those 12 stones in a

pile on the west bank of the Jordan, creating a public and lasting testimony. Joshua instructed:

When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, "What are these stones?" then you shall inform your children, saying, "Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground. For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea . . . that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the LORD is mighty, so that you may fear the LORD your God forever."

Joshua's intention was to create a marker to testify to God's power and providence. It was to provide a visual aid for the Israelites to teach their children about God's gracious provision for them. And, it bore witness to all the peoples of the earth that their God was mighty.

With that understanding, it seems appropriate to select 12 lessons from the past 12+ years of my life that can stand as a memorial to what God has shown me.



1) Good people need to serve in every sphere.

There is a misguided attitude among some Christians that certain roles and professions are more appropriate than others. They elevate the Christian or church positions like pastor, evangelist, or minister above secular roles like business, trades, and blue collar work. But this is not a biblical worldview.

Every task should be undertaken as if serving the Lord, because in reality Christians are serving the Lord wherever they are and whatever they are doing. The political realm is no different. It is critical that good and godly Christians continue to step forward to serve in this precarious arena. The challenges are many and the task is wearying, but without followers of Jesus Christ serving as salt and light in that role, our laws and policies will become increasingly unbound from biblical truth.



2) Our political system is designed to impede extremism, but now rewards the bombastic and extreme.

Our political system is primarily designed to maintain stability. Like an aircraft in flight, it may undergo turbulence from time to time, but our



Constitutional order tends to dampen out disruptive forces and extreme positions.

Having said that, our modern media-driven society lives in the “NOW.” The result is that crazy ideas and extreme positions gain traction because they are instantly transmitted to the masses and gain a sort of momentum that would never have been possible in the past. Loud and unbridled voices are given outside attention.



3) Some public servants are self-serving and power-focused — just as is the case in every other arena of life.

Too many politicians enter that realm relatively poor and end up rich after a few years. Some elected officials do line their own pockets. That usually does not involve stealing taxpayer dollars; often it simply requires inside knowledge of policy changes or future road projects or any number of circumstances. As President Harry Truman once said, “You can’t get rich in politics unless you’re a crook.” Others simply become addicted to the power and prestige.

It is easy for people to see the dysfunction in any arena and smear every person endeavoring there. That certainly happens in the political realm. I’ve heard countless voters say, “They’re all crooks up in Washington (or at the state capitol).” Sadly, there are crooks in those settings. But that generality is not true of everyone.

Many public servants lose money endeavoring to serve the greater good. The opportunity cost in terms of income and time is significant. Serving in elected office requires an honest person to make personal and financial sacrifices.



4) There are selfless servant-leaders in every sphere and at every level.

Some of the greatest experiences I had as a legislator were observing staff members who served with quiet dignity for years. They did not receive the accolades that were heaped on the elected officials, yet without them the function of state government would cease. That is not to say that we should not cull down bloated bureaucracies, but many in the bureaucracy do strive every day with little fanfare to make our lives better.

In the legislature itself, we had show horses and work horses. The show horses had an uncanny ability to position themselves in every photo opportunity while the work horses quietly but consistently got things done. Jesus severely rebuked those who like to position themselves in the best seats and seek the public’s adulation (Matthew 23:1-12). That kind of adoration is hollow and fleeting. A greater reward awaits those who do not seek the praise of men but labor as unto the Lord Himself.



5) What is said in public does not necessarily reflect what is done in private.

Too many politicians have become quite adept at telling people what they want to hear. Instead of stating their

position clearly, deceitful politicians purposely muddy the waters and deflect attention from what is really happening. I served alongside one legislator who proclaimed his pro-life position at home every election, but then chastised his fellow Democratic members for daring to support pro-life bills. His own voters were taken in by his misleading claims for years. Eventually, his hypocrisy became so apparent that he was voted out of office.

This tendency to tickle people’s ears is not limited to the political realm. Speaking of the Church, Paul told Timothy that “the time will come when [people] will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires” (2 Timothy 4:3). Too many preachers of the Word of God water down their message lest it offend. Some entire denominations are succumbing to this truth-barren approach to preaching.



6) Respect for biblical truth is waning.

There was a time when American politicians universally respected the Word of God. But today, citing Scripture as a source of Truth in any public dialogue is frowned upon or simply scoffed at outright. Even our prayers are cursory.

In Kentucky, as in most state legislatures and the US Congress itself, each legislative day opens with prayer. While not all of those prayers ascended to heaven, what became more apparent during my time was the callous disregard for prayer itself. Some members avoided entering the chamber during the prayer, preferring instead to stand outside making snide remarks.

The great falling away from Christian faith in our society is well-documented. Suffice it to say that the elected representatives of the people reflect

that sad trend. Accordingly, many politicians claim faith at home but seldom reflect it in their role. I’m reminded of a meeting I had with a group of constituents from one legislator’s district who spoke of his membership in a very conservative denomination. They were shocked when they were told that no one had ever seen any evidence of his faith in the legislature. His foul language, his attitudes and his voting record bore no evidence of his allegiance to biblical truth.



7) The great divide in America is growing deeper and wider.

Once again, this trend is apparent to anyone with eyes to see or ears to hear. Every realm of our society is being politicized and is embracing the social and sexual revolution. Evidence of this is rampant in the political realm.

Just consider the issue of life. There was a time when national political figures within the Democratic party were unashamedly pro-life. Today, every contender for the Democratic nomination for President has vowed to promote unimpeded abortion on demand. That same dynamic has trickled down to the state level. In 2007 there were a few strong pro-life Democrats in our House of Representatives. Today, they are all gone. Even though there are some who lean toward pro-life, they quickly put



Tim speaking as Pro-Life Caucus Chairman at “Kentucky Right to Life Day” in the Capitol Rotunda.

aside their pro-life views if they decide to run for statewide or national office.

The partisan divide is evidenced by our populace as a whole. The entire nation is hyper-politicized. Political scientists who track such trends tell us that every single state legislature has become more polarized every year for the past 50 years. They also tell us that the nation has not been so divided since 1861 — right before the Civil War.



8) Christians already are a minority, and will continue to lose collective influence. A recent poll by the Pew Research Center shows a 12 percent decline over just 10 years in the number of Americans who identify as Christians. Based on surveys from 2018 and 2019, only 45% of Americans now say they attend religious services at least monthly. Even that number is thought to be inflated.



Tim arguing a bill on the floor of the Kentucky House of Representatives.

Heralding significant generational decline, 84% of the Silent Generation (1927-1944) claimed to be Christian, but only 76% of Baby Boomers (1945-1964) and 49% of Millennials (1981-1996). What the numbers tell us is that the social pressure to even identify with a Christian worldview or belief system is waning quickly.

That trend is also evident in the legislative realm. When I got to Frankfort (Kentucky's state capitol), I could only discern a handful of committed Christians in the House. Few consistently stood on Christian principles — and fewer did so when they came under pressure.

Think of any arena and you will recognize that Christians

are a dwindling minority. Once again, in business, government, the military, academia, entertainment and even some churches, the number of people who put serving the Lord Jesus Christ first and consistently operate from a biblical worldview is shrinking year after year. And, in some of those realms, Christians are already feeling the sting of persecution in ways that would have been unthinkable a generation or two ago.



9) The judicial branch continues to be a battleground, and will trump the other branches in violating the Constitution as long as it is allowed. While much focus is placed on Presidential and statewide elections, far too little consideration is given to the outsized role of the judicial branch. That blind spot has shifted with regard to the US Supreme Court. Evangelicals have come to recognize that the occupant of the Oval Office matters when it comes to Supreme Court nominations. America would have a far different Supreme Court had Hillary Clinton been elected in 2016.

Christ-followers must recognize that maintaining a Senate that will uphold and appoint Conservative justices and judges throughout the federal judiciary is paramount. Christians also need to realize that state level judicial races are critically important. Although Kentucky has finally passed a number of pro-life bills, those bills are often stymied in the state and federal courts. The same thing is happening across the nation.



10) It is important to stay engaged in the political process, but that is not where our hope lies. Some Christians believe that the political realm is no place for followers of Jesus Christ. The pressures and temptations and unseemly dynamics are just too unbecoming. But, doesn't that describe every realm of man? If we are to be "in the world," where in the world can we go and avoid those challenges? As the world becomes a darker place spiritually, shouldn't we be engaged in every sphere — offering salt and light in order to, by God's grace, lead some to salvation?

To drive that point home, as our society rushes headlong toward post-Christian secularism, shouldn't we redouble our efforts to shine the light of Jesus Christ? It is grossly unbiblical to suggest that we should simply hide our light under a bushel while the world gropes in darkness. Tellingly, the biblical prophets of God were committed to speaking truth to the politicians of their day and age.

It is imperative that we do not sit idly by. We must advocate for godly principles and policies, recognizing that God will hold our nation accountable for failing to stay true to its Christian heritage. Indeed, I believe that like Chorazin and Bethsaida and Capernaum, our nation has received incredible blessings but has strayed grievously. Surely our land will also be found wanting on God's day of judgment (Matthew 11:20-24).

Having said that, we cannot elevate the importance of any sphere of man above its proper place. That especially includes the political realm. With the culture politicizing everything, Christians can also fall into the false expectation that if we simply tweak public policy just right or pass just the right laws or elect more members of our preferred political party, we can craft a godly society. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In the end, our hope does not lie in the political process or a particular party or candidate. No set of laws or policies will

stem the scourge of sin. Only the blood of Jesus Christ sets men and women free from sin and secures an eternity with the Almighty. “Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.”



11) In spite of all else, God still accomplishes His will — even when leaders and potentates shake their fist at Him. No scheme of man can thwart God’s will. Even Satan with his demonic hordes cannot staunch or sway God’s plan for human history. From the beginning, Satan has been trying to upend God’s plan for mankind. He has deceived those made in God’s image — trying first to destroy the Jews because they were chosen of God and now to impede and undermine Christians. He will become increasingly desperate as the end draws near because he knows his time is short.

If Satan cannot succeed (witness the cross), man’s efforts to stand against God and His Anointed will also prove futile. In fact, we know that “He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord scoffs at them” (Psalm 2:4). So, when self-important officials at any level “take their stand and take counsel together” to establish laws contrary to God’s stated will, they too will eventually experience His wrath.

In the end, God’s will cannot be deterred — and His Word never returns void (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are only blessed when we take refuge in Him! (Psalm 2:12).



Tim addressing the Kentucky Prayer Caucus
“Convocation of Prayer.”



12) Regardless of your calling or position in this world, the greatest joy comes in glorifying God and pointing others to Him.

Joshua’s reason for marking Israel’s crossing of the Jordan River is instructive to us still. In addition to passing down a witness of God’s goodness, omniscience and omnipotence to succeeding generations, it was to bear testimony to “all peoples of the earth . . . that the hand of the LORD is mighty” (Joshua 4:24).

There were 12 other stones left behind as a memorial at the Jordan River. Joshua also arranged 12 stones in the middle of the river where the priests had stood. Even when the river flowed again those stones testified that the LORD God held back the waters while His people crossed over. While we are in the world, we are living stones — bearing testimony that God preserves and protects His people through the evil that floods the earth.

Looking Back and Moving Forward

In my last year in office, Kentucky passed four major pro-life bills. I will be forever grateful to have been a part of the effort that led to that accomplishment, but God gets the credit for our success. In due time, when Jesus returns to reign over all the world, He will put an end to the scourge of abortion on the earth — as well as every other evil. He will wipe away every tear, and His own righteousness will flood the earth.

Until then, I will focus my energies on proclaiming the soon return of Jesus. Using the language of Psalm 2, not only kings and judges need to show discernment and take warning (Psalm 2:10). Every person needs to “worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling.” If you do not already know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, “do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath [will] soon be kindled” (Psalm 2:12).

If you already know Him as Savior and worship Him as Lord, endeavor with me to live out the chief end of man: “To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.” That proclamation of the 1647 *Westminster Shorter Catechism* captures our purpose here and now yet points to the glory to be revealed when Jesus Christ comes again.



May these 12 stones of remembrance resonate with the truth of the trends in our politicized society even as they glorify Him on whose thigh is written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:16). ❖

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A Voice from the Philippines

Leila Casusi

(Editor's note: Last September I received an email message from a young lady in the Philippines that really touched my heart. She was literally bubbling over with excitement because of her discovery of Bible prophecy through this ministry's website. It was a discovery that quickly changed her life. She was born and raised in Baguio City, which is a resort city located in the mountains about 150 miles north of Manila. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture and has worked in many different professional capacities in both Baguio and Manila.)

I grew up in the Catholic Church surrounded by pious relatives, yet I could never seem to embrace their religious rituals.

I have always been a person searching for knowledge, and I have always needed to test what I learned so it would become one with me. Otherwise, I'd feel it was counterfeit, and I would not share it with anyone. So I grew up yearning for authenticity. I was not one to rock the boat, so if I did not agree with people, I merely kept it to myself.



Leila Casusi

My life-long search led me in 1997 to esoteric stuff. It was a time when my life had taken a nose-dive, and I was beginning to have heavy dreams. I began reading books on mysticism, healing, channeling, psychic phenomena and dreams.

I had a close friend who was a pastor. He was a good Bible teacher, and he would gently question me about my blog posts based on these books. Every so often, he would share a Bible verse or two to enlighten my thinking.

In my quest for knowledge, I learned about reiki (energy healing), crystals, channeling, angels, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shamanism, aromatherapy, herbs, aliens, incarnation and many other esoteric things, but I must admit I never fully embraced any of these compared to my friends and the customers at my book store.

I was guilty of one big thing, though. I must have read and sold hundreds of books, but I never really touched the Bible. I knew it was supposed to be the "Ultimate Book," but perhaps I was wary because I learned there were so many different versions. Also, I became cautious when I learned that something may have been "lost in the translation." Furthermore, I didn't know whom to trust — the Catholics or the Protestants?

On the deepest level, I knew the Bible was sacred, but I kept wondering if there were some books missing from it? Had the Catholic Church left out or added some writings? Had they perhaps distorted some truth in it?

I began to ask myself questions about my Catholic background. I wondered why my church conducted itself the way it did, in what appeared to me to be arrogance over its wealth and influence. Christ was humble, but my church didn't seem to reflect that. It had great riches which could very well be used to feed the poor and hungry.

In the midst of all this confusion, I began to pay attention to my dreams because I started having beautiful dreams about Jesus. Never mind that my father had told me when I was a child, "Don't trust anyone, not even yourself!" To a child's mind, or at least to my mind, that was confusing. If I couldn't trust myself, who could I trust?

When I started having those heavy dreams in 1997, I bought a dream book that I hoped would help me to better understand dreams. Little did I know that one book would lead me to more mystical books.

Finally, something very unusual occurred on the 6th of September 2019. I got on the Internet to post some blogs, something I did often. But nothing materialized — another strange thing, for I write easily — so I decided to call it a day.

Later, as I was coming home from the grocery store, I decided to take a cab, and before I could even close the door, the driver started talking about the Bible, Jesus and the supernatural. I hardly had time to pitch in a word or two through the 15-minute ride.

Then, that very night as I was surfing the Internet, I was "led" to two videos created by Lamb & Lion Ministries featuring Dr. David Reagan speaking about Bible prophecy. Dr. Reagan's teachings led me to many more videos of him and other teachers like Nathan Jones, Billy Crone, Jan Markell and Mike Gendron. I began thanking God for YouTube, something I didn't normally touch because I was more into books.

Oh! How these wonderful ministers opened my mind and heart to new Bible knowledge. They made sense, and they backed up everything they taught with the Scriptures. I began to realize how little I knew about God's Word.

When I was introduced to John 3:3, I realized that I must become "born again" because that was the only way to Christ. I was also convicted by the truth expressed in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 where we are told "... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

This time, there was no turning down God's invitation to accept His Son as my Lord and Savior and to spend my time reading His Book and drop ALL the other books I had gotten involved with.

God had waited long enough for this erring child. Now, my focus is Jesus — knowing EVERYTHING about Him and loving Him in the way He desires to be loved by obeying His commandments (John 3:36).

I am so grateful to Lamb & Lion Ministries and Dr. Reagan for introducing me to Bible prophecy. I am also thankful for all the videos and articles that the ministry's Internet Evangelist, Nathan Jones, has made available through their website at www.lamblion.com. ❖

How Much Does God Love You?

Glenn Meredith

(Editor's note: Glenn Meredith is my pastor. He serves as the pastor of the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, Texas. The article below is an excerpt from a sermon he delivered on September 15, 2019.)



Glenn Meredith

Sometimes we want to communicate to someone dear to us that we love them. And often, just saying the words, “I love you,” doesn’t seem like enough. It just comes across as old hat.

I can remember when my children were little, for example, and I would look at one of them and say, “I love you.” And they would look back at me and say, “I love you.” And I would think, “That’s not enough.” So, then I would say,

“Well, I love you more.” To which they would respond, “I love you the most.” To which I would say, “I love you the mostest.” And it would go on and on.

Sometimes we would resort to an illustration, and I might say, “Well, I love you more than there are stars in the sky.” And they would say, “I love you more than there are grains of sand on the seashore.”

Do you know that the Bible says that God loves you? And sometimes I think God must feel like we don’t understand the magnitude of what He is saying — that we don’t really get it. So, sometimes He uses illustrations.

For example, in Psalm 103:11, David wrote, “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.” So, God through David says to you and me, “I love you.” And we go, “Well, I love you too, Father.” And He responds, “Yes, but I love you as high as the heavens are above the earth.”

How high is that?

Well, when David was writing Psalm 103 he could look up and be overwhelmed with the vastness of the sky, and I’m sure he could see the stars better than we can see them today. And I’m sure it was a very beautiful sight.

But you know, with each passing generation, and with the development of greater technology, we can see farther and farther into the universe. And that illustration that God gave us about how much He loves us just keeps getting bigger, and bigger and bigger. Over the years we have discovered that the height and breadth of the heavens above and around the earth is so massive that we had to make up a unit of measurement to try to even describe it. And that unit is mind boggling. It’s what the scientists call “light-years.”

A light-year is simply how far light will travel in a year. Now light travels at 186,282 miles per second. That is so fast that if you could get into a jet plane traveling at the speed of light, in one second you would go around the earth 7.5 times. That’s moving. Light can travel 5.87 trillion miles in a year. So, if you could get into a rocket ship and travel into the heavens to see how much God loves you, and if this rocket ship could travel at the speed of light, then in 1.3 seconds after you took off, you’d pass the moon. Think of that. About four minutes later you would pass the planet of Mars. Eight minutes and twenty seconds later you would blow past the Sun.

A little over an hour later you would start going by the rings of Saturn. And five hours and ten minutes later you’d say, “So, that’s Pluto.” And as you left our solar system, and you started out to the nearest star, it would take you 4.24 years, at nearly six trillion miles a year to get to the nearest star. If you decided on your trip that you wanted to go past Polaris, the North Star, it would take you about 430 years at the speed of light to get there. In fact, just to get out of our galaxy—the Milky Way Galaxy—starting at planet Earth, it would take you 52,800 years at the speed of light. To travel across our galaxy, from one side to the other, would take over 100,000 years.



The Milky Way Galaxy
(<http://trendintech.com>)

Our nearest neighbor galaxy, Andromeda, is 2.5 million light-years away. And just to go to the edge of the observable universe, you would have to travel 13.7 billion light-years! God says that’s how much He loves you. Fill up that vastness of space with the love of God for you, and God says, “That’s it! That’s how much I love you.”

But God is not able to communicate through such an illustration how much He loves us because we can’t comprehend it. So, the Bible says that God gave us a demonstration of His love. Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” You want to know how much God loves you? God says, “I’m demonstrating it to you by sending my Son, Jesus, who died for you while you were still sinners.”

Now, God is gigantic. Did you know that the Bible says that God measures this universe with the span of His hand? That boggles our imagination. And think of it — this colossal God stepped off the throne and became a man. Why? Because the Bible tells us that His motive for doing that was that He loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. First John 4:9 says, “Here is His love; not that we loved God, but that He loved

us and sent His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin.” This is incredible love that God became a man, and He came into the world to rescue you and me by dying for our sins.

Romans 5:7 says that very rarely would anybody die for a righteous person. But I want you to think about this: the Bible says Jesus did not die for us because we were righteous or because we were deserving. No, the Bible says, “In this God demonstrates His love toward us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

God didn’t send His Son into the world to die for good people. He sent His Son to save you and me, sinners who were rebellious and hopeless. Yet, God so loved us, that He came while we were at our worse, and gave all that He had.

If God had been able to demonstrate His love by ransoming you with silver and gold, well that would have been no sacrifice for God. He could just speak and have a whole planet made out of solid gold, and it wouldn’t cost Him a thing. There is only one thing that God had one of, and that was His own unique Son. But He gave Him. In other words God withheld nothing to save you and me. There is no price that He would not have paid for you. He paid the ultimate price for you. The highest price tag that could have been ever put upon you, was put upon you when Jesus gave His life for you.

Now, I want to show you something that I had never noticed in Romans 5:8 before. I’ve been quoting this verse incorrectly my entire life. I have forever quoted the verse incorrectly by saying, “But God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” Well, folks that’s not what it says. The word, demonstrate is not in the past tense. The verse says, “God demonstrates,” — that is present tense.

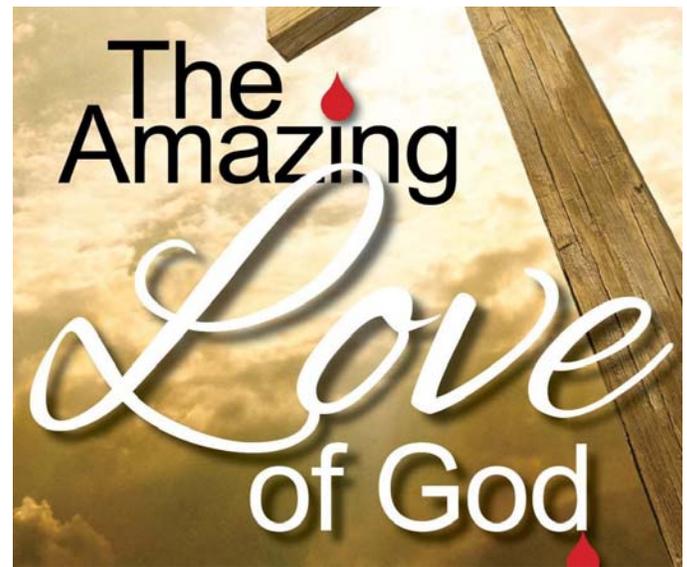
In the Greek language in which this was written, this a present active indicative. It means the action of this verb is going on right now. God is demonstrating right this moment as I am speaking to you how much He loves you by the death of His Son.

For many, if not most of us, the death of Jesus seems like it was a very long time ago. And we probably think that for God this just happened so long ago that He’s over it now, it doesn’t hurt anymore. And therefore it is just something that God talks about in the past tense. But the Bible says to God the death of His Son is fresh. This is going on right now. This is real to God right now. The feelings, the emotions, the price, the cost is going on right now.

Look at what it says in Hebrews 10:19-20: “Therefore, brothers and sisters since we have confidence to enter the most holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain that is His body . . .” You see that word new? By a new way, we have confidence to enter into the presence of God. It’s a new and fresh way to God.

The Bible says that to God, a 1,000 years is like a day. We think of the death of Jesus on the cross as having occurred 2,000 years ago. It seems like ancient history to us. But to God it was two days ago. So, when today you want to know how much God loves you, think about it from God’s perspective. His Son died for you two days ago, and you can be assured that His Son’s death is fresh on His mind and heart.

So, God gave to us an *illustration* of His love — as high as the heavens are above the earth. Additionally, He gave us a



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demonstration of His love in that while we were yet sinners His Son died for us. And He has given us a *reminder* of His love in our celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

You may be thinking, “I’m so unworthy of God’s love.” And yes, you are. But God does not love us because we are lovable. We’re not lovable. God’s love for you and me is not because we are lovable.

And that’s good news brothers, and sisters, because if I had to be lovable to be loved by God, I wouldn’t be loved by God. God doesn’t love you because you are lovable, He loves you because He’s loving. Because God is so incredibly loving that He loves you and me no matter what we’ve done. No matter how many times we’ve done it. No matter how rebellious we’ve been. No matter how our lives are stained with sin.

God doesn’t love Billy Graham more than He loves you. He doesn’t love anyone in the world anymore than you. You are as precious to Him as anyone in the world.

In fact, did you know that the Bible portrays Jesus in John 17:23 praying to the Father and saying, “Father, help them [His disciples] to know that you love them as much as you love Me.” Do you get that? God loves you as much as He loves Jesus! Jesus Himself said that, and it is mind boggling.

And He doesn’t love you because you deserve it. You could never become so unlovable that God would stop loving you. You could never do anything to make God love you more than He already does; and you can never do anything to make Him love you less than He already does.

Nor will God love you more in the future. Even out there in eternity one day when you have suddenly been perfected, and your old sin nature is gone, and you have a glorified body, and you are perfect, and you’re clothed in the righteousness of Jesus and you are shining forth with the very glory of God being revealed through you, He won’t love you then any more than He loves you right this moment. He says, “I’m demonstrating that to you today.” It’s fresh on the heart of God, and He wants it to be fresh on your heart as well. ❖

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Dr. David R. Reagan

I recently ran across an outstanding article by John Stonestreet bearing the above title.

In the article, he contrasted the England of today with the nation as it existed during World War II when Winston Churchill called upon the people to stand strong against Nazism, and they did so despite terrible suffering from German bombing. He lamented that the nation has now become so weak in its values that he doubts it can “even weather peacetime.”

His article was prompted by a recent poll by *The Sun* newspaper in London which revealed that 89 percent of those aged 16 to 29 said their lives “lack any meaning or purpose.” Summing up the meaning of the poll, Mr. Stonestreet concluded, “In other words, Nihilism is running rampant among Millennial and Gen-Z Brits.” He further added:

A culture that abandons any fixed reference point and instead tells its young people that truth, purpose, meaning and morality are purely subjective, will only, in the end, rob them of any truth, purpose, meaning or morality worth fighting for.

I personally was not shocked by the results of this poll because I have been long aware of the deterioration of British society. I had the privilege of going to the United Kingdom in the year 2000 where I spent a month preaching in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. I was appalled by what I found.

At that point in time only seven percent of the people were attending church on Sundays. The percentage is even less today. The Church of England was held in contempt by the general public. It had abandoned the fundamentals of the Christian faith. Its churches were empty, and, in fact, the Church had become one of the largest real estate dealers in the nation because it had so many church buildings up for sale.

Everywhere I went I saw church buildings being converted into night clubs, movie theaters and Muslim mosques.

Things have not gotten any better since then. Just recently, some of England’s largest churches announced that they are installing miniature golf courses and helter-skelters to attract people to their worship services. (Helter-skelter is a British term for a tall spiral slide winding around a tower.)

Looking at England today, it is hard to believe that 150 years

ago it was the earth’s center of Christianity, sending out missionaries all over the world, translating the Bible into multiple languages and providing the Church with glorious hymns.

The death throes of the Church of England began in the early 20th Century when its leaders adopted the viewpoint of the German School of Higher Criticism that the Bible is not the Word of God but is instead Man’s search for God and is therefore full of myth, legend and superstition. The Church proceeded to get in bed with the world and focused on getting the approval of people rather than God.

Needless to say, when the Church stopped speaking with the authority of God, people lost interest. And the result was gross apostasy. An example that pops into my mind is something that happened to me while I was in England in 2000. I was walking down a street in London when I paused to look at a newspaper vending machine. One of the feature articles on the front page was a picture of a Bishop of the Church of England who had announced that for Lent he had decided to give up reading the Bible and focus instead on meditating on “the truths of the Qu’ran.”

One of the most disturbing things about all this is that our nation is on the same track. Apostasy is running amok in our churches to the point that the word, Evangelical, no longer has any meaning. That’s because there are so-called Evangelicals today who are denying the fundamentals of the faith. As I see it, I would estimate that the deterioration of Christianity in America is about 20 years behind the British, and we are running as fast as we can to catch up.

One of the results is that we are raising a whole generation of young people who are moral pygmies. God has been kicked out of their lives. They have been taught that they are evolved from apes, and then we wonder why they are acting like animals.



A helter-skelter installed in the middle of the Norwich Cathedral in England (<https://livingchurch.org>).

I have a wonderful Christian friend in London by the name of Alan Franklin. He has been a life-long journalist and has served as the editor of several London area newspapers. He and his wife, Pat, who is also a journalist, host an online newspaper called *The Free Press* (www.thefreepressonline.co.uk).

I sent Alan a copy of Mr. Stonestreet’s article and asked for his response to it. His response begins on the next page.

Alan Franklin's Response

There are a number of reasons for this sad state of our young people.

The Collapse of the Church

The church has more or less collapsed into a mess of female priests, secularism and PC. It is promoting itself as so user friendly that one British cathedral installed a helter-skelter while another has a mini golf course — both inside the buildings!

I just cut out a front page picture from *The Telegraph*, a daily nationwide newspaper, of the Bishop of Lynn standing in front of his cathedral's helter-skelter, preaching a sermon. His message included a rendition of the Bee Gees' song "Words." No doubt very meaningful . . .

So if the church which has a building in every town, city and hamlet in the United Kingdom, plus thousands more in the Anglican communion worldwide, is portraying itself as a source of entertainment, why should anyone take it seriously?

King George V called the nation to a day of prayer just before D-Day. Most people went as it meant something to them. These were serious people for serious times. Tough people. Mine was the last tough generation. Today we are amusing ourselves to death, with the young more interested in odd online games than serious subjects.

We were talking to an atheist the other day — a museum curator. There wasn't a single church meeting in that large town to which we could recommend him going to see what Christianity really meant. The main denominations have been dead for decades — even when I was a boy. It was never explained to me that the Bible was anything more than a sort of ancient history book, and I attended a Church of England school.

The Collapse of Education

So spiritual input over here is close to zero. Then we have the collapse of education. My eldest daughter taught English in secondary schools for years before leaving to have her family.

When she decided to return to teaching she found it mainly consisted of box-ticking, red tape and hours of time wasting. So she quit to become an artist, painting birds, country scenes, etc., and now stages exhibitions instead of teaching needed skills.

As an editor I interviewed a bright young woman with a degree in English. She wanted to become a journalist so I gave her a simple test. When she turned in her copy I could hardly believe my eyes. She had no knowledge of punctuation or the difference between a sentence and a paragraph! I tried to tell her in a kind way that she needed to take a course in basic grammar. She was unemployable.

Teachers don't discipline much anymore for fear of consequences. A science teacher we know in our small fellowship got a complaint from a girl who had become a boy and demanded to be called Fred instead of Mary, or whatever. Our friend was relieved there wasn't a disciplinary hearing after she got its name wrong!

The Snowflake generation are detached from the real world in every way, and I can see why they think their existence is worthless.

If some ridiculous item of non-information comes through on their "devices" that's all they have as input. They walk past our house like zombies, gazing as if hypnotised at their I-pads or whatever.

So, they don't know history or any other serious subject. This has been the case for decades — we now have two generations of numbskulls walking the streets.



Alan Franklin

The Impact of Materialism

Many of the young live soft lives and are often overweight. We didn't have this problem as my friends and I grew up with rationing in the UK. The country was broke, and much of it had been bombed flat. We had a small allowance of meat or margarine every week and mostly ate what my grandfather grew, or perhaps a rabbit. No fast food, and you never complained about what you got! My aunts would serve bread and scrape — that's white bread with margarine spread on it then scraped off.

We had no bathroom, kitchen, piped hot water or proper heating, and there was frost on the inside of the windows in winter. The toilet was across an old yard. To have a bath you had to bail water into a tub once a week. There were holes in the floor and roof.

Now everyone here lives in comparative luxury. As I was — and still am — grateful for what I got, I worked harder than anyone else and this got noticed. I worked seven days a week for years to get somewhere to live, and so on. I didn't waste my time grizzling about how meaningless life was — I had work to do! Newspapers used to pay me double not to have holidays, and I was grateful.

The Snowflakes think they have entitlements — a dangerous notion. That's why so many are Socialists. They want everything handed to them, taken from the "rich."

Anyway, enough of this lament. It is fast getting worse, which is what the UK deserves and I watch it all unraveling with interest, as you do. The times are interesting indeed! ❖

You can contact Alan Franklin at alan.franklin@ntlworld.com. Mr. Franklin is going to be one of the featured speakers at our 2020 annual Bible conference in June. See pages 22-23 for details.

Sexual Perversion Madness —

A judge in British Columbia, Canada recently issued a gag order against the father of a 14 year old girl who identifies as a boy. The purpose of the order was to prevent the father from referring to his daughter as a girl in his public interviews! The judge also said the father could not use her real name. In other words, this judge forbade the father from even acknowledging that he has a daughter.

And if you think this sort of thing cannot happen in the United States, consider the fact that last year in Ohio a judge awarded custody of a transgender teen to her grandparents because her mom and dad refused to support her transition.

Singer Ellie Goulding recently agreed to sing at the Dallas Cowboy football game on Thanksgiving Day. She was immediately denounced by the Sexual Perversion Movement because of her “insensitivity.” And what was that? Well, this is the game each year when the Cowboys go all out to raise money for the Salvation Army, and the LGBTQ Movement considers the Salvation Army to be “homophobic.” Why? Because they believe the Bible teaches that the practice of homosexuality is a sin.

And that’s not all, folks. The attacks on Chick-fil-A continue because it is a Christian company that closes on Sundays and refuses to make donations to organizations affiliated with the Sexual Perversion Movement. The “Sexuality and Gender Diversity Faculty” (What??!) at the University of Kansas released a statement recently criticizing the school for granting Chick-fil-A retail space on campus. They called the company “a bastion of bigotry.”

And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper . . . Romans 1:28.

Apostasy —

Union Seminary in New York recently asked its students to confess their sins against the environment to a collection of plants and ask their forgiveness.



(www.christianpost.com)

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 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. Romans 1:24-25.



Increasing Secularism —

In a recent poll, the Pew Research Center discovered a significant reduction in the number of Americans who consider themselves to be Christians. Only 65 percent of Americans now say they are Christians, as compared to 77 percent ten years ago and over 85 percent in the 1950s. Over one-fourth of Americans now claim to be either atheistic, agnostic or “nothing.” That means that one-fourth of the population of the United States no longer believes in God.

Christian apologist, Dr. Alan McFarland, responded to these statistics by stating that they “spell doom for America’s culture, freedoms and families.” In supporting this assertion, he pointed to the nation’s Founding Fathers who made it clear in their writings that the Constitution was meant for what John Adams called “a moral and religious people.” Without that base, they argued that our system of government would collapse.

The secular, pagan direction of American society is clearly indicated in the following statistics from the Pew Research Center:

Silent Generation	1928-1945	84% Christian
Baby Boomers	1946-1964	75%
Millennials	1981-1996	49%

And keep in mind that many of those who claim to be Christians are really only cultural Christians who have never been born again and who do not have a Christian worldview. In fact, the Pew Research Center says that only 17% of those who claim to be Christian have a biblical worldview!

My people are being destroyed because they don’t know me . . . Since you have forgotten the laws of your God, I will forget to bless your children. Hosea 4:6 (NLT).

Apostasy —

The Vision Church in Atlanta, Georgia, recently hired a self-described “psychic medium” named Lakara Foster to serve on its staff. She claims to have an extraordinary gift from God — namely, the “gift” of talking to the dead! She argues that the gift is biblical because the book of James says that “every good and perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17). The church’s website states that the male pastor is married to a man.

The Church of England has instituted a new religious ritual that consists of a renaming ceremony for transgenders.

A Church of England priest has issued a call for people to pray that the Queen’s great grandson, Prince George, age 6, might become a homosexual in order to increase tolerance for the LGBT community.

The St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoboken, New Jersey has conducted a renaming ceremony for their pastor, Rose Beeson. She is now known as Peter.

The Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church has ordained a non-binary deacon — a woman who does not identify with either gender and who prefers the pronoun “they” rather than “she.” ❖

Abortion —

The following observation about abortion was made by Mike Huckabee on his TV program on March 2, 2019.

“The issue that has the potential of the greatest impact, not just politically, but culturally and morally, is the [recent] failure of the US Senate to pass a bill by Senator Ben Sasse of Nebraska that simply said that if a baby survived an attempted abortion and was born alive, the doctor present would render aid and try to save the baby’s life. That bill failed.

“Let that sink in.

“People elected to make our laws, refused to pass a law that would have required treating a living, breathing baby with at least the same respect that we demand of treating a cat, a dog or a sea turtle.

“And one of the Senators who voted against it said, ‘It wasn’t good for women’s reproductive health.’ That is a lie, because when the baby is born, the woman has already reproduced. And there is nothing healthy about killing the baby. And the woman is no longer even physically connected to the baby.



Mike Huckabee
(wikipedia.org)

“So, why do I say that this is the most important issue? Because if we as a country and a culture cannot and will not try to save a crying baby that has survived one attempt to kill it, and then we allow the attending doctor to kill it instead of saving it, then, frankly, none of these other issues really matter. That’s because we won’t have to wait the 12 years the radical Greenies say we have before we become ‘human toast’ because of global warming.

“You see, I believe God may pull the plug on us Himself. And as it was in the time of Noah, He may simply say, ‘That’s enough!’ And I mean who could blame Him?

“And by the way, when God has enough of this, His version of global warming ain’t going to be pretty!”

Apostasy —

Eric Barger of “Take A Stand! Ministries” recently said, “To put it bluntly, the Emergent Church Movement [which claims to be Evangelical] is a complete redefinition of Christianity. It is unquestionably the new Liberalism. To Emergents, Christianity should be:

- Experience over Reason
- Spirituality over Doctrine and Absolutes
- Images over Words
- Feelings over Truth
- Earthly Justice over Salvation
- Social Action over Eternity.”



Quotes from Meredith —

The following quotes are taken from recent sermons by Glenn Meredith, the pastor of the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, Texas.

“When we worry, we are living in unbelief.”

“Because God cares about us, He cares about everything we care about.”

“What takes your worries and exchanges them for the peace of God is prayer.”

“Thanksgiving is the language of Faith.”

“When people come to me and ask, ‘Should I do this or that?’ Specifically, ‘Should I go to R-rated movies or should I listen to Rock and Roll music?’ I point out to them that it is not my role as pastor to make lists of do’s and don’ts. Rather, it is my role to point people to Jesus. Your role is to listen to Jesus.”

“One of the reasons we are not judged immediately after death is because our work for the kingdom continues after our death through magazine articles and books we have written and through audio or video tapes we have recorded. Also, our work continues through churches and ministries we either helped establish or helped sustain through our offerings. When we are judged of our works to determine our rewards, we will be rewarded for the work of any evangelist or church that we supported through money, love, prayer and encouragement.”



Glenn Meredith

Random Quotes —

“Whenever a sentence in the Bible begins with the word, therefore, you should pause and ask, ‘Why is it there for?’” — Mike Mossburg, Executive Pastor of the Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX.

“If we continue to send our children to Caesar for their education, we need to stop being surprised when they come home as Romans!” — Dr. Voddie Baucham, Jr., Dean of Theology at African Christian University in Lusaka, Zambia.

In response to the question, “Are you an optimist or a pessimist?” Dr. Albert Mohler, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY., said: “As Christians, we know too much about the world and sin to be optimistic, but we know too much about God’s purposes to be pessimistic. The Christian mode is not optimism or pessimism that can wax and wane with our mood. Instead, our attitude must be one of hope. And that hope is Jesus. Hope has a Name!”

“Tolerance is the last virtue of a depraved society. When you have an immoral society that has blatantly and proudly violated all of the commandments of God, there is one last virtue they insist upon: tolerance for their immorality.” — Dr. D. James Kennedy (1930-2007), American pastor, evangelist, broadcaster and author. ❖

Television Schedule

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Television Broadcast Schedules

National Networks (9):

Daystar — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, Dish 263, cable, broadcast stations, satellites and web streaming (daystar.com).

Word — Tues. 12:30pm CT, DirecTV 373, Cable, AT&T Universe, cable, satellites and web streaming (thewordnetwork.org).

CTN — Wed. & Fri. 12:30pm CT, DirecTV 376, Dish 267 and web streaming (ctnonline.com).

GEB — Sat. 5:00pm CT, DirecTV 363 and web streaming (gebamerica.com).

GodTV — Thurs. 8:30am CT, DirecTV 365 and web streaming (god.tv).

NRB — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 and web streaming (nrbtv.org).

TCT — Sun. 7:30pm CT, DirecTV 377, ten broadcast stations in the Midwest, and web streaming (tct.tv).

Upliftv — Mon. & Fri. 9:30am CT, DirecTV 379 (upliftv.com).

WHT — Sat. 7:00pm CT, DirecTV 367 and web streaming (lesea.com/wht).

Regional Networks & Area Stations (25):

Arizona

KASW — Phoenix, Sun. 7am PT, channel 61 (yourphx.com).

Arkansas

VTN (The Victory Television Network) — Covering the state of Arkansas, Sun. at 10:00pm, Tues. 9:30am and Sat. at 2:30pm CT (vtntv.com).

Colorado

KCDO — Denver, Sun. 8:00am MT, channel 3 (k3colorado.com).

KXTU — Colorado Springs, Sun. 9:00am MT, channel 57 (fox21news.com/soco-cw).

Florida

WTOG — Tampa and St. Petersburg, Sun. 8:30am ET, channel 44 (cwtampa.cbslocal.com).

Georgia

WATC — Atlanta, Sun. 8:30am ET, channel 57 (http://watc.tv).

Kentucky

WBNA — Louisville, Sun. 8:30am ET, channel 21 (wbna21.com).

WDKY — Lexington, Sun. 7:00am ET, channel 56 (https://foxlexington.com).

Louisiana

FVN — Southern Louisiana broadcast stations and cable, Sun. 12:30am, Mon. 8:30am, and Wed. 7:00pm CT (familyvisiontv.com).

KMCT — Monroe, Fri. 10:30am, CT, channel 39 (http://kmct.tv).

KTAL — Shreveport, Sun. 7:30am, CT, channel 6 (arklatexhomepage.com).

WBRL — Baton Rouge, Sun. 9:00am CT, channel 21 (bproud.com).

Missouri

KMCI — Kansas City, Sun. 7:30am, CT, channel 38 (kshb.com/38-the-spot).

KFJX — Joplin, Sun. 7:30am, CT, channel 14 (fox14tv.com).

North Carolina

WCCB — Charlotte, Sun. 7:00am ET, channel 18 (ccbcharlotte.com).

Ohio

WUAB — Cleveland, Sun. 7:30am ET, channel 43 (cw43.revrocket.us).

Pennsylvania

WPCW — Pittsburgh, Sun. 7:30am ET, channel 19 (https://cwpittsburgh.cbslocal.com).

Tennessee

WNAB — Nashville, Sun. 7:00am CT, channel 58 (http://cw58.tv).

WBXX — Knoxville, Sun. 8:00am ET, channel 20 (wvlt.tv/cw/home — WVLT is a sister station).

Texas

CFNT — Wichita Falls, Fri. 3:00pm CT (cfnt.org).

KCEN — Waco/Temple, Sun. 6:30am CT, channel 9 (kcentv.com).

KDAF — Dallas/Ft. Worth, Sun. 8:00am CT, channel 33 (cw33.com).

KMID — Midland/Odessa, Sun. 8:00am CT, channel 2 (www.yourbasin.com).

KSCE — El Paso, Sun. 10:30am MT, Direc-TV & DISH Local 38, AT&T U-verse 38 (ksctv.com).

KUBE — Houston, Sun. 8:00am CT, channel 57, Comcast cable 53, DirecTV & DISH local 57 (http://kubetv.com).

Internet Networks (9):

Lamb & Lion — lamblion.com

HisChannel — hischannel.com

YouTube — youtube.com/user/ChristinProphecy

GodTube — godtube.com

Truli — truli.com

Vimeo — vimeo.com

DailyMotion — dailymotion.com/us

Roku — roku.com

FaithXtreme — faithxtremetv.com (Australia) ✚

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The conference will begin on Friday evening, June 26th, with a musical concert by The Hall Sisters from North Carolina. They will be followed by the keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Hitchcock who will speak on “20/20 Biblical Vision for America.”

The conference will continue all day Saturday, June 27th, with five additional speakers. The Hall Sisters will stay over for the day and will be singing a song before each speaker is introduced.

As is always the case at our annual conference, there will be a host of ministries present with special displays of biblical study resources. Lite food and drinks will be provided Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, and these will be times for engaging in rich fellowship.

The venue will be the same as last year — the outstanding Plano Event Center in Plano, Texas, a northern suburb of Dallas, Texas. Special room rates have been arranged with a variety of hotels located near the Event Center. You can find them listed on our website at the link to the conference.



Dr. Mark Hitchcock

The keynote speaker, Dr. Mark Hitchcock, is the pastor of Faith Bible Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. He also serves as an associate professor of biblical exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary. He is a prolific writer, having authored over 30 books concerning every aspect of Bible prophecy. And he is a much sought-after conference speaker. Mark is a very effective, down-to-earth communicator who has appeared on the Christ in Prophecy television program several times. He is one of Dr. Reagan’s favorite prophecy teachers.

The Hall Sisters are relatively new to the Christian music scene, having started in 2017. But they have quickly established themselves as one of the up-and-coming premier acts in the country pop genre. While releasing multiple CD’s over the last few years and writing new material, the ensemble has also maintained a robust tour schedule having performed at notable venues such as The Grand Ole Opry, Carnegie Hall, the Country Music Hall of Fame and the National Quartet Convention.

The group has been best described “as a combination of the earthy vibe of Lady Antebellum and soulful harmony of the Carpenters blended with the energy of country pop.” The word



The Hall Sisters

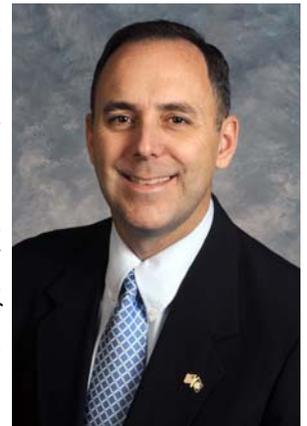
synergy defines the quartet in that the combined output of their talents and musicality is greater than the sum of each individual part. A vocal/instrumental foursome of talented siblings, the Hall Sisters marry stunning harmonies along with a brilliance and excellence on their instruments to create an entirely unique sound of Christian music.

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- **Alan Franklin** — London, England newspaper editor and expert on the European Union. Topic: “20/20 Biblical Vision for Europe.”
- **Nathan Jones** — Internet Evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries and an expert on Islam. Topic: “20/20 Biblical Vision for the Muslim World.”
- **Dave Reagan** — Founder of Lamb & Lion Ministries and its Senior Evangelist. Topic: “20/20 Vision for the Gentile Nations.”

Tim Moore will serve as host of the conference. He is Lamb & Lion Ministry’s Associate Evangelist and Dr. Reagan’s designated successor.

You can register for the conference through the Lamb & Lion website at www.lamblion.com or by calling 877/658-1439. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$10. Two offerings will be taken at the conference to help cover the costs.



Col. Tim Moore

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Dr. David R. Reagan

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For example, no longer will the word, Capernaum, just be a word on a page. It will be a town that you have visited and experienced with all your senses. You will be able to visualize it in your mind. You will also get a feel for the distances mentioned in the Bible, like how far a person had to travel in order to walk from Tiberias in the Galilee to Jerusalem.

Walking the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem will give you a feel of what it must have been like to live there in biblical times. Visiting Independence Hall in Tel Aviv will thrill you as you realize you are standing in the very place where one of the greatest events of the 20th Century took place — where David Ben Gurion read the nation’s Declaration of Independence on May 14, 1948.

Participating in a communion service at the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem will impact your soul forever, just as will a cruise across the Sea of Galilee.

Overall, you will get a sense of how tiny the nation of Israel is and how vulnerable it is to missile attacks in the event of war. You will realize the nation has no hope of survival amidst a sea of Muslim enemies except for the fact that “He who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps” (Psalm 121:4).

Most of all, you should come away with a feeling of awe that a Man living 2,000 years ago in what was then an insignificant, primitive country could have lived a brief life of only 33 years and yet have the greatest impact on the world that any person has ever had. This realization should impress you with the fact that Jesus had to be God in the flesh.



Tim at the American Embassy in Jerusalem.

We normally take two groups to Israel each year, one in the Spring and the other in the Fall. This year we are moving the Spring pilgrimage to June to accommodate those whose lives revolve around the school year. Colonel Tim Moore, our Associate Evangelist and my designated successor, will host the group. The dates are June 13-24, and you can get all the details through our website (<https://christinprophecy.org/events/israel-tours>) or by calling 972-736-3567 and asking for us to send you a detailed brochure.

We have recently established a scholarship fund to help young people join our pilgrimages. It is called The Millennial Kingdom Scholarship (MKS), and it offers young “millennials” (ages 18-29) the opportunity of a lifetime; to join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Oftentimes, young people lack the monetary resources to pay for the expense of a pilgrimage to Israel. This Scholarship will break down those financial barriers, and will ignite a new passion for Israel, Bible Prophecy and Jesus’ soon return like never before! In turn, these young people will return home motivated to holiness and evangelism, as they too begin to help spread the Gospel and the message of the Lord’s imminent return.

We invite nominations for these scholarships, and we also seek donations designated for this program. Give us a call at 972-736-3567 for more detailed information. ✚



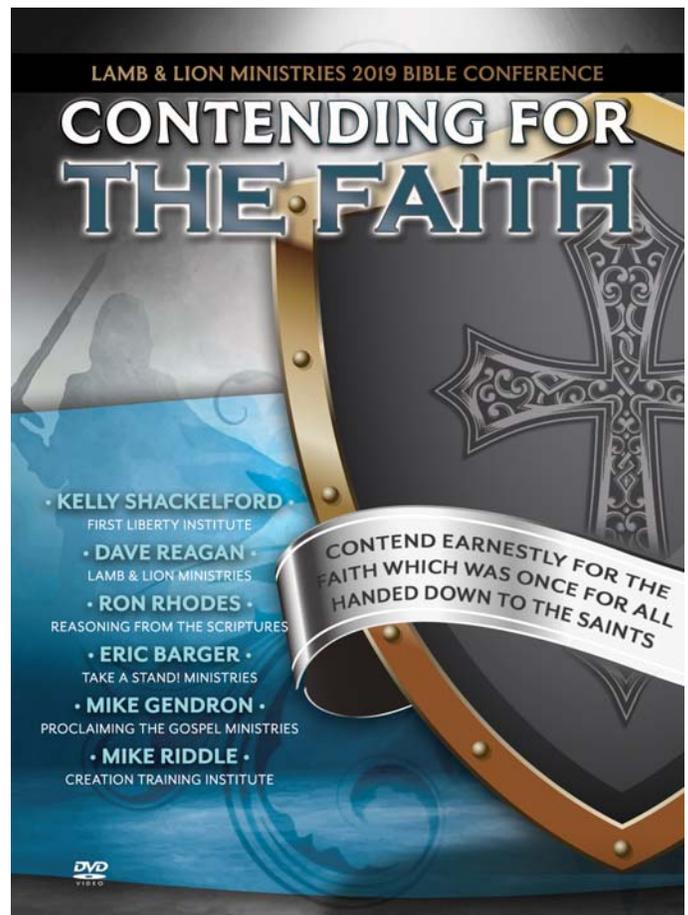
Col. Tim Moore teaching at the Mount of the Beatitudes on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee.

2019 Conference Video Is Ready For Distribution

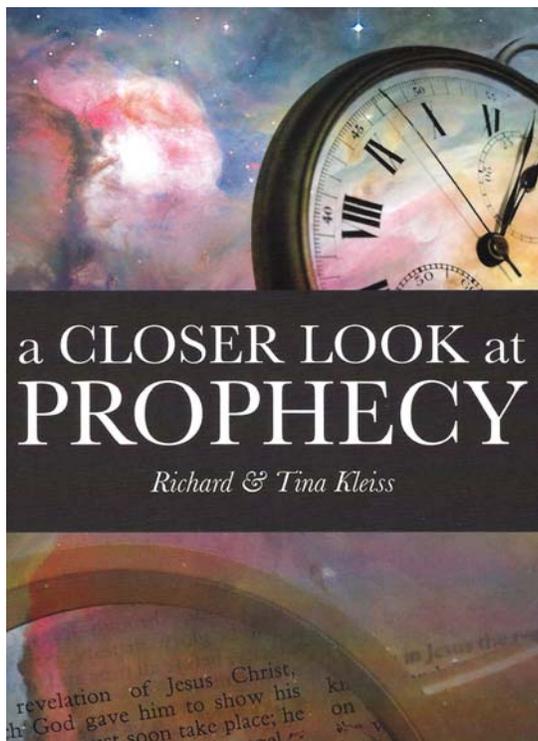
This album contains some of the finest presentations ever made at one of our annual Bible conferences:

- **Kelly Shackelford**, founder and CEO of First Liberty Institute, the largest legal firm in America devoted exclusively to the protection of religious freedoms. Topic: “Defending Christian Freedoms.”
- **Mike Riddle**, founder and president of Creation Training Initiative. Topic: “Defending the Genesis Account of Creation.”
- **Mike Gendron**, founder and evangelist for Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries. Topic: “Defending the Bible and the Gospel.”
- **Ron Rhodes**, founder and evangelist for Reasoning from the Scriptures Ministries. Topic: “Defending the Promise of the Lord to Return.”
- **Eric Barger**, founder and evangelist for Take a Stand! Ministries. Topic: “Defending the Church Against Apostasy.”
- **Dave Reagan**, founder and evangelist for Lamb & Lion Ministries. Topic: “Defending the Deity of Jesus.”

The video also includes the “passing of the baton” ceremony during which Dr. Reagan’s successor, Col. Tim Moore was honored. The album contains three DVDs. \$25, including the cost of shipping. Call 972-736-3567 to order. ❖



New Devotional Book



Reading this devotional book on a daily basis would be a great way to start off the new year. It would also serve as a great Christmas gift to family and friends.

The book runs about 400 pages in length, including the introduction and reference notes. (The pages are not numbered; rather each one is given a date for the year.)

Both First and Second Coming prophecies are covered. The authors use some very clever symbols which appear at the top of each page to indicate the content of the devotional for that page. The topics include: Prophetic Promise, Prophecy Basics, Scientific Foreknowledge, Prophetic Warning, Israel, Prophecy Fulfilled, Prophetic Type, Digging Deeper and Key Verse. Each devotional concludes with a quote from the Prophetic Scriptures.

Contributors include Bible prophecy experts like Henry Morris, Tim LaHaye, Ed Vallowe, John MacArthur, Noah Hutchings, David Jeremiah, Daymond Duck, Mark Hitchcock, Beth Moore, Terry James, Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Billy Crone, Grant Jeffery, Bill Salus and Nathan Jones, among others! Thirty-six of the devotionals are by Dr. Reagan.

The book sells for \$15, including the cost of shipping. You can place your order through our website at www.lamblion.com or by calling 972-736-3567 Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm, Central time. ❖

Ministry News

Schedule of Activities —

January:

- Custer City Baptist Church in Gainesville, TX [Jones] (5).
- “Unity & Urgency Conference” at New Day Christian Church in Port Charlotte, FL [Reagan & Bob Russell] (11-13).
- Prophecy Conference at Love & Unity Christian Fellowship in Compton, CA [Reagan & Don Perkins] (19-20).

February:

- Steeling the Mind Conference in Coeur d’Alene, ID at the Coeur d’Alene Resort [Reagan & other speakers] (15).
- Candlelight Christian Fellowship in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho [Reagan] (16).
- Prophecy Conference at Christ Community Church in El Centro, CA [Reagan & other speakers] (21-23).

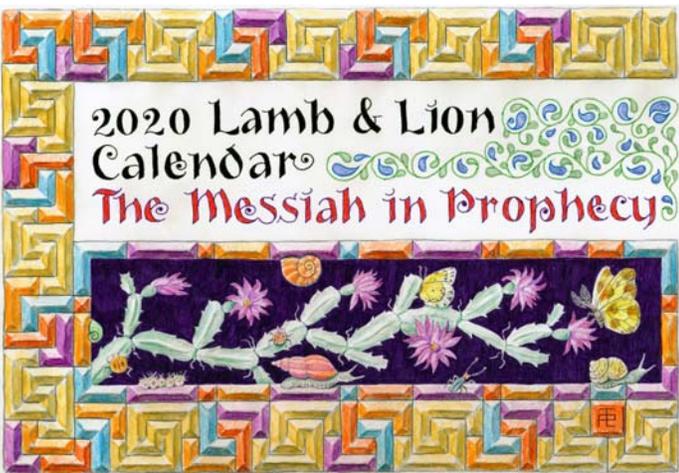
March:

- Mid-America Prophecy Conference in Tulsa, OK, sponsored by Prophecy Watch Ministries [Reagan & other speakers] (19-21).
- Men’s Fellowship Retreat at Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX [Reagan] (27-28).
- Brookhaven Church in McKinney, TX [Reagan] (29, evening only).

April:

- Conference at Cornerstone Bible Church in Lake Stevens, WA [Reagan & Eric Barger] (4-5)
- Regional Conference at Hikes Point Christian Church in Louisville, KY [Reagan, Jones, Moore &] (24-25).

Calendar —



Our annual calendar focuses this year on the Bible’s Messianic prophecies. It features the amazing watercolor calligraphy of a Christian artist named Richard Trefrey. The calendar sells for \$10 including the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm, Central time.

Teaching Prophecy —

This is a reminder that we have a great new book, *The Basics of Bible Prophecy*, that contains 24 lessons. It can be used for individual study for those who know little or nothing about Bible prophecy, or it can be used to teach a class on prophecy.



We were recently visited by Richard & Christine Snowdon from Abingdon, England. They are pictured above with Rachel Houck, our Chief Operating Officer. Richard is a Bible teacher and author.

An Award —

Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) is the number one monitor of non-profit organizations in America. We recently received their annual letter of evaluation, informing us that we have received their highest rating for the 15th year in a row:

On behalf of Charity Navigator, we wish to congratulate Lamb & Lion Ministries on attaining the coveted 4-star rating . . . This is our highest possible rating and indicates that your organization adheres to the best financial practices . . . and outperforms most charities in your area of work. Less than 1% of the charities we evaluate have received 15 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that your ministry outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Lamb & Lion Ministries apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.

End of the Year Gifts —

As this year comes to an end, we pray you will consider providing us with a special year-end gift. We need to end this year in a very strong financial condition in order to continue expanding our TV and Internet outreach. Please keep in mind that all donations that are mailed must bear a postmark of 2019 if they are to be considered as donations for this year. We would also like to invite you to consider becoming one of our Prophecy Partners. See page 21 for details about this program.

Book Response —

Each time someone signs up for our Prophecy Partner program, Dr. Reagan sends them a signed copy of his book, *Trusting God: Learning to Walk by Faith* (3rd edition). Here is the response of Judith Malone in Vernon, Indiana: “I just had to write you a note to thank you for your book, ‘Trusting God,’ which you sent when my husband and I became Prophecy Partners. It arrived on a Saturday morning, and I read it all day. I have not been so touched by any book as I was when I read your story. I was captivated by it. During the night I could not sleep from thinking about your spiritual journey. I came away from reading it not thinking, ‘What a fabulous book!’ but rather, ‘What an awesome God we have!’” ❖



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New Book!

Dr. David R. Reagan

Nathan Jones' second book has just been published, and it is outstanding. It is the best book about angels I have ever read.

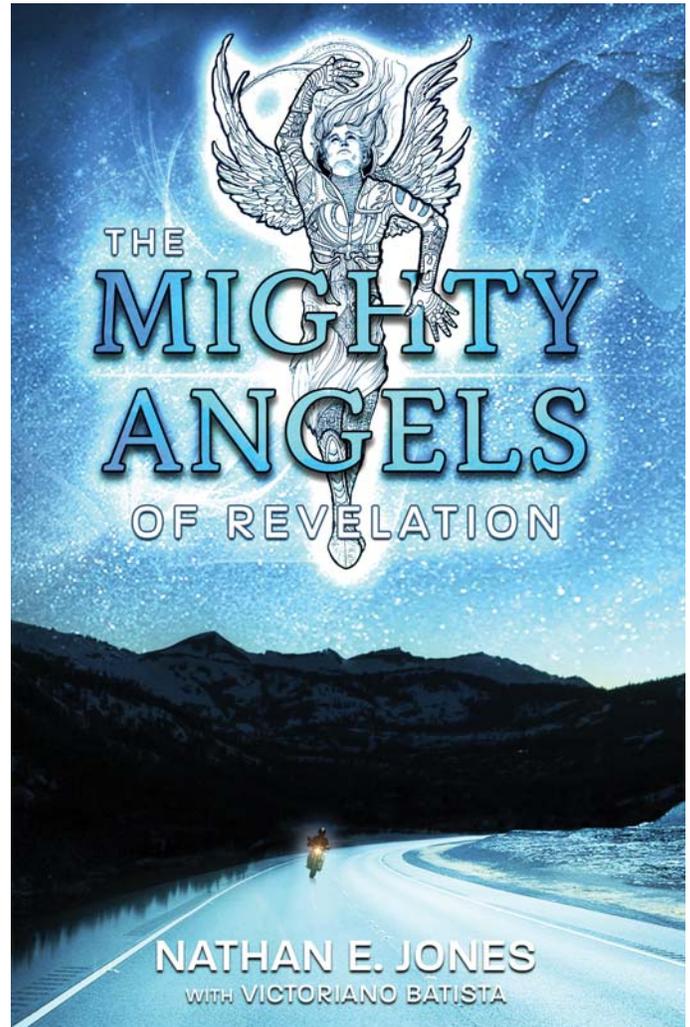
A devastating car wreck nearly killed Nathan's parents. If it were not for a lone biker who stopped at the scene of the accident and administered first aid, some say they would have died before medical help arrived. The problem — only one person could recollect the biker ever having been there. Their rescuer had mysteriously disappeared without a trace! The only survivor who could remember insisted they must have been rescued, not by a mere man, but by an actual angel sent from God.

This jolting event in the life of his family led our ministry's Internet Evangelist, Nathan Jones, to set off to explore the greatest source in the study of Angelology — the book of Revelation. With its whopping 72 instances of references to angels, Revelation stands apart from all of the other books in the Bible as the most prolific source for learning about these supernatural beings.

A special added feature of this book is 12 fantastic full page drawings of some of the main angels mentioned in the book of Revelation. The drawings are by a very gifted Christian artist named Shalis Stevens.



Nathan Jones is pictured above with the illustrator of his book, Shalis Stevens.



The book originated out of a series of year-long radio programs which Nathan made together with Vic Batista, a Calvary Chapel pastor in Florida. In fact, it was Vic who originally suggested that Nathan search the book of Revelation for a better understanding of the nature and purpose of angels.

The book sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. You can order it through our website at lamblion.com. Or, you can place your order by phone by calling 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. ✦