

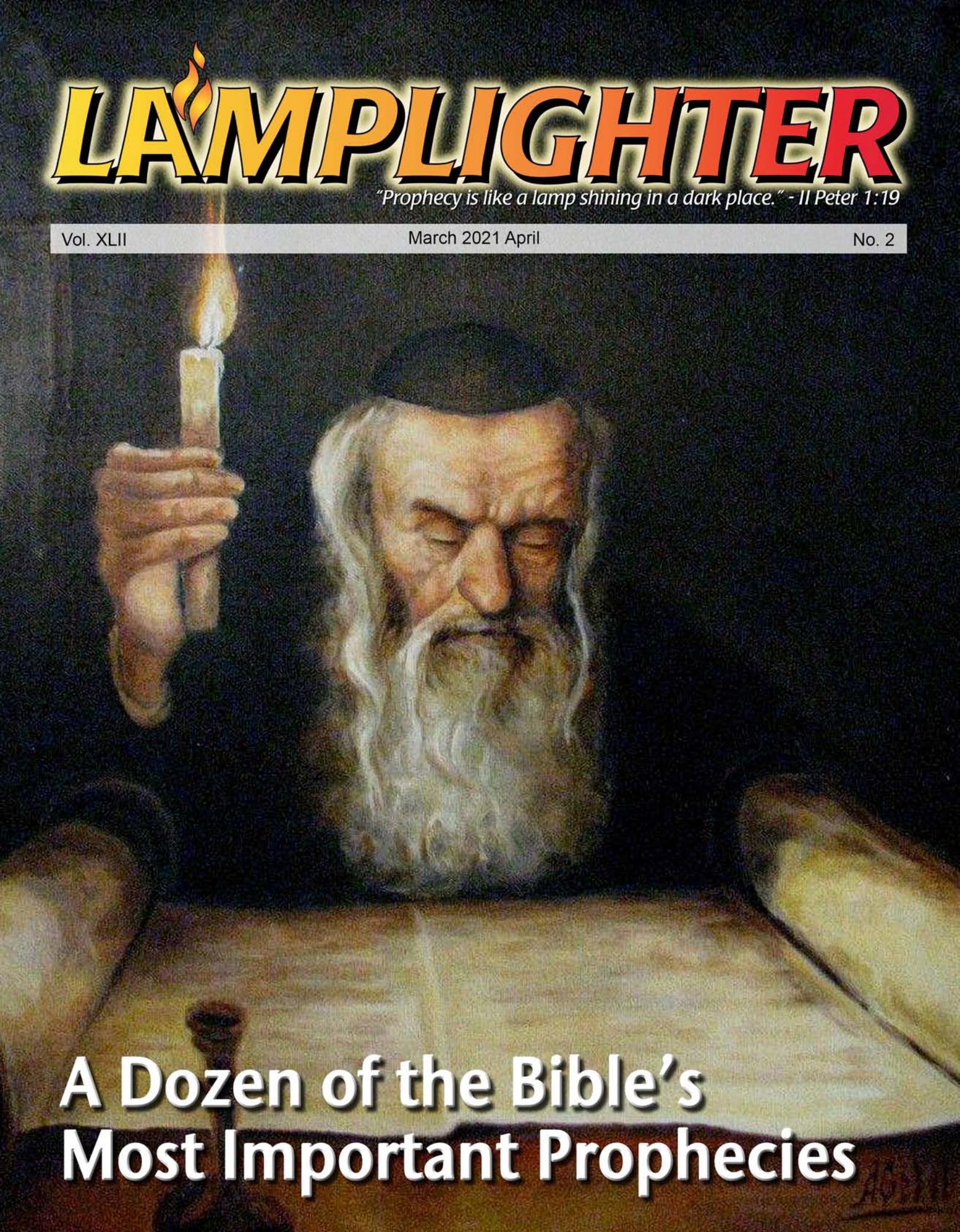
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# Observations by the Editor

## Socialism is Coming

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The 2020 Presidential election proved that Americans are willing to surrender their freedoms in exchange for “free stuff.” The free stuff is not, of course, really free. As people have learned the hard way in Socialist countries all over the world, the free stuff comes at the expense of both freedom and draconian taxes.

In the last election, the Democrats promised the moon to everyone — cancellation of current student loans and free college education in the future, reparations for Blacks and Homosexuals, free medical care and even a guaranteed annual income! And people rushed to give them their votes like pigs fighting each other to get to the feeding trough first.

It’s the reason the Founding Fathers of our nation rejected democracy as a form of government, just as they rejected monarchy and oligarchy. Instead, they fashioned an ingenious representative republic. The result was that the only person in the federal government who the populace was entitled to vote for directly was their representative in the US House. Senators were selected by state legislatures, and the President by an Electoral College.

Our Founding Fathers were cognizant of the fact that a pure democracy would end up destroying itself because people would vote for whomever promised to give them the most. So, in addition to creating a representative republic, they also instituted a system of checks and balances to also guard against mobocracy.

The selection of Senators was removed from state legislatures by the 17th Amendment which was adopted in 1913 and which provided for direct election of Senators. Now, the Democrats want to abolish the Electoral College. (Did you know that Los Angeles county has more people than all but nine of our states?)

Socialism is so attractive in theory. But it is vicious in practice. For one thing, it empowers the government to force you to support people who are completely irresponsible — such as people who are too lazy to work for a living. Your hard

earned money is confiscated by the state in the name of “redistribution of wealth.” In the process, individual initiative is destroyed, investment funds disappear and the economy stagnates.

Free medical care becomes a nightmare of lost freedoms. You can no longer choose your doctors and your treatment. Waiting lists for medical care become standard operating procedure — with the elderly consigned to oblivion. (They are expected to gallantly surrender their lives for the common good.)

Worst of all, Socialism always results in religious persecution since Socialists by their very nature are not religious and, in fact, hold religion in contempt. They are Humanists who believe in Man rather than God.

In summary, God has delivered our nation to what theologians call “abandonment wrath.” We as a nation have forgotten God, and in response, He has delivered us over to a depraved mind (Romans 1:28). He is, in effect, allowing us to destroy ourselves through our materialistic greed. You can expect that in the process, God will allow our true god, The Almighty Dollar, to be destroyed, most likely through hyper-inflation.

Dark days lie ahead for all of us. Those of us who have committed our lives to Jesus must keep our eyes on Him, we must stand for righteousness, we must share the Gospel with the unsaved and we must pray for the Lord’s soon appearance in the Rapture.

Maranatha!

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# A Dozen of the Bible's Most Important Prophecies

Dr. David R. Reagan

I wrestled long and hard over the title of this article. I originally planned to call it “The 12 Most Important Bible Prophecies.” But that would be highly debatable. There are just so many very important Bible prophecies. So, I finally settled on a title that suggested a dozen of the most important, but not necessarily *the* most important.

My selection of the prophecies to feature, as you will see, was guided by their relevance to the Messiah. And this decision was driven by the statement in Revelation 19:10 that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

I have not listed the prophecies in the order of their importance. Rather, they are listed in chronological order as they relate to the life of Jesus.

## 1 The Promise of a Messiah

**Genesis 3:15** — “*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise Him on the heel.*”

This is the Bible’s very first Messianic prophecy. These words were spoken by God to Satan after he had tempted Adam and Eve to sin against Him. It is a remarkable statement of God’s unfathomable grace. Despite their rebellion, God reveals that He will provide a way of reconciliation with Him through the seed of woman, referring, of course, to a Messiah who would be born of a virgin. He states that Satan will “bruise” the Messiah “on the heel” (a non-lethal wound represented by the Cross — non-lethal in the sense that it was overcome through the Resurrection.) But He further states that the Messiah will “bruise” Satan “on the head” (the lethal wound at the Messiah’s Second Coming when Satan will be bound and ultimately cast into the Lake of Fire at the end of the Messiah’s millennial reign.)

## 2 The Lineage of the Messiah

**Genesis 12:1-3** — “*Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father’s house, to the land which I will show you; and I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.’*”

In this prophecy, God reveals the lineage of the Messiah. He will come from the descendants of Abraham, which would

become the Jewish people. Further, the Messiah will prove to be a blessing to all the world, and not just the Jewish people through whom He will be revealed. And because the Messiah will be of Jewish ancestry, God will honor the Jewish people by making them a great nation and protecting them throughout the ages to come, blessing those who bless them and cursing those who curse them.

## 3 Birth & Nature of the Messiah

**Micah 5:2** — “*But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.*”

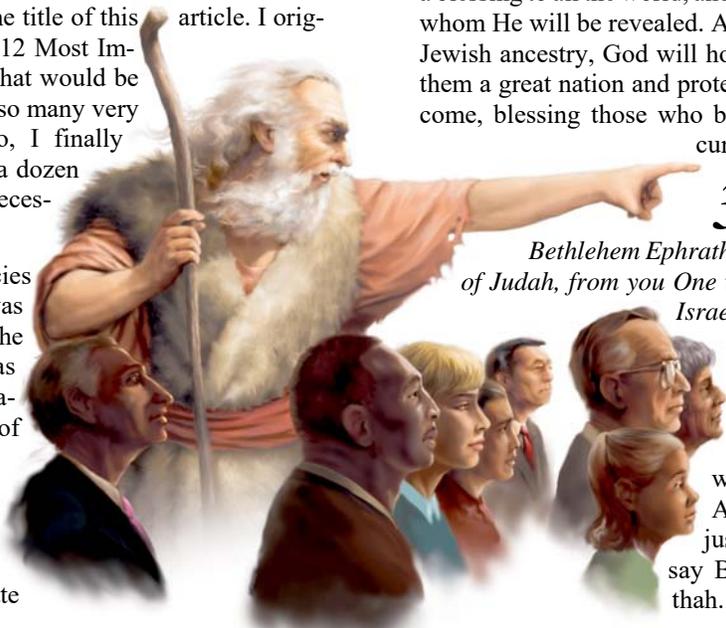
This prophecy was written 700 years before the birth of Jesus, yet it precisely identifies the town where the Messiah would be born. And when I say precisely, I mean just that. Notice that it does not just say Bethlehem, but Bethlehem Ephrathah. You see, there were two Bethlehems in Judah at the time of the Messiah’s birth. One was in the

north near the Sea of Galilee. The other was located near Jerusalem in the region of Ephrathah. Further, and often overlooked, is the fact that this prophecy proclaims that the Messiah will be an eternal being, indicating that He will be God in the flesh.

## 4 The Timing of the Messiah’s Coming

**Daniel 9:24-26** — “*Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place. So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.*”

This is the famous “70 Weeks of Years” prophecy of Daniel. Basically, what it is saying is that during a period of 70 weeks of years, or 490 years, God is going to accomplish six purposes among the Jewish people. At the end of 69 of those weeks, or 483 years, the Messiah will come and “be cut off,” followed by the destruction of the city of Jerusalem. Scholars disagree as to the starting point of the countdown of these years. That’s because there were several decrees issued concerning the rebuilding of Jerusalem. They also disagree as to the ending point



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“Christ on the Cross,” a painting by Mihály Munkácsy (1844-1900), a Hungarian painter. ([www.meisterdrucke.us](http://www.meisterdrucke.us))

because some use regular solar years and others use lunar years of 360 days. But regardless of the starting point and the years used, the end of the 49 weeks of years leading up to the revelation of the Messiah all fall within the lifetime of Jesus. So, this is a prophecy that clearly revealed the season of the First Coming. And since the six goals for the Jewish people have not yet been accomplished, we know that there is a gap in the prophecy and that the last seven years are yet to be fulfilled and will be fulfilled during the seven year period of the Great Tribulation.

### 5 The Nature of the Messiah’s Ministry

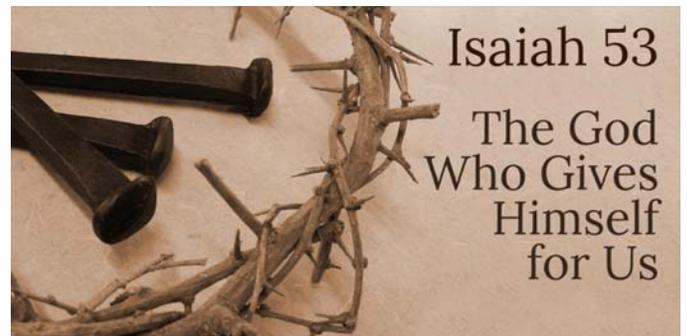
**Isaiah 61:1-2a** — “*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD . . .*”

This is a prophecy about the nature of the Messiah’s ministry at His First Coming. He would bring “good news” or the Gospel to those afflicted with sin and in need of reconciliation with God, the Father. That good news will provide liberation from the bondage of sin and provide hope and joy to the broken-hearted.

### 6 The Suffering of the Messiah

**Isaiah 53:3-5,7,9** — “*He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. . . Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried . . . He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and*

*by His scourging we are healed . . . He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter . . . His grave was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man in His death, because He had done no violence, nor was there any deceit in His mouth.”*



Isaiah 53  
The God  
Who Gives  
Himself  
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Because this prophecy so clearly and precisely describes the suffering that Jesus experienced right before His crucifixion, Jews will not allow it to be read in their synagogues. It is the passage that Philip the Evangelist used to convert the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-39).

### 7 The Messiah’s Death

**Psalm 22:16** — “*They pierced My hands and My feet . . .*” The first 21 verses of this psalm describe the crucifixion of the Messiah and the terrible physical, mental and spiritual suffering He would endure on the Cross. David wrote this psalm 1,000 years before the birth of Jesus. At that time, there was only one

way of executing someone under Jewish law, and that was by stoning. A thousand years later, that was still the case, but at the time of Jesus, the nation of Israel was under Roman rule, and the Jews no longer had the power of execution. They were required to get Roman permission, and the Romans executed by means of crucifixion. This has to be one of the most incredible prophecies in all the Word of God. Further the prophecy implies the resurrection between verses 21 and 22. That's because in verse 21 the Messiah is crying out to God the Father for deliverance, and in the next three verses, He is praising His Father for His deliverance. The rest of the psalm (verses 25-31) presents prophecies about the Lord's millennial reign.

### **8 The Messiah's Resurrection**

**Luke 9:21-22** — *"He [Jesus] answered them [the disciples], and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, saying, 'The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.'"*

This prophecy of Jesus about His death and resurrection was presented to His disciples several times and is also recorded in two of the other Gospels (Matthew 16:21 and Mark 8:31). The prophesied resurrection of the Messiah is also mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures in Psalm 16:10 where David wrote: "You [God] will not allow Your Holy One [the Messiah] to undergo decay."

### **9 The Messiah's Church**

**Matthew 16:18** — *"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."*

In this statement, Jesus prophesies the establishment of His Church upon Peter's confession that He [Jesus] is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). This prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost following Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection when Peter preached the first Gospel sermon and 3,000 people responded. The prophecy has continued to be fulfilled over the past 2,000 years as Jesus has sustained the Church through constant harassment and persecution.

### **10 The Messiah's Appearance for His Church**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** — *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord."*

These comforting words are taken from the New Testament's most explicit passage about the Rapture of the Church — specifically, the day when Jesus will appear in the heavens and take all Church Age saints out of the world, both the living and the dead. Other passages make it clear this will happen before the Great Tribulation begins.

### **11 The Messiah's Second Coming and Reign**

**Zechariah 14:1-9** — *"Behold, a day is coming . . . I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem*

*on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south . . . And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one."*

The vast majority of Christians in the world today attend churches that teach the Amillennial viewpoint about the end times — a view that says Jesus will never return to this earth to reign over all the nations in the world. Instead, He will just appear in the heavens and take all believers back to Heaven with Him. But this passage specifically prophesies that the Messiah will return to the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem and will become King over all the earth. The book of Revelation says the same thing in chapter 20 and states six times that the reign will last a thousand years.

### **12 The Messiah's Eternal Reign**

**Revelation 21:1-4** — *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away . . . And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.'"*

Believers will live eternally in new bodies in a new Jerusalem located on a new earth. The curse will be abolished. All pain, suffering and death will cease to exist. And God the Father and His Son, the Messiah Jesus, will come to earth and live in our presence. **Hallelujah!** ✦

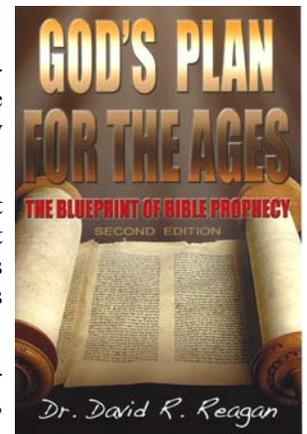
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# What is Jesus Looking Forward To?

Col. Tim Moore

Can you remember anticipating Christmas as a child? I remember looking forward to all the joys of the season with eager expectation. On Christmas Eve my brother and I could hardly sleep.

I still am one to look forward to the next family gathering or special occasion. I get excited anticipating future blessings — although I've learned better how to appreciate the moment I'm in too. You may also be looking forward to significant life events, like the birth or marriage of a child or grandchild, a new job, a move or a getaway vacation. But have you ever wondered what Jesus is looking forward to?

We know that He has eternal fellowship with God the Father and the Holy Spirit and is in need of nothing. Yet, I am convinced that He is eagerly anticipating an event that will soon come to pass.

## The Jewish Wedding

When Jesus was on earth, He frequently taught using parables. Sometimes it was to mask certain revealed truth from those without spiritual discernment (Matthew 13:13). Other times, the parable itself was meant to convey deeper truth with even greater clarity. Jesus spoke in the language of the people He interacted with and used examples from their own life experiences.

To the fishermen of Galilee, He called them to be fishers of men. To the people who understood how grain would be sown on the hills of northern Israel, he talked about scattering seed on various kinds of ground. But when it came to a description of the end-times, He chose to reference a Jewish wedding to teach important truths (Matthew 25:1-13).

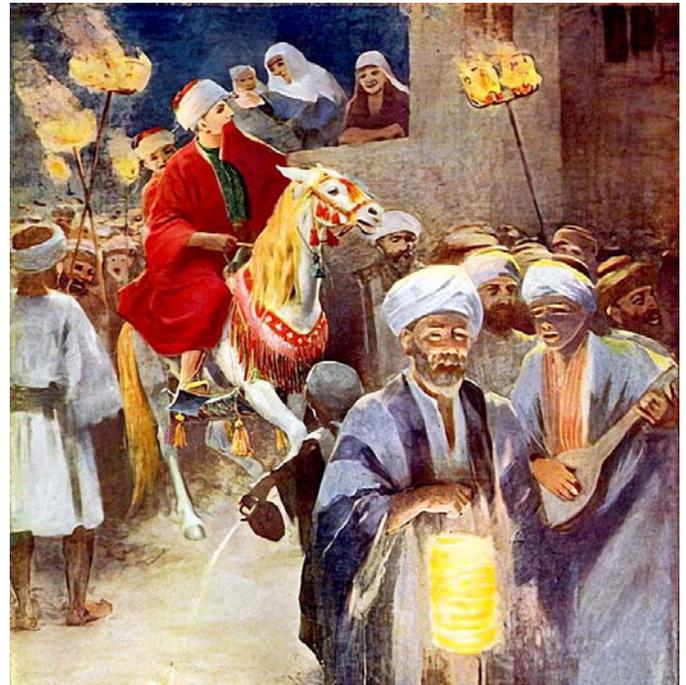
Throughout Israel, but in Galilee in particular, a wedding was a singularly important event. A man would select a young woman to propose a covenant of marriage. She was under no compulsion and could accept or deny that proposal. If she accepted, she would drink from a cup of wine offered by the betrothed bridegroom. This action on her part sealed the marriage covenant, but the marriage had to await consummation.

The groom would return to his father's house to begin enlarging the structure to accommodate his new bride and their eventual family. The bride would return to her own home to await the day when she would be gathered to the groom — being careful to maintain her purity and her preparedness. Joseph and Mary were in this stage when Mary was found to be with child, which is why her unexpected pregnancy would have been so scandalous.

As eager as the two young people would have been to be together, they had no control over the timing of their eventual unity. The groom's father was the sole decider authorized to declare the time was right. That could have been based on the son's progress in making preparations, his discernment that

separation would make the hearts grow fonder or any number of considerations. But at a moment determined by him alone, the father would tell the son, "Go and get your bride."

## The Bridegroom Cometh



**"Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh" by The English painter, James Clark (1858-1943). (Public Domain)**

The son would blow a shofar — alerting the entire town (and his bride) that he was on his way to collect her. His groomsmen would accompany him, and the bride would eagerly await his arrival. When the groom finally arrived at the bride's home, she would be swept away — literally carried aloft by the groomsmen back to the groom's home and the place he had prepared for her. This was called "flying the bride."

Of course, the attendants and family and friends would be welcomed into the groom's home to celebrate in a marvelous wedding feast. And, the bride and groom — who had loved and longed for each other for many weeks or months — would finally consummate their marriage.

Jesus knew that His listeners would understand the inherent joy in a Jewish wedding. Every man who had been a groom and every woman who had been a bride recognized the significance of that joyous moment. And every young maiden who had served as another bride's attendant discerned the importance of being ready to join the procession.

Teachers of Bible prophecy have long recognized the symbolism in Jesus' reference to the Jewish wedding in His teachings. He is the Bridegroom who has proposed a covenant relationship. His bride is the Church — those who have accepted His proposal and are betrothed to Him. From the moment that covenant is made, our Groom is committed to us — and we are set apart (made holy) for Him by Him (Revelation 19:7-8). But, just like a Jewish groom, Jesus has returned to His Father's house to prepare a place for us (John 14:1-4).

At some point in human history, God the Father will say to the Son, "Go, and get your Bride." When He does, Jesus will not

tarry any longer. He will gather the angels of Heaven as His attendants and emerge from Heaven to collect His Bride. The dead in Christ (Church-Age saints who have already passed) will rise from the grave to meet Him in the air. And then we who are alive will also be caught up — changed in the twinkling of an eye — to join them. All who are in the Church will fly away to the Father’s house to be unified with Christ. As the Bible says, “and so we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4: 6-17).

After a period of judgment of our works to determine special rewards, we will celebrate the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, rejoicing over our union with our Bridegroom. Meanwhile, those left behind on earth will find that lawlessness multiplies exponentially during the Tribulation after the Church is removed.

### A God’s Eye View

Ever since becoming a pilot, I’ve marveled at the way your perspective changes when you leave the surface of the earth. We live largely two-dimensional lives, moving to and fro and left and right throughout the day. We orient by cardinal directions on the compass — north, south, east and west. As a result, our field of view is inherently limited.

But when you soar in the air, you’re able to see much farther than you ever could on the ground. Whereas a motorist may not know that around the next bend a traffic jam awaits, a pilot can see the highway for many miles in both directions. Pilots call this elevated and enhanced perspective a “bird’s eye view” or a “God’s eye view.” No disrespect is meant; to the contrary, it is an affirmation that only God alone can see with absolute clarity beyond every horizon that limits our human vision.

With that in mind, it is appropriate to consider at times the flow of events surrounding the end-times from the Lord’s perspective. So again, relative to the Rapture, what is Jesus looking forward to?

Most of us look at the Rapture from the perspective of the Bride. That is a fitting viewpoint, because those of us who have really put our faith in Jesus are in the Church that is the Bride of Christ. We can reflect on all the promises made to us and look forward to the arrival of our Bridegroom — something Scripture actually commands us to do.

But Jesus is the Bridegroom. And, although He is seated at the right hand of God the Father and has need of nothing to be complete in His perfection, I believe that He is eager to collect His Bride. He is patiently submissive to the Father but like any earthly groom, He is filled with anticipation as He waits. He knows the joys that await His Bride and is eager to welcome her to the place He has prepared. He is excited about the marriage feast where the marriage covenant will be celebrated. And, He simply longs to be united with those who are His forevermore.

### How About You?

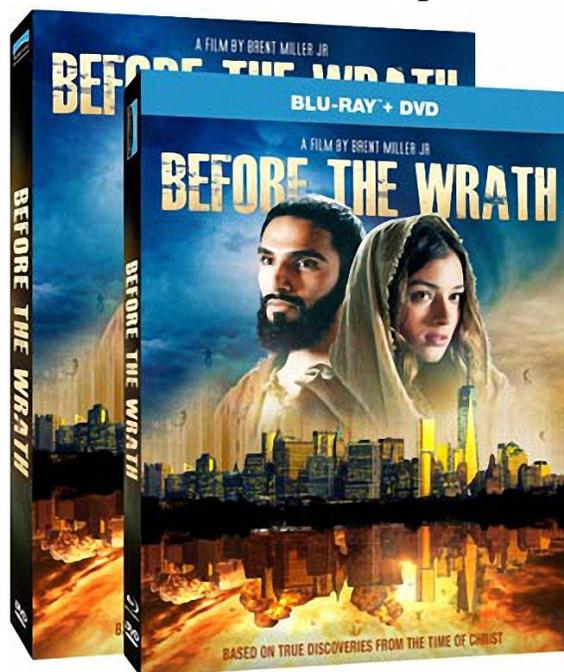
If you can accept that Jesus is excited about collecting His Bride and awaits His Father’s command with eager anticipation, my only question is this: Are you? Are you excited about being with Jesus? Do you eagerly await the trumpet that will announce His approach? Are you joyfully serious about maintaining your purity, preparing yourself and staying alert and ready to be with Him?

I pray that you are. I also hope that if you’ve realized the joy that awaits us as believers, you’ll share that good news with others. It’s been said that every bride glows with inner beauty as her wedding day approaches. The joyous anticipation radiates out of her for all to see.

As we await our glorious Bridegroom, let’s capture that sense of anticipation and joy. May our love for Jesus fill our hearts to overflowing and radiate out of us every hour of every day. We have this promise: Soon and very soon, the Father will say to the Son, “Go and get your bride.”

*Godspeed!* ✨

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## Secularism

# Are You Smarter Than Jesus?

**Dennis Pollock**

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There was a day in our nation's history when even the non-Christians at least showed respect for Christianity. They honored the Bible as a holy book, recognized Jesus as the greatest Person who ever walked on our earth, and although they might not serve Him, they would not dare to speak against Him or His teachings. Today our nation sometimes ignores Christianity (if we stay out of their way), but at other times deliberately mocks our beliefs and indirectly our Savior.

Part of the problem is our relative size. I doubt that true Evangelical Christians have ever held a majority of the population in the U. S., but as percentages go, we are far smaller than at probably any other time in our history. Not only that, but those who do not follow Jesus are quicker to disagree with many of the precepts of the Bible. They mock the idea of sexual purity, they scoff at the notion of Heaven and Hell, and they laugh at the concept of Jesus returning to take His people to Himself.

The collective attitude of Americans to the truths of Scriptures seems to be:

We have moved on. Perhaps our grandparents believed these things, but we are more enlightened now. They were primitive and superstitious; we are sophisticated and enlightened. We have grown up. Don't preach to us about an outdated morality; don't try to motivate us with thoughts of some rosy afterlife in a golden city or visions of a place of torment and punishment for bad people.

We have gone beyond that today. And never suggest that we must curb our sexual appetites or insist that we limit our sexuality to a marriage commitment between a man and a woman.

In their minds, we Evangelical Christians are on the wrong side of history. We are ancient relics clinging to a worldview that all intelligent, right-thinking people have rejected.

### **Rejecting the Scriptures**

Modern secular Americans have, for the most part, dismissed the Bible. If we Evangelicals attempt to defend our moral positions through the writings of the Scriptures, their response is to declare emphatically that the Bible cannot be trusted. To them,

it is an outdated book written by primitive, uneducated people. The fact that we Evangelicals still cling to it in this modern age is but one more proof that we are out of touch, stupid and simple-minded. They, the secular skeptics, are the wise ones, the tolerant ones and the progressive ones.

Very few of these secular "enlightened ones" will dare to speak against Jesus Christ. Although they have no use for Him in their own lives, they know that the backlash would be tremendous. So, for the most part, they leave Jesus alone and confine their mocking to Christians, the Church and the Bible.

What they fail to realize is that by mocking and disparaging Scriptural truths, they are heaping scorn upon Jesus Himself. And, conversely, the reason that we Evangelicals love the Bible so much is that we love, respect and honor Jesus. But the Jesus we love so passionately is not just any Jesus. He is not the Jesus of the New Agers; He is not merely the prophet that the Muslims refer to, nor is He simply the "wise teacher" as so many non-Christians title Him.

The Jesus we love, worship and devote our lives to is the Jesus we find in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. He is God's "only begotten Son." He is the "Alpha and the Omega" of the Book of Revelation. He is the One who walked on water, who raised dead people, cast out demons, healed lepers and shut the mouths of the proud Pharisees. He is the Messiah — the One for whom the Jews looked and referred to as "the Son of David." And He is the Lamb of God, who died on the Cross for the sins of the world and rose from the dead on the third day.



**The goal of Secularists**

And it is precisely this Jesus who emphasized the values, convictions, moral code and worldview that we Christ-followers cling to in spite of the dizzying pace at which the world around us is departing from them. Jesus did not simply come to earth, carry sheep around His neck, pray blessings over babies and tell us to love each other.

In His short 33 years on this earth, He had a lot to say about life, about right and wrong, and He laid down a moral code that He fully expected His followers to embrace. And when we look at what Jesus taught, preached and believed, we find that these

are the same things that Evangelicals of every generation have always taught, preached and believed.

### What Jesus Believed

Jesus believed in Heaven and Hell and had a lot to say about both. Sadly, even many pastors today, especially those in the more liberal churches, are virtually silent, not only about Hell, which we might expect, but even about Heaven. They consider Hell abhorrent, and probably a myth, and they believe that Heaven, although a nice subject to mention in a funeral sermon, is mostly irrelevant until it becomes clear that in a very short time you may go there.

So, rather than hear sermons about Heaven and Hell today, you mostly hear “The Five Principles of Happy Families” or “The Twelve Steps to Freedom from Addictions” or “The Seven Keys to Financial Success.” There is certainly nothing wrong with happy families, freedom from addiction and financial success, but you would think that somewhere in their preaching they might make a little room for the subject of where we are headed after we take our last breath.



Either Jesus is the Son of God; or a madman or worse. But His being just a great teacher? He's not left that open to us.

*C. S. Lewis*

Jesus taught that sexual immorality is wrong. In His day, all sex outside of the marriage covenant was known by the name “fornication.” Jesus made it clear that the sins that defile us come from the heart, and then, just to make sure that we understand what He was talking about, He lists them, saying: “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man...” (Matthew 15:19,20).

No matter how far our world drifts from the idea that sex outside of marriage is a sin, Jesus' words never change. He said those words 2,000 years ago, and they still read the same today as they did then. And one reason we Evangelicals seem so out of touch with our society is that we believe Jesus is a far better authority on morality and expert on what displeases God than Hollywood, the American media or left-wing politicians.

Jesus taught that He was exclusive, saying, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Celebrities, talk show hosts and famous people are constantly spouting the mantra: “There are many paths to God,” or “We each have to find our own way to God,” or “We all must discover our own truth.”

But according to Jesus Christ — you know, the One who walked on water and raised dead people — there are not thousands or hundreds or dozens or even a few ways to God. There

is exactly one way, and Jesus Christ, the One born in Bethlehem, the One that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote about, tells us with authority that He is that Way!

Today, this is not popular. It is considered intolerant, bigoted and definitely not cool. But Jesus never pretended to be cool. He, whom John called “The Word” who was both with God and was God from the beginning, tells us that He is the Truth. We cannot search for “our own truth.” We must fully embrace Him as our Truth.

### What Shall We Say?

Anyone who reads through even one of the gospel accounts would find that these were indeed the attitudes, teachings, and beliefs of Jesus. Once you see this, you have only a few choices in dealing with these things. First, you could say that Jesus was deluded and was a megalomaniac who had mental illness and a messiah complex. But almost nobody has the courage to say that.

Second, you could suggest that Jesus didn't really say these things. These words were put in His mouth by his overzealous, primitive, bigoted followers many years after He lived. In this

view, Jesus was a simply nice guy and good moral teacher, but His disciples spoiled everything by turning Him into something He never claimed, as they wrote His story. And some people today hold to this opinion. Or you could argue that Jesus was merely a man of His times and was just as unenlightened as everybody else in those days. Today we know better; we are more sophisticated, and there is no need to cling to Jesus' literal words and teachings.

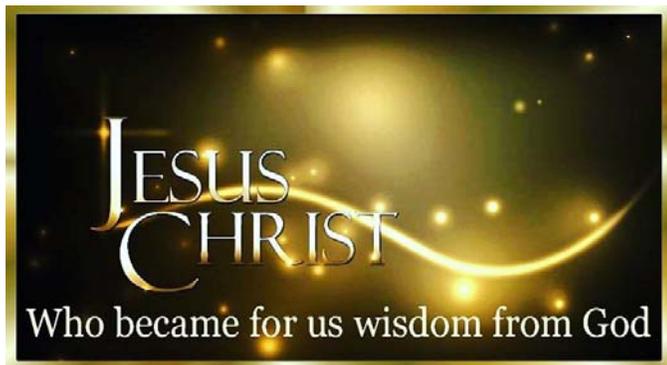
But there is one other option, and that is to do what Evangelicals have always done, which is to embrace Jesus as Lord and God, and fully accept His teachings, values and morality. This sets us apart from most people in our world.

We who follow Jesus do not have the luxury of coming up with our own personalized morality, or creating our own “truth,” or basing our beliefs and values upon whichever direction the current winds are blowing. We will “hunker down” on the words and theology of Jesus, just as men and women did in the days of my parents, and in the days of George Washington, and in the days of Martin Luther and the Apostle Paul.

For those who protest that Heaven is a myth, Hell is a superstition, there are no boundaries for sexual expression and there are a multitude of ways, religions and practices through which to experience God, they are, in truth, declaring that they are smarter, wiser, and more enlightened than Jesus Christ.

In many of their minds Jesus was a simple Jewish peasant who grew up in a fishing community, but they have the benefit of a far superior education and knowledge base. Jesus was obviously backward in His thinking. He had no Internet like we have today. He never carried a cell phone, never did research through Google, never had access to the vast amount of information available to us today, never read the works of the great philosophers and never watched CNN. We should therefore not expect too much of Him; the poor guy did the best He could with the limited resources He had!

### Are You Above Jesus?



(<https://twitter.com/winnersgrace>)

Really? Are you smarter than Jesus? Are you a better source of knowledge about life and death, about God and Man, about Heaven and Hell, about all the important and eternal truths of life than Jesus was? How many lepers have you ever healed through the touch of your hands? How many billions of followers do you have, who would lay down their lives for you? How many storms have you commanded to be still, and they obeyed you? To how many blind people have you given sight? Were you with the Father, co-creating the world in its beginning, as Jesus was?

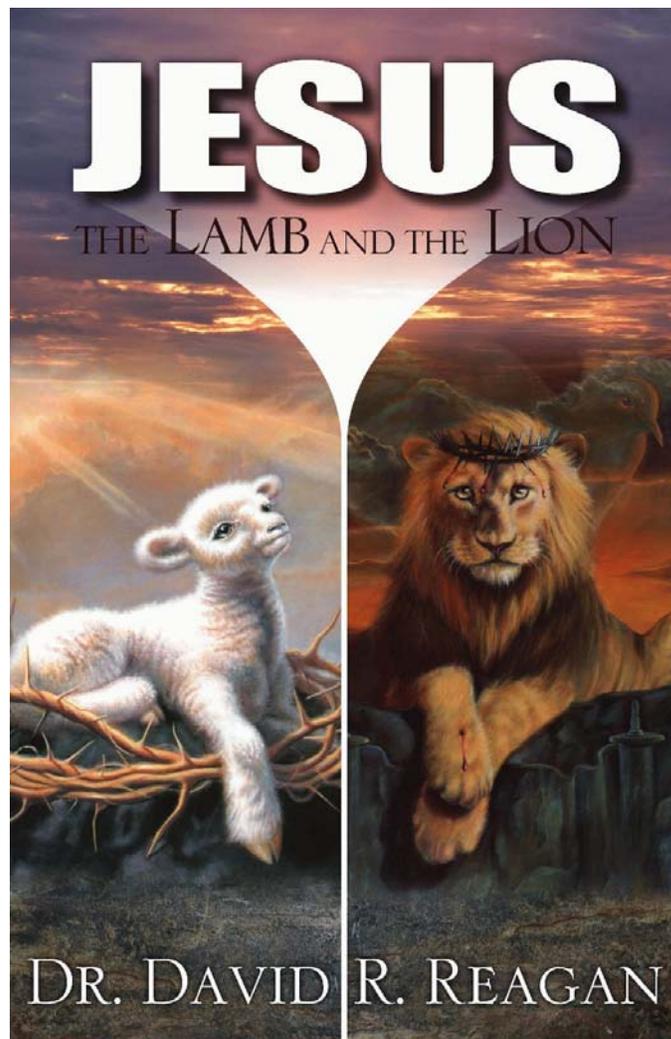
The key to entrance into eternal life is faith in Jesus. The Bible says, "By grace are you saved, through faith..." (Ephesians 2:8). But there is a certain attribute that makes that faith possible, and that is humility.

Jesus called a child to Himself and told His disciples: "Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it" (Mark 10:15). Small children have not yet learned much about pride; they have almost no self-consciousness. But as adults we are proud. We are cool, we are clever, we are sophisticated. Don't tell us to become one of these simple-minded Evangelicals. We are so far beyond that!

But that is precisely what we must become in order to live forever. We must come humbly to Jesus and acknowledge that He was right after all. We must receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, and receive His teachings, His morality, His exclusivity, His views about Heaven and Hell, and sexual immorality and all the rest of the things He taught. And we must trust His death on the Cross and His Resurrection as our passport to Heaven.

In a statement that rings across the ages, Jesus stated: "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me" (John 14:24). And this means that the words of Jesus that we read in our Bibles are the very words of God. We would be most foolish to ignore or despise them. ✚

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## The Gaslighting of America

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The term, gaslighting, originates in the systematic psychological manipulation of a victim by her husband in Patrick Hamilton's 1938 stage play, *Gas Light*, and the film adaptations released in 1940 and 1944.

In the story, the husband attempts to convince his wife and others that she is insane by manipulating small elements of their environment and insisting that she is mistaken, remembering things incorrectly, or delusional when she points out these changes. The play's title alludes to how the abusive husband slowly dims the gas lights in their home, while pretending nothing has changed, in an effort to make his wife doubt her own perceptions. The wife repeatedly asks her husband to confirm her perceptions about the dimming lights, but in defiance of reality, he keeps insisting that the lights are the same and instead it is she who is going insane.

We Americans are living in a perpetual state of gaslighting. The reality that we are being told by the media is at complete odds with what we are seeing with our own two eyes. And when we question the false reality that we are being presented, or we claim that what we see is that actual reality, we are vilified as racist or bigots or just plain crazy. You're not racist. You're not crazy. You're being gaslighted.

New York State has twice as many deaths from Covid-19 than any other state, and New York has accounted for one fifth of all Covid-19 deaths, but we are told that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has handled the pandemic better than any other governor. But if we support policies of Governors whose states had only a fraction of the infections and deaths as New York, we're called anti-science and want people to die. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

We see mobs of people looting stores, smashing windows, setting cars on fire and burning down buildings, and we are told that these demonstrations are peaceful protests. When we insist this destruction is lawlessness, we are called racists. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

We see the major problem destroying many inner-cities is crime — murder, gang violence, drug dealing, drive-by shootings and armed robbery. But we are told that the problem is not crime. Rather, it is the police that are the problem in the inner-cities. We are told we must therefore defund the police and remove law enforcement from crime-riddled cities to make them safer. And if we advocate for more policing in cities overrun by crime, we are accused of being white supremacists and racists. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

The United States of America accepts more immigrants than any other country in the world. The vast majority of the immigrants are "people of color," and these immigrants are enjoying freedom and economic opportunity not available to them in their country of origin. But we are told that the United States is the most racist and oppressive country on the planet, and if we disagree, we are called racist and xenophobic. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

Capitalist countries are the most prosperous countries in the world. The standard of living is the highest in capitalist countries. We see more poor people move up the economic ladder to the middle and even the wealthy class through their effort and ability in capitalist countries than any other economic system in the world. But we are told Capitalism is an oppressive system designed to keep people down. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

Communist governments killed over 100 million people in the 20th century. Communist countries strip their citizens of basic human rights, dictate every aspect of their lives, treat their citizens like slaves and drive their economies into the ground.

But we are told that Communism is the fairest, most equitable, freest and most prosperous economic system in the world. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

The most egregious example of gaslighting is the concept of "white fragility." You spend your life trying to be a good person, trying to treat people fairly and with respect. You disavow racism and bigotry in all its forms. You judge people solely on the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. You don't discriminate based on race or ethnicity. But you are told you are a racist, not because of something you did or said, but solely because of the color of your skin. You know instinctively that charging someone with racism because of their skin color is itself racist. You know that you are not racist, so you defend yourself and your character, but you are told that your defense of yourself is proof of your racism. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy? No, you're being gaslighted.

Gaslighting has become one of the most pervasive and destructive tactics in American politics. It is the exact opposite of what our political system was meant to be. It deals in lies and psychological coercion, and not the truth and intellectual discourse. If you ever ask yourself if you're crazy, you are not. Crazy people aren't sane enough to ask themselves if they're crazy. So, trust your perceptions and believe what's in your heart. Trust your eyes over what you are told. Never listen to the people who tell you that you are crazy, because you are not, you're being gaslighted.

Sophocles said: "What people believe prevails over the truth." And that's what the media are trying to exploit.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but [wanting] to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4). ❖

## The Most Dangerous Place for Babies to Be

Mike Gendron

A mother's womb has become the most dangerous place for many babies to be. Since the tragic decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 that deviously framed the right to abortion, over 62 million babies have been destroyed in their mothers' womb. The abortion statistics are painfully alarming. In some parts of our country, one out of every three pregnancies have ended in abortion.

Today, it is legal for a baby to be killed at the choice of its mother any time during the nine months of pregnancy. How hypocritical is it for "pro-choice" advocates to never give unborn babies their choice to say "no" to terminating their lives? This horrific force of violence unleashed against defenseless infants has made other holocausts look mild by comparison.

### How Can Anyone Support the Killing of Defenseless Babies?

Our nation continues to murder whole generations of humans in mass abortions. A staggering 25 percent of women have had an abortion, and 47 percent of abortions are repeats. How did we ever get here as a God-fearing nation?

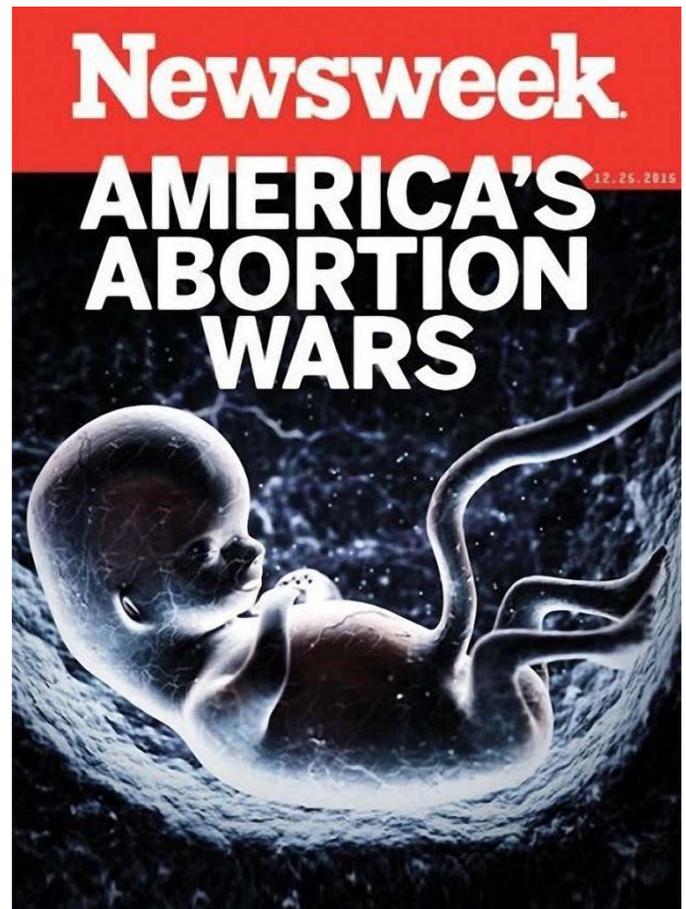
A mother's womb should be the safest place for babies to live until they are born. How can anyone, especially Christians, not be outraged over the slaughter of infants? How can anyone support a woman's "right" to have their babies dismembered, chemically burned, or sucked out of their womb?

Nothing depicts the depraved and degenerate character of a person as the one who intentionally supports the horrific torture and killing of defenseless babies. Those who support such wickedness, or vote for people who do, are carrying out the agenda of our Lord's adversary, who came to lie, steal, kill and destroy. Satan has been a murderer from the beginning, and he has perpetuated the lie that personhood does not start at conception. We must do what we can to awaken the heart of America, which has grown stone-cold to the ongoing genocide of precious babies made in the image of God.

### Our Sovereign Lord Hears Our Prayers

Have our hearts grown so cold that we ignore the plight of the unborn? Does our lack of fervent prayers indicate that we have given up hope that God will ever put an end to the brutality of abortion in our nation?

Have we forgotten how our sovereign Lord answered the prayers of the faithful when He providentially shut down the most prolific abortion mills in America, located in Bryan, TX? The Planned Parenthood abortion facility, where a reported 6,400 abortions took place, closed in August 2013. There were more prayers answered a year later when Hope Pregnancy Center, a pro-life organization, purchased the facility to provide women with life-affirming alternatives to abortion and educate them on God's plan for sex and marriage.



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Clearly, we serve an awesome God who hears our prayers! He is also a merciful God who forgives anyone who will come to Him with repentance and godly sorrow for participating in the sin of abortion (2 Corinthians 7:10).

### Personhood Begins at Conception

We know from Scripture that an immortal soul is created at the moment of conception and that "personhood" is determined by the presence of that soul. At conception, a baby's gender has been determined along with its genetic makeup. King David affirmed that his life began at conception when he wrote: "You [God] formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13).

God's Word makes no distinction between the life of a child in the womb and a child outside the womb (Luke 1:41, 2:12). This means that killing a baby in the womb or killing a person outside the womb carries the same punishment (Exodus 21:22-25). Let us never forget that every child is a precious gift from God, who is our Creator (Psalm 127:3). "For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible...all things have been created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16).

### Our Government's Divine Mandate

Our sovereign Lord expects civil government to punish those who practice evil (Romans 13:4). There is nothing more evil than destroying the innocent life of a defenseless baby. Those who commit murder are to be punished (Romans 13:9). Willful murder should be punished with death. "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of

God He made man” (Genesis 9:6). Government should be a “cause of fear” to those who practice the heinous crime of abortion (Romans 13:3).

However, by not carrying out its divinely-ordained mandate, our government is allowing a great multitude of defenseless unborn children to have their right to life unmercifully terminated. During the first six months that we experienced the national tragedy of 200,000 deaths due to Covid-related illnesses, we also experienced the tragedy of over 600,000 deaths by abortion. Our government has done everything it can to stop one tragedy, while allowing the other to continue. Isn’t this hypocritical?

### A Most Critical and Consequential Election

The recent presidential candidates and their respective party platforms were the most polarized in recent history. On key issues related to moral law and God’s Word, they were diametrically opposed to one another . . . Joe Biden has advocated codifying Roe v. Wade into federal law and promises to appoint pro-abortion justices to the Supreme Court.

In spite of being a practicing Catholic, he remains a zealous supporter of the killing of pre-born children, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms to be “gravely contrary to the moral law” and an “abominable crime.” A 30-second ad released by *CatholicVote* featured Sister Dede Byrne, who spoke at the RNC, saying, “Biden-Harris, are the most anti-life presidential ticket ever.” In direct opposition to the Democrats, the Trump-Pence ticket may have been the most pro-life presidential ticket ever!

### Christians Have a Moral Duty

Christians have a moral duty to make righteous choices in supporting the pro-life movement through prayer, legislative measures and voting. God hates the hands that shed innocent blood; they are an abomination to Him (Proverbs 6:16-17).

For that reason alone, voting for the sanctity of life should be non-negotiable. Yet 77% of Catholics, who claim to be Christians, are pro-abortion!

It is inconceivable that a Christian could vote for a political party whose ungodly platform allows for the murder of babies. How can we not be moved to tears and to action for the sanctity of life? Let us pray faithfully for our sovereign Lord to put an end to abortion! God’s Word says, “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live and your descendants” (Deuteronomy 30:19). ❖

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Mike Gendron

## Where Do All the Precious Go?

Shaun Kelley of La Habra, California



Sixty million lives denied,  
God’s miracles that never cried.  
Lord, fragile flowers that never bloomed,  
Now these blossoms decorate Your throne room.

A mother’s womb, such tenderness,  
God’s nursery, His haven for innocence.  
Warm and nourishing, He designed it so,  
Lord, where do all the precious go?

Delicate, distinct and unique,  
Each tiny one a creative masterpiece.  
Never given life’s privileges like me and you,  
Now these babies all play in God’s throne room.

Another Spurgeon? An Einstein? Maybe Billy Graham?  
Only God Almighty knows.  
Now Hippocrates has murderous hands,  
And innocent blood has soaked his oath!

“Pro-Choice,” oh what a chilling lie,  
The “killing floor” where babies die.  
Bright shining candles snuffed in the womb,  
Now all their flames burn bright in God’s throne room.

Even still, there’s mercy to those who toil  
In this senseless holocaust.  
Lay down your knives and your blood-stained lives,  
And He’ll wash you at the Cross!

Jesus loves the little children,  
All these flowers crushed before they bloomed.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
Now in His presence they all thrive.  
A royal garden, full of life, in His throne room.

Where do all the precious go —  
This slaughter of the innocent?  
They go to Him, who loves them so,  
Forever in His embrace.

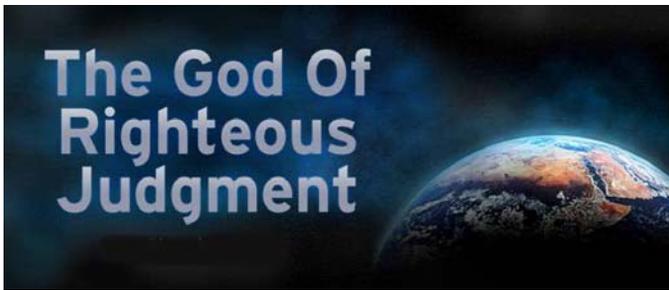
Sixty million lives denied.  
Now they’re all gathered to His side.  
Tender fruit plucked early from the womb,  
Now their praise and laughter fills His throne room! ❖

# The Judgment of God

Dr. David R. Reagan

Two of the most ignored subjects in pulpits today are the wrath of God and the judgment of God. I guess most pastors have decided these are topics people do not want to hear, and they are certainly correct. But that is no excuse for avoiding them.

I have written extensively about the wrath of God. You can find a detailed exposition on our website at <https://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-wrath-of-god>. In this article I explain that although our Creator is a God of love, grace and mercy, He is also a God of justice, righteousness and holiness. As such, He must deal with sin, and He does that in both wrath and judgment. I also explain in the article that there are five types of God's wrath: Consequential, Cataclysmic, Abandonment, Eschatological and Eternal.



## The Inevitability of Judgment

King Solomon's book of Ecclesiastes ends with these words in chapter 12:

13) The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.

14) For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Judgment for all of us is inevitable. For those who reject Jesus as their Lord and Savior, their judgment will take place at the end of the Millennium when they will be resurrected and judged of their works to determine their eternal destiny. And since no one can be saved by works, all of them will be consigned to Hell.

For those of us who have accepted Jesus as our Savior, we will be judged by Him as to how we used our spiritual gifts to advance His kingdom here on earth — not to determine our eternal destiny, but to determine our degrees of rewards. You can find a wonderful article about heavenly rewards on our website by Pastor Glenn Meredith ( <https://christinprophecy.org/articles/heavenly-rewards>).

I want to emphasize that those of us who have been born again through faith in Jesus will never be judged of our sins. That's because Jesus took that judgment for us as He hung on the Cross. Thus, we are told in Hebrews 9:28 that because Jesus died for our sins, when He appears a second time, it will be "without

reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him." That's what I call a "Hallelujah verse."

The Bible says that for believers, God has removed our transgressions from us as far as east is from west (Psalm 103:12). In Jeremiah 31:34, God says He will remember our sins no more. Micah 7:19 declares that God will cast our sins in the depths of the sea. And, as Corrie ten Boom used to say, "He has put a sign there that says, 'No Fishing!'"

## Judgment in the Scriptures



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I was recently reading one of Ron Rhodes' excellent books titled, *New Babylon Rising*. In it, I ran across a series of quotations about judgment that I would like to share with you.

Theologian Paul Enns has noted that "because God is holy, He must judge all that is unholy or He would no longer be holy. Judgment is a necessary expression of God's own character."

Another theologian, Henry C. Thiessen, comments that "the whole philosophy of the future judgments rests upon the sovereign right of God to punish disobedience." He then provides a great biblical summary regarding God's prerogative to judge humankind:

In Genesis, Abraham recognized God as the judge of all the earth (18:25), and Hannah said that "the LORD will judge the ends of the earth" (1 Sam. 2:10). David spoke of the Lord "coming to judge the earth" (1 Chron. 16:33), and he said that He had established His throne for judgment" (Psalm. 9:7).

In the New Testament, this fact is more frequently asserted. Jesus said, "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds" (Matt. 16:27). At Athens, Paul declared that God had "fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed" (Acts 17:31) . . . The writer to the Hebrews says that after death comes the judgment (9:27). It was John who "saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne" to be judged (Rev. 20:12). God has given assurance of the fact of judgment by raising Christ, the judge, from the dead (Acts 17:31).

Are you ready to face the inevitable judgment of God? If not, then repent of your sins and place your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. It is only then that you can be confident that God has forgiven and forgotten yours sins — past, present and future. Hallelujah! ✚

## Salvation

# “Jesus Died for Your Sins” What does this mean?

**Dr. David R. Reagan**

I was born into a Christian family and grew up going to church. And over and over and over again, I heard the statement proclaimed from the pulpit that “Jesus died for your sins.”

I had no idea what that meant, nor did I understand similar statements like, “You are saved by the blood of Jesus” or “Jesus paid it all.” But I trusted my Bible teachers and preachers, so when I was 11 years old in May of 1950, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior and was baptized. I figured I didn’t need to understand these statements any more than I needed to understand why a light came on when I flipped a switch.

When I was in my late teens, I started asking questions about the meaning of these statements, and the best explanation I received was that being saved by Jesus was like being condemned to death for committing a murder and then having a friend step up to the judge and volunteer to take my sentence in my behalf. That explanation helped, but I later discovered that it needed to go deeper than that.

So, let me attempt to put it in simple, understandable, biblical terms.

### **The Fundamental Truths**

The Bible says that all of us are sinners. Of course, we know that, but without the Word of God to confront us with the reality, we can always manage to deal with our sins by explaining them away with excuses or by blaming them on others.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

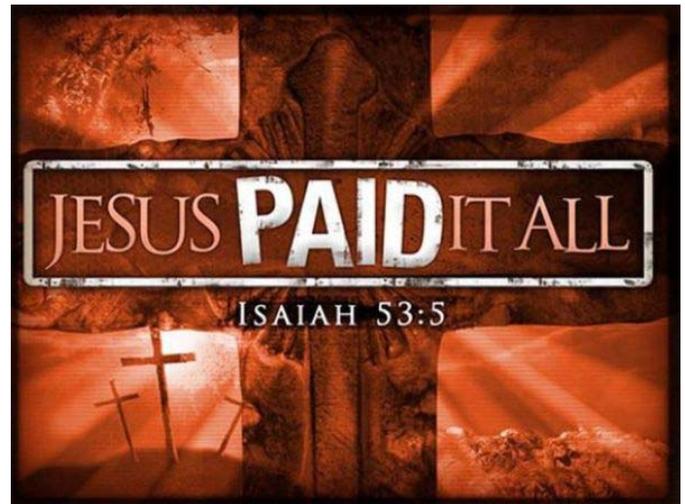
If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8).

The second fundamental truth we need to recognize regarding sin is that it produces death. We die because we are sinners. The Bible puts it in colorful language: “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).

### **Salvation Before the Cross**

In Old Testament times, people dealt with their sins by putting their faith in God, which they manifested by offering animal sacrifices. Why sacrifices? Because the Bible teaches that the life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11) and “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Hebrews 9:22).

But the shedding of the blood of animals was insufficient to pay in full the penalty for our sins (Hebrews 9:12-14). These sacrifices only covered the sins. They did not result in complete forgiveness. That’s the reason that before the Cross, when believers died, their souls went to a compartment called Paradise, which was located in a place called Sheol (Hades in the New Testament). They could not go directly to Heaven and be in the presence of a Holy God until their sins had been completely forgiven. The souls of unbelievers also went to Sheol, but to a compartment called Torments (Luke 16:19-31).



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### **The Solution to Sin**

So, what was needed? A perfect man who never sinned. Only such a person who did not deserve to die could legitimately serve as a substitute for all of us who deserved death.

Jesus was that person. He lived a sinless life. This fact is affirmed many times in the Scriptures. For example, the Apostle Peter proclaimed, “He [Jesus] committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:22). The Apostle John made the same claim when he wrote, “. . . in Him [Jesus] there is no sin” (1 John 3:5). The author of the book of Hebrews stated that Jesus can “sympathize with our weaknesses” because He was “tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

So, Jesus was the only person who has ever lived who did not deserve to die because He never sinned. Thus, when He died, he did so voluntarily, taking upon Himself the sins — past, present and future — of all those who place their faith in Him.

### **Salvation Since the Cross**

We are told that after His death, Jesus descended into Hades and made a proclamation (1 Peter 3:18-19). We are not told what He proclaimed, but most likely, it was the declaration that “the blood has been shed.” That meant the sins of those in Paradise were no longer just covered. Rather, they were now completely forgiven. And thus, we are told in Ephesians 4:8-10 that when Jesus ascended into Heaven, He took those in Paradise with Him, and since that time, when believers die, their souls go directly to Heaven.

That’s why Roman 6:23 does not end with the statement that “The wages of sin is death.” The verse continues by declaring triumphantly, “but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” And that, my friends, is justification for shouting, “HALLELUJAH!”

He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Cor. 5:21). ❖

# The Top Ten Bible Prophecy Stories of 2020

Jan Markell

(Editor's note: Jan Markell is the founder and spokesperson for Olive Tree Ministries located in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area of Minnesota. Her weekly radio program, "Understanding the Times," is carried on more than 800 stations nationwide. She is featured in Dr. Reagan's book, *God's Prophetic Voices to America*. The website address of her ministry is <https://olivetreeviews.org>. This article appeared in the November 2020 issue of her newsletter.)



Jan Markell

## 1 The Decline of America.

There is really no end-time power in the Bible other than a Revived Roman Empire from which the Antichrist will headquarter. Thus, prophecy watchers have always known America must decline. This year we have watched Capitalism come under attack and Socialism and Globalism be heralded. Some progressive but deluded political leaders are even hailing Marxism, including many on the Biden team.

## 2 The Rise of Lawlessness.

The Spirit of the Antichrist, manifested by anarchy, is increasing. We see unbridled lawlessness in Matthew 24 and parts of Revelation, although the context of both is the Tribulation. So once again, we see Tribulation events casting a long shadow on the Church Age. Here in America, literally "all hell is breaking loose," and our Republic and rule of law are disintegrating right before our eyes! At the root of this is the spirit of the Antichrist.

## 3 Peace Efforts in the Middle East.

We can debate the practicality of these events and ask, "Should America and Europe even intrude on Israel with peace efforts?" Nonetheless, they are setting the stage for peace deals proposed by the Antichrist. They remind me of the haunting words in Jeremiah 6:14: "Saying peace, peace, when there is no peace."

## 4 Increasing Attacks on Christianity and Christians.

Thanks to Covid-19, churches and Christianity in general became gross inconveniences in 2020. Churches were either shut down or marginalized. Christians in America were harassed and even arrested for wishing to just practice their faith and meet for worship. Believers in the Mideast and Africa were slaughtered by the thousands. Jesus said a day was coming when we would be hated for His Name's sake (Matthew 10:22).

## 5 Growing Apostasy.

With wolves among the flock, sound biblical preaching is fading, resulting in a rise in the love for experience, emotion and unsound doctrine. There is even the love of the "doctrine of demons" (1 Timothy 4:1). The New Apostolic Reformation continues to surge. A new, but very false teaching in both churches and seminaries, is the Marxist Critical Race Theory. At the same time, Bible prophecy has vanished from most pulpits, as well as support for Israel.

## 6 Pre-Tribulation Birth Pangs.

The worst of the birth pangs are in the Tribulation, but we see a foreshadowing of these horrors now in the Church Age. Natural disasters are unprecedented globally. The destruction is heart-wrenching to watch and the suffering is unspeakable. This will increase to such a level in the Tribulation that what is happening now is minuscule in comparison. But the stage is again being set. All of the earth is groaning.

## 7 The Continued and Rapid Decline of the Culture.

Everywhere evil is being called good (Isaiah 5:20). Aberration is celebrated. Netflix seemed to honor pedophilia with its "Cuties" feature and film. California passed pro-pedophilia legislation, removing felony status for sex with minors. Today's character of mankind is outlined in Romans 1 and 2 Timothy 3 — and it's all predicted for a final generation. The Washington D.C. swamp is murkier than ever before!

## 8 The Rise of Strong Delusion.

So much delusion arose in 2020, it is incalculable. What thinking person wants all police abolished? Or thinks America is a racist nation? Or destroys the economy over a virus? Or its youth think the Holocaust is a myth? Second Thessalonians 2 suggests such a delusion is sent because there is no love of the truth. This will then cause people to fall for the lies of the Antichrist.

## 9 A Covid-19(84) Surveillance State.

Government intrusion and "contact tracing" abounded in 2020. People even had to "register" for church so they could be traced. The goal lines for easing government restrictions, lockdowns, quarantines and even face masks kept changing. Clearly, society is being prepped for the Antichrist and the New World Order. Around the world, people are being turned into mind-numbed robots. Many are cowering in fear.

## 10 The Longing for a Savior.

With the world in a meltdown mode, millions are looking for just one superhuman man to bring back peace and prosperity. He is waiting in the wings! Most have rejected Jesus Christ. They will cheer for a short season for the Antichrist.

*... because of your stubbornness and unpentant heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God . . . (Romans 2:5) ✚*

# The Center of the World

Dr. Adrian Rogers



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(Editor's note: This article is taken from the Bible prophecy devotional book, *A Closer Look at Prophecy*. The book contains an article about Bible prophecy for every day of the year. It was edited by Richard and Tina Kleiss, two of our Prophecy Partners who live in Ocala, Florida. They are the authors of many of the articles. Others are taken from the writings of 43 different Bible prophecy experts. Adrian Rogers (1931-2005), the author of this article, was the pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee from 1971 to 2005. He served three terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.)

*Thus says the Lord GOD, "This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her." Ezekiel 5:5*

This statement in Ezekiel declares Jerusalem to be the center of the nations. Ezekiel repeats this observation in Chapter 38, verse 12, where he declares Israel is "the center of the world."

In addition to being the geographic center, there are many other things of which Jerusalem is the center:

- Jerusalem is the *revelation center*. It is where God's Word came from through the hand of Moses, the prophets, the apostles and Christ.
- Jerusalem is the *spiritual center*. It is where Jesus Christ was crucified, buried and rose again. When Jesus returns, He will set His feet on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:4).
- Jerusalem is the *prophecy center*. If you want to see

where we are on the prophetic calendar, read and study what God is doing with the Jewish people, Israel and Jerusalem. (For example, see Luke 21:24.)

- Jerusalem is the *peace center*. God tells us that those who love Jerusalem will prosper: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may they prosper who love you" (Psalm 122:6). Although we know Christ will rule from Jerusalem in peace when He returns, a study of history will prove that when nations and peoples loved Israel/Jerusalem and helped her, they prospered. When they did not, they suffered God's wrath.
- Jerusalem will be the *glory center*. This will be the situation when the Lord returns to rule in glory and majesty over all the world from Jerusalem.

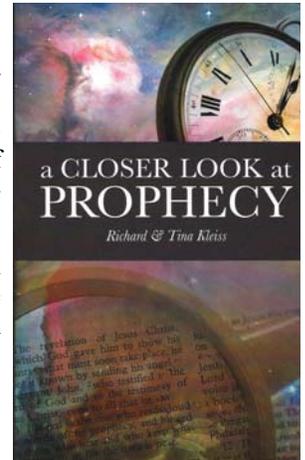
*Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed, for the LORD of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and His glory will be before His elders (Isaiah 24:23).*

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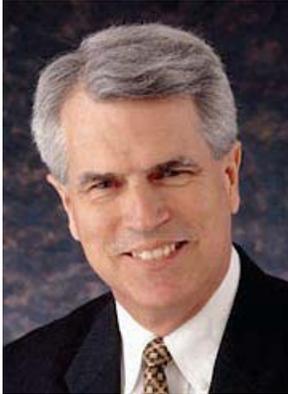
Dr. Reagan and Nathan Jones contributed many of the devotionals included in the book. The authors, Richard & Tina Kleiss, have produced several other devotional books centered around other topics. The book sells for \$15, including the cost of shipping. To order, call 972-736-3567 Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. ✚



Jerusalem as viewed from the top of the Mount of Olives, looking west. The Eastern Gate or Golden Gate can be seen in the center of the picture. To the left of the gate is the Muslim shrine called "The Dome of the Rock." It is located where the Millennial Temple will stand. In the foreground are the tombs of Orthodox Jews. Between the Mount of Olives and the Old City of Jerusalem is a gorge called the Kidron Valley.

# It's Time to Lift the Veil on George Soros

Dr. Frank Wright



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Anyone who throws stones at billionaire atheist George Soros can expect to be shunned or censored by his protectors in the media. Just ask top *Chicago Tribune* columnist John Kass or former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

## Media Censors

A veteran journalist, Kass blasted Soros for bankrolling the election of soft-on-crime prosecutors. His snowflake *Tribune* colleagues accused him of publishing an “odious anti-Semitic conspiracy

theory” and demanded an apology. But Kass refused to grovel, pointing out he was only repeating widely reported facts.

Gingrich charged on Fox that the “number one problem” behind riots and looting in big cities is “George-Soros-elected Left-wing, anti-police, pro-criminal district attorneys.” That triggered a Fox host who interjected, “I’m not sure we need to bring George Soros into this.” “Okay, so it’s verboten?” asked a surprised Gingrich. Five painful seconds of silence followed.

## Bringing Chaos to American Cities

Despite media censors, the truth is that George Soros is bringing chaos to American cities. He’s using his millions to purchase district attorneys who refuse to prosecute low-level crimes and practice revolving-door-justice — releasing offenders back into the community with no-cash bail and lenient sentences.

In 2017, the Hungarian-born hedge-fund mogul spent \$1.7 million to elect social justice warrior Larry Krasner as Philadelphia’s district attorney. Krasner smiled on election night as supporters chanted, “No good cops in a racist system!” and “f—the FOP!” (the Fraternal Order of Police).

Crime has since soared in Philadelphia. U.S. District Attorney William McSwain hammered Krasner recently for creating a “culture of lawlessness.” McSwain charged that “the staggering homicide and shooting rates in Philadelphia are proof that the district attorney’s radical experiment has failed.”

In Los Angeles, during the 2020 elections, Soros waged war on law and order by giving \$1.5 million, to make George Gascon LA’s next district attorney [he was elected]. As San Francisco DA, Gascon helped make his city a haven for the homeless and increasingly unlivable. He refused to prosecute camping on city sidewalks, public urination, soliciting sex and other crimes.

And in violence-riddled Chicago, Soros spent \$2 million in 2020 to help keep State’s Attorney Kim Foxx in office. Under her watch, violent crime in Chicago was way up, with 290 murders and 1,480 shootings in the first seven months of 2020.

But funding progressive prosecutors is just the tip of the Soros iceberg. The 90-year-old radical is spending billions on a laundry list of liberal causes including abortion, LGBT activism, open borders, euthanasia, legalization of prostitution and drugs, criminal justice “reform,” gun control, defunding police, climate alarmism, erosion of U.S. support for Israel, and more.

Soros funnels his largesse through his Open Society Foundations which spends \$1 billion annually and is active in 120 nations. Every year, OSF brags, it gives “thousands of grants to groups and individuals who promote our values.”

In 2018 alone, Soros poured \$708 million into American politics, according to Capital Research Center president Scott Walter. The money, Walter writes, “went into politicized groups like Planned Parenthood, to fight for abortion; the Brennan Center, to tear down voter ID laws; and to all-purpose left-of-center powerhouses like the ACLU and John Podesta’s Center for American Progress.”

By comparison, Walter notes, the total combined revenue in 2017 and 2018 of the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee was \$502 million.

## Targeting Trump

Soros targeted his arch-nemesis, Donald Trump, for defeat in November, spending millions to elect Joe Biden and other Democrats. Soros railed at Trump, calling him a “would-be dictator,” “con man and the ultimate narcissist.” The “fate of the world” Soros insisted, hinged on the defeat of Trump, whom Soros likened to brutal North Korean tyrant Kim Jong-Un.

## Self-Admitted “Messianic Fantasies”



George Soros  
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With his vast wealth and destructive agenda, Soros is one of the most dangerously influential people in America today. And that’s especially true because of Soros’s self-admitted “messianic fantasies.”

How’s this for a jaw-dropping admission: “It is a sort of a disease when you consider yourself some kind of god, the creator of everything. But I feel comfortable about it now since I began to live it out.” And that’s not a random remark. Say what you will about George Soros, he thinks big. Here’s a sampling of his grandiose ambitions:

- “My goal is to be the conscience of the world.”
- “Many people have messianic visions. The difference is, I’ve actually lived out my visions.”
- “The arc of history doesn’t follow its own course. It needs to be bent. I am really engaged in trying to bend it in the right direction.”

Former Leftist David Horowitz warns that what Soros really wants is to “make America a one-party state and to silence people like myself.” At present, Soros and his allies have plenty of help from some in the media who censor inquiries into what Soros himself calls his “political philanthropy.”

Yet it’s ludicrous to suppress and censor discussion of Soros when he’s such a huge player on the American political scene. George Soros and his radical agenda is a story America needs to know. Which is why D. James Kennedy Ministries recently aired on nationwide television the new documentary, *Billionaire Radical: George Soros and the Scheme to Remake America*. It’s fallen to a Christian media ministry to do the media’s job for them. ❖

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### Editor’s Note:

George Soros was born in Budapest, Hungary in 1930 to a prosperous non-observant Jewish family, rendering him 90 years old today.

In 1947 he moved to London, England where he entered the London School of Economics. After earning both a bachelor’s and master’s degree, he transferred to London University where he earned a doctor’s degree in philosophy.

In 1956, Soros moved to New York City, where he worked as an arbitrage trader, specializing in European stocks. In 1969, Soros set up a hedge fund with \$4 million of investors’ capital including \$250,000 of his own money. In 2013 the fund, known as The Quantum Fund, made \$5.5 billion, making it the most successful hedge fund in history.

In 1992, Soros’ fund made a huge profit speculating in British pounds. Soros’ personal profit was estimated at over one billion dollars. He was dubbed “the man who broke the Bank of England.” His estimated personal net worth today is \$8.6 billion.

He has been married three times and has a total of five children.

Although he is Jewish, Soros has no empathy for the Jewish people. When asked about what he thought about Israel, in *The New Yorker*, Soros replied: “I don’t deny the Jews to a right to a national existence — but I don’t want anything to do with it.” According to hacked emails released in 2016, Soros’ Open Society Foundation has a self-described objective of “challenging Israel’s racist and anti-democratic policies” in part by questioning Israel’s reputation as a democracy. ❖

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# Maintaining an Eternal Perspective

Dr. Ron Rhodes

As we study biblical prophecy — particularly dark subjects like New Babylon and the Antichrist — one of the wisest things we can do is to perpetually maintain an eternal perspective.

I never tire of saying that a daily pondering of the incredible glory of the afterlife is one of the surest ways to stay motivated to live faithfully during our relatively short time on earth. We are but pilgrims on our way to another land — to the final frontier of Heaven, where God Himself dwells (Hebrews 11:16).

## A Thought-Provoking Experience

Back when I was in grad school, I had the opportunity with about half a dozen other doctoral students to sit in a classroom with J.I. Packer, one of my favorite Christian authors. I'll never forget how that class motivated me to read a book of his that, up till then, I'd not yet read [*Alive to God*. Published in 1992].

In this book, Packer affirmed that the “lack of long, strong thinking about our promised hope of glory is a major cause of our plodding, lackluster lifestyle.” He pointed to the puritans as a much-needed example for us. They believed that “it is the heavenly Christian that is the lively Christian . . .”

I believe such comments reflect the thinking of the apostle Paul in Colossians 3:1-2, one of my all-time favorite Bible messages: “Since you have been raised to a new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of Heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. Think about the things of Heaven, not the things of earth.”

The original Greek text of this verse is intense, communicating the idea, “Diligently, actively, single-mindedly think on the things of Heaven.” Moreover, the present tense in the original Greek text communicates, “Perpetually keep on thinking on the things of Heaven . . . Make it an ongoing process 24/7.” This ought to be our attitude every single day.

## Keeping in Mind Our Mortality

Part of maintaining an eternal perspective is being cognizant of our mortality. We ought to pray with the psalmist, “Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom” (Psalm 90:12). And, “Lord remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered — how fleeting my life is” (Psalm 39:4). Christians who wisely ponder their mortality are most often the ones who maintain the eternal perspective described in Colossians 3:1-2.

It makes good sense that all human beings be concerned about eternal matters. After all, Ecclesiastes 3:11 affirms that God “has planted eternity in the human heart.” Though we live in a world of time, we have intimations of eternity within our hearts. We instinctively think of *forever*. We seem to intrinsically realize that beyond this life lies the possibility of a shoreless ocean of time. It is wondrous to even think about this. We

are Heaven-bent; our hearts have an inner tilt upward.

I’ve been studying Scripture for a very long time. And from the first book in the Bible to the last, we read of great men and women of God who gave evidence that eternity permeated their hearts. We read of people like Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and David — each yearning to live with God in eternity (see Hebrews 11).

The psalmist put it this way: “As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before Him?” (Psalm 42:1-2). David exulted, “I will live in the house of the LORD forever” (Psalm 23:6).

## The Example of Moses



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Moses is another great example (Hebrews 11:24-27):

It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasure of sin. He thought it better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger. He kept right on going because his eyes were on the One who is invisible.

It is interesting that the writer of Hebrews said Moses “thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt,” because Moses lived at least 1,500 years before Christ. It is difficult to ascertain how much Moses knew about Jesus, but our text clearly indicates that Moses had a personal faith in Christ, on the basis of which he forsook Egypt.

God had apparently revealed to him things invisible to the natural eye. Moses became aware of *another King, another kingdom* and a *better reward*.

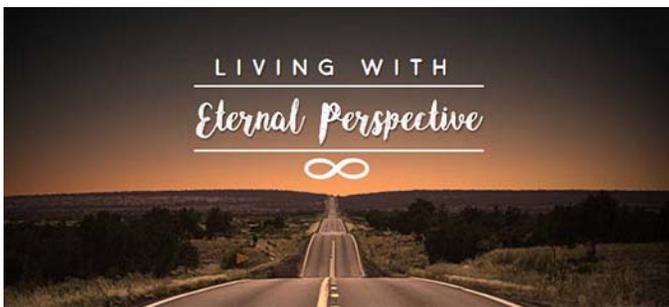
Our text indicates that Moses carefully thought through his decision, weighing the pros and cons. He weighed what Egypt had to offer against the promises of God for the prophetic future. He concluded that what God offered in eternity was far superior to anything Egypt could offer on temporal earth. Moses lived with eternity in view. He made his decisions based on how they would impact his existence in the afterlife . . .

As He did with Moses, God has also revealed future things to you and me — from the pages of Scripture. And like Moses, we have a choice to make. We can either live for the fleeting pleasures this world has to offer, or we can live in light of eternity, choosing purposefully to live God’s way as we sojourn through earthly life toward the heavenly country (Hebrews 11:16). We can live *now* in light of *then*.

Moses surely would have agreed with what the apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church (2 Corinthians 4:17-18):

Our present troubles are small and won’t last long. Yet, they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So, we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see now will last forever.

That’s an eternal perspective.



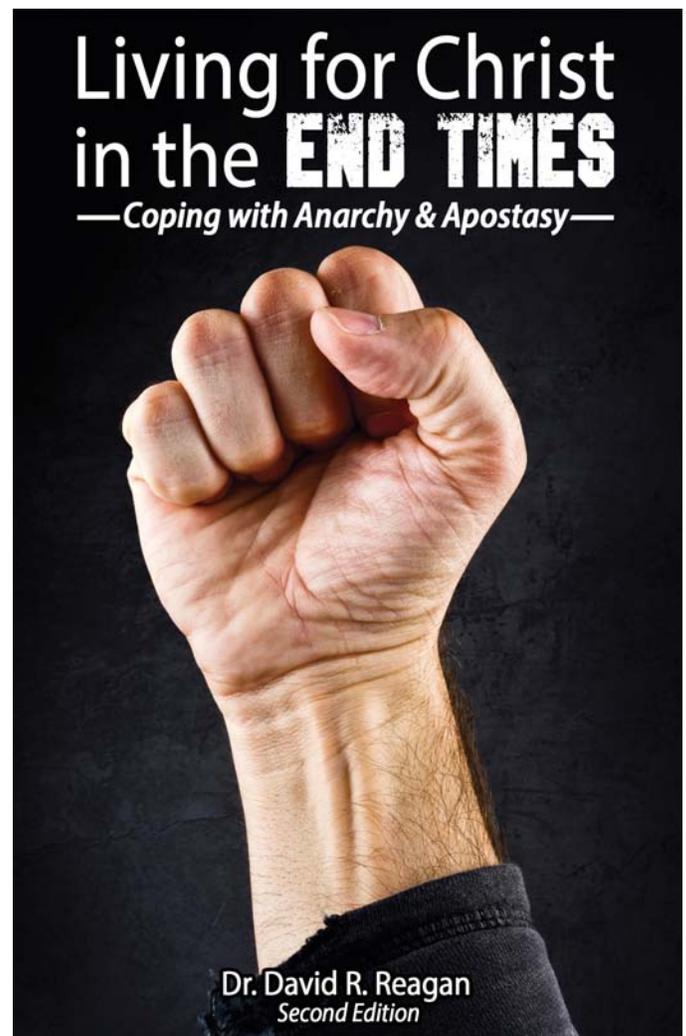
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Moses gave up temporal pleasure for the sake of his Savior, Jesus Christ. His priorities were as they should have been. And what joy Moses’ commitment must have brought to the heart of God!

*Do you not sense within your heart a calling to follow Moses’ lead? ♡*

Dr. Ron Rhodes is a prolific writer and much sought-after conference speaker. This article was contained in his book *New Babylon Rising: the Emerging End Times World Order* (Harvest House, 2019), and it is reprinted here with his permission. His ministry, which is located in East Texas, is called “Reasoning From the Scriptures.” His publisher, Harvest House, recently honored him for having sold over one million books. You can find his website at <http://ronrhodes.org>.

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Late in 2020, Lamb & Lion Ministries Board of Trustees decided to accelerate the transition of leadership from Dr. David Reagan to Col. Tim Moore. The process has proceeded so smoothly that they will now pass the baton on June 1st — three months before the originally planned date. Dr. Reagan will become the ministry's Evangelist Emeritus and will continue to write and teach. Tim will become the Director and Senior Evangelist.

A month and a half after that transition, we will host our 2021 Bible Conference on July 17th. Our theme will be "The Power of Prophecy — A Voice Crying in the Wilderness." Because the country will still be recovering from the COVID shutdown, this will be a one-day conference at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Allen, Texas.

The speakers and topics will offer a powerful look at the visions God proclaimed through His prophets regarding our day and time. The conference will also offer an opportunity to reflect on the blessings the Lord has poured out through Lamb & Lion Ministries for over 40 years while casting a gaze forward to affirm how we will continue to proclaim the Lord's soon return.

### The Conference Speakers

We have a tremendous day planned with speakers you may already be familiar with:

**Nathan Jones** will speak on "Relevant Messages for Today from the Minor Prophets." He serves as the Internet Evangelist at Lamb & Lion and has been the co-host of our television program, "Christ in Prophecy," for several years. He is the author of an outstanding book about the Minor Prophets: *12 Faith Journeys of the Minor Prophets*.



**Allen Franklin** will speak on "Prophetic Messages for the Nations." Alan lives in London, England where he has been a newspaper reporter and editor for many years. He is the author of *EU: Final World Empire* and *Goodbye America, Goodbye Britain*. He and his wife, Pat, currently serve as editors and writers for an Internet newspaper called "Free Press Online" that focuses on the news in light of Bible prophecy.

**Dr. David Reagan** will speak on "America's Destiny." For over 41 years he has proclaimed the soon return of Jesus Christ as the Founder and Senior Evangelist of Lamb & Lion Ministries. He

is the author of 17 books about Bible prophecy and has impacted countless lives through radio and television on our "Christ in Prophecy" program. This will be Dr. Reagan's last public speaking engagement since he is going to focus his time in the future on writing books.



**Bob Russell** will speak on "The Prophet's Call and Mantle." Bob served as the senior pastor of the largest Christian Church in Kentucky for many years, nurturing it in the truth of God's Word until it grew into a megachurch. He wrote an insightful book on effectively transitioning Christian ministries called *Transition Plan* and has

served as a resource and mentor throughout the transition process at Lamb & Lion Ministries.

**Tim Moore** will speak on "Looking for the Messiah." Tim is currently the Associate Evangelist at Lamb & Lion Ministries and will succeed Dr. Reagan as Director and Senior Evangelist on June 1st. He served 34 years in the U.S. Air Force and 13 years in the Kentucky legislature before accepting the call to serve as the head of Lamb & Lion Ministries. He has also served the ministry as a part-time evangelist for the past seven years.

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**Dr. David R. Reagan**

Two of the finest Bible prophecy teachers today recently decided to start a cooperative effort which they have named ProphecyPros. The duo consists of Jeff Kinley of Harrison, Arkansas and Todd Hampson of Evans, Georgia. Both men have a passion for reaching young people with God's Prophetic Word.

They have launched a podcast which they advertise with the following slogan: "Two experts. One topic. No confusion." The archive of their podcasts can be found at <https://prophecypros.com>.

Jeff served for over two decades as Student Pastor and Senior Pastor at churches ranging from medium-size to mega-church size. In 2000, he founded "Main Thing Ministries," whose mission is to equip and inspire Christians to become life-long followers of Jesus Christ. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas (BA) and Dallas Theological Seminary (ThM). Jeff and his wife have three grown sons.

Todd Hampson is an author, illustrator and animation producer whose mission is to use art, humor and practical writing to help make Bible prophecy, apologetics and theology accessible and inviting to new generations of Christians and non-Christians looking for answers. He is also the founder of "Timbuktoons," an award-winning animation company. Todd and his wife have three children.

This dynamic duo has put together a four-day Bible prophecy conference to be held in Branson, Missouri on April 15-18. The conference will begin on Thursday evening and will continue through Sunday noon. The venue will be the Clarion Hotel.

The cost of the conference is \$495 per person. That price includes five meals (three breakfasts and two dinners) and an ice cream social the first evening.

The cost also includes attendance at the Sight 'N Sound production of "Jesus" on Friday evening. This is a spectacular two-and-a-half hour stage show that has a 45-member cast. The theater's LED screen is 113-feet wide and almost 30-feet tall. The show features 368 costume designs for 882 costumes and 2,400 costume pieces.

Additionally, the cost includes a Saturday morning visit to the Dogwood Canyon Nature Park. Call it a "ride on the wild side." You will experience a fascinating two-hour wildlife tour aboard a comfortable, open-air tram.

Scattered throughout the conference are Greet 'N Meet times with the speakers, giving the participants an opportunity to get to know them personally.

There will be three other speakers in addition to Jeff and Todd. I will be one of them. The other two will be Billy Crone and Gary Stearman.

Billy Crone is a much sought-after conference speaker and a prolific writer. He is pastor of Sunrise Baptist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada and is the founder of "Get A Life! Ministries." Billy's preaching and teaching videos have become an Internet sensation.

Gary Stearman is a renowned pastor, Bible teacher, writer and broadcaster. He heads up a Bible prophecy ministry in Oklahoma City called "Prophecy Watchers." He hosts a national broadcast television program that is aired weekly.

To secure further details about the conference and to register for it, please access the conference's website at [www.OzarkMountainProphecySummit.com](http://www.OzarkMountainProphecySummit.com), or call 888-470-1879. ❖

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## Television

# A Hard-Hitting Program

We began 2021 by airing a program that featured the presentation I made at our virtual conference back in November. It was a hard-hitting program about the wretched condition of our nation. I emphasized the growing apostasy in the Church and the increasing paganization of our society.

The response was overwhelming. We received more requests for copies of this program than any in memory. We were also covered up with very positive email responses. Yet, despite this wonderful response, one of our major national networks refused to broadcast the program for two reasons. First, because I mentioned Joel Osteen's church as an example of churches that are getting in bed with the world, more interested in pleasing Man than God. Second, because I referred to Joe Biden as a "godless leader."

If you would like to get a copy of the program, we can supply it to you for a cost of only \$10, including the cost of shipping. Call our office at 972/736-3567, Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm Central time. Ask for the TV program titled, "Reagan on America's Future."



A screen shot from the controversial TV program.

Nathan Jones and his assistant, Steven Stufflebean, continue to produce outstanding videos that focus on the relevance of Bible prophecy to current events. These videos are short and to the point. They are titled *Prophetic Perspectives*. Using Zoom, they have recently started interviewing people from all over the nation. They are posted on our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). Check them out! ❖



Steven Stufflebean and Nathan Jones

## Television Broadcast Schedule

### National Networks (6):

**Daystar** — Wed. 6:00pm CT, DirecTV 369, Dish 263, Cable, broadcast stations, satellites and web streaming ([daystar.com](http://daystar.com)).

**Word** — Tues. 12:30pm CT, DirecTV 373, Cable, AT&T U-verse, cable, satellites and web streaming ([thewordnetwork.org](http://thewordnetwork.org)).

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

**GodTV** — Thurs. 8:30am CT, DirecTV 365 and web streaming ([god.tv](http://god.tv)).

**NRB** — Sun. 4:00pm CT, DirecTV 378 and web streaming ([nrbtv.org](http://nrbtv.org)).

**TCT** — Sun. 7:30pm CT, DirecTV 377, ten broadcast stations in the Midwest, and web streaming ([tct.tv](http://tct.tv)). **Note: TCT recently expanded their outreach considerably by adding nine stations, which cover more than 2.65 million TV households.**

### Regional Networks & Area Stations (6):

#### 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](http://vtntv.com)).

#### Kentucky

**WBNA** — Louisville, Sun. 8:30am ET, channel 21 ([wbna21.com](http://wbna21.com)).

#### Louisiana

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

#### Texas

**CFNT** — Wichita Falls, Fri. 3:00pm CT ([cfnt.org](http://cfnt.org)).

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

**KSCE** — El Paso, Sun. 10:30am MT, DirecTV & Dish Local 38, AT&T U-verse 38 ([kscetv.com](http://kscetv.com)).

### Internet Networks (9):

**Lamb & Lion** — [lamblion.com](http://lamblion.com)

**HisChannel** — [hischannel.com](http://hischannel.com)

**YouTube** — [youtube.com/user/ChristinProphecy](http://youtube.com/user/ChristinProphecy)

**GodTube** — [godtube.com](http://godtube.com)

**Truli** — [truli.com](http://truli.com)

**Vimeo** — [vimeo.com](http://vimeo.com)

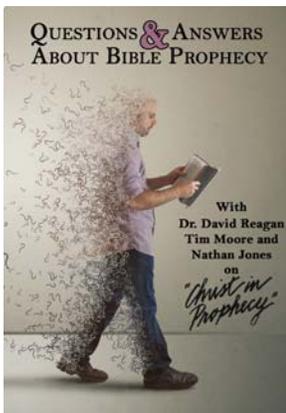
**DailyMotion** — [dailymotion.com/us](http://dailymotion.com/us)

**Roku** — [roku.com](http://roku.com)

**FaithXtreme** — [faithxtremetv.com](http://faithxtremetv.com) (Australia) ❖

**A Plea:** Our greatest need is for additional Prophecy Partners. Our Prophecy Partners pledge to pray for us regularly and to provide a donation of \$25 per month or more. It is through their spiritual and financial support that we are able to sustain our very expensive television outreach. The expansion of our Prophecy Partner base is the key to expanding our TV broadcast. Please pray about becoming one of our partners. Thanks! ❖

## Study Resources

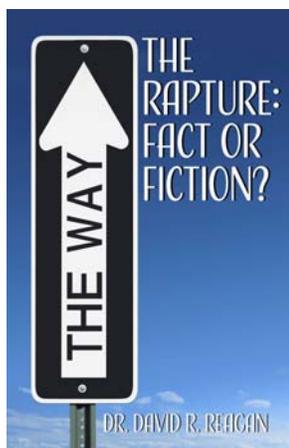
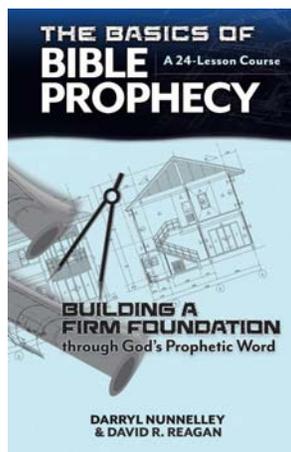


**Questions & Answers About Bible Prophecy** — This video album consists of two DVDs that contain a total of seven TV programs in which Dr. Reagan, Tim Moore and Nathan Jones respond to questions submitted by our television viewers about the Bible and Bible prophecy. The specific question and answer programs are as follows:

- The Inerrancy of the Bible
- Bible Prophecy in General
- The Signs of the Times
- The Rapture of the Church
- The Great Tribulation
- The Millennial Reign of Jesus
- The Eternal State

This album is a great resource for Bible study groups. It sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping.

**Basics of Bible Prophecy** — This book contains 24 lessons regarding the basic concepts of Bible prophecy. Each lesson is short and to the point and concludes with study questions. Some of the lessons are illustrated with charts and diagrams. This book is for both ends of the Bible prophecy spectrum — for those who know little or nothing about prophecy and for those who know a lot and wish to teach it. The book runs 120 pages and sells for \$15, including the cost of shipping. For orders of ten or more, the cost is \$10 per book, including the cost of shipping. The book comes 50 to a box. For churches or Bible study groups wanting to order a full box, the price is \$7 each including the cost of shipping. This book is all you need to launch a group study of Bible prophecy.



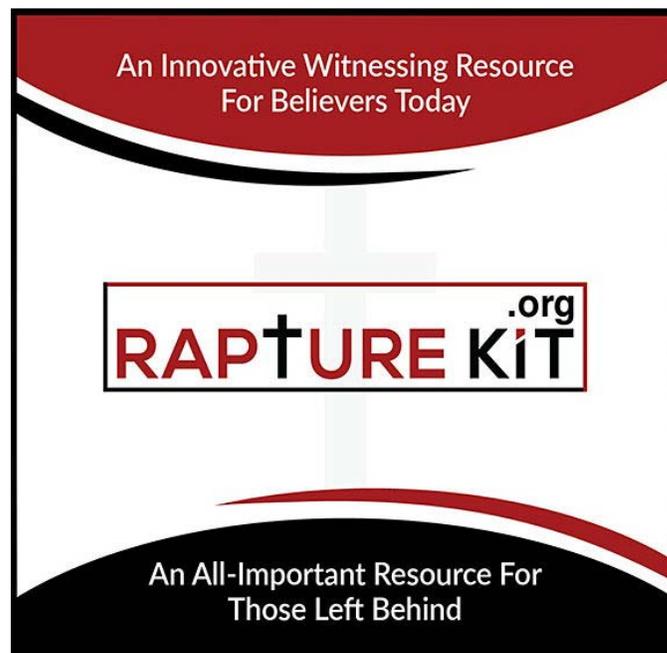
**The Rapture: Fact or Fiction?** — The book is divided into four parts. It begins with an explanation of the concept of the Rapture. The second section focuses on responses to the 21 most frequently asked questions about the Rapture. The third section presents responses to the 13 major challenges that have been presented to the belief that the Rapture is most likely to occur before the beginning of the Tribulation. The final section presents the spiritual blessings of believing in the promise of a Pre-Trib Rapture. This section also contains a strong evangelistic

appeal to unbelievers. 104 pages. \$15, including shipping.

**The End Times Sign of Technology** — A dynamic, one-hour, computer-animated program about the various signs of technology that clearly indicate that we are living in the season of the Lord's return. The program is presented by Nathan Jones, the Lamb & Lion Internet Evangelist. He explores nine of the technologies that the Bible prophecies will exist in the end times. By the conclusion of this informative and entertaining teaching, you will marvel at how ancient prophecies are being fulfilled in our day, and you will understand how to apply these revelations to your life in these fast-paced times we are now living in. The video album is available only on a Blu-ray disc. It sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping.



**The Rapture Kit** —



This is a remarkable resource designed for those who will be left behind at the Rapture of the Church. It consists of a thumb drive that comes in an attractive box that is illustrated above. And the variety of materials contained on that thumb drive is mind-boggling!

Those materials include a complete Bible and a digital folder with more than 120 pages of important information on the Rapture and the Tribulation. There are also nine eBooks on prophecy, apologetics, Christian living and being a watchman for the Lord; 12 video teachings on the same topics; a two-part audio teaching on why and how to share your faith; an illustrated storybook for children; several spiritual tracts from World Missionary Press and a 40-minute video presentation explaining what has happened due to the Rapture, what is going to happen next in the Tribulation and how to prepare for the Antichrist.

The kit sells for \$35, including shipping. To order any of the resources featured on this page, call our ministry at 972-736-3567, Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm CT, or place your order online at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com). ❖

## Ministry News

### Schedule for 2021 —

**Note:** At this point in time, anything scheduled for 2021 is subject to cancellation due to the pandemic.

#### March:

Steeling the Mind Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on the 13th, Dave Reagan.

Lamb & Lion Streaming Conference on the 20th via the Internet — “Exercising Tough Faith in Tough Times,” Reagan Moore & Jones.

Bible conference at Granbury Baptist Church in Granbury, TX on the 26th & 27th, Reagan and others.

#### April:

Newberry Church of Christ in Williamsport, Pennsylvania on the 25th & 26th, Dave Reagan.

Prophecy Conference sponsored by Jeff Kinley and Todd Hampson in Branson, Missouri, the 15th thru the 18th, Dave Reagan and others.

#### May:

Prophecy Conference at Carpenter’s Christian Church in Harrodsburg, KY on the 22nd thru the 24th, Reagan and Bob Russell.

### Missions —

Our ministry supports a total of seven domestic ministries and 15 foreign missions. Last year we contributed over \$300,000 to these ministries. One of those that we heavily support is Nazir Gill’s wonderful ministry in Pakistan. He translates and publishes our books in Urdu and conducts Bible prophecy conferences for pastors. He is pictured below seated on the right at one of his conferences where he has distributed Urdu copies of our book, *The Rapture: Fact or Fiction?*



### Virtual Conference —

On Saturday, March 20th we invite you to visit our website at [www.lamblion.com](http://www.lamblion.com) and join our virtual Bible prophecy conference which will begin at 3pm, Central time. The theme will be “Exercising Tough Faith in Tough Times.” Dave Reagan will speak on the faith of Jeremiah, Nathan Jones on the faith of Habakkuk and Tim Moore on the faith of Paul. The three speakers will then conduct a Q&A session. Mark your calendar!

### Israel Pilgrimages —

We have a full group of over 50 who are hoping to go with us on a pilgrimage to Israel in late June. This group was originally scheduled to go last year, but the pilgrimage had to be rescheduled to this year due to the pandemic. Israel locked down the nation and stopped all groups from coming for tours. Israel has just locked down again for the third time, and we do not yet know whether or not the lockdown will be lifted in time for our group to go in late June. If not, we will reschedule once again for the Fall. Hopefully, before long, we will resume our normal procedure of taking two to three groups to Israel each year.

### Witnessing for Jesus —

One of our supporters recently sent us the photo below of a car at a gas station in California.

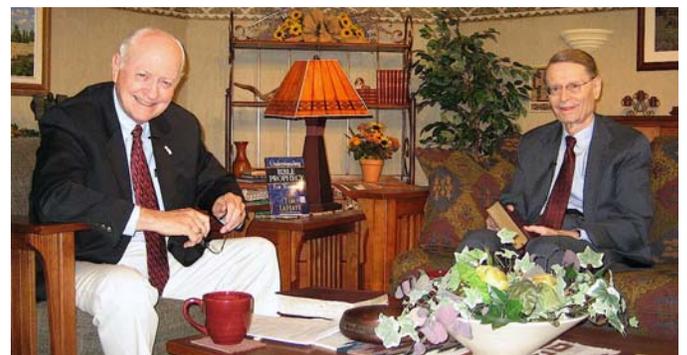


### The Transition —

The plans for the transition in the leadership of our ministry are moving along smoothly. At the December meeting of our Board of Trustees the decision was made, at the request of Dr. Reagan, that the transition be moved up from September 1st to June 1st. So, on that date, Dr. Reagan will move his office to his house and pass the leadership to his designated successor, Colonel Tim Moore. Dr. Reagan will focus on writing articles for the ministry’s magazine and authoring books. All of us here at the ministry feel greatly blessed by the Lord to have a person of Tim Moore’s quality to take over the ministry’s leadership. He is a proven leader, he is an expert on Bible prophecy, he has a zeal for lost souls and he has a passion for the Lord’s soon return.

### Memory Lane —

Looking back on 41 years of ministry, Dr. Reagan has memories of many wonderful moments, one of which was when he conducted two TV interviews with Dr. Charles Ryrie.



Dr. Reagan with Dr. Charles Ryrie in 2007.



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## New Book About the Nature of Our Times

Prophecy expert, teacher and author, Terry James, specializes in putting together anthologies of essays by Bible prophecy preachers concerning various topics. His latest is *Lawless: End-Times War Against the Spirit of Antichrist*.

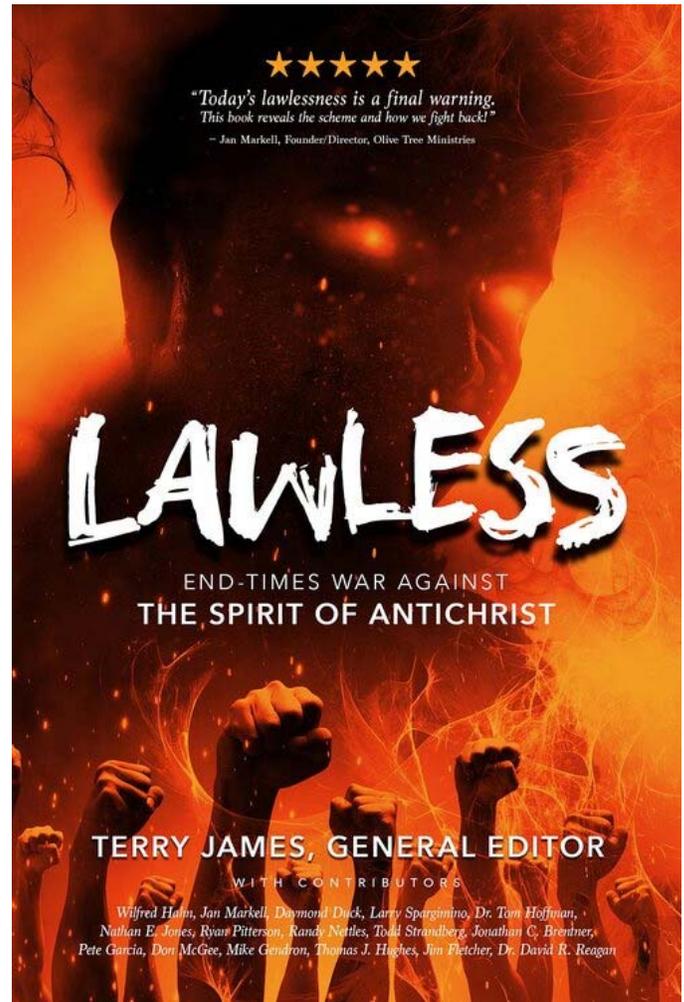
This volume contains very readable contributions by 17 authors, including chapters by both Dr. Reagan and Nathan Jones. Some of the other authors are Daymond Duck, Jan Markell, Todd Strandburg, Don McGee, Mike Gendron, Tom Hughes, Jim Fletcher and Larry Spargimino.

Some of the topics covered in the book include Globalism, Evolution, Occultism, Technology, Spiritualism, Mind Control, Global Warming, Christian Apostasy and Anti-Semitism.

In the foreword of the book, written by Wilfred Hahn, he quotes Valdimir Lenin as saying, "There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen." We are currently in the latter category as our nation is being fundamentally and quickly changed as "Progressives" take full advantage of crises like the pandemic.



Terry James with Dr. Reagan



Terry James begins his introduction to the book with these words: "Planet earth needs a Savior." Satan's candidate is the Antichrist. Terry points out that the one and only true Savior is Jesus. He adds, "We are witnessing a globalist cabal attempt to move all nations into their desired one-world model."

The authors of this book address the many facets of Satan's end-time plans to thwart God's purpose in history.

The book is 412 pages in length. It sells for \$20, including the cost of shipping. ❖